

# NAZI DESTROYERS SUNK BY BRITISH

Rome, Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—Two British destroyers sank three enemy destroyers Wednesday in two separate naval battles in the upper Adriatic, it was announced today.

The British destroyers Wheat-

land and Avondale were sailing along the Adriatic Islands west of Pag, off the Croatian coast, when they encountered and engaged two enemy destroyers. Both were sunk.

About an hour and a half later a third destroyer was found in the same area and sent to the bottom.

"Some survivors were rescued and made prisoners," an allied naval communique said in announcing the action. "Our forces suffered no casualties, although the Avondale sustained superficial damage."

# INVENTIVE GI'S BUILD NEEDS IN BURMA THEATER

American Soldiers Fashion Comforts of Life From Equipment at Hand.

By Jack Guinn  
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New Delhi, India (U.P.)—Americans at home who may think the present generation of young citizens has lost the inventive genius of their pioneering ancestors, and are no longer capable of building houses with wooden pegs and the like, should take a trip around the China-Burma-India theater of war.

Americans fighting the Japanese in this part of the world have invented everything from 45-caliber pistols to electric fans, including such other luxurious articles as burglar alarms, semi-comfortable beds, reading lamps, portable cook-stoves and means of cooling beer in a hurry.

All of which, stacked up against grandpa's wooden-peg house, puts him pretty much in the shade.

Down below Mogaung, and in

other sections of the theater where living conditions are on the minus side of Park Ave., American GI's have devised a bed which, taking everything into consideration, is rather comfortable. In that section, everybody sleeps in a jungle hammock. Sleeping in a jungle hammock requires a certain sense of balance without which the sleeper is liable to have to be extricated from his bed with a knife. To avoid rolling over in the air, GI's have built a rectangular frame from bamboo, covered it with a ground sheet and then placed the hammock above this. Thus, when the GI gets in his hammock, it rests on this cot-like frame and acquires considerable stability.

In the same sections, where the time of arrival of flashlight batteries is a question which is not even debated any longer, inventive GI's have constructed general utility lamps, used for everything from reading to lighting oneself to bed. These lamps are made from discarded C ration cans, a short length of parachute rope as a wick, and a fuel, believe it or not, of insect repellent.

**How to Cool Beer**  
Cooling beer, when a GI can get beer, is another trick with gasoline. A hole is dug in the ground and the beer is placed in the hole and then covered with dirt. Gasoline is poured over the covered hole and ignited. When it burns out, the beer is dug up—and it's cool.

One burglar alarm, of a sort, was built by a unit which kept missing articles of clothing

from its clothes line. The boys in the unit finally tied 220 volts to the line, which made wet drawers too hot to handle.

The electric fan was recorded in the Gremlin, published by the personnel of an air base in India. The fan is made from an electric razor.

Says the Gremlin:  
"The process is simple. The men simply take the razor motor out of the case, remove the cutting head, and place a paper fan blade under the screw on the spinning wheel. Then place the motor back in half the case upside down. The gadget puts out a real breeze, and is easily hung inside the mosquito net."

# HANNEGAN CITES PAPERS SHOWING HILLMAN CLEAR

New York, Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—Robert E. Hannegan, democratic national chairman, speaking on a nationwide broadcast with President Roosevelt last night, cited three Catholic publications to prove that Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee is not a communist.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, republican presidential candidate, and other republican speakers, have accused Hillman of "fronting" for the communists in an attempt to secure control of the government.

Hannegan branded as "a deliberate lie" Dewey's statement in Boston that the democratic chairman had been instructed by Mr. Roosevelt to "clear everything with Sidney."

Hannegan predicted that Dewey's "smear" will prove offensive to many Catholics who believe Mr. Roosevelt's doctrines of social justice are essentially those that Catholic leaders have been advocating since the time of Pope Leo XIII.

Hannegan said the three magazines were America, the Commonwealth, and the Liguorian.

# STILWELL HOME FOR BRIEF REST

Washington, Nov. 3.—(U.P.)—Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell arrived in Washington today by air and will take a short leave of absence after conferring briefly with military officials, the war department announced.

Major Gen. A. D. Surles, director of the war department's bureau of public relations, said the recalled commander of U. S. forces in China, had no public statement to make and would not give interviews to the press or radio.

# "Ike" Puts Foot On Fraternizing With Herrenvolk

Paris, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's order against fraternizing with the Germans is being enforced so rigidly that doughboys in Germany now refer to chatting with civilians as "the \$65 offense."

The chatting is held to be an "unnecessary contact" and may bring fines of \$25 to \$65 for the offending soldier.

The thoroughness with which the order is being enforced was revealed by Lt. Col. C. P. Russell, executive officer of the 36th armored infantry regiment. He said no effort would be spared to prevent relaxing doughboys from mingling with German civilians who will include, in increasing numbers, German agents seeking military information which they may communicate to their military officers in unoccupied areas.

**JACKSONVILLE FIRE**  
Jacksonville, Nov. 3.—Minor damage resulted from a fire at the H. E. Lind residence, corner of Third and California streets, last night Mr. Lind reported that the blaze started from the fireplace. The house was rebuilt last winter after a fire partially destroyed it on January 29.

One ship was sunk out of every 100 carrying supplies from the United States to the Soviet Union in 1943, as compared with 12 of every 100 in 1942.

# PFC. F. E. KRUGGEL RECEIVES WOUND

Pfc. Fredrick E. Kruggel, Jr., was slightly wounded in action in Italy October 13, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Kruggel, Sr., 421 "J" street. The Kruggels received a letter today stating that the young man had been awarded the purple heart. Pfc. Kruggel was wounded in the right arm with shrapnel.

Kruggel is a graduate of Medford senior high school with the class of 1943.

# Pictures Of All Servicemen Asked For Store Display

Thomas K. Flynn, owner of Flynn Electric store, 131 West Main, is asking for pictures of every man and woman in Jack-

son county who is now serving in the armed forces of this country. These pictures are to be used in an Armistice Day window display at the store the week of November 11 and must be in before Saturday, Nov. 4. All pictures will be safely returned to the owners, Flynn stated.



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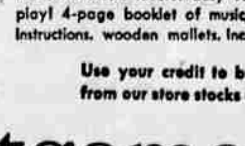
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