

You Can't Get Away From Bari "Pirates"

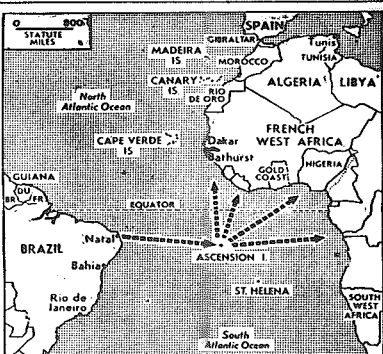
By HAL BOYLE... Bari, Italy, Dec. 31—(Delayed)—The Spanish Main never had more persistent bunch of pirates than the raucous Italian gunners now leaving tribute along the Bari waterfront.

BOMBS RAILED IN SUBURBS OF PARIS

These half-pint buccannery, ranging from two to ten years in age, had been hiding places and mail every day for the past few days.

Yanks Lash At Targets In France

Year-End Attack Hits Climax... LONDON—(AP)—American heavy bombers supported by American and RAF fighters smashed at targets in France today, it was announced, and the Paris radio said the bombs rained in the suburbs of Paris.



Sweep Through Great Hole In Nazi Defenses

Mannstein's Forces Split By Tremendous Offensive of Russians... By HENRY C. CASSIDY... MOSCOW—(AP)—Russian forces streaming through the greatest hole yet torn in Nazi defenses have broken into the outer Bug River defenses in a driving offensive that has split the routed remnants of Nazi Gen. Von Manstein's legions and carried to within 30 miles of the river itself, front line dispatches said today.

Heavy Burma Ground Fight

NEW DELHI—(AP)—In what appears to have been one of the heaviest ground actions in months on the Burma front, Allied troops advancing east of the Mayu range in Western Burma have thrown back strong Japanese counterattacks with heavy enemy casualties, Allied Headquarters announced today.

Marines Capture Cape Gloucester

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA (AP)—Sweeping the jungle with hundreds of dead Japanese, United States Marines captured savagely-defended Cape Gloucester and its airfield four days and a few hours after a seaborne force from New Guinea invaded that northwest New Britain strong point. Today the surviving Japanese faced entrapment.

5th Troops Stage Big Coast Raid

By WES GALLAGHER... ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS—(AP)—Fifth Army troops carried out a large scale raid along the west coast of Italy north of the Garigliano River yesterday, and seized the initiative from the Germans along the long stake and water-logged front in that sector, Allied Headquarters announced today.

Changes At Vichy Made

STOCKHOLM, Sweden—(AP)—Reorganization of the Pierre-Laval Government in France under "friendly German direction" has been accomplished after a long crisis at Vichy, the Altonhead Berlin correspondent reported today.

Reported Hitler's Choice For Gauleiter of France

MADRID—(AP)—The new German Ambassador to Vichy, Dr. Goebbels' choice for Gauleiter of France, according to reports from Vichy, is reported to be Dr. Renne-Pink, until recently the German Minister in occupied Denmark. It is said he was ordered to prepare to take over the Vichy regime if and when the Vichy government falls. It is said to be expected a complete staff of German experts in economy and finance will be sent to him at Copenhagen.

FR's Cold Turns Into The Grippe

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt's cold had turned into the grippe and the White House said he had had a severe fever.

Hitler Tune Mourful

LONDON—(AP)—Adolf Hitler today in a New Year's message intimated that "in this year there will be no victors and losers but merely survivors and annihilated."

Heavy Partisan Losses Reported

CAIRO, Egypt—(AP)—The Partisan forces of Marshal Jugh Chouk (Drig Tito) have suffered irreparable losses in recent weeks of fighting in the Dnipro Alps of northeastern Yugoslavia.

Orders To Evacuate French Strip Reported

MADRID—(AP)—Recent arrivals from France said today that the German authorities have issued orders to evacuate the French zone of occupation in the Moselle region, which only those who can imagine who know the Bievkner East.

Shipyards Set Another Record

RICHMOND, Calif.—(AP)—The day's launching of the Liberty freighter George Lutz, the first Kaiser ship to be launched in shipyards set a yard production record of 305 vessels of all types for 1943.

Day of Prayer Tomorrow

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The President has proclaimed a day of prayer tomorrow as a National Day of Prayer for the preservation of our freedom and for the responsibilities of increasing victory.

Gloucester Capture Means Allied Fliers To Hit In Bismarck Waters

By C. YATES McNEAL... ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea—(AP)—Allied airmen soon will be ranging out from the American-Cape Gloucester airbase on New Britain to carry out aerial attacks on Japanese shipping in the Bismarck Archipelago.

Son Vittore Reported Captured By Fifth Army

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Italian Bari radio said today that the Allied forces had captured the fortified village of San Vittore near Cassino on the road to Rome.

Allied Leaders Promise Victories While Nazi Spokesmen Are Gloomy

By ASSOCIATED PRESS... Devers told graduates of the Royal Military College at Aldershot, England, that they would participate in "what will be the most stirring and far-reaching events in the annals of the world."

Secret Bombing Weapon Described

NEW YORK—(AP)—A new instrument that helps a pilot find his way through thick clouds and fog has been described by the British Royal Air Force as a "secret weapon."

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United States Marines overtook the Japanese at nightfall Thursday, just four days and four hours after the capture of the Guadalcanal veterans stood the shore of northwestern New Britain. Gen. Walter Krueger, commander of the U. S. Fifth Army, told General MacArthur that American planes were "unbelievably light" in the final assault which cost the Japanese at least 500 dead.

Hitler Tune Mourful

"We realize that this is a needless struggle in which the question is to be or not to be, and therefore must and unfortunately will be controlled by us in the same senseless manner," said the message broadcast from Berlin. Hitler's cheery greeting to the Home Front began with the familiar change that Germany had the war thrust upon her, and then turned into a hymn of hate against England with this new twist: Britain has lost her balance of power position and is at the mercy of her allies. He said the British had forgotten that only Bolshevism could profit from the war.

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The Nazis have pressed their own army trucks into service to evacuate the French, many of whom are given less than 24 hours to quit the zone. The evacuation is being carried out at such possible landing places as Dunkerque, Calais, Boulogne, Marseilles, Antibes and Toulon. The speedy evacuation has reached the point where a Frenchman can be seen. Even public service employees when they are not considered essential have moved out. Naval reinforcements arrived within the coastal zone during Christmas Week in such numbers that many of the troops were housed in buildings evacuated the same day by the French. Travelers said a million German trucks were said to have left the coastal evacuation centers after nightfall.

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The Allies are "closing in upon the enemy" and the coming year will be a year of "deliverance," declared Gen. Joseph L. Devers, who is going to the Mediterranean theater as deputy commander of Allied Forces. Devers told graduates of the Royal Military College at Aldershot, England, that they would participate in "what will be the most stirring and far-reaching events in the annals of the world."

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Thanks to this apparatus, the pilot inside the plane above the clouds can study the terrain below as if they were looking through ordinary goggles. A scientist was quoted as saying in the broadcast.