

## Last Flight

BY ERNIE PYLE

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In Italy, Jan. 28 — (by wireless) — I'm sure the most interesting psychological thing around an American airdrome in Italy these days is the "rubbing out" process of the last few missions a combat airman goes on before he reaches that final one and returns to America.

It interests not only the man himself but everybody on the field from cook to crew chief. When a pilot gets within five missions of the finish everybody knows and watches his total. If one plane is missing when the group gets back, the first thing on everybody's mind is wonderment over whether or not it's the guy who is about finished.

Most squadron leaders deliberately pick what are expected to be easy missions for the pilot nearing the finish. There have been

## EVERY DAY FEATURE

The News-Herald has arranged to publish the daily column of Ernie Pyle. Writing from the viewpoint of the common soldier, Pyle has built up a tremendous reader following. Right now he is with the air force in Italy and is writing about pilots, navigators, gunners, and ground crews. You'll enjoy reading his column daily in the News-Herald.

so many ironic cases of pilots "getting it" on their last flight that the leaders are as nervous about it as the pilots.

In some outfits pilots go home automatically after a certain number of missions. In others they go only if the flight surgeon thinks they are too battle-worn or nervous to continue for another ten or so. I have yet to hear of a pilot who asked to fly beyond his allotted missions, although I am not saying there haven't been such cases.

When a pilot comes back from his last trip he turns out of formation as he hears the field and comes down wide open and screaming to "buzz" the field just above the ground. It is a gesture of elation similar to that of a fighter pilot doing a snap roll over the home field after shooting down a Nazi plane.

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The pilots do all kinds of things things after they finish. A friend of mine—Capt. Dean Schuyler of (144-55 87th Ave.) Jamaica, L. I., felt so good the night he got down that he cancelled a \$300 debt another pilot owed him.

Another one who finished the same day—Lt. Swithin Shortlidge of West Grove, Pa.—shaved off the beard he had been growing for

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Pvt. George J. Boehm

## GEORGE BOEHM DIES IN ACTION

Marshfield Marine L o s e s  
Life in Southwest Pacific War Zone

The name of another United States marine was added to Marshfield's growing list of World War II casualties last night as Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Boehm, route 3, received word of the death of their son, Pvt. George J. Boehm, 21.

According to the telegram signed by Gen. Alexander Vandegrift, Marine Corps commandant, Pvt. Boehm was killed in action in the Southwest Pacific theater of war. He had been overseas for more than six months, but his parents have never been informed of the particular section in which he was stationed.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps in December, 1942, and left for service on Jan. 3, 1943. He received his basic training at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif., and embarked for foreign duty in mid-summer without having had an opportunity to visit his home. His last letter to his parents was written on Dec. 22.

Born in the Town of Spencer on May 23, 1922, George J. Boehm graduated from the Cameron School and then attended St. John's Parochial School in Marshfield for one year. He was employed as a

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## BOMBERS STRIKE AT

Thursday Jan 28 1944

Climaxing the meeting of rural war bond solicitors held at the Elks Club here last night was the announcement by Harold J. Kupsch, chairman of the Fourth War Loan Drive in the Village of Milladore, that the village had already oversubscribed its quota. Goal for the Village of Milladore is \$2,300 and Kupsch said the present attainment is about \$4,000, all in Series E Bonds—and solicitors in the community have not yet begun their canvass!

In the Third War Loan campaign conducted last September and October, Milladore set an enviable record with sales of approximately \$13,000 in War Bonds, more than double the goal.

John L. Stauber, chairman of the North Wood County War Finance Committee, in launching the rural drive last night, reiterated the fact that the quota for the 11 townships is \$237,500, to come from the 1,517 farms in North Wood County.

## \$3 Per Acre

He pointed out, too, that goals this time are set under a different formula than in the past drive, when individual farm quotas were based on assessed valuation. During the current campaign, the individual farmer's obligation is fixed at \$3 per acre, excluding marginal land.

"I'm sorry that we could not start the drive 10 days ago when

## \$63 AVERAGE

Wisconsin Rapids — The 25 students of the Spring Lake School in the Town of Sigel purchased Fourth War Loan bonds with a maturity value of \$1,575, their teacher, Mrs. Ellen Kronstedt, reported. (Bonds purchased included one for \$1,000, four for \$50, and 15 for \$25.

the weather would have been better for the canvass," the chairman stated. "It's a hard job, but I know you'll do it."

The total North Wood County goal in the drive which ends officially Feb. 15 is \$903,040, of which amount \$644,440 must come from the City of Marshfield, \$9,000 from the City of Pittsville, \$9,800 from the Village of Auburndale, and \$2,300 from the Village of Milladore. The remainder, from the townships, is allotted as follows:

Arpin, \$30,000; Auburndale, \$30,000; Cameron, \$7,500; Cary, \$12,000; Rock, \$18,000; Lincoln, \$33,000; Marshfield, \$19,000; Milladore, \$25,000; Richfield, \$24,000; Sherry, \$21,000, and Wood, \$18,000.

## Concentrate on E's

Stauber urged solicitors to concentrate on the sale of Series E bonds, although other issues are available to customers who find them more suitable to their needs. "You did a swell job last year," Richard Lawless, assistant vice-president of the First Wisconsin

## RAF Hammers Cal Possible Coup d Last Night

## MOPPING UP IS

BY W. W. HER

London — (AP) — RAF heavy night bombers again last night in coup de grace to the center, previously destroyed. Gen. H. H. Arnold as ters destroyed.

Great American b over the assault, on rope shortly after day dering out over the of the Nazis' much-lantic wall," and a quarters announcement "a military target i France" had been b raid, in the same g where mystery target hit heavily several i last six weeks, was th eighth this month a end of the week.

The British announ scribed the 12th he of the Berlin obliter paign as "very stron ment borne out in th aircraft in all the n tions.

## Mopping Up

Other RAF bomber Helgoland, the Nazi North Sea island for still others struck at targets in western Ge northern France and in enemy waters.

For all practical pu latest attack in he launched last Nov. 11 Berlin from the war m scribed as a "mopping tion." It certainly considered here as u sault planned agains men capital but was rather as one of the fishing strokes.

The Air Ministry's did not announce the it likely approached t average of all previou tacks.

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meets the Leningrad-Moscow trunk line 30 miles southeast of Leningrad. Most of the Tosno garrison was killed in the attack, and the remainder threw down their arms, a communique said.

#### All Attacks Repulsed

The Nazis now hold only the 30-mile stretch of the railroad between Lyuban and Volkovo, and troops of Gen. K. A. Meretkov's Volkov Army already have flanked that point.

The day's fighting on the Leningrad front cost the Germans 3,800 casualties, the communique said.

Violent fighting was reported in the Novosolniki sector 230 miles below Leningrad where another 1,500 Germans were reputed slain as the Soviet forces repelled an all-day series of counterattacks.

Far to the south in the lower Ukraine the Nazis continued to force the pace, hurling large tank forces against the left wing of Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army pushing toward the Odessa-Warsaw trunk railway. More than 3,000 enemy troops were killed in this sector, the communique reported.

## Dorchester

Those who helped Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jensen celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary Jan. 16 were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lapp, Ernest Hoffman, and Arthur Cole, Dorchester; Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Jensen and daughter, Betty, and Mr. and Mrs. George Schultz and son, Clyde, Abbottsford; Lowell Jensen, Superior; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fischer, Misses Lucille, Myrtle, and Carmen Schultz, and Benny Krueger, Colby; Misses Beulah and Charlene Jensen, Chicago; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frisemund and children, Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gutknecht and son, Robert, Chippewa Falls, were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Vircks Tuesday.

The Hilltop Mothers Club sponsored a card party Tuesday evening. Fifteen tables were in play, and the lunch committee included Mrs. Clarence Geiger, Mrs. Max Wilke, and Mrs. Urban Decker. Prizes at sheephead were won by Mrs. Henry Kauer, Mrs. Frank Plockelman, Alfred Hinke, and Henry Grunz. Pinochle prizes went to Mrs. Alfred Hinke, Marjorie Sailer, Galen Paul, and John Habermeyer. Mrs. Conrad Sailer and George Calmes got special prizes.

Mrs. Donald Sauter and son, Terry, Mrs. Herman Holtz, and

No. 1; Albert Cournoyer, Art Woltman Jr., No. 2; Wenzel Seidler, Charles Radlinger, No. 3; Fred Haefner, Loy L. Rayhorn, No. 5; Mrs. Delphine Hansen, Mrs. Ted Rasmussen, No. 6.

Arpin—Otto Zieher, chairman, Otto Sievert, Edgar Setzkorn.

Richfield — Ed Zettler, chairman, F. J. Plank, O. P. Craft, Marshall Brody.

Milladore—Frank Witt, chairman, Ed Haasl, George Thompson, Clarence Hosek, Anton Walsh.

Cameron—Elmer Lautenbach, chairman, Al Ruffing, Frank Gailer, Lloyd Vaughn.

Wood—Will be organized soon. Auburndale (Village) -- A. J. Friederich, chairman.

Pittsville—G. C. Ritchie, chairman.

## BOEHM

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played at the Roddis Lumber and Veneer plant in Marshfield for about a year before entering service. His father is also an employee of the Roddis plant.

He is survived by his parents, four sisters, and two brothers, and by his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Kramp of Marshfield.

The sisters and brothers are Agnes and Lorraine of Marshfield, Mrs. Al (Verna) Cournoyer of Madison, Edward and Marge, at home, and Pvt. Oscar Boehm, Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., who is at home on furlough at present.

A memorial service will be conducted for Pvt. Boehm at 9:30 a. m. Monday at Christ the King Catholic Church, Spencer. The Rev. Joseph Graf, pastor, will officiate.

## Pittsville

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Marcoux and son, Mrs. Neva Richards and sons, and Mrs. Kate Heuer were Sunday guests at the Carl Heuer home. Mrs. Richards' oldest son is at Navy Pier, Chicago, attending a naval school.

Mr. and Mrs. Schooley and family, Wisconsin Rapids, visited Tuesday at the Fred Anderson home, the occasion being their wedding anniversary.

Roy Stillman, who is employed at the Milwaukee shipyards, spent the week end with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Harry Scholzen has returned from Racine, where she visited her husband, who is employed there. The Scholzens plan to move there as soon as living

tenant at Fort Monmouth. While attending Ripon Vic attained a rank of captain colonel, highest military honor of the battalion.

Pvt. Louis Ule, Camp returned there after a spent with relatives and at his home, north ville.

Norbert Scholzen, who the Purple Heart aw wounds received in the Pacific, has been brought hospital in California. F son of Mr. and Mrs. Hen zen.

Members of the Congregational Ladies Aid Society are bring clothing to be served suffering people of Greece Feb. 3 meeting at the Mrs. E. C. Glenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gul Tuesday for Madison, where Gubbels will enter General Hospital.

Kenneth Hagenau, of Pittsville High School, his physical tests for service will report when notified.

Wencel and William Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frau have completed their airplane mechanics at Field, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard have received word from Cpl. Clifford Brandt, who been transferred to Ft. Calif. He has been in three years.

Mrs. John Hahn, of Rapids, was a week end the S. E. Werner home.

Mrs. E. C. Glenn left for a week's visit in Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry and two children, Arpi Sunday visitors at the Verson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lud Monday evening visitors Bob Smith home, Rudolph

Patty Werner, Carol Kathleen McKee, Alice Reshel, and Elaine Jossie class Girl Scouts, entertained guests at a luncheon evening at the George home. Guests were their Mrs. Ritchie and Marge; Mrs. S. H. Hatch, Alice Reshel, Mrs. S. E. Werner, Mrs. A. R. Jossie. On Feb girls will receive their first class scouts.

Walter Peterson was in the Christian Endeavor at the church Tuesday.

After the regular meeting young people and guests the church dining room farewell surprise party for Trachte, who was home