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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Once more we have an A.E.F. in Europe.—
or perhaps we should call it the
vanguard of an A.E.F.
Yes, the Yanks are over there, over in northern Ireland.

~~but~~ Of course we are not given even an approximate idea
of the exact location.

For many months American engineers,
artisans and laborers have been at work in that part
of the Emerald Isle, preparing a strong military base.

Also - of course - we are not told
~~We are not told either,~~ how large a force has been

landed there. The official communique uses these words:

"The Secretary of War declined to make public the

designation of the units, their composition and

strength, nor would he divulge the ports of

debarkation, dates of sailing or other details of the

movement from the United States."

All we are supposed to know is that the Yanks tonight are on British soil, under the command of General Russell P. Hartle, a veteran of service in the Philippines, of the Pershing expedition to Mexico, and of World War Number One.

It is being emphasized that this beginning of the A.E.F. is in northern Ireland, not in Eire, which continues to be neutral and which President DeValera says he hopes will remain neutral all the way through.

It was this morning that the Yanks landed over there again. So - we are told, And the place is described as a North Irish port. As they disembarked, it was recalled that in Nineteen Seventeen and Eighteen, one-half of General Pershing's two million went to France by way of the British Isles, the others went directly.

The Ulster folk had not been told that the

Yanks were coming, so only a handful of people were there to greet them. But a huge crowd soon formed. They noticed the free and easy march step with which the men swung down the street, their rifles across their shoulders. The sound of their marching struck curiously on British ears, as they wore rubber heels in contrast to the hobnails of British soldiers. *Also,* They started to march down the right hand side of the street until a couple of British sergeants with a grin reminded them of the peculiarity of traffic in British streets.

Among those who greeted them was the British Air Secretary, Sir Archibald Sinclair, who made them a little speech. "Your welcome arrival," he said, "is a coming portent for Mr. Hitler, nor will its meaning be lost on General Tojo."

Sinclair also spoke about the war in the

Pacific, when he compared the Yanks in Ulster to the men who, in his words, "under the heroic leadership of General MacArthur in the Philippines, are punishing the enemy more numerous than themselves."

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By evening ~~time~~ everybody in the British

Isles had heard the word by news and by radio. On the

we are told there was a
streets and in the pubs, ~~was the~~ welcome shout, "The

Yanks are here!"

Now for *sidelight. The*
~~And here's~~ a rather interesting ~~bit. The~~

first American soldier to set foot on the soil of

Ulster was ~~first class~~ Private Milburn Henke of

Huchinson, Minnésota, Private Henke's father was born

in Germany. Henke told reporters that when he left

home his father made him promise that the first chance

he got he would ^{at} give the Germans hell. ^{it}

There were also Yanks from New York, Yanks from

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Michigan, Yanks from North Carolina, and Yanks from Louisiana and Florida. Yanks whose people came from

Scandinavia, from France, from Germany [^] and from Ireland,
of course,

There was even one out-and-out American, a Sioux

Indian.

VICTORY

That affair in the Macassar Straits turns out to be a real naval battle, a victory for the American fleet. Our first news was that our forces had destroyed five Japanese transports. Tonight the estimate is that naval forces, plus army flying fortresses, have disposed of probably ten Japanese men-o-war and transports -- possibly eleven. It is impossible as yet to quote an official report on the exact total. But that it's at least eight, probably eleven, including an airplane carrier.

The Navy also tells of another successful dash into Subig Bay. Ensign George Cox of the Navy, commanding a torpedo boat, rushed in under heavy fire at close range from artillery on the shore as well as machine gun fire from ships. The Japanese had a net and boom to keep out just such raiders. But Ensign Cox got through and sank another five thousand ton enemy vessel.

And the Army tells of seven flying fortresses taking part in the weekend battle, that

is still going on -- sinking one Jap transport, setting fire to another, and shooting down five enemy fighter planes. Also that the flying fortresses escaped unscathed.

Gheering news that there has been a lot of sour gossip and defeatist propaganda about those great flying ships.

The total of Japanese ships that Uncle Sam's forces have sunk up to date is now definitely at least fifty, one a day since the war started. And it is estimated that among other losses to the Japanese, the battle of Macassar has cost them ten thousand troops.

Going into the eighth wekk of the Battle of the Philippines, General MacArthur still holds out, and with the Japanese each day pouring fresh troops into the line of battle.

A message from President Roosevelt to General Douglas A. MacArthur. It reads:- "Congratulatio
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ON THE magnificent stand that you and your men are making." And it says further:- "We are watching with pride and understanding and are thinking of you on your birthday." MacArthur became sixty-two years old today.

The Army communique tonight reports that ~~Lieutenant~~ Lieutenant Marshal Anderson of Oklahoma City of the Air Corps died two days after he had been awarded the distinguished service cross. He got the cross for his gallant attack on a greatly superior force of Japanese dive bombers. Outnumbered as he was, he dispersed the enemy squadron and shot down an observation plane. He then led his flight in an attack on another enemy bomber formation, ~~that~~ ^{ing} compelled them to drop their bombs too soon, ~~where~~ ^{Lieut.} they did no harm. And Anderson wound up that day with a machine-gun attack on a Japanese truck convoy.

Two days after he got the ^{D.S.C.} ~~cross~~, Anderson's flight was attacked by a squadron of Japanese planes in greatly superior numbers. He managed to shoot down one enemy, but ~~xxx~~ his own plane was crippled.

Lt. Anderson,

^ Anderson bailed out, but two Japanese planes followed him to the ground and riddled his parachute, and his body, ~~with machine gun bullets~~ while he hung helplessly in the air. Still not satisfied, one of the enemy planes returned, dived and machine gunned ~~Anderson's~~ *him on the* ~~dead body.~~ *ground.*

CHINA

How many people have ever heard of a flying tiger? The Chinese in Chungking are saying they have a whole crops of flying tigers on their side. ^{For that's} ~~it's~~

the name they give to American pilots fighting with the armies of Chiang Kai-shek. Aces who volunteered

for the service. One of the stories out of the Far ~~East~~ East today is that they have piled up a record, ^{terrific} ~~nothing~~

~~short of spectacular.~~ According to Chungking, they have

bagged at least a hundred Japanese planes in the air

and on the ground. - ^{In fact} the China Central News Agency puts

the figure at a hundred and ninety. ~~but that's credited to private information.~~

Here's what those flying Americans, ^{who are} ~~not~~

^{not} soldiers of Uncle Sam's Army Air Corps, have done in

the past hundred hours. They took part in a successful

raid ^{on} ~~at~~ Bangkok. They escorted a ^{squad} of Chinese

bombing planes in a raid on the Japanese air base at

Hanoi in Indo-China. And in Burma they joined with British pilots in two air battles over Rangoon, which drove the Japanese raiders ~~xxxxxx~~ from the sky and destroyed thirty-six enemy planes.

~~Not being American Army men, they are informal and unconventional, to say the least.~~ There are three hundred of them from forty different states of the Union, plus the District of Columbia. Some of them, for no apparent reason, even wear six-shooters on their hips, American frontier style. *Not being Amer. Army men we are told they are informal and unconventional.*

BURMA

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The cry in Burma tonight is Chinese to the rescue. Veterans from ^{Chiang} ~~Shan~~ Kai-Shek's armies, ^{tough} ~~hardy~~ seasoned troops, are marching in, battalion on battalion, toward ~~Mann~~ Mandalay and Moulmein.

That famous port of "teak, rice and romance" will soon be the target of a battle on a large scale.

TP British troops are advancing ⁱⁿ to Southern Burma, and the Chinese are coming up on the Japanese flank. ^{TP} But on the Siamese frontier the British are being forced to give way by vastly superior hordes of Japanese.

CANADA

A voice was heard in Canada today demanding instant help for Australia. It was the voice of the leader of the opposition, R.B. Hanson, Chief of the Conservatives in the Dominion. He wants a whole Canadian division sent to the help of the Anzacs. "All Canadians," he said, "have been thrilled by the exploits of the Australians in Libya, in Greece, in Malaya, and in every theater of the war."

RUSSIA

From several sources we've had warnings against wishful thinking about the retreat of the German army in Russia. We've heard them from Winston Churchill, and we've heard them from our own Secretary of the Navy Knox. Now we hear one from a general officer of the Red Army itself/ "The Nazis have by no means been routed," says Lieutenant-General Gouvorov. And he's the commander who drove Hitler's armies back twenty-four miles from Mozhaisk.

"The German Army," he added, "is unquestionably still ~~xxx~~ very powerful. The Nazi rear guards are resisting fiercely while covering the retreat of their main forces."

Also that Hitler now is rushing artillery in great volume to the front. At that his air squadrons have moved back to Smolensk and to Orsha, seventy miles west of Smolensk.

The fierce Russian winter we hear today, has prevented mass fighting by tanks. But, General Gouvorov utters the warning that the Germans are

certain to resume mass tank attacks next Spring as to take advantage of their larger supplies of tanks. "Next Spring," he added, "will see gigantic tank battles taking place."

London and Washington military observers have been guessing for some time that the Nazis in Germany were engaged in retooling operations in their factories, on a huge scale. The statement by the Red General would tend to confirm this.

SUBMARINES

Another sinking by submarines off the Atlantic coast. ~~It is~~ ^{an} ore carrier this time, the S.S. VENORE, carrying ore from somewhere ^{to} ~~or~~ somewhere else. She carried a crew of forty-three, and twenty-two of them are missing. Twenty-one survivors were brought into Norfolk, Virginia. ^{TP} That brings the list of sinkings off the Atlantic coast to seven. ~~The U-boats made eight different attacks, but ~~xxx~~ one of them didn't come off.~~

The first thing the crew of the VENORE knew of the U-boat was when a shell hit them ~~clean~~ amidship, on the port side. ~~The ship~~ ^{he} continued to steam at full speed ahead, but ten minutes later another shell struck.

The radio operator of the VENORE, in his distress call, said:- ~~xx~~ "Two crashes. I think we will be swimming soon." ^{TP} Half an hour after the second shell ^{Then} the Nazis let loose with a torpedo. [^] A huge wave swept

over the deck, ~~and~~ ^{ing} washed some of the crew overboard.

Others jumped, and one of the two lifeboats capsized.

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The other
~~But one lifeboat~~ was launched safely, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~without any~~

~~attack from the U-boat, and that's the one that~~ brought

the twenty-one survivors into port.

APPROPRIATIONS

Another all-time world's record was established today in a bill which the House Appropriations Committee okayed and sent to the floor for action. It's a little gift for Uncle Sam's Navy, a little present of seventeen billion, seven hundred and twenty-two millions, to build warships, everything from battle wagons to tugs, and airplanes.

~~There, in a nutshell, is~~ The first naval supply bill of this war. Even the Committee that approved it admitted that it's ~~nothing short of~~ stupendous. *And this,* ~~The Committee adds these words: "It can be accomplished with unbelievable dispatch."~~

~~It~~ follows right on the heels of that twelve billion, five hundred and twenty-five million dollar appropriation which the ~~whole~~ House approved unanimously last week, more than twelve and a half billions to build thirty-three thousand airplanes for

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Uncle Sam's army. So, the Army and Navy ~~the~~ supply bills put together add up to thirty billions, *plus* *some* two hundred and forty-eight millions. ~~add.~~

Of the money for the Navy, eight billions flat are for battleships. Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, sums it up *this way:—* ~~with that the main-~~ ~~objective is, as he puts it,~~ "to increase our naval power to the point of unquestioned supremacy on the seas, beneath the seas, and in the air above the seas." By so doing, we propose to gain command of the sea by destruction of the ~~enemies~~ sea-going forces of our enemies. Also, to cooperate with our own military forces and those of our Allies, and furthermore, to destroy or contain the enemy's commerce in order to effect economic strangulation."

Already, the total shipbuilding facilities

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of the country are at work to the utmost of their capacity, building new vessels and converting others for the use of the Navy. What's more, manufacturing plants are being expanded.

Admiral Stark added one useful piece of information. The ingenuity of American airplane designers and builders has enabled the Bureau of Aeronautics to create the newest Navy fighter to be carried by airplane carriers, which, in spite of the limitations imposed on such a plane, has become the equal in speed and fire-power of any land-based plane in Europe.

PEARL HARBOR

Washington sizzled today with reactions to the report of the Roberts Board on Pearl Harbor. First of all in Congress: Republican members of the House, at least two of them, want an all-out investigation by Congress of the tragic affair of December Seventh. Congressman Hamilton Fish of New York, who is ranking minority member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, declared that there should be a complete, impartial congressional investigation of all responsible for that fiasco. And, added Fish, "Let the chips fall where they may."

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Congressman Maas of Minnesota, who is the ranking Republican on the Naval Affairs Committee, joins ^{ed} ~~Ham Fish~~ in this demand, ^{saying} ~~Maas is of the opinion~~ that this is the beginning, not the end, of the need ^{that} ~~for an inquiry.~~ Congress should take up where the Roberts report left off. ~~Then he went on to say that~~

MRS. ROOSEVELT

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When you go to dinner at the White House,
you mustn't expect ~~desert~~ in the future. Mrs. Roosevelt
announced today that salads would top off meals at the
executive mansion. Like all the rest of us, the
presidential family won't have enough suger to offer
~~their~~ guests cakes or deserts for tea, luncheon or
dinner. One pound a week for each individual, will
~~be the ration~~ be the ration at twelve hundred Pennsylvania
Avenue, just as at twelve hundred Main Street anywhere.

Sugar is precious,
59 1/4 What say you Hugh?