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Reds Seize Luga, Close New Trap

Way Opened for a Drive On Pskov; Barrier to Lwow Line Falls

Luga, last German stronghold between Lakes Ilmen and Peipus and principal obstacle in the way of a Soviet drive on Pskov, another gateway to Estonia and Latvia, has fallen before the assault of Russia's Leningrad army, Marshal Stalin announced last night.

Capture of the city, an important communications center 90 miles south of Leningrad, where the Leningrad-Pskov railroad is cut by the east-west line from Novgorod to Luga, closed a farflung pincer from north and east.

How many Germans had been sewed up in the bag remained undisclosed last night, but presumably there were many. Moscow radio earlier mentioned "strong forces of infantry and tanks" threatened with encirclement near the city.

Drive on Pskov Opens

The drive for Pskov, 90 miles southwest of Luga, already has begun, with the Russians squeezing the enemy into a funnel-shaped area between the east shore of Lake Peipus and the Luga-Pskov railway—a funnel which ends in a ten-mile gap between Pskov and the southern end of the lake. A return of colder weather in the north favored speedy development of this offensive.

The victory on the northern front, announced by Stalin in an order of the day addressed to Gen. Govorov, commander of the army which broke the siege of Leningrad, came a day after the fall of Shepetovka in the western Ukraine had opened the way for a Red Army thrust to the Odessa-Lwow railway.

Earlier, the Russians announced the capture of Batetskaya junction, 17 miles east of Luga, where the rail line running south from Leningrad to Dno crosses the Novgorod-Luga tracks.

With Shepetovka fallen, Gen. Vatutin's Ukrainian army now has an unfettered rail line running from Kiev to Rovno and Luck in Poland. Even more important, Vatutin gained control of a connecting railway leading to Tarnopol on the vital Odessa-Lwow line—only line inside the Ukraine over which the Germans still can move troops and supplies between the Black Sea front and Poland.

Draw Trap Tighter

Deep in the Ukraine, meanwhile, the Russians pinched ever tighter the ring hemming in what remained of the trapped divisions, but there was no sign yet that German resistance was dwindling. Although the Reds threw in large groups of Tommy gunners, tanks and mortars to annihilate the enemy unless they surrendered, the Nazis continued to fight back fiercely.

At one point they turned a sugar factory into a fortress, using tanks inside its walled yard as artillery. When Cosacks stormed the building after a demand for surrender had been rejected, they captured eight tanks—and 250 dead Germans.

Nazi efforts to punch through the ring with a rescue column met with steady failure. Moscow dispatches told of 11 Junkers planes which succeeded in landing in an open field, only to be blown to pieces by Soviet artillery.



Daily Express Map

Heavies Hit Pas de Calais Again; January's 22,000 Tons a Record

Raids' Peak Month Includes Italy; 930 Planes Bagged

The U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, comprising the British-based Eighth and the Italian-based 15th, reached a new peak in their mounting air attack on Nazi targets in January by dropping more than 22,000 tons of bombs and destroying 930 German planes in the air against the loss of 325.

An official review of operations for the first month of 1944 showed yesterday that Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, who assumed command of the USSTAFE early in January, sent his heavy bombers and long-range fighters out in unprecedented force. In 13 operational days the Eighth dropped 11,789 tons, while the 15th, engaged part of the month in supporting the Nettuno landings near Rome, dropped 10,704 tons in 25 days, the summary disclosed.

Notable among the records established was that achieved by Mustang, Thunderbolt and Lightning pilots of Eighth Fighter Command, who shot down 220 enemy aircraft, 100 of them in three days, bettering the previous month's high of 111 knocked down last November.

Biggest Aerial Battle

In January occurred what probably was the greatest air battle in history, waged in daylight over the heart of Germany Jan. 11, when Liberator and Fortress gunners, together with P51, P47 and P38 fighters, shot down 152 German planes against the loss of 60 bombers and 27 fighters.

Targets bombed in the fierce, day-long assault were important aircraft-manufacturing plants at Oschersleben, Heilbronn and Bielefeld and the manufacturing town of Meppen on the Dortmund-Ems canal.

While USAAF headquarters did not acknowledge reports that Berlin was bombed for the first time by American bombers that day, travelers arriving in Stockholm from the German capital said it was bombed by isolated planes.

Another red-letter day in the month's operations was Jan. 5, when U.S. heavies ranged from the Baltic to the Bay of Biscay.

Fortresses and Liberators raided the Nazis' major naval base at Kiel for the second day running, B17s hit the industrial and rail center at Neuss near Dusseldorf, while other Forts and Libs hammered enemy airfields at Bordeaux and Tours in France. Ninety-five German aircraft were destroyed for the loss of 25 bombers and 12 fighters.

Greatest Daylight Blow

Following four days of attacks on installations in the Pas de Calais "invasion" or "rocket coast" area, between Jan. 14 and 28, the greatest daylight aerial blow ever delivered was mounted on Jan. 29, the target being Frankfurt. Considered the foremost distribution center in southwest Germany, Frankfurt was hit that day with 1,900 tons of bombs, dropped by over 800 heavy bombers, escorted by 700 fighters.

The month's operations were concluded Jan. 31, when Liberators, which once flew as part of Fortress striking forces but now are operating on independent missions, gave Pas de Calais its fifth bombing by heavies in two weeks.

The summary revealed that fighter pilots flew approximately 6,400 sorties in January.

U.S. Merchant Navy Tops World in Ships, Tonnage

NEW YORK, Feb. 13—At the 82nd annual meeting of the Board of Managers and Members of the American Bureau of Shipping, J. Lewis Luckenbach, president, asserted that the shipbuilding effort of American shipyards during the war had reached a point where the U.S. Merchant Marine now ranks first in the world in numbers and tonnage.

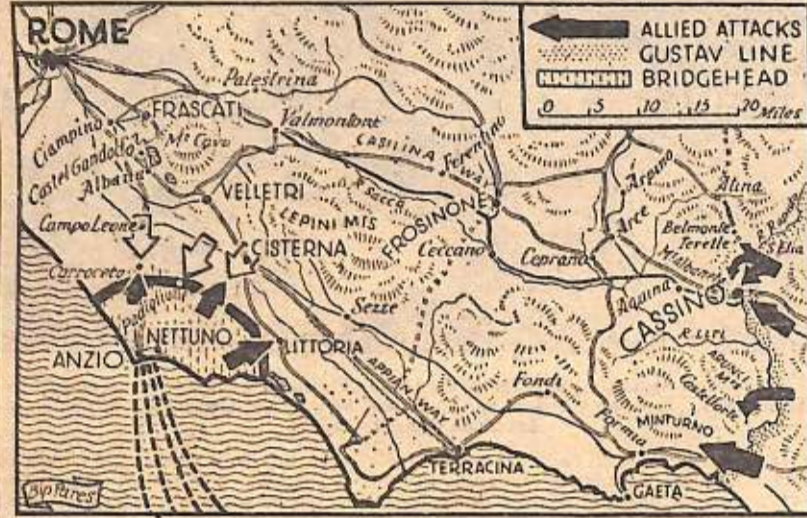
No Price Cut, No Haircut, Army Tells Barber Shops

FORT MYERS, Fla., Feb. 13—Local barbers have been given an ultimatum by the Army to cut their prices by Feb. 16 or stop cutting soldiers' hair. If relief is not forthcoming, local barber shops will be declared out of bounds. Haircut prices here were boosted recently approximately 25 cents.

Harry Hopkins' Son Killed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13—Pvt. Stephen Hopkins, 18, son of Harry Hopkins, has been killed in action with the Marines in the Pacific, the White House said today.

Things Are Looking Up



On the Anzio bridgehead British troops switch from defensive to offensive and attack near Carroceto. Americans close on Cassino after capturing an important height overlooking the city.

Allies Attacking in Italy; 'We'll Win'—Churchill

Fierce battles raged yesterday half a mile east of Carroceto after British troops seized the initiative in the northern sector of the Anzio bridgehead in Italy over the weekend, drove the Germans out of a heavily-fortified factory and withstood a desperate counter-attack by flamethrowing tanks.

Allied ground offensives over the weekend resulted in recapture of some territory lost in the five-day German effort to drive the Fifth Army back into the sea and tended to dissipate fears that the Allied campaign for Rome would end in failure. Switching to tactical targets, Allied heavy bombers relentlessly hammered German communications leading to the bridgehead.

Allied headquarters announced yesterday that the situation was "generally satisfactory." Only 48 hours previously President Roosevelt had described the Allied position as "grim" and Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King warned that "we are witnessing the possibility of terrible reverses in Italy that may prolong the war not for days or months but for years."

Churchill is Confident

However, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark and Prime Minister Churchill both confidently asserted over the weekend that the Americans and British would win the great battle now raging and take Rome.

Before Cassino, and in house-to-house battles of the town itself, violent fighting was in progress in the 11th day of the American attempt to break through the strengthened Nazi lines and drive toward the Nettuno bridgehead through the Liri Valley.

In a major outflanking move two miles west of Cassino, American units captured a 1,500-foot hill and repelled a determined counter-attack.

Meanwhile, British and American troops dug in along their bridgehead south of Rome after holding the five-day German assault. Two miles west of Cisterna, an enemy patrol which attempted to pierce the American lines was driven back.

A smashing eight-hour attack by Wellingtons Saturday night and early yesterday on German divisions thrusting at the outer defenses of the bridgehead was announced, meanwhile, by United Nations radio in Algiers, according to Reuter. The assault was directed against the road network which connects the harbors of Nettuno and Anzio with the main road to Rome, as well as a 20-mile stretch of the Appian Way.

Stilwell Pledges Great Assault To Aid U.S. Landings in China

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13 (AP)—An aggressive China-based land and air offensive, in support of an American drive across the Pacific to land ground and air forces on the Chinese mainland, was pledged today by Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, who is now in the Ledo sector with Chinese and American forces.

Gen. Stilwell said that every facility and accommodation is being prepared for the largest and newest cargo carriers available to fly far greater tonnage totals than the present historic air transport records in this theater.

Gen. Stilwell's statement was made as hundreds of thousands of Chinese

Libs, Forts Plaster Secret Area 41st Day Out of 54

Strong formations of Flying Fortresses, Liberators and Marauders kept up the unprecedented pace of American daylight attacks on the enemy yesterday with another smashing blow at the unidentified targets in northern France—the area which now has been hit on 41 days in the last 54.

The daylight assault on the Germans' forward positions on the neck of land closest to Britain was the 14th operation in the last 16 days for the new USSTAFE—U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe—and indicated that another record month of operations was probable.

The big bombers crossed the Channel under a whirling umbrella of Thunderbolts and Mustangs.

Some of the heavies met enemy fighters, and escorting P47s and P51s shot down six of them, but for the most part the crews reported the same absence of Luftwaffe fighter opposition noticed on previous days.

Four of the American heavies and two fighters failed to return, Air Force headquarters announced late last night.

Follows Up Lib Blow

Only 24 hours earlier, Liberators hit objectives in the same area, returning without loss.

The combined Fortress-Liberator assault kept the great Allied offensive going at a round-the-clock tempo. The previous night, RAF bombers attacked objectives in western Germany and southern France and laid mines in enemy waters, all at a cost of only one aircraft.

Excellent bombing results were reported by Fortress crews returning from yesterday's raids. The Forts had good visibility and "plenty of time," crew members said, and flames and huge clouds of smoke could be seen after they had made their bomb runs.

"The bombs split the center of our target. It was one of the sweetest jobs I've seen in my 24 missions," said Capt. Robert W. Waltz, of Akron, Ohio, pilot of the Fort, Wild Children.

'Blown to Smithereens'

Fortresses had "blown the target to smithereens" ahead of 1/Lt. Norman M. Palmer, pilot, of St. Petersburg, Fla. "We added the finishing touch," he said.

Demolition of this section of Hitler's Atlantic Wall—described variously as the "invasion coast" and the "rocket-gun area" because of neutral reports of German secret-weapon installations there, has been the objective of virtually every type of Allied plane in the last two months. The growing force of Liberators stationed in Britain has been hurled at the Pas de Calais area four times this month, the Fortresses twice and the Marauders on numerous occasions.

American fighters also damaged a number of enemy aircraft, including four Ju88s which were hit on the ground when a flight led by Lt. Warren M. Wesson, of Brooklyn, and Capt. Walter Boone, of Wyandotte, Okla., strafed an airfield.

Lt. Alexander S. Koczak, of Trenton, N.J., jumped five FW190s by himself when he sighted the Germans making an

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Two Nurses Killed As U.S. Hospital Is Hit by Shells in Italy

ANZIO BRIDGEHEAD, Feb. 11 (delayed)—Two American nurses were killed and four surgeons and three enlisted men wounded at dusk yesterday by six shells from a German long-range gun which fell among a tent hospital. The two nurses were killed instantly in their tent.

The shelling wrecked the X-ray tent, dental laboratory and dispensary and forced the evacuation of 48 patients by stretcher and ambulance. In the surgical tent, a patient with an abdominal wound was about to be anesthetized when shell fragments tore through the canvas. No one in the tent was touched.

The hospital was within 200 yards of an evacuation hospital attacked by a dive-bomber Monday.

Four 'Cave Men' Admit Hiding Out to Beat Draft

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Feb. 13—Four brothers who hid in a cave for four months to evade the draft pleaded guilty. Although armed, they were captured without a fight by FBI agents, who were tipped off by an unidentified person.

ETO SPORTS MIRROR

The Division quintet, runner-up in last year's ETO tourney, increased its winning streak to 17 straight by dumping an all-star club from a Navy Liberator five, 61-36.

T/4 Dominick Restifo, of Schenectady, N.Y., swished 18 points, but his team couldn't match the pace and the CBS Engineers fell before the Alcon-Falcon quint, 39-30.

The Tigers pulled a victory out of the fire this week on an overtime long shot by T/5 Edwin W. Gill, of Maumee, O., as play in a General Depot cage tourney was resumed after a four-day respite.

In the same whirl, the Globe Trotters established a new mark, although they bowed to the Marauders, 32-27. The Negro five sailed through the entire game without committing a personal foul.

Scoring honors for the week were captured by the Engineer Wildcats who racked up a 97-28 win over a Canadian infantry team.

Only three tiffs went the distance as GI punchers matched blows at Bury St. Edmunds, the ten-bout show being staged by the ARC and Special Service.

Pfc Johnny "Lefty" Zilka, of Pittsburgh, 172, emerged with the judges' nod after three sizzling sessions of leather pitching with Pvt. Chester Arthur, of Lander, Wyo., 173, to headline an 11-bout Southern Base Section affair.

SHORT SHOTS: A group of Navy officers, many of whom played college basketball, are so proud of their quintet they've issued a blanket challenge for home or traveling games.

The Kingston ARC inaugurated its first ping-pong tournament without success, falling before a Squadron team, 4-1.

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APOS Wanted S/SGT. Mike Campana, Lorain, Ohio; "See Bee" Bill Cocorullo; Pfc Joe Conte, New Haven, Conn.; Sgt. W. P. Carter, Foulis, La.; Sgt. Teague, San Antonio, Tex.; Sgt. Ray M. Hegerman, Chicago; Sgt. Glen Cook and Le Roy Noble, Chicago; Sgt. Pvt. Joey Mass; Sgt. Burns, Wilsey, Altan Cox, Brighton, Dumbroski, N.Y.C.; Pvt. Dehler; Pvt. Edward T. Howard; Sgt. Sylvester F. Pa.; Lt. Milton Eddy; S/Sgt. Howard Grove City, Pa.; Lt. Thomas Faron, L.I.; W. Lawson, Milwaukee; Cpl. Thomas Faron, L.I.; Felling, Milwaukee; Cpl. Filer, Waynesburg, Pa.; N.Y.; Maj. William A. Genty, Brooklyn; Sgt. John E. Genty, Brooklyn; Sgt. Capt. Gallagher, Philadelphia; Lt. Elsie Golden, Adams, Mass.; Leo Hardin, League City, Tex.; Lt. Daniel Hesterly, Corpus Christi, H. Hopp, Pontiac, Wayne, Boston; Cpl. Marlow H. Hopp, Colo.; Maj. F. Leary, Boston; Cpl. Robert H. Hopp, Cal.; Maj. Elmer W. Nich, Henter, Glendale, Cal.; Maj. Edward J. Hepp, Humphreys, Washington, D.C.; Edward J. Lubbock, Louisville, Ky.; Cpl. David Jeffrey, Crevelock, Cpl. F/O Ralph Brady, Caldes, Tex.; Sgt. Nordbert Kaplan, F/O Knox, South Bend, Ind.; Norbert Oscar Vary de Ghnate, Ind.; Warren Kendall, East Chicago, James Lott, Windigo, Mich.; Knight, Mich.; S/Sgt. Richard H. LaFevre, Mass.; S/Sgt. W. Va.; Sgt. Richard H. Revere, Birmingham; James G. MacDonal, Arron Eiders, Mill, Mich.; Simm Mendicino; Arron Eiders, Mill, Mich.; Ala.; George M. Morris, Force, Lakewood, Ohio; Sgt. Charley M. Morris, Force, Lakewood, Ohio; Minichello, Myron C. Force, Lakewood, Ohio; Sgt. Paul D. Malloy, Burlington, Ut.

Wilson, North Carolina, Reunion FEB. 15, at Rainhow Club, London, dinner at 7 PM. -Maj. Needham C. Holden. Lost WATCH, Hamilton, 1-jewel, gold case, leather band, in washroom at Birmingham Red Cross, Jan. 29. \$15 reward. -M/Sgt. C. O. Adams, 18013796. TOBACCO pouch, Latex, on train from London to Norwich, Feb. 1. -Lt. Louis F. De Felice, O-687817.

Canadians' Surge Downs Pirates, 16-6

Former Grid Stars Now Marines



Seabags of Marines being transferred to active duty form the background for this picture of four former football stars who are now in the Corps. Talking over old days on the gridiron are, left to right: Johnny Podesta, formerly of the College of the Pacific; Alex Agase and Tony Butkovich, once on the Purdue Boilermakers, and Angelo Bertelli, former shining star of Notre Dame.

Final Quarter Scores Break 6-6 Deadlock

U.S. Eleven Unable to Cope With Wide-Open Play Of Mustangs

By Gene Graff Stars and Stripes Staff Writer After a scoreless, uneventful first half played under American rules, the Canadian Mustangs unwrapped a bewildering assortment of football razzle-dazzle to defeat the CBS Pirates, 16-6, in the "Tea Bowl" game which attracted 30,000 fans to White City Stadium here yesterday.

The Pirates, unfamiliar with the wide-open, lateral-passing game of the Canucks, battled the Mustangs on even terms during the third quarter, the count reading 6-6 at the gun. But the Canadian gridgers shoved across two touchdowns in the final period to win the game and take possession of a sterling silver tea pot, donated by the British Red Cross and St. John's fund.

Neither team threatened in the first half, Lt. Andy Bieber's long, towering punts for the Mustangs repulsing the Pirates whenever they neared enemy territory. In fact, the opposing lines were so evenly matched, neither eleven managed to threaten.

Pirates Take to Air The Pirates took to the air in the second quarter with Halfbacks Cpl. Ben Detterman, southpaw passer from Warsaw, Ind., and Pfc Basil Russ, of Harrisburg, Pa., alternating on the pitching end, but alert Mustang defense checked would-be Pirate receivers.

Quarterback Sneak Fails Whitaker's wide lateral to Lt. Orville Burke carried the Mustangs to their rivals' 18-yard line. Whitaker's attempted quarterback sneak was smeared, but the Canucks scored on the next play when Whitaker fumbled Burke's pass advancing to the ten and Capt. Ken Turnbull, right tackle, kicked the free ball across the goal line, a legal play in Canada, and pounced on it for a five-point touchdown.

The Pirates, refusing to discard American tactics for the tricky Canadian style, registered their lone touchdown without relinquishing the ball after receiving the next kickoff. A holding penalty on Russ' incomplete pass put the ball on the Pirates' 40, and an overhead throw from Russ to Detterman marched the CBS club to their 48.

On the next play, Detterman caught Russ' long pass on the Mustang 30-yard stripe and outsped the Canuck defenders to cross the final line untouched. Russ completed a pass to Cpl. John Venezia, 140-pound halfback from Detroit, to knot the count at 6-6.

On the next exchange the Mustangs took possession on the Pirate 26, aided by a 15-yard penalty for unnecessary roughness, and scored in five plays, the payoff effort being a nine-yard pass from Burke to Whitaker as the fourth quarter got under way. Their final touchdown just beat the final gun, the Mustangs lining up without a huddle to catch the Pirates napping.

Table with 2 columns: Pirates and Mustangs. Lists player names and positions for both teams.

Braves Pick Bob Coleman

Former Coach Succeeds Stengel at Helm For Boston

BOSTON, Feb. 13—The Boston Braves announced last night the appointment of Bob Coleman, former coach, to succeed Casey Stengel as manager. Stengel resigned two weeks ago following an ownership change of the National League club.

Bob Quinn, Brave president, also announced that Tom Sheehan, former manager of the Minneapolis Millers, American Association team, will succeed Coleman on the coaching lines and another coach will be named soon.

Coleman started his career as catcher with Davenport, Iowa, in the Three-I League in 1910 and played his first major league game with the Pittsburgh Pirates three years later. In 1916 Pittsburgh sold him to Cleveland and he remained there until entering a war plant at the start of the last war.

Cadet Quintet Notches Tenth Straight Triumph

WEST POINT, N.Y., Feb. 13—Army's Cadets won their tenth straight basketball victory here yesterday by beating Hobart, 69-36.

Doug Kenna and Dale Hall, with 20 tallies each, led the winners, while Jim McFarland paced the visitors with eight points.

Li'l Abner



Dodds Cracks Hunter Mile Time With 4:09.5 Victory at Boston

BOSTON, Feb. 13—Speed king Gil Dodds, beat the Boston indoor jinx last night as he annexed the Hunter Mile, feature event of the 55th annual Boston AA Games, in the record-breaking time of 4:09.5 before 12,500 spectators.

Divinity student Dodds took the lead from Rudy Simms of NYU at the third lap and applied the heat steadily thereafter to beat out Bill Hulse of the NYAC by 40 yards.

Glenn Cunningham set the previous meet standard of 4:10 in 1938. Dodds was ahead at the quarter in the slow time of 63 seconds, but burned up the boards to turn in a half-mile time of 2:02.3.

Canucks Edge Toronto, 3-2

TORONTO, Feb. 13—The Montreal Canadiens increased their National Hockey League lead by defeating the third place Toronto Maple Leafs, 3-2, here last night.

Hockey League Standings

Table showing NHL standings with columns for team, W, L, T, Pts. Lists Montreal, Detroit, Toronto, Boston, Chicago, New York.

put the Canadiens ahead with a goal at 17 minutes, 43 seconds, helped by Elmer Lach and Toe Blake. A minute later Leo Lamoureux soloed in unassisted for Montreal.

Great Lakes Swamps Ft. Custer Five, 83-23

FT. CUSTER, Mich., Feb. 13 (AP)—Great Lakes' high-geared cagers won their 19th successive game, drubbing Ft. Custer, 83-23, Friday night.

The soldiers had an alibi to explain the runaway. Their ace scorer Howard McCarty slipped and bruised his leg so badly he couldn't play.

Bill Smith Lowers Two Marks As Great Lakes Swimmers Win

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 13—Bill Smith, Hawaiian-born swimming star who splashed his way to aquatic fame with Ohio State's natators last season, paced the Great Lakes Naval Training Station to victory, as they shattered three world tank records in a dual meet against Smith's former team mates here yesterday.

Smith bettered two of his own marks, lowering the time in the 200-meter and 220-yard events. In the double century his 2:06.2 shaved half a second from his old time, while in the 220 his 2:07.1 nipped six-tenths of a second from the previous record.

The other new mark was wrapped up by Jerry Kershner, who stroked his way to a 1:21.4 in the 150-yard free style. The old record was 1:22.8.

By Al Capp



NEWS FROM HOME Flood of Pleas For Muster-Out Bonus Pours In Veterans Are Promised Checks Within 2 Weeks Of Their Applications

NEW YORK, Feb. 13—Requests for mustering-out pay are pouring into the Army Finance office here at the rate of 3,000 a day.
Col. C. K. McAllister said his office could handle 6,000 applications daily. Anticipating 150,000 applications, he promised that no veteran would have to wait more than two weeks for his check.
The finance office opened Feb. 5 to consider mustering-out claims and by Feb. 9 had mailed 500 checks to ex-servicemen.
First marine* to receive mustering-out pay will be S/Sgt. David E. Harris, of Riverside, Cal., a veteran of Pearl Harbor and Guadalcanal. Harris now is employed by the Disabled American Veterans in Washington.
President Roosevelt signed a mustering-out bill Feb. 4 providing \$300 for honorably discharged veterans who served overseas, \$200 for those in service in the U.S. 60 days or longer, and \$100 for those with less than 60 days' service at home.

Warden Balks at Hanging

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 13—M. F. Amrine, warden of Kansas State Prison, resigned in protest over the scheduled execution of Fred L. Brady, convicted holdup slayer. "I do not wish to be a participant when the state turns to the barbarous rule of killing," Amrine said. For 70 years Kansas gave murderers life imprisonment, but the law was changed in 1935 to hanging.

Strike Shuts 14 Schools

BAY CITY, Mich., Feb. 13—Fourteen city schools were closed by a strike of maintenance workers. The Board of Education, unable to provide adequate heat for classrooms, sent 6,000 children home on an unscheduled vacation. The maintenance workers, members of a CIO union, were seeking union recognition and wage adjustments.

Joan's Gown Goes for \$30,000

SUFFIELD, Conn., Feb. 13—A gown and accessories worn by Joan Fontaine in her latest motion picture were auctioned for \$30,000 at a War Bond rally attended by the actress and her husband, Brian Donlevan. The same purchasers also bought for \$4,500 an autographed picture of Miss Fontaine.

Milkman Hero Honored

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 13—Carl M. Knapp, local milkman, has been awarded a gold medal by the Milk Industry Foundation for risking his life to save a crowd of school children in the path of a runaway horse. Knapp stayed with the wagon until he was able to throw the horse.

Never Too Old to Serve

NEW YORK, Feb. 13—An Egyptian mummy, identified as the wife of the keeper of the Egyptian treasury about 650 B.C., will be auctioned for War Bonds Feb. 21. The mummy belonged to a German and was seized by the alien property custodian.

Himmler's Understudy

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (AP)—The FBI and police arrested a 16-year-old messenger boy who, they said, was enacting the role of a Gestapo chief and saboteur and telephoning threats to destroy New York's bridges and tunnels.

Siamese Twins Die After Birth

CHICAGO, Feb. 13—Doctors at Henrotin Hospital said that Siamese twins were born last week to the wife of a dentist. The children died shortly after birth.

Fire Kills One, Injures Four

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 13—One man was burned to death and four others were injured seriously as fire swept the National Homes Corp. plant. The firm builds pre-fabricated houses.

Kreisler to Go on Radio

NEW YORK, Feb. 13—Fritz Kreisler will make his first radio appearance next summer. He has signed a contract for five broadcasts over NBC.

Says War'll End Apr. 9, And He Hit It Last Time!

BALDWIN, Ga., Feb. 13 (UP)—Virgil Smith, the farmer who predicted the correct date for the end of World War I, says this war will end on Easter Sunday, 1944, Apr. 9. Smith, who makes his predictions as a result of dreams, said three months before the end of the World War I that it would be over on Nov. 11, 1918. He predicted correctly just how that war would end and how peace terms would be arranged.
Smith also made another prediction which came true—that Italy would be out of the present war by the middle of October, 1943, and would immediately declare war on Germany.

Sweater Girl, Too



Dorothy Lamour
She Breasted Censor's Protests.

The Sarong's Still There, Though; Knitwear Is Kept Open to Prove It

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 13 (UP)—Dorothy Lamour's new film, "Rainbow Island," has produced another Hays office ruling on the wearing of sweaters, sarongs and combinations of the two.
The film's last scene called for Dorothy to discard her sarong, made acceptable by precedent, popularity and the censor's OK, for a few sweater poses.
The Hays delegate, when he saw the rushes, put thumbs down on the sweater, but he finally relented when the studio said Dorothy would wear a sarong under her sweater. The director promised that the top button of the sweater would be undone to prove there was a sarong underneath.

Nominations for 'Oscars' Announced by Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 13—The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has announced the nominations of individuals and pictures for the 1943 awards of "Oscars." About 10,000 employes in the industry will vote in the 16th annual competition. Winners will be announced Mar. 2. The nominations:
PICTURES: "Casablanca," "For Whom The Bell Tolls," "Heaven Can Wait," "The Human Comedy," "In Which We Serve," "Madame Curie," "The More the Merrier," "The Ox-Bow Incident," "The Song of Bernadette" and "Watch On The Rhine."
ACTORS: Humphrey Bogart in "Casablanca," Gary Cooper in "For Whom The Bell Tolls," Paul Lukas in "Watch On The Rhine," Walter Pidgeon in "Madame Curie" and Mickey Rooney in "The Human Comedy."
ACTRESSES: Jean Arthur in "The More the Merrier," Ingrid Bergman in "For Whom The Bell Tolls," Joan Fontaine in "The Constant Sinner," Greer Garson in "Madame Curie" and Jennifer Jones in "The Song of Bernadette."

Diane



Male Call



Blondie



Wallace Seeks People's Peace

Says U.S. Must Provide Jobs and Goods for All In Days to Come

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 13—Vice President Henry A. Wallace, declaring that no one ever again must be permitted to go hungry or be without a job in the U.S., called on the nation to emulate Abraham Lincoln and "work with vigilance against the national and international carpetbaggers who would starve and enslave the world."
In a Lincoln Day speech where the martyr President is buried, Wallace asserted there must not be a return "to the old days—the days of hunger and despair."
"Ten million American fighting men," he said, "are engaged in work as important as any which has ever been done on this earth. As soon as this war has been won, the soldiers and the workers in war plants will be ready to make peacetime goods. There must be jobs for all willing workers."
"The people have a right to ask, 'Why can we not work and get enough to eat and wear in peace, as we have in war?' The answer is, 'We can and we must.'"
"So long as there is human need in the U.S.," Wallace said, "it is criminal for men to be idle. It is bad business and bad morals to allow believers in scarcity to hold down production while people need goods and men are out of work."
"This is a people's war. The peace must be a people's peace. Lincoln would have had it so. We shall fight unceasingly against anyone who puts the dollar above the man."

U.S. Gives French Navy Destroyer Escort Craft

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13—The 1,300-ton destroyer escort Senegalais, first American-built combat ship to be turned over to the French Navy in this war, was transferred yesterday by President Roosevelt who called the ceremony an indication of "the determination of this nation and all of the United Nations to drive from the soil of France the Nazi invaders."
"The Nazis on the Italian front know only too well that France is not out of the war," the President said. "And the time will come when the Nazis in France will learn from millions of brave Frenchmen now underground that the people of France, also, are not all out of this war."

Harry James Now 1A

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 13—Band leader Harry James, heretofore classified 3A because of his two children by his former wife Louise Tobin, has been reclassified 1A and will take his pre-induction physical examination next week. James' present wife, Betty Grable, expects a baby in April.

Tin Cup Set Out to Get Chaplin Back to Britain

HANFORD, Cal., Feb. 13—A tin cup has been placed in the office of the Hanford Sentinel to raise enough money to pay Charlie Chaplin's fare back to England.
"Chaplin has made a fortune in this country, yet he never has bothered to become an American citizen," the paper said, adding that the 55-year-old comedian's living standards were "unfavorable to the American film industry."
The paper's action followed Chaplin's indictment by a federal grand jury on charges of violating the Mann Act and conspiring to abrogate the civil rights of Joan Barry, 22-year-old actress who claims the English-born Chaplin is the father of her child.

Congress Passes Tax Bill For Two-Billion Increase

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—Congress has sent to President Roosevelt a \$2,315,200,000 tax-increase bill.
The President had asked an increase of \$10,500,000,000 and had criticized the smaller measure as "unrealistic." There was considerable speculation about the possibility of a veto.

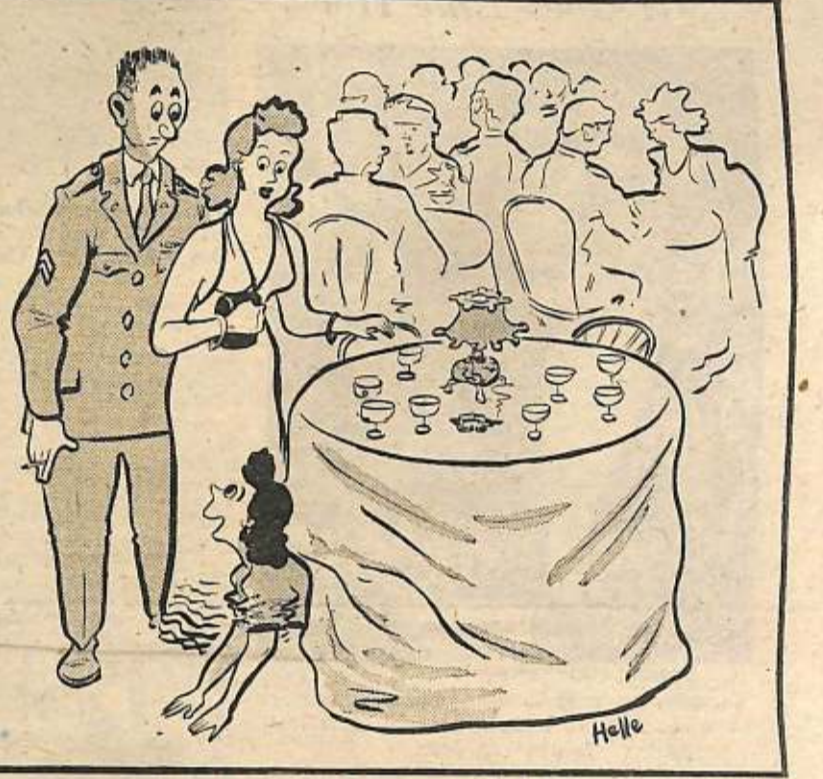
'44 Plane Output To Go Up 40 Pct.

WPB Aide Says Emphasis Will Be on Bombers, Long-Range Fighters

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—U.S. aircraft production in 1944 will exceed the 1943 record by 40 per cent, Joseph Keenan, vice-chairman of the War Production Board, said today.
Production emphasis will continue to shift over to heavier bombers and long-range fighters, Keenan asserted.
"For 1944 we must deliver more than 100,000 planes, compared to 86,000 in 1943, and these planes will average 10,000 pounds as compared to 8,600 in 1943," he said.
"At the same time, it is intended to increase the entire working force of the industry by 15 per cent. This is a challenge to aircraft management, but an even greater burden is being placed on the backs of aircraft labor."
"It has not been so long ago since we were quite excited about the decline in the production of Flying Fortresses."
"Since June, 1943, production of Forts has increased more than 40 per cent, yet there has been only an increase in personnel of 15 per cent."

Norma Shearer's Father Dies

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13—Andrew Shearer, 80, father of actress Norma Shearer, died here.

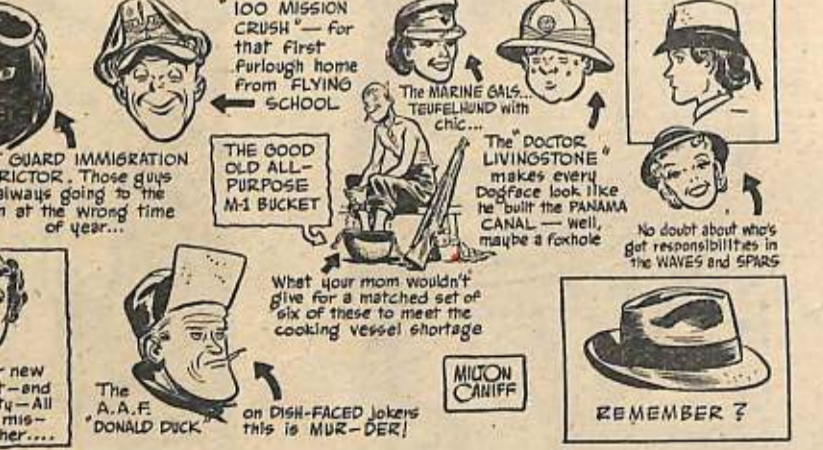


"Georgie was just showing me what it is like to live in a pup tent!"

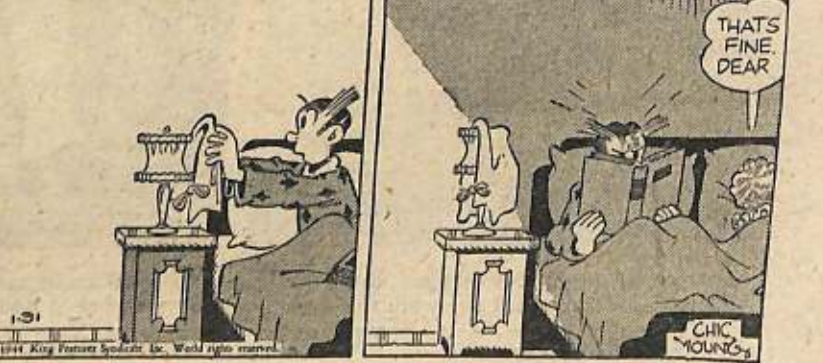
By Jean Baird



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The USO Has Landed—Situation Well In Hand

Dan Cupid's Ally



GI Joes Like Her



BBC Photo
Introducing Anne Shelton, popular songstress who is a favorite broadcaster with American troops over here.

Right Dress!

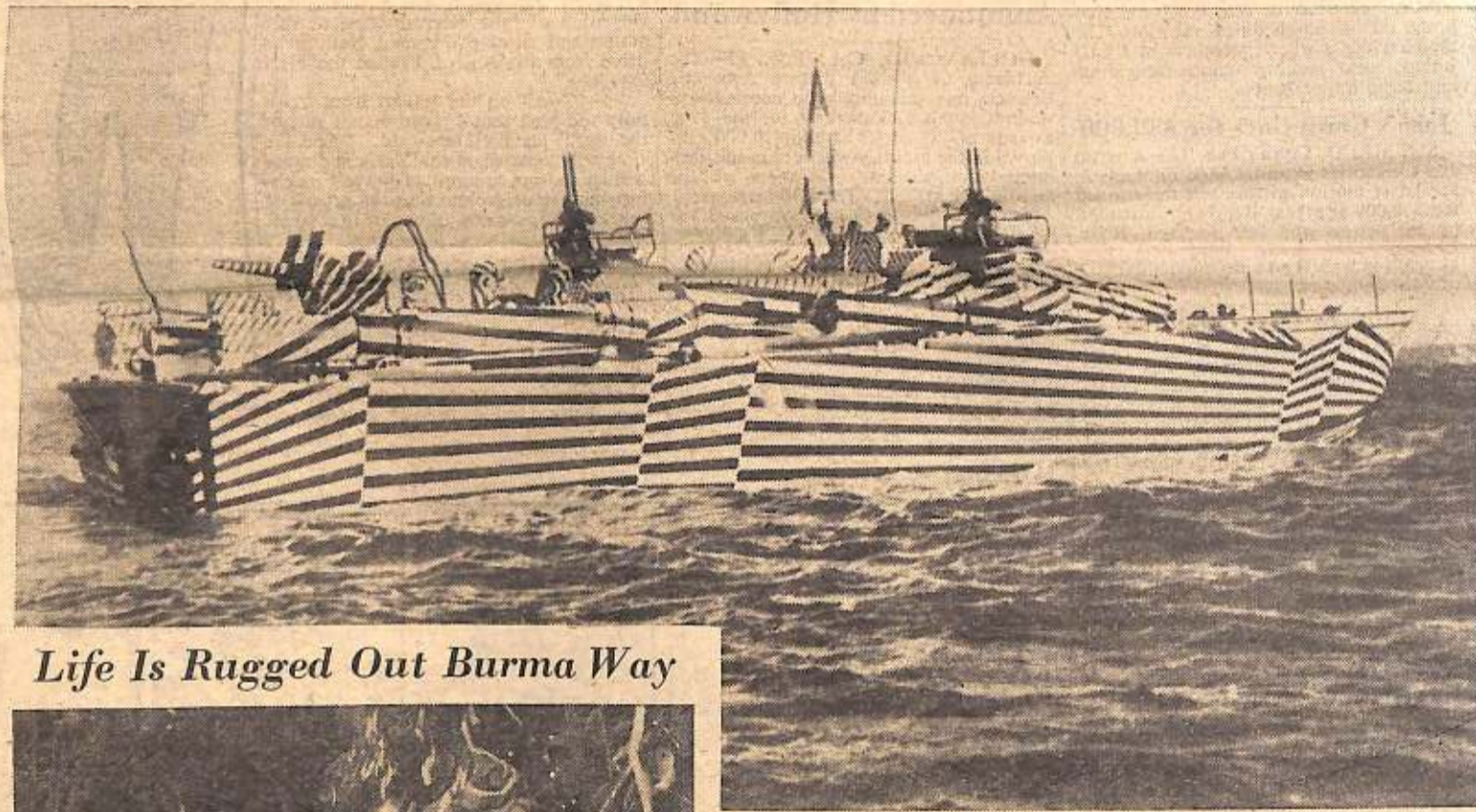


OWI Photo
Hollywood producers stopped overlooking Joan Lawrence when she wore this gown.

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
The cast of the USO-Camp Show "Words and Music" "invade" the London area. Pfc's Paul Prehoditch and John Klenin lead off for Evelyn Dresden, Doris White, Jose Cabot, Johnny Woods, Evelyn Case, Dorothy Wenzel.

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
Spreading salt on a butcher's block, 1/Sgt. Mary Smoll, of Indianapolis, spells out Valentine greetings from GI Janes to GI Joes in the ETO.

'Zebra' Camouflage Makes U-Boats 'Stripe-Happy'



Life Is Rugged Out Burma Way



OWI Photo
Zig-zag lines on this Navy PT boat present the illusion of so many bows the enemy can't tell whether it's coming or going. Believe it or not, there's only one boat—not three or four.



Planet Photo
Before taking up service duty in Burma, American nurses take a course of training at camps located in rugged jungle country. (Left) Nurses, carrying heavy packs, negotiating difficult terrain. (Above) Half-way through their journey they cook lunch over a hastily improvised fire.