

Brunswick Flattened by 2nd Punch

RAF's Most Concentrated Raid Devastates Nazi Plane-Building City

The Allied air campaign to wipe out Germany's aircraft industry before it can build a defense against invasion reached a new peak over the weekend as the RAF poured its most concentrated attack of the war onto Brunswick, plane-building center of the central Reich.

Brunswick, 110 miles west of Berlin, was pounded by more than 2,000 tons of high explosives and incendiaries from heavy bombers Friday night in the RAF's most concentrated attack of the war as fires still smoldered from the daylight assault by USAAF planes last Tuesday.

The RAF raid on Brunswick came only a few hours after major forces of American heavy and medium bombers, guarded by U.S. fighters, had struck a series of blows at targets along the invasion coast of northern France. RAF medium and fighter-bombers, as well as fighters, joined in the daylight assault on the targets, which may have been emplacements for Hitler's secret rocket guns. Reconnaissance photos showed "excellent bombing," USAAF headquarters reported.

150 Tons a Minute
As RAF crews yesterday told of the night battle of Brunswick, during part of which bombs were falling at the rate of 150 tons a minute onto the heart of the city, neutral sources revealed more devastation wrought by the winter air offensive on the central Reich.

Detailed pictures of damage in the German munitions centers of Hanover, Leipzig and Magdeburg came from Sweden and Switzerland, while the first travelers out of Brunswick told of great fires raging through the city and the obliteration of much of the aircraft manufacturing industry there.

Twelve thousand persons are reported killed by the RAF's assault on Brunswick, with 50,000 more homeless, according to Stockholm newspapers. Workers were being evacuated from the city, dispatches added.

Hanover was described in stories from Zurich, Switzerland, as a city without an undamaged street. The Continental Rubber Works there, major producers for the Wehrmacht, have been virtually wiped out, according to a refugee worker.

Leipzig Damage Detailed

The British Air Ministry augmented neutral news stories of what has happened to Leipzig, Germany's fifth largest industrial town which was flattened in a 1,650-ton raid by the RAF the night of Dec. 3. Reconnaissance photos showed that nearly 30 per cent of the built-up parts of the city were destroyed in the attack, with about 50 identified factories and 77 smaller works getting direct hits.

The Brunswick attack Friday night, which came only a little while after the dinner hour, cost the RAF—with other night operations—38 planes. The blanket battering covered targets pounded three days earlier in daylight by the USAAF, including the main assembly plant of the MIAG aircraft works, which produces components for Me 110s, and the Daimler Benz airplane engine plant.

The attack lasted only 23 minutes, an average of more than 90 tons of bombs a minute, the Air Ministry said.

Bomber crews described heavy engagements with Nazi fighters all along the track to the target but little fighter opposition over Brunswick itself, due probably to a faint at Berlin by Mosquito bombers which stung the capital and kept it in a state of alert almost all night. Berlin correspondents of Swedish newspapers reported the Luftwaffe was forced to use secret new rocket-carrying interceptors in defense of Berlin.

Of Friday's daylight blows against secret targets in northern France, USAAF (Continued on page 2)

U.S. State Department Reorganized by Hull

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP)—Far-reaching changes in the organization of the State Department were announced by Secretary of State Cordell Hull last night.

Hull said the changes were designed to facilitate the conduct of foreign relations of the United States in war and peace. Under the reorganization, the assistant secretaries of State and other principal officials will be released from purely administrative duties.

Two new committees are created—a post-war programs committee and a policy committee.

Hull will be the chairman of a new advisory council on post-war foreign policy which is to be set up.

A Tidal WAVE Washes Marriage Onto a Reef

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16—Prentiss Kirk testified in divorce court that his wife Genevieve Ellen stayed away from home at night, refused to explain where she had been, gave him a black eye when he protested and then joined the WAVES. He was granted a decree.

Reds Cut Down Enemy Groups West of Mozyr

Nazis Admit Soviet Blows On 14 Sectors; Big Battle Rages Near Vinnitsa

Swift Russian cavalry trapped and destroyed hundreds of Germans in the desolate swamps and forests of the Priepet marshes west of Mozyr yesterday as the enemy hurled massed tanks and infantry into a supreme counter-offensive on a 100-mile front east of Vinnitsa, suffering huge losses to hold the Odessa-Lwow railroad and the gateway to Rumania.

Russian attacks on no fewer than 14 separate sectors were admitted in German broadcasts—from a new Soviet breakthrough south and west of Leningrad in the northernmost sector of the front, to fresh blows against the Kerch bridgehead in the Crimea.

The enemy conceded that the Red Army's pressure in the central Priepet area showed no sign of slackening, and Moscow reported that Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's First Army, driving west and northwest from Sarny, had pushed its advance forces within ten miles of the province of Volhynia in Poland, the last province before the 1940 Russo-German boundary.

Bloody fighting was in progress in the no man's land west of Mozyr and Kalinkovichi, the gateway towns at the northeast corner of the Priepet marshes through which the Russians poured Friday.

Whole Nazi units, huddled in blankets and shawls to supplement their light clothes, were trapped and mopped up in the swamps and forests. Many were found frozen to death.

Despite losses of 10,000 killed in five days' fighting, the Nazis threw new tank reserves into the front from Vinnitsa to Uman, 90 miles to the southeast, in a desperate effort to keep open their Dnieper Bend corridor from Kanev on the Dnieper and Smyela to the Bug River.

Marshal Von Manstein appeared to be putting his full strength into a decisive battle, but in spite of his great strength the Russians said they were keeping their lines intact and the left flank of Gen. Vatutin's force was continuing its advance south from Belaya Tserkov to a junction with Gen. Koniev's second Ukrainian army moving westward from Kirovograd.

The German radio admitted last night that Koniev had gained ground northwest of that latter industrial and railway center by throwing in 11 rifle divisions and several tank formations.

Moscow said nothing about a new Russian offensive around Leningrad, but the German communique admitted a Soviet breakthrough south of the city. Berlin also admitted a penetration into Nazi lines north of Lake Ilmen and fresh Russian attacks from the town of Oranienbaum.

Jugoslavs Flying Libs

CAIRO, Jan. 16 (AP)—In the two months since they arrived in the Mediterranean war zone Yugoslav airmen, flying B24 Liberators presented by President Roosevelt, averaged two operational flights a day.

—Plus a Nickel for Coffee

Gloria, 'Starving' on \$135,000, Is Sent 2 GI Bucks for a Feed

FIVE Joes at an Eighth Fighter station, whose hearts bleed for heiress Gloria Vanderbilt di Cicco, have raised \$2.05 to help keep the wolf (financial) from her mansion door.

A money order, together with a letter, arrived in The Stars and Stripes office yesterday with a request from the five philanthropists that it be forwarded to Gloria. The soldiers' gift was the outcome of Gloria's financial troubles as related by her recently in New York's Surrogate Court.

The Stars and Stripes, always willing to lend its aid to a worthwhile, benevolent endeavor, will see to it she gets the two bucks—and the nickel. At that time, Gloria declared that she simply couldn't make things go on the \$135,000 she received in 1943 in addition to her husband's Army pay as a lieutenant, so the boys got together and pence by pence collected the British equivalent of two bucks and a nickel.

The five GI philanthropists, who read of Gloria's woes in The Stars and Stripes, are T/Sgt. Charles W. Haggerty Jr., of East Greenwich, R.I.; Sgt. Carmen Bordaryon, of Syracuse, N.Y.; Cpl. Glenmore O. Larkins Jr., of St. Louis, Mo.; Cpl. L. V. Adams Jr., of Schenectady, N.Y., and T/4 Henry L. Frankenburger, of Raton, N.M.

Eisenhower Arrives in England, Takes Over Invasion Command; Trip to Washington Is Revealed

Here for the Final Round at Hitler



Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower
In ETO to round out final plans for invasion.

General Visited FDR, Marshall; Confers With Churchill

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander of the triumphant Allied forces in North Africa and the Mediterranean, has assumed his duties in the greatest job yet entrusted to him—the attack on Hitler's western European fortress.

His arrival in England and his assumption of duties were disclosed in a two-paragraph announcement last night from Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force. This was the first disclosure of the official designation of the invasion command.

The brief official statement said that the 53-year-old General had broken his journey from the Mediterranean to the United Kingdom to confer with both Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt after the Cairo and Teheran conferences.

Simultaneously, it was announced in Washington that Gen. Eisenhower had journeyed back to the United States to confer with both the President and Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. Army chief of staff, before coming to England.

He apparently had conferred first with Churchill in North Africa.

Last Decisions Made

Although obviously no inkling of the details of the discussions could be disclosed, it was safe to assume that those final sessions determined all that could be decided before the fateful hour in which the armies of the Allies and the Axis come to grips across the Channel.

Arrival of the supreme Allied commander in England climaxed the shifting of numerous high-ranking officers who are to direct the Allied offensives against Germany from both the west and south. Among these were the arrivals here of Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz as commander of the American Strategic Air Forces and Gen. Bernard Montgomery to command British ground forces under Eisenhower.

Gen. Eisenhower said farewell to his Mediterranean troops Jan. 2 after his appointment as chief of all the United Nations troops intended to participate in the liberation of Europe from Great Britain.

Today he is faced with the task of shaping the vast army of men assembling here—thousands upon thousands of them from all states of the Union and from all branches of services some of them veterans and some who have never been under fire.

The disclosure that Gen. Eisenhower had arrived in England to complete plans for the invasion came simultaneously with news of still further victories by Russian troops on the eastern front and of steady progress being made by American and British troops on the Italian front.

The announcement that Gen. Eisenhower had been at the White House suggested that President Roosevelt has recently received personal and detailed reports from the foremost leaders of America's armed forces on the various world battlefronts.

Adm. William Halsey, commanding the South Pacific forces, saw the President early this week, while at the week-end Mr. Roosevelt talked with Lt. Gen. George Kenney, Allied air commander in the Southwest Pacific.

Invasion chiefs whose arrival in London already has been announced are:

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, deputy to Gen. Eisenhower; Gen. Montgomery, commander-in-chief of Britain's second front armies; Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory, Allied air commander-in-chief; Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz, commanding the United States strategic bomber force against Germany; Gen. Sir H. E. Franklin, commander-in-chief, Home Forces; Lt. Gen. van Strydonck de Burckel, commander-in-chief of the Belgian Army; Maj. Gen. H. J. Phaff, commanding Netherlands troops; Gen. Wilhelm Hansteen, commander of the Norwegian forces; Gen. Sergej Ingr, commander-in-chief of the Czechoslovak Army; Gen. Sosnkowski, commander of Polish forces in Britain.

Eaker Reported in Algiers

Brazzaville radio said yesterday that Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker had arrived at Algiers to take up his new post as Allied air chief in the Mediterranean.

Rommel at Hitler's HQ

Field Marshal Erwin Rommel has reported to Hitler's headquarters and is helping the Fuehrer to increase the number of SS Generals and get them promoted to key positions, according to a Tass report in Stockholm.

DeGaulle, Churchill Talk Over French Role in Second Front

ALGIERS, Jan. 16—French participation in the opening of the Second Front, aid to the French underground and recognition of the Committee of National Liberation's authority after the freeing of France were discussed Wednesday at a conference between Prime Minister Churchill and Gen. DeGaulle, it was disclosed here today by the Committee.

Although authoritative French sources said that no decisions had been reached, it was reported that the cordial conversations were extremely gratifying to the French.

The meeting took place at Marrakesh, a Moroccan winter resort, where DeGaulle had flown from Algiers at Churchill's invitation. Churchill was accompanied by Lord Beaverbrook and Duff Cooper, British envoy to the French Committee. DeGaulle was accompanied by his cabinet chief, Gaston Palewski, and his aide, Capt. Des Roziers.

Gen. DeGaulle was reported to have stressed the urgency of sending munitions to the French underground, now planning for the sabotage of German communications when the Allies launch the invasion.

In a recent speech, DeGaulle declared that in spite of "long and dolorous negotiations" the Allies had not sent enough aid to French patriots.

Thursday, in a speech made after reviewing the French army, Churchill cited the meeting as new proof of Allied unity "on the eve of the common supreme efforts for the same cause."

DeGaulle, expressing satisfaction at the appointment of Duff Cooper as ambassador to his committee, described Cooper as "a great example of British courage."

Asked by DeGaulle if he had done any painting of late, Churchill replied: "I'm overweak for that sort of thing now, but I've got plenty of strength left for the war."

RAF Pilots in Middle East Like the Liberator Best

CAIRO, Jan. 16 (AP)—RAF pilots in the Middle East flying American bombers are enthusiastic about the qualities of the Liberator, which, they claim, can deal out more misery to the enemy than any other aircraft.

Their most famous Liberator is "N for Nuts," which has flown on 89 ops, and has been 934 hours in the air, mostly through AA fire and over enemy targets.

Alabama Runoff Is Slated For Rep. Steagall's Post

DOTHAN, Ala., Jan. 16—Failure of Naval Lt. George W. Andrews, of Union Springs, to win a majority in the Democratic primary to nominate a successor to the late Rep. Henry B. Steagall has necessitated a runoff election for Feb. 8. Lt. Andrews will oppose J. Hubert Farmer, a Dothan attorney, who was runner-up in this week's primary.

Mountains in Italy Tough on a Tank, But a Cinch for a Mule



Pfc Morris Schimme, of Clayton, Mo., looks over the wreck of a German Panzer armored vehicle after it had been knocked out in the mountains near San Vittore on the Fifth Army front. Because of the tricky terrain, the Germans had to abandon the 75mm. self-propelled gun after it was hit by accurate U.S. fire.



Planet Photo
As long as there's not enough Jeeps for everyone, Yanks in Italy have decided the next best thing to carry them is a mule. Here, a group of U.S. infantrymen become "cavalarized"—World War I style—and head for the front on muleback passing through a mountain village.

Yanks Capture Cassino Barrier

Big U.S. Force Knocks Out Nazi Concrete Defenses; French Forge Ahead

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Jan. 16—American troops, opening a bold frontal assault early yesterday morning on the mountain barriers blocking the way to Cassino, knocked away German positions in a power thrust and captured Monte Trocchio about noon today, a special communique announced.

The U.S. troops attacked the area in great strength and had to overcome concrete gun emplacements and various strong points to reach Trocchio, the last large mountain before the main road to Cassino.

Algiers radio said today that French troops were continuing their advance in the direction of the heights dominating the Rapido valley in the center of the Fifth Army front. They have advanced about two-and-a-half miles to the northwest of Aquafondata. Other French units have consolidated their positions on Mount Pietro.

French By-Pass Village

In spite of heavy German counter-attacks, French troops have by-passed the village of Viticuso. It is not known whether it has actually been occupied.

The full weight of the Northwest African heavy and medium bomber forces also were hurled against the vital German system of rail communications between Rome and Florence during the past 24 hours.

Eight separate rail and road targets in central Italy were battered by waves of fighter-escorted heavy and medium bombers, as well as Civita Vecchia, the port of Rome, and Civita Nuova, on the Adriatic coast.

Marshalling yards, junctions and vital bridges were all plastered with bombs. All the attacks were made without interference from German fighters, although fairly heavy flak was thrown up against the raiders at some points.

Only three Allied planes were lost in all these widespread operations.

Officers' Mess to Close

The officers' mess at 44 Grosvenor Sq., London, will close Monday night for an indefinite period, it was announced yesterday.

AFN Radio Program

1402 kc On Your Dial 1420 kc
213.9m. 211.3m.

Monday, Jan. 17

- 1100—GI Jive.
- 1115—Personal Album—Ginny Simms.
- 1130—Half and Half.
- 1200—Village Store.
- 1230—BBC Northern Orchestra.
- 1255—Quiet Moment.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Artistry in Rhythm—Vincent Lopez.
- 1330—Crosby Music Hall—Return Engagement.
- 1400—Visiting Hour.
- 1430—Sign off until 1745 hours.
- 1745—Spotlight on Bob Strong—Program Resume.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
- 1905—Red Skelton—with Harriet Hilliard and Ozzie Nelson's Orchestra.
- 1930—Command Performance.
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2200—One Night Stand.
- 2030—Burns and Allen.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2110—Showtime.
- 2130—Front Line Theater.
- 2200—Gay Nineties.
- 2225—Final Edition.
- 2230—Sign off until 1100 hours Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Crew Bails Out, Fort Pilots Land on Automatic Control

AN EIGHTH Bomber Station, Jan. 16—With their rudder controls completely shot away, 2/Lt. George F. Bingham, of Senbornton, N.H., pilot, and 2/Lt. Francis W. Hoad, of Buffalo, N.Y., co-pilot, last week brought their Fortress home from Germany on automatic controls alone and landed it safely after ordering the crew to bail out over the field to prevent their being injured in the "possible" crash.

An exploding 20mm. shell severed the control cables to the tail section in one of numerous Nazi fighter attacks over Germany, after the Fortress had bombed the FW190 assembly plant at Oschersleben. With the rudder hanging useless, the ship threatened to go into a tailspin, but Bingham and Hoad held it under control.

After the crew had bailed out, the pilots began to maneuver for the landing. On the first approach, the battered bomber almost stalled. At 90 miles per hour the tail began to flutter, but quick manipulation of the automatic control knobs and racing of the engines prevented an almost certain crash, and Bingham and Hoad brought the ship around for another try at landing. The second attempt, too, was unsuccessful.

When the Fort came in for the third time, most of the runway had slipped by before the pilots got their plane down

low enough for the wheels to touch ground, and then Bingham literally "sat on the brakes" to prevent a crackup.

A MARAUDER BASE, Jan. 16—A "flying-trapeze" act by three of the crew brought a Marauder bomber down to the runway here after its hydraulic system had been smashed by flak over a target in northern France. The crew told this story:

Flak ripped apart the hydraulic system while the bomb run was being made. The doors could not be closed, but the Marauder flew home with 1/Lt. Clyde Burbaker, of Litchfield, Ill., and 2/Lt. Marvin F. Oates, of Okmulgee, Okla., at the controls. Over the base they found the landing gear would not drop.

S/Sgt. J. E. Lindquist, engineer-gunner from Geneva, Ill., stretched out from the bomb bay catwalk. 2/Lt. Richard V. Curtis, of Pittsburg, Tex., bombardier-navigator, held him by his chute harness. In turn, Sgt. Gene Linderude, of Louisville, Ohio, radio gunner, held Curtis.

The acrobatic combination worked on the damaged hydraulic system, while the inflammable fluid spurted all over them. The bomb bay doors closed and the main landing gear dropped after Lindquist replaced damaged hose with the auxiliary fuel-line hose, and a similar job in the nose wheel bay got them down to earth.

RAF Delivers Brunswick KO

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headquarters last night reported "excellent bombing results," with bomb bursts clustered across objectives. Fortresses, Liberators and Marauders carried heavy bombs to the mysterious installations, while Mustangs, Lightnings, Thunderbolts and Spitfires flew cover on the joint operations. Nine enemy aircraft were claimed as destroyed by heavy bomber gunners, 14 by escorting fighters. Two enemy planes were claimed by Marauder gunners, two by their escorts.

Friday's daylight losses were set at six bombers, three of them heavies, three fighter-bombers and seven fighters.

One U.S. fighter pilot—Capt. Don Gentile, of Tiqua, Ohio, became an ace by destroying two FW190s, bringing his total to five.

Bomber crews reported varying opposition; some groups of both heavies and mediums encountered no flak and made more than one run over the target when necessary, while others described heavy flak and fighter interception.

German retaliation for the Allied assault comprised scattered sorties over southeast England Saturday night. London experienced an alert. One raider was destroyed.

Another Disease Conquered

CHICAGO, Jan. 16 (AP)—The Journal of the American Medical Association announced that use of penicillin and heparin in combination had effected a cure in inflammation of the membranes lining the heart, a disease which hitherto almost invariably proved fatal. Penicillin alone proved unavailing.

\$75,000 Hotel Fire

EASTON, Md., Jan. 16—More than 50 guests were driven out in the street by a fire in the Avon Hotel, which caused damage of about \$75,000. The three top floors of the 75-room hotel, in the heart of Easton's business district, were destroyed.

Romig to Head Bomber Group

A FORTRESS BASE, Jan. 16—Eugene A. Romig, 25-year-old lieutenant colonel from Byesville, Ohio, has been named commanding officer of this veteran bomber group, succeeding Col. William A. Hatcher Jr., of Detroit, who is missing in action.

A West Pointer, Col. Romig was a squadron commander in the early days of First Wing and won a Silver Star and a DFC and Cluster while leading his unit. Later, he was successively group operations officer, deputy group commander and air executive officer of a combat wing. Today he is the youngest heavy-bombardment group leader in the ETO.

Col. Romig, who once led his squadron through 15 successive missions without loss, won his first DFC in the famed B17 Eight Ball, helping Capt. William R. Cahoun Jr., of Birmingham, Ala., pilot, land the battle-battered ship after the crew had been ordered to bail out.

200 Are Killed by 'Quake In Argentinian Province

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 16 (AP)—Medical equipment and supplies are being rushed by air, rail and road from all parts of South America to the Andean province of San Juan in Argentina for thousands injured and made homeless in yesterday's violent earthquake.

Preliminary estimates placed the number killed at 200. A San Juan official said that more than half the city's buildings had collapsed. The shock was felt in many towns in Argentina and Chile.

Cigars Go Up in Smoke

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 16—Fifty tons of tobacco and 800,000 cigars were destroyed by a fire which razed the Scranton plant of the Parodi Cigar Co. of New York. Damage was estimated at \$50,000. The cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

Aussies Reach Outskirts of Sio

Vets Gain 7 Miles in Week In Difficult Terrain On New Guinea

ALLIED HQ, New Guinea, Jan. 16 (UP)—Veteran Australian jungle fighters tonight were locked in bitter hand-to-hand battles on the outskirts of Sio, the Japanese stronghold on the northeastern coast of New Guinea, and despite the bitter resistance the fall of the base was expected hourly.

Moving seven miles along the Huon peninsula in less than a week the Aussies have smashed clean through the enemy's outer defense lines at Sio two days after the intensive artillery bombardment of the base began.

Tonight, the Allies were steadily smashing through the last Japanese pockets of resistance flung round Sio, and despite their determination to hold the village the enemy forces were being compelled to give way under the fury of the Allied assault.

Yanks Gain in New Britain

At Saidor the U.S. forces were gradually widening their perimeter in readiness for the all-out assault on Madang, the primary objective of all the Allied columns pushing forward in northeastern New Guinea.

On New Britain bitter battles for Hill 660, south of Cape Gloucester, in northwestern New Britain, were raging tonight as U.S. Marines struggled to regain this rocky peak—one of a chain of enemy-held heights jutting out of the dense jungle.

More than 3,000 Japanese troops already have been killed in abortive counter-attacks over the Borgen Bay area, but the enemy resistance is still tough. Once the Allies are clear of the present jungle hill line they will be able to continue their advance over easier terrain.

North of the Arawe peninsula, on the southern coast of the island, the U.S. drive northwards apparently has been slowed down by the Japanese resistance.

Officer Is Indicted in Plot Aiding Men Escape Draft

NEW YORK, Jan. 16—Gert Hans Gontard, 37, German-born grandson of the late Adolphus Busch, of the St. Louis brewers, was indicted with four other persons on charges of conspiring to keep Gontard out of the military service by falsely representing he was physically unfit and that he was essential to the war effort as an important official of a uniform company.

Lt. Francis X. Grattano, U.S. Army, formerly a New York police detective; John Edward Wilson, former draft board official; Dr. Arnold Hutschnecker, German refugee physician, and Michael Mangano, secretary of the uniform company, were indicted with Gontard.

New Money Records

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16—Retail buying, war expenditures and money in circulation set new records in November, according to the fourth of a series of monthly economic stabilization reports issued by the Office of War Information.

Hot Foot Causes a Death

DETROIT, Jan. 16—A prankster's hot foot at the Kercheval plant of the Continental Motors Corp. cost the life of Louis Marino, 25, a workman. The match ignited Marino's oil-soaked shoe and set his clothes afire.

P51B News Recalls 1st Mustang Raid in '42

The release of news that P51B Mustangs are escorting American heavy bombers deep into Germany recalled that Mustangs, then flown by RAF pilots, were the first single-engine Allied aircraft to operate over Germany.

The first Mustang mission was on Oct. 21, 1942, against a target near the Dortmund-Ems Canal. The P51s then operated under the Army Cooperation Command of the RAF.

Paris Is Hotbed Of Wild Reports

One Rumor Claims Yanks Have Magnet to Pick Up Guns Off Battlefield

By the Associated Press
Paris is a city of nerves and a whispering gallery of rumors, as the time for the invasion of the Continent draws near.

According to the German radio rumors sweeping through the city, "one report is that Americans have invented a secret plane with a tremendously strong magnet on the undercarriage. At 500 yards this plane," the rumor says, "clears every battlefield of its iron. Rifles, automatic pistols and grenades go up in the air, tin hats go off the heads of the soldiers or they are strangled by them. When the planes are saturated, they leave and drop their load of iron in England. Then they come back for the next load."

The radio, deriding this rumor, says that Paris is living on the "invasion whisper." The average Frenchman always has thought that everything centers around him. When the miracle of the Second Front doesn't take place, an ersatz is needed—the rumor. Clairvoyants and fortune tellers are having the time of their lives, and persons who are quite normal as a rule lose all sense of reality.

First U.S. Victory Ship Is Launched in Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16 (AP)—The nation's first Victory Ship, one of the merchant vessels expected to form the backbone of America's post-war merchant fleet, has been launched here.

The Victory Ship carries the same cargo as the Liberty Ship, but has a speed of 15 knots compared with the Liberty Ship's 11 knots. Its speed will permit it to sail without convoy protection.

Bonus for Rail Workers

JERSEY CITY, N.J., Jan. 16—A bonus of \$5 was offered to every employee of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, who recommends a new worker who stays on the job for at least 30 days. The railroad is now short more than 1,000 employees in the metropolitan area alone.

Martha Raye Asks Divorce

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 16—Martha Raye has filed a suit for divorce against her husband, Capt. Neal Lang, who, the actress believes, is now somewhere in England. In the suit, filed in Juarez, Mex., Miss Raye declared that she and her husband were incompatible.

Sweden Hears Of Super Secret Hitler Weapon

Stockholm Says Germans May Test 'Liquid Air' Rocket in Russia

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 16 (AP)—The Germans may put a new "liquid air" rocket bomb into practical test on the eastern front...

The secret rocket bomb weapon, which is the basis of so much German home front propaganda, now is ready for practical tests, according to neutral military circles.

Stockholm's Tidningen said experts had received information after the weapon's preliminary tests that the bomb was propelled at fantastic altitudes by rocket power and then glided to the target...

Can Travel 67 Miles

The bomb filled with "liquid air" can travel a total distance of 67 miles and is released from a transport plane flying at an altitude of 5,000 meters (approx. 15,000 feet), Stockholm's Tidningen said.

The newspaper added that neutral military circles reported—although other experts are skeptical that the rocket rises to an altitude of 3 1/2 to 40 miles before it starts to glide towards its target.

Stockholm's Tidningen said that neutral sources gave this additional information.

Preliminary tests of the bomb have been made in the Austrian province of Vorarlberg, east of Boden lake, and one eye-witness said the effect of the explosion "was as if bushes, trees and everything had been smashed to atoms by blast."

Strange Looking Blue Flame

"A strange looking orange blue flame hangs in the air for minutes after the explosion," the eye-witness added.

The rocket bomb is composed of three chambers—one loaded with "liquid air," the second with explosive fluid which drives the rocket, and the third with a quicksilver detonation fuse which is set off by a radio-active salt solution.

Neutral sources said it was learned that the rocket bomb will be given practical war front tests against the Russians before being used again by the British.

This is the first time that such a rocket bomb has been reported. The Germans previously said they had ready for use against the British another type of rocket shell which is fired from a cannon and which is believed to have been the target of recent Allied bombardments along the French coast.

Hope to Get Subs Going Again

The Germans also expressed a new hope that they could get their submarine offensive operating again before the Allied invasion started.

The Nazi-controlled Scandinavian telegraph bureau quoted a German naval expert as saying that a German scientist was "working feverishly" on Zaapib-beapen to counter Allied radio location devices.

Hitler recently admitted that one weapon—presumably radio location—had crippled submarine warfare. A naval expert reported that German scientists hope to develop a counter device soon "so that we can launch new submarine attacks against Atlantic shipping."

New WAC-EM Musical Set for Premiere Tuesday

"Three Joes in a Jam," a WAC-EM musical comedy featuring a WAC chorus and seven songs written by soldiers, will give its opening performance Tuesday night at a military installation and appear at Rainbow Corner Thursday night.

The show, with Sgt. Larry Roemer and Pvt. David C. Lowe, both of New York City, and Pfc Murray Sitzer, of Schenectady, N.Y., in the leads, will have Pvt. Edna Pennino, of Brooklyn, and Cpl. Richard Kiem, of Newark, Ohio, as a dance team, and Sgt. Frank Monarch, of Schenectady, as a specialty dancer.

Lady Astor Is Bucking For a 2nd Stripe Now

AN INFANTRY DIVISION, Jan. 16—Virginia-born Lady Nancy Astor, lady mayoress of Plymouth and long a Member of Parliament, had another honor bestowed on her this weekend when the commanding general of this division named her an honorary pfc.

Lady Astor was informed by special courier, who also brought her a pair of flamboyant stripes. In response, the tiny parliamentarian stated that she was proud to be a pfc in the U.S. Army—"particularly the Southern portion of it," she added.

"Will you ask the general please to send the coupons for my uniform?" she asked. "I do want to dress properly. I think I hold myself well for a private, but naturally I will do better when I am a corporal."

Fast-Working GIs Save B17 Ablaze After Crash-Landing



Quick action of U.S. soldier firemen at an Eighth fighter base saved the B17 Meat Hound after the pilot, Lt. Jack Watson, crash-landed the burning ship at their field. Watson brought the Fort back to England on two engines with a train of smoke and fire streaming behind him after his crew had bailed out

Troops the Real Envoys—Winant Ambassador Tells the U.S. Future Rests on Ties Yanks Make Here

U.S. servicemen and women stationed in Britain "are your true ambassadors to England," U.S. Ambassador John G. Winant told the people back home in a broadcast last night from London to the United States.

"It is on the relationship they are building," he said, referring to all members of American forces in Britain, "that the future of the world must largely rest."

An editorial tribute—which appeared in a London newspaper—to American fliers who died in the Schweinfurt raid was read by the Ambassador. The editorial, he told the people at home, "will give you some understanding of the respect and friendship of the British people for our fighting men."

British Hospital Is Given Yanks

Hampshire, Jan. 16—The first British Army hospital established in the United Kingdom was turned over for use by U.S. Army forces at a formal ceremony here yesterday, when Brig. Gen. Paul Hawley, ETO chief surgeon, received the hospital from Lt. Gen. Sir Alexander Hood, director general of the British Army Medical Service.

Founded in the reign of Queen Victoria, the British Army hospital was the first to have a feminine nursing staff, which was originally headed by Florence Nightingale.

Fighter Ace Schilling, 25, Given Command of Group

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION, Jan. 16—Twenty-five-year-old Lt. Col. David G. Schilling, of Traverse City, Mich., a fighter ace who has been decorated nine times to date, has been placed in command of one of the Eighth Air Force's oldest P47 groups, succeeding Col. Robert Landry, of New Orleans.

Col. Schilling, a veteran of over 140 hours of combat over Germany and occupied Europe, has nine Nazi fighter planes to his credit. His group, originally commanded by Col. Hubert Zemke, of Missoula, Mont., has been credited with shooting down 163 German fighters since last April.

Nineteen additional claims made in the last few days have not yet been assessed by higher headquarters. The youthful commander has been decorated with the DSC, the Silver Star, the DFC with two clusters and the Air Medal with three clusters.

'Originals' Club Will Hold Organizational Meeting

Organization meeting of "The Originals," a club for transferees to the U.S. Army from other Allied forces, will be held at the American Red Cross Mostyn Club, London, at 7:15 PM, Jan. 21.

Membership will be open to any transferee to U.S. forces who was in service against Hitler before Pearl Harbor. American citizens now serving in Allied forces may be associate members.

California Earthquake

BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 16—The University of California announced that an earthquake had been registered on its seismograph for the area about 230 miles north of Berkeley. Prof. Perry Byerly, the university seismologist, said the shock lasted for 20 minutes and was of moderate intensity.

La Guardia Cables Hero Forgiveness For 'Buzzing' Game

AN EIGHTH BOMBER STATION, Jan. 16—New York's Mayor, Fiorello La Guardia, has forgiven Lt. Jack Watson, of Indianapolis, for "buzzing" the Yankee Stadium while the World Series were in progress last Fall.

A wire came from the 21-year-old Fortress pilot soon after La Guardia heard of his performance last Tuesday when he brought back his B17, Meat Hound, on two engines, alone in the bomber, after instructing his crew to bail out. The wire read:

"Swell News. All forgiven for buzzing stadium. Congratulations and happy landings. Fiorello La Guardia."

The raid on Germany Tuesday was Watson's sixth. His No. 3 engine stopped just as the ship reached the target and soon after the No. 2 engine was set on fire by a direct hit from an FW190's 20mm. shell. The fire in the No. 2 engine nacelle later became so fierce that Watson was afraid the heat would reach the gas tanks and explode, so he told his crew to bail out.

Crewmen of returning bombers in the formation reported that six of the crew landed safely and the other three parachutes opened and were near the ground when they last saw them.

Alone in the bomber, Watson crash-landed his plane at an Eighth Fighter field near the English coast. Crews of GI firemen put out the fires before they reached the gas tanks.

The other three men in the "buzzing" incident are also in this theater. They are Lt. Jack Sheets, Tacoma, Wash.; Elmer Yong, Roachdale, Ind.; and Joseph C. Wheeler, Fresno, Cal.

Deal by Clark in Africa Almost Upset by an Arab

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (AP)—A lone Arab who detected the North African landing of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark and his party Oct. 20, 1942, when they arrived by submarine for a secret conference with French leaders, almost upset the Allied invasion, it was revealed by author Andre Maurois, now a captain in the French Army.

While the Allied landing strategy was being planned in a farmhouse, the Arab rushed to the police, believing the rendezvous was a black-market operation. However, a French coastguard officer, who learned of the Arab's act, put all police vehicles out of order, delaying the police until the French had left the meeting and Gen. Clark's party had concealed themselves in the farmhouse cellar.

17 Camp Shows Out This Week More Entertainers Reach ETO; Schedules for Next 7 Days Listed

American screen, stage and radio entertainers are pouring into the ETO to tour the USO-Camp Shows circuit here. Seven more troupers have just checked in—they're rehearsing this week—and with another new show, "Sunny Side Up," making its debut, the number of units out climbs to a record 17. The previous high was 14. The "GI Gang" is the only outfit taking a furlough this week.

The arrivals are: Bobbe Arnst, New York, singer and dancer; Bob Evans, Chicago, ventriloquist; Charlotte Armstrong, Chicago, acrobatic dancer; Jack Grand, New York, pianist; Ronnie Reed, Lawrence, Mass., rhythm singer; Roger Warren, New York, pianist, and Maxine Turner, San Leandro, Cal., acrobatic and ballet dancer.

Cast of "Sunny Side Up," scheduled to play in the London area, is: Dr. Jester and Lady Ethel, mind readers and magic; Fin Olsen, comedian and singer; Dorraine and Ellis, dancers; Peggy Austini, magician, and Janice Thompson, dancer.

The other shows, with their locations for the week, are: Devon—"Band Wagon," Willie Shore, MC and comedian; Josephine Del Mar, singer and dancer; N. Ireland—"Fun Marches On," Don Rice, MC and comedian; Dorothy Deering, dancer. Gloucestershire—"Booms A Daisy," Evans family, dance team; Phyllis Colt, comedy singer. Hampshire—"Keep 'Em Rolling," Joe and Jane McKenna, comedy team; Victor and Ruth, roller-skaters. Wales—"Yanksapoppin' 13 soldier-troupers. "On The Beam," Freddie Lightner, MC and comedian; Chris-Pin Martin, movie actor. Bedford and Nottingham areas—"At Ease," Hank Ladd, MC and comedian; Brucetta, acrobatic dancer. Manchester area—"On With The Show," George Froems, MC and comedian; Kathleen Quinn, singer. Berkshire—"Rudy Starita and His Starlets," Rudy Starita, vibraphonist; Al Goodhart, pianist and composer. Staffordshire—"Swingtime," Grace Drysdale, puppet entertainer; Freddy Morgan, MC and banjoist. Bedford area—"USA Calling," Frankie Conville, MC and comedian; Del Ohrei, dancer. London area—"Flying High," Al Bernie, MC and comedian; Beth Farrell, dancer. Wiltshire—"Full Speed Ahead," Carl Nixon and Carmen Sands, comedy team; Duke McHale, dancer. Somerset—"Bubbling Over," Sid Marion and Cliff Hall, comedians; Frances McCoy, singer. Suffolk and Norfolk areas—"Words and Music," Johnny Woods, MC and comedian; Dorothy Wenzel, singer and dancer. Nottingham area—"Loop The Loop," Lee Simmons, MC and impersonator; Dolores Anderson, singer.

William K. Vanderbilt Dies

NE WYORK, Jan. 16 (UP)—William K. Vanderbilt, grandson of the railroad magnate, died here of heart trouble.



'This Is How It Is, General—' At the first U.S. Army art exhibit in the British Isles in the Cheltenham Art Gallery, T/3 Stephen Pace, of Evansville, Ind., gives some pointers on paintings to Brig. Gen. W. G. Weaver, SOS deputy commander. Twenty soldiers contributed 123 of their original oil paintings, water colors and pen-and-ink sketches, which show a cross-section of British scenes and people. The exhibit will continue through Feb. 7.

Out-of-London RC Clubs List More Dances

Extra Movies Also Booked For Servicemen; Week's Programs Scheduled

Increased activities for men on furlough and pass are being offered by American Red Cross Service clubs outside the London area.

Most of the clubs in recent weeks have added at least one dance to their weekly programs and have booked extra movies. Symphonic recordings also have become a new feature at several organizations.

Programs for the London clubs appear in the Thursday paper for the benefit of men visiting the city over the weekend. Those of the other clubs follow:

- Monday—Bingo, 10 PM. Tuesday—Movies, 10 PM. Wednesday—Swimming, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Dancing, 7:30 PM. Friday—Landedown hop night, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Tea dance, 3 PM; open house, 7 PM. Bath Monday—Bingo, 10 PM. Tuesday—Movies, 10 PM. Wednesday—Swimming, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Dancing, 7:30 PM. Friday—Landedown hop night, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Tea dance, 3 PM; open house, 7 PM. Birmingham Monday—Symphonic recordings, 4 PM. Tuesday—Vicki plays, 6 PM. Wednesday—Midweek hop, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Popular recordings, 4 PM. Friday—Ping-pong, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Tea dance, 2:45 PM; open house, 5:30 PM. Oxford Monday—Discussion group, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dancing classes, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8:30 PM. Thursday—Hospital party, 5 PM; movies, 9:30 PM. Friday—Dancing lesson, 8 PM; Movies, 9:30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8:30 PM. Sunday—Recorded concert, 3 PM; dance, 8:30 PM. Daily—Tour of Oxford, 2:15 PM. Salisbury Monday—Basketball, 7:30 PM; Anglo-American discussion club, 7:30 PM; piano-accordion section, 8:30 PM. Tuesday—Basketball, 4 PM; movies, 7 PM; dancing class, 8:30 PM; card party, 8:30 PM. Wednesday—Basketball, 4 PM; dance, 7:30 PM; symphonic hour, 6 PM. Thursday—Musical tea, 7:30 PM; basketball practice, 4 PM; dancing class, 7:30 PM; basketball games, 7:30 PM; piano-accordion section, 8:30 PM. Friday—Basketball practice, 4 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Tea, 5:30 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Tour of cathedral, 1:30 PM; symphonic hour, 3 PM; tea-dance, 4 PM; movies, 7 PM; basketball game, 9 PM. Bury St. Edmunds Monday—Basketball, 5 PM; checker tournament, 7:30 PM. Tuesday—Basketball, 5 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—Dancing lessons, 5 PM; dance, 8 PM. Thursday—Basketball, 5 PM; movies, 8 PM. Friday—Basketball, 5 PM; Hazel Doring at piano, 8 PM. Saturday—Popular recordings, 1:30 PM; tour, 2 PM; entertainment, 8 PM. Sunday—Recordings, 11 AM; tour, 2 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Chester Monday—Group singing, 10 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—Classical recordings, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Joan at piano, 8 PM. Sunday—Dance, 8 PM. Southampton Monday—Movies, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM; ping pong, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM. Thursday—Dancing class, 7:30 PM; bingo, 9 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Tour to Winchester, 1:15 PM; open house, 2 PM; police band, 2 PM; movies, 8 PM. Reading Monday—Square dance, 7:30 PM. Tuesday—Ivy and her accordion, 8 PM. Thursday—Dancing class, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Dance, 7 PM. Cheltenham Monday—Camera club, 7:30 PM; photography class, 8 PM. Tuesday—American-British club, 7:15 PM; movies, 7 and 9 PM; New Jersey club, 8 PM. Wednesday—Advanced French, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Movies, 7 and 9 PM; woodcraft, 7 PM. French class, 7 PM. Friday—Musical circle, 7:45 PM. Saturday—Song fest, 10 PM. Sunday—Concert hour, 2:30 PM; dance, 3 and 7:30 PM. Shrewsbury Monday—Ping-pong, 8 PM. Tuesday—Basketball and badminton, 8 PM; dancing lessons, 8 PM. Wednesday—Movies, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Basketball and badminton, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Supper and dance, 6 PM. Bristol Monday—Movies, 9 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Thursday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Movies, 2 PM; coffee hour, 4 PM; dance, 8 PM. L Monday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Tuesday—Movies, 2 PM; pianist, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Volleyball match, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Open house, 3 PM; dance, 5 PM. Okehampton Monday—German class, 7 PM; dancing class, 8 PM. Tuesday—Music hour, 8 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—German class, 7 PM. Sunday—Movies, 3 PM; dance, 4 PM; birthday party, 9:30 PM. Bedford Monday—Cabaret rehearsal, 7 PM. Tuesday—Concert by BBC artists, 8 PM; dancing class, 9 PM. Wednesday—USO Show, "At Ease," 7:30 PM. Thursday—Gym night, 7:30 PM. Friday—Cabaret, 8 PM. Saturday—Movies, 7:30 PM; dance recording, 9:30 PM. Sunday—Symphony broadcast, 2 PM; dance, 8 PM. Hanley Tuesday—Dancing class, 7 PM; square dancing, 8 PM. Wednesday—Tour of Wedgwood Pottery, 10 AM; dance, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Anglo-American party, 8 PM. Friday—Movies, 7 PM. Saturday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Dance, 2 PM. Winchester Monday—Visit to Westgate museum, 3 PM; chess tournament, 7 PM. Tuesday—Tour of Wolvesey Castle, 3 PM; bingo, 8 PM. Wednesday—Beginners' dancing class, 8 PM; advanced dancing class, 9 PM. Thursday—Jam session, 4 PM. Friday—French class, 5 PM; French dinner, 6 PM; table tennis tournament, 8 PM. Saturday—Tour of Winchester Castle, 3 PM; dancing, 8 PM. Sunday—Trip to Bournemouth Hall, 3 PM; classical recordings, 4 PM. Newbury Monday—USO show, "Rudy Starita and Starlets," 7:30 PM; movies, 8 PM. Tuesday—Basketball, 7 PM; dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Boxing, 7 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Bridal and pinocle, 8 PM. Saturday—Movies, 8 PM. Sunday—Dance, 3 PM; movies, 8 PM. Norwich Monday—Gym sessions, 2 PM; theater party, 8:30 PM. Tuesday—Classical recordings, 8 PM; basketball, 8 PM. Wednesday—Tour of Cathedral, 2 PM; Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Arkansas state night, 7:30 PM. Thursday—All day fishing and picnicing, 10:20 AM; dancing class, 8 PM; French class, 8 PM. Friday—Gym sessions, 2 PM; tour of Norwich, 2 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Games night, 8 PM. Sunday—All day fishing and picnicing, 11 AM; debates, WACs vs. EMs, 3:30 PM; cards, 8 PM.

Steve Hamas Wants Shot at Schmeling

Former Contender For Title Now A Captain

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A SERVICE COMMAND STATION, Jan. 16—Steve Hamas, former leading contender for the world heavyweight title, is in the ETO for a return fight with the man he once defeated—Max Schmeling.

Hamas, commissioned a captain on Aug. 8, 1943, is athletic director here, having arrived in the ETO Dec. 16.

Although born in Passaic, N.J., in 1906, Capt. Hamas calls New York his home. He is not only a boxer, but an all-round athlete, lettering in football, basketball, track, lacrosse and boxing at Penn State, where he received an AB degree. He garnered five varsity letters in one year and received 12 in three years of varsity competition as well as being an honorable mention All-American footballer. Not satisfied with this, he also played semi-pro baseball on a New Jersey team after leaving college.

"Believe it or not," he said, "I didn't like boxing and never intended to take it up, but was drafted into it in college as a light heavy, later fighting as a heavy-weight as there was a shortage of them at Penn State."

After his informal ring start, he went on to cop the National Intercollegiate title in '27 and '29.

It was in 1931 after being graduated



U.S. Army Signal Corps photo Steve Hamas

from college that he turned pro and, managed by Charley Harvey, gained a record of 35 knockouts in 45 contests. He was defeated by only three men—Tommy Loughran, Schmeling and Lee Rammage, all of whom he defeated in other fights.

After working his way to the top, he became the number one contender to fight Max Baer for the title by defeating Schmeling in a 12-rounder in Philadelphia

Got 12 Varsity Letters While at Penn State

in 1934, taking 11 of 12 rounds. Although his victory over Schmeling gave him the right to meet Baer for the title, the fight never came off and Braddock went on to take the title from Baer.

He avenged his loss to Loughran with a second-round knockout at Madison Square Garden, and later met Schmeling in Hamburg in 1935, losing by a ninth-round TKO.

After leaving the ring, he coached at the E. Rutherford, N.J. high school and was athletic director for the late Father Francis Duffey, of "Fighting 69th" fame, at a New York camp.

Immediately upon his arrival at this station, Capt. Hamas obtained full cooperation and personal backing of the station commander, Lt. Col. Howard Moody, of Quincy, Cal., to set up a gymnasium and to organize various teams and athletics. Over 20 candidates turned out for the boxing squad and all ranks from Col. Moody to privates are undergoing physical training.

"I've only been here a short time," Hamas says, "but later on I will have a good boxing team, once I have gotten the boys in good shape. I don't believe in letting the men fight until they are ready, but I intend to have a team that will take on all comers."

When asked about Schmeling, Capt. Hamas remarked, "I'd like a return bout."

Ruffin, Larkin Go to a Draw

Crowd Boos Decision With Ringsiders Favoring Tippy for Nod

NEW YORK, Jan. 16—Bobby Ruffin and Tippy Larkin fought ten fast rounds to a draw here Friday night, but the decision didn't satisfy the 15,323 Madison Square Garden customers. The fans thought Tippy won as did most of the ringside experts. Referee Young Otto called five rounds for each fighter while Judge Bill Healey voted for Larkin, six rounds to four, and Judge Joe Agnello favored Ruffin by the same margin.

The huge crowd hooted the decision for more than five minutes and gave Larkin thunderous applause when he left the ring. Ruffin, who enters the Army Jan. 26 and is a home town boy, was razzed unmercifully as he departed for the dressing room.

No knockdowns were scored as the boys skipped through the ten rounds. Ruffin forced the fighting, but Larkin landed the more effective punches. Larkin's eye was badly battered in the sixth round and it bled some in the ninth.

Though a 6-5 favorite, Larkin was considered the underdog by the fans who saw him kayoed three times in the Garden ring by Lew Jenkins, Al Davis and Beau Jack. He weighed 138½, Ruffin 136½.

LaMotta Outpunches Fritzie Zivic

DETROIT, Jan. 16—Jake LaMotta, of New York, punched out a ten-round decision over former welterweight champion Fritzie Zivic, of Pittsburgh, here Friday night. It was the rugged New Yorker's third victory over Zivic in four bouts. The Pennsylvania reports for induction this week and Friday's scrap may be his last for the duration.

The decision, greeted with mingled hoots and cheers by the 11,000 fans, was unanimous. The action was terrific throughout most of the bout, which had the customers standing and cheering.

Temple Owls Fall Before St. John's Drive, 36-32

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 16—St. John's College of Brooklyn scored a 36-32 basketball victory over Temple University before 11,000 fans at Convention Hall here last night.

The Brooklynites took an early lead, which the Owls shaved to 21-20 at half-time. Hy Gotkin racked up the Brooklynites' goal in the final seconds to clinch the game. Al Ingerman, of Temple, was high man with 12 points, while Gotkin led the winners with nine.

Terry and the Pirates



Byron Nelson's 137 Paces Field In San Francisco Open Play

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16—Byron Nelson, Toledo, Ohio, professional, shot a 69 yesterday and had a 36-hole total of 137, to maintain his lead in the \$10,000 San Francisco Open Golf Tournament by three strokes.

Nelson shot confidently over the 6,600-yard Harding Municipal Course, almost watching his opening day score of 68.

Harold "Jug" McSpaden, who won the Los Angeles Open last week, carded his second consecutive 70 for a total of 140.

Harry Cooper, of Minneapolis, made a 72 yesterday for a total of 141, tying for third place with Sammy Byrd, of Detroit, and Lloyd Mangrum, of Monterey, Cal. George Fazio, of Pine Valley, N.J., and Art Bell, of San Francisco, are tied at 142.

Ellsworth Vines, former tennis king, shot yesterday's best round with 68, which, coupled with his 75 Friday, gave him a total of 143. Olin Dutra, of Los Angeles, has 144. Tied at 146 are Joe Kirkwood, of Philadelphia, Mal Fry, of Oakland, Cal., and Willie Goggin, of White Plains, N.Y.

Ted Longworth, of Portland, Ore., Elmer Clites, of Stockton, Cal., and George Studinger, of San Francisco, are tied at 148. Clites and Studinger are amateurs.

LaGuardia Confab May Send Flatbush On Warpath Again

NEW YORK, Jan. 16—A new feud between the Giants and Dodgers seems to be brewing over next week's conference with Mayor LaGuardia and Army officials over night games. The Giants want a limit of seven night games and the Dodgers want 14.

The time for drawing up the 1944 baseball schedule approaches and the first step will be the settlement of the night game issue. LaGuardia went on record as favoring night games, but club owners want personal assurance.

The Yankees, never having installed lights, are not involved.

Tough Marquette Beaten By Great Lakes, 45-36

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 16—Great Lakes' five overcame a stubborn Marquette team 45-36 last night for its 14th victory in 16 games.

Held to 21-19 lead at the half, the sailors were bewildered by Marquette plays and the latter took a 26-23 lead in the second period. Great Lakes recovered, however, and got rolling behind the scoring of Herman Schaefer and Chuck Joachim with 15 and 13 points respectively.

Hockey Results

Cleveland 7, Indianapolis 4
Hershey 4, Buffalo 1
Pittsburgh 6, Providence 2

Bobby Feller Still Mowing 'Em Down

ROCHESTER, Ind., Jan. 16—Fireball Bobby Feller is still breezing them past the batters even though he is on active duty with the Navy.

A letter from the New Hebrides Islands received here yesterday revealed that Feller pitched and managed his team to a 9-0 victory at a Naval base on Christmas Day. The former Cleveland Indian mound ace also batted in the cleanup spot for the sailors.

Crosby Deal Out for Good

Scribe Predicts Pro Grid Owners Will Keep Him In Cold After War

NEW YORK, Jan. 16—Bing Crosby, despite his wealth and fine reputation, never will own a major league baseball club nor a franchise in the National Football League, according to Lawton Carver, sports editor of International News Service.

Carver says that despite Crosby's undoubted integrity, he will not get the desired franchise for Los Angeles in the National Football League. He was turned down a few years ago by baseball people because of his horse racing interests when he attempted to buy into the Boston Braves.

This week the National Football League refused Crosby's application for a Los Angeles franchise, giving war-time transportation problems as the reason—and Carver says he will be refused forever.

There are gamblers in professional football. Tim Mara made his original pile as a bookmaker, but he already owns the New York Giant franchise. After the scare raised over the Washington Redskins and gamblers several weeks ago, Carver says that professional football will have no further dealings with racehorse people or people in any way connected with gambling. Football henceforth will stay as far away from gamblers as baseball does.

Carolina Tarheels Sink Navy Courtmen, 45-38

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 16—North Carolina Pre-Flighters were too strong for the Navy and, sparked by John Palmer, eight-letter man and former Princeton and Ivy League high scorer who dunked 24 points, defeated the Midshipmen, 45-38, here last night. Ken Longnecker sparked the Middies with 12 points, three field goals in each half.

The strong flier starting five was composed of Stanley Sakug, former Dartmouth ace and Indian captain-elect, and Bob Myers at forwards; Palmer at center, and Don Elser, formerly of Notre Dame and National Professional Basketball League, and Tippy Dye, of Ohio State, guards.

Bill Hulse First In Mile Event

NEW YORK, Jan. 16—Bill Hulse inaugurated the 1944 indoor track season with a victory over three opponents with 30-55 yard handicaps in the featured mile event at the Seventh Regiment Armory, covering the distance in 4:23.4.

Hulse, not extending himself, overtook the field at four laps and remained in front the final six laps, finishing comfortably ahead of New York Athletic Club team mate Al Daily, who had the 55-yard spot. Daily, who set the early pace, finished one yard ahead of the sensational New York University Negro, Freeman Rudy Simms, who had a 30-yard start on Hulse. Pvt. George DeGeorge, with a 35-yard handicap, was fourth.

Former Champs Honor Another



Capt. James Braddock of the Army and Lt. Cmdr. Jack Dempsey of the Coast Guard chat with Sgt. Barney Ross of the Marines (left) at a dinner given by friends in Ross' honor.

By Milton Caniff



NEW YORK, Jan. 16—The day that word came back from the South Pacific that the Marines had voted pro football that the sport most likely to boom after the war, the National pro league announced that attendance figures for the season had 11 fewer games. . . . this season had 11 fewer games. . . . Lt. Col. Larry McPhail, of the Dodgers, recently told reporters that he expects boxing to enjoy the biggest boom after the war, even more than his own game of baseball.

When the War Department put out that order recently making it okay for men on furlough to appear in moving pictures, they opened up a bright thing for ball players in uniform. If furloughed actors can work for their studio, some of the ball players might play a few games for their club when home. . . . Branch Rickey, of the Dodgers, announced that the Chicago Cubs are the club to watch during the next National league race. Rickey rated the Cards and his Dodgers as the other top two teams. . . . Besides coaching a high school team and playing regular center for the Giants, Mel Hein played basketball for a senior outfit in his YMCA league, and led his club to the title as high scorer. One of his team mates was Al Ciampa, of Columbia's Rose Bowlers, a few years back.

The New York Rangers have won four games so far, one of the worst records that the league has ever known, and yet they are having their best financial year in many a day. They have averaged 15,000 for every home game. . . . Orin "Babe" Hollingberry, Washington State football coach, had a squad of 40 men out for football this year when the school decided to drop the sport! Writers started ribbing Hollingberry as the "man without a team." All Babe did in a football line this year was coach the Pullman, Wash., eighth grade team, act as advisory coach for the Spokane Airbase Flyers during the latter part of their season, and tutor the western all-stars squad for the Shrine game in San Francisco. Not a bad season's work for a guy without a team.

One of the real oddities of the Bear slaughter of Washington for the pro championship was a short pass that Sid Luckman threw. The odd part was that the receiver was Bronko Nagurski. Bronk and Bear officials said after the game that it was the first pass the game's greatest star ever caught as a pro. . . . When Cuba's Havana University squad arrived in New York for their Garden basketball debut, they took quite a ribbing because three of the starting five had nice handlebar mustaches. The ribbing let up when the island boys passed the hitherto undefeated Long Island Blackbirds dizzy in a 40-37 win. The Cubans weren't at all familiar with the glass backboards used in the Garden, and it upset their long shooting a lot. But for this factor, experts said, the Havana boys could have dropped in another 30 points.

The Dodgers are depending on Johnny Cooney to again fill one of their outfield spots, and are happy about his return. Which just goes to show that if you excel in one phase of a game you can hang around a long time. Cooney is one of the best ball hawks in the business, but in 19 years in the majors he has driven in fewer than 250 runs, and has hit only two home runs—both of them in the same game, back in 1939.

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JOHN Morrow Davis, formerly N.Y. Herald Tribune, please phone or write Lt. Bob Moorhead, The Stars and Stripes, The Times, London, EC4, Central 2100, as soon as possible.

Wanted
TROMBONE trumpet or guitar with electric amplifier.—Pvt. Bob Plant.

Lost
SHEAFFER Pencil, which I loaned to a GI in Edinburgh Dec. 4 in the Palais de Danse, who loaned it to some other fellows in Norwich a month or so ago. The names of these fellows are M/Sgt. "Seeny" and Cpl. Graham. Would appreciate return of pencil.—Sgt. Z. B. Hancock.

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Found
CIGARETTE LIGHTER in GWR coach at Reading. Owner may have same by identifying it to Sgt. Eames, 7529612.

RING, officer's gold, officers Reserve Group, last initial "D," near Grosvenor Square. Lt. James Jordan.

CBS Fives End First Round of Basketball Play

Corkeys, Redskins, Hyacks Lead Respective Leagues

The Central Base Section basketball leagues ended their first six weeks of play Saturday night with the MP Corkeys topping the CBS League with nine victories and no losses; the Redskins leading the pack in the Marble Arch loop with six triumphs and no losses, and the undefeated Engineer Hyacks retaining first place in the Mayfair circuit.

Play will be resumed this week with all three leagues revised to include new teams and speed-up competition. Most of the top teams in the three leagues have been reshuffled to match them against each other. The schedule now calls for league play five nights a week until late in March, when a round-robin tournament will determine the participants in the London championship.

Clean Slate for Corkeys

The Corkeys finished the first six weeks of play with a clean slate by virtue of decisions over the Kewbees and the MP Shortsnorters. In the first game the Corkeys had an easy time in winning, 39-21. Restifo, Kewbee forward, kept his team in the game with five goals, but could not match the concerted scoring attack of the entire Corkey quintet. The two Arcadia, Wis., mainstays of the Corkey squad, Heath and Sobotta, totalling 21 points between them on nine field goals and three gift shots to match the Kewbee's team total. Costa and Muglia hooped four goals each to put the game on ice for the Corkeys.

The second contest of the week was tougher, but the patrol men came out on top, 33-24. Sobotta went on an early scoring spree to dump in five goals and two free throws to put the Corkeys out in front, 21-11, at the half. Shortsnorter ace Monfre could break through for only two goals and one free throw against Heath's tight guarding. Sobotta was game high scorer with 19 points, followed by his team mate, Costa, who garnered eight points.

The Marines came from behind in their game to nose out the Engineer Sissies, 30-28. The Sissies led, 15-14, at the half with a gift shot by McSweeney providing the margin. Pfc John Witherington, of Covington, Tenn., got going in the second half to net five goals for the Leathernecks, and, with the help of three goals by Cpl. Charles Brady, of Yonkers, N.Y., and two by Doubleday, brought his squad home in front in a photo finish. Witherington was high man with 14 points, while Stern led the Sissies with ten.

Shortsnorters Stage Comeback

The Shortsnorters staged a comeback in their second game of the week, clubbing the Wildcats, third member of the MP trio competing in the league, 28-21. Cpl. Patrick Enright, of Hammond, Ind., rang up 11 markers. Peterson, Wildcat ace, garnered ten.

In the Marble Arch league, Redskins played only exhibition games last week. In the revised leagues, the Redskins will be matched against the high-powered Corkeys.

The second place Navy Rangers, with only one previous loss marring their record, suffered their second setback at the hands of a recurrently revitalized Casual quintet, 22-18. Cpl. Jeff W. Berry, of Broken Arrow, Okla., sparked the Casual offense with three goals. The eight-man Casual squad spiked the guns of Navy ace, S 2/C William Bulmen, of Albany, N.Y., to the tune of one field goal.

California Edges Trojans, 26-24

BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 16—California opened its Pacific Coast basketball conference play with a 26-24 triumph over Southern California in a rough contest. Twenty-five personal fouls slowed the play and held the scoring down. Southern Cal. led at half-time, 17-16. Bob Howard, former Oregon State star and ace scorer of USC, tallied seven points, and was forced from the game on personal fouls.

Lions Stop Cornell, 33-29

NEW YORK, Jan. 16—Trailing throughout the first half, Columbia University put on a terrific drive in the second half to score its first Ivy League victory, beating Cornell, 33-29. Budko led the winners with ten points and Ken Haggerty paced Cornell with 11.

Li'l Abner



Lauren Scores for CCNY



Joe Lauren (17), CCNY forward, about to score in the game with the University of Arkansas at Madison Square Garden. Attempting to block the shot are Ben Jones and Charlie Jelliff (75). Arkansas won, 39-37.

Boston Rallies, Clips Rangers

Four-Goal Surge in Second Period Assures Bruin Victory

BOSTON, Jan. 16—Despite the absence of ace play-maker Bill Cowley, the Boston Bruins rapped the New York Rangers, 7-5, before 14,000 spectators at the Boston Garden last night.

The Bruins entered the second period leading, 2-1, and four additional goals in that frame sewed up the game. Russ Kopak, lend-lease rookie from the Eastern Amateur League, started the rally after eight minutes were gone and Herb Cain, Art Jackson and Harvey Jackson followed him up with the clinchers.

Two fights enlivened the proceedings—one between Boston's Pat Egan and Ranger Ab DeMarco, and the other between Bep Guidolin and Ranger badman Bob Dill. Nobody was hurt, however.

Hornsby Seeking Post With Mexico City Club

FT. WORTH, Texas, Jan. 16—Rogers Hornsby is negotiating with operators of the Vera Cruz, Mexico, ballclub and expects to leave for Mexico City shortly to discuss the matter of managing the team, "but that's all there is to it now."

Hornsby, business manager of Ft. Worth, Texas League team inactive last year, emphasized he has reached no agreement with the Vera Cruz club.

Skiff Predicts Better Days In '44 for Minor Leagues

NEW YORK, Jan. 16—The minor league picture is steadily brightening, according to Bill Skiff, manager of the Seattle Rainers of the Pacific Coast League.

Skiff took the club, torn to pieces after the 1942 season, and, though it was a long, uphill battle, managed to lead them out of second division and brought them along to win the Pacific Coast playoffs.

For several years Skiff was a valued member of the Yankee organization. His home is in New Rochelle, N.Y., and he spends the winters here. He gave an optimistic interview in the Yankee office, saying, "We have twice as many names on our reserve list as we had a year ago. We lost 18 players in sales to the big

Wings Subdue Toronto, 6-4

Armstrong Leads Uprising in Last Period That Nets 4 Scores

TORONTO, Jan. 16—The Detroit Red Wings came from behind with a four-goal rally and downed the Toronto Maple Leafs, 6-4, in one of their best performances of the season here last night.

Murray Armstrong, recently discharged from the Canadian Army, led the winners with two goals. He started the last-period uprising with a score at 11 minutes and then Bud Brown, Syd Howe and Flash Hollett rang the bell.

The Leafs threatened with three goals in the second period, two by Jack Hamilton and one by Lorne Carr and the stanza ended with Toronto leading, 3-2.

Columbia Midshipmen Clip NYU Violets, 46-43

NEW YORK, Jan. 16—The Columbia Naval Trainees defeated NYU's cagemen, 46-43, with a last-minute rally here last night.

With the Midshipmen trailing, 43-41, in the last minute, Howard Sarath, of NYU, fouled Orlando Bonicelli, who made one shot and missed the second. Bob Faught, ex-Notre Dame, however, grabbed the ball and sank it to put the Middies ahead, 44-43. Jim Unites sealed the Columbia victory with a field goal. Sid Tanenbaum of the losers was high man with 17 points.

Wisconsin Quintet Claws Wolverines in 2 Games

Purdue Bounces Gophers; Ohio State Smothers Indiana, 72-46

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 16—The Badgers of Wisconsin clawed Michigan's quintet twice in two nights over the weekend, smashing the Wolverines, 50-41, Friday night and then coming back last night to triumph, 42-31.

Collecting six points in the first two minutes, the Badgers took the lead and never relinquished it in winning Friday. Several times only a point separated the teams.

Wisconsin did most of its scoring in free circle area, and generally checked Michigan's short game. Wolverine Tom King was able to add only 13 points to his record Big Ten count, while Ray Patterson hooped 19 for the Badgers.

Patterson's sharp shooting sparked the Badgers as they went on to victory last night, notching 16 for high honors. King again was held down, netting only three markers, all in the first three minutes before Russ Wendlund entered the game and held him scoreless for the remainder of the contest.

Boilermakers Use 17 Players

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 16—Purdue used 17 players in downing Minnesota for the second straight time, 43-17, here last night in a rout which saw the Gophers score only four shots from the floor. It was the fourth Big Ten triumph for Purdue. Bill Lodge's 18 points gave the Boilermakers their victory Friday night, 51-38.

Minnesota failed to score a field goal in the second half of last night's contest, making all nine points on fouls.

The Gophers threw a prolonged scare into the Boilermakers Friday night with their short-passing game, which kept Minnesota close to Purdue throughout. Trailing, 27-20, at the half, the Gophers continued to push Purdue to the limit until the last six minutes, when Lodge, aided by Paul Hoffman and Charley Haag, produced a scoring flurry.

Grate, Risen Amass 54 of 72 Points

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 16 (AP)—Ohio State smothered an inexperienced Indiana squad, 72-46, here Friday night.

Ohio's skyscrapers, Forwards Jack Dugger and Don Grate and Center Arnold Risen, made their Western Conference debuts by amassing 54 of the 72 points. Captain Grate, who played all but five minutes, led the way with 21 points, while Risen notched 17 in 24 minutes and Dugger came up with 14.

Paul Shields, Indiana's only player with college experience, led the Hoosiers with nine points.

Seahawks Annex Tenth Straight

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Jan. 16 (AP)—Iowa Pre-Flight won its tenth straight victory here Friday by overwhelming Drake, 52-20.

The Seahawks, paced by Forward Paul Murphy, had a 23-12 half-time advantage. Since losing their opener to Iowa State, the Pre-Flight team has won every game.

Wildcats Romp Over Chicago

EVANSTON, Ill., Jan. 16 (AP)—With regulars playing only about half the game, Northwestern defeated hapless Chicago, 77-20, here Friday.

The closest Chicago came to keeping pace was in the opening minutes, when it scored a basket to make the count 2-2. After that Northwestern pulled away and counted 27 points while the Maroons were held scoreless.

Valparaiso Upsets DePaul, 65-57

VALPARAISO, Ind., Jan. 16—Valparaiso University snapped the winning streak of DePaul University's basketball team last night, 65-57. DePaul had won 13 straight, including victories over three leading Eastern teams. Valparaiso is one of the tallest teams in the country, averaging six feet, five inches.

Bob Dille, 28-year-old war plant worker, starred for the winners with 28 points, eclipsing George Mikan, DePaul's

six-foot, eight and three-quarter-inch center and leading Midwest scorer, who tallied 17. Dille never misses his classes and works on the nightshift in the war plant.

Western Washington Extends Huskies

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 16—The University of Washington Huskies were extended to the limit last night in eking out a victory over Western Washington College, 38-35, in a non-conference game.

A successful foul by Hec Brown, Washington center, in the last 15 seconds of the first period put the Huskies ahead, 15-14, at half-time. Western Washington edged ahead, 25-24, at seven minutes of the final period and managed to keep a two-point advantage until the score became tied with two minutes left. A foul and goal by Center Jack Nichols gave the Huskies the margin to win.

CAGE RESULTS

Friday's Games

Alabama State	53	Tennessee	36
Backnell	45	Lehigh	35
Camp Peary	52	William and Mary	24
Central Normal	39	Earlham	35
Colgate	53	RPI	52
Colorado College	64	Denver University	33
Colorado Mines	36	Greeley Teachers	32
Concordia	50	St. John's	27
Georgia	38	Georgia Medical	30
Georgia Tech	70	Atlanta Naval Air	37
Idaho	40	Gowen Field	28
Iowa Pre-Flight	52	Drake	20
Kansas State	63	McPhearsen	44
Loyola (Md.)	64	Haverford	55
Midland	37	Nebraska Wesleyan	32
Morehead State	34	Western Kentucky	29
Newark	48	Montclair Teachers	41
N.Y. Coast Guard	53	Floyd Bennett Field	39
Norfolk Naval Air	64	Hampden-Sydney	27
North Carolina	42	Richmond Army Air	35
Northwestern	77	Chicago	20
Ohio State	72	Indiana	46
Penn State	34	Carnegie Tech	32
Purdue	51	Minnesota	38
Rhode Island	91	Maine	52
South Carolina	88	Charleston College	39
Warrensburg	65	Rockhurst	48
Washington	28	Pittsburgh Teachers	25
Wisconsin	50	Michigan	41

Saturday's Games

East

Army	69	Colgate	44
CCNY	37	Canisius	36
Coast Guard	44	Brown	38
Columbia	33	Cornell	29
Columbia Midshipmen	46	NYU	43
Dartmouth	54	Princeton	31
Penn State	15	Pittsburgh	12
Rochester	49	West Virginia	36
St. John's	36	Temple	32
St. Joseph's	48	Pennsylvania	39
Stevens	39	Swarthmore	36
Tufts	51	Harvard	32
Yale	41	Franklin and Marshall	36
Yale	49	Holy Cross	45

Midwest

Drake	55	Cornell (Iowa)	35
Great Lakes	45	Marquette	36
Illinois	69	Chicago	32
Iowa	60	Ottumwa Naval	37
Iowa State	56	Augustana	30
Kansas	51	Nebraska	27
Miami (Ohio)	64	Toledo	37
Ohio State	74	Indiana	38
Purdue	43	Minnesota	17
Valparaiso	65	DePaul	57
Wisconsin	42	Michigan	31

South

Georgia Tech	68	Georgia Medical	28
Louisville	47	Evansville	44
Maryland	43	VMI	36
North Carolina Pre-Flight	45	Navy	38

Southwest

Oklahoma	44	Missouri	30
Oklahoma Aggies	60	Will Rogers Field	28
Rice	67	Arkansas	41
Texas	77	Texas Aggies	40

Far West

California	26	Southern California	24
College of Pacific	78	Hammer Field	52
Colorado College	57	Denver	61
Colorado Mines	65	Greeley State	48
George Pepperdine	61	San Diego State	36
Idaho	49	Washington State	43
Oregon	51	Oregon State	34
UCLA	44	Occidental	42
Utah	54	Idaho Southern Branch	43
Washington	38	Western Washington	35

'Southworth's Kid' Plans to Stick With Air Game After War

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 16—Maj. Billy Southworth Jr. isn't planning to resume his baseball career when the war ends.

Home from bombing Nazi-dominated Europe from the ETO, the 26-year-old son of Manager Billy Southworth of the St. Louis Cardinals said that piloting a Flying Fortress had lured him from baseball and he definitely had decided upon aviation as a post-war occupation.

The first professional baseball player to enlist in World War II said, "Since my hands have gripped an airplane stick they don't care so much about holding a bat. I once had ideas of some day managing a club as dad does, but from now on I'm just a fan."

Although a winner of the DFC and Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, he is still known throughout the baseball world as "Billy's kid."

He described his first raid as "like a rookie going into Yankee Stadium for the first time." He completed his 25th bombing raid in July in the Fort "Bad Check," named because "we always hoped it would bounce back."



Billy Southworth Jr.

By Al Capp



Hockey League Standings

Montreal	20	3	4	84	Detroit	10	11	5	23
Toronto	15	12	2	32	Chicago	11	15	0	22
Boston	13	10	4	30	New York	4	23	1	9

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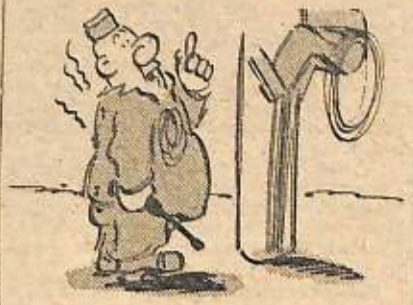
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Hush Marks

Hitler's Secret Weapon? The British version of "coffee."

And then there was the chubby little moron who was anxious to lose weight in a hurry. He got in a poker game with some QM sergeants and lost 30 pounds overnight.

Via the grapevine comes word that a chaplain was slightly upset at the language used by two men repairing tele-



phone wires at his base; so he mentioned the matter to the executive officer. The exec ordered the men to make a report. Here's how it read: "Me and Pvt. Dugan were on this job and I was up the pole and accidentally let some hot lead fall on Dugan and it went down his neck. Then Dugan looked up at me and said, 'Really, Harry, old boy, you must be more careful.'"

Occupational Hazards. Yes, it finally happened. A clerk, one of our famed paragraph troopers, broke two fingers while pounding on his typewriter. We understand his machine jammed in the middle of a five-paragraph order.

A lieutenant at a bomber base was invited by his English girl friend to spend his leave with her family. Anxious to



make a good impression, he decided to share with the family a very treasured possession—two bottles of pre-war Port wine. His colleagues had other ideas one weekend, though, and carefully uncorked the bottles, drained the contents and corked them up again. The unsuspecting officer took off on his leave, his prize Port tucked under his arm. There was quite a gathering on hand; so with a flourish, the looney uncorked the bottles and filled the glasses. To everyone's amazement, the Port was colorless—clear as a bell. The quick-witted officer handled the situation masterfully, explaining that "white Port" was indeed rare and much to be desired. Everyone at the gathering goodnaturedly agreed that the Yankee's "prank" was very original and amusing, but the guy is still trying to eke out a confession from his buddies as to who filled his precious bottles with English water. J. C. W.

Semi-Pro Makes the Aerial Majors

Weak Hitter in Baseball, A Power House in a P47

Ohioan Bating Out Singles, Triples Over Reich

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION, Jan. 16—1/Lt. Glen D. (Gus) Schiltz Jr., who seldom got even as far as first base in semi-pro ball games around Canton, Ohio, swapped his baseball bat for a P47 and to date has scored two triples and two singles against the Nazi.

The 24-year-old Thunderbolt pilot, who wears the Distinguished Service Cross, DFC and Air Medal with three clusters, made his second triple-kill last week in the heavy Fortress-Liberator attack on numerous targets in central Germany.

Schiltz, leading an escort flight, tells his story this way: "The first batch of Germans I saw included about 75 FW190s and Me109s. I led my flight of P47s at the first group of about 20 Me109s. They were flying tight, but we got in and I shot the leader off first. He nosed over, I gave him a burst in the belly tank and he blew up like a firecracker. The fool who was flying his wing just sat there watching, so I gave him a few bursts too, and he blew up."

"I guess there were more Germans in one spot that day than I've seen since starting my combat operations in April," Schiltz continued. "After we broke up the Me109 crowd below I saw a single attacking a struggling Fort, so I went down, and he repeated what the others did. I guess good old American caliber .50s affect them all the same way. When my bullets first hit this fellow he nosed up, exposing the belly tank, so I gave him a few there and he blew up."

Later, the Thunderbolt ace made passes at two more 190s, but, he said, "I was going too fast. My ship slipped right by them without doing a bit of damage."

It was the first mission for Schiltz's new P47. He named it "Pam," after his year-old daughter Pamela, and his ground crew chief, S/Sgt. Walter Harper, of Belzoni, Miss., figures "Pam got her christening, all right."

Besides a new ship on this "ride," Schiltz had a new wing man, 2/Lt. Lloyd Langdon, of Overland Park, Kan., who, on his first combat mission, said, "It was



Glen D. Schiltz Jr.

more action than I expected. I stuck on Schiltz's wing like a baby chick to its mother."

A quiet, reserved fellow, who looks anything but the hot-pilot hero type, Schiltz attended little Mt. Union college in Ohio, then got a job as a machinist, playing some semi-pro ball in off times. He joined the U.S. Army Air Forces a couple of years ago, got his wings, and last year, just two days after his daughter was born, he came to England with one of the original Thunderbolt groups.

On one of his first escort missions Schiltz, who didn't "learn" too quickly, ran out of ammunition and was chased out of Germany by two FW190s. He came right back, though, and on the Schweinfurt raid Aug. 17 shot down his first brace of three Germans, all FW190s.

His present total includes an Me110 and an Me210 destroyed and two damaged.

Discussing the comparative German and American fighter plane and pilot caliber, Schiltz points to a "better than four-to-one superiority we have shown over them . . . but they are still plenty good, and when I see what happened last week I figure this war is still a long way from being won."

One of Tito's Chiefs Wounded in Balkan War

Reports Jugoslavs Facing Bigger Nazi Force Than Allies in Italy

(The following story was written for the Associated Press by Lt. Col. Vladimir Dedier, who has been attached to headquarters staff of Marshal Tito's Yugoslav guerrillas for two and a half years and is now recuperating in Cairo from severe head injuries caused by a mortar blast. His wife, a major in the Partisan Army, was killed by a bomb on the same day that he was wounded.)

By Lt. Col. Vladimir Dedier

CAIRO, Jan. 16 (AP)—In the greatest crisis of Hitler's armies, he is obliged to throw into the battles in Yugoslavia—

which he thought in 1941 he had already subjugated—more German divisions than are engaged in any country except Russia, although we are fighting without heavy artillery, without ack ack guns and without tanks against modernly equipped enemy divisions. The day is not far distant when our Partisan Army, having destroyed these enemy forces, will chase from our soil the last German soldiers, fulfilling to the end our part in the anti-Hitler coalition of the United Nations.

At the finish of our "war of independence," our peoples, Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, Macedonians and Montenegrins, will form their free, democratic and federal state, in accordance with the Atlantic Charter, allowing to all free people the right at free elections to choose their own form of government. For this principle our people have spilled rivers of blood; for this principle our army is fighting today.

Some time ago Prime Minister Churchill stated that our forces were pinning down more German divisions than the Fifth and Eighth Armies in Italy. In the meantime, Hitler has sent to Yugoslavia new panzer and alpine divisions and has started the sixth, the biggest and most fierce offensive against our Partisan Army. At this moment 36 German and satellite divisions are trying their utmost, on seven separate fronts, to crush our armies. And this last attempt of Hitler to subjugate the liberation movement is his third desperate attempt during the last 11 months.

During the early stages of the battle now raging in Yugoslavia German panzer and mountain divisions succeeded in penetrating the liberated territory. After Marshal Tito's historic order of the day that our army must move to the counter-offensive, we regained most of the lost territory. At this moment U.S. and British aircraft have bombed German concentrations and helped us to throw back the German offensive.

We have carried our offensive even against the German main bases.

On the first day of 1944 units of the Fifth Corps under the command of Col. Slavko Rodic, after six days' heavy fighting, broke through the German defenses of Banja Luka, the headquarters of the Second German Armored army corps, which had been assigned to protect the Adriatic coast against an Allied invasion.

This German base has been liquidated, two thousand Germans killed and several hundred captured.

At the present moment the Germans are trying to penetrate on only one of the seven original fronts. In a five-prong attack through the river valleys in western Bosnia they are trying to break into the ancient town of Jajce.

This great victory of Banja Luka by units of the Fifth Corps was achieved entirely with armament we had captured

German Madness

It is difficult not to believe that there is some psychosis in Germany's aptitude for winning enemies and influencing peoples against herself. Now that Italy has declared war on her, she fights a coalition of no fewer than 35 nations, ranging from El Salvador to mighty Russia and China.

Germany has succeeded in winning but five "allies." These are Japan, an Axis partner in theory who has failed in practice to attack Germany's enemy Russia; the Finns, who are in a special status, the Hungarians, the Rumanians and the Bulgars. The quality of their associations with the Reich is poor, to put it mildly. This obviously has made for such a weak and mutually suspicious alliance that, like the Italians, all five reluctant Axis "partners" will most certainly go their own way at the first opportunity.

Thus, Germany stands today, without any real friends, against most of the world.

The Washington Star, discussing this situation, states: "Step by step, with a kind of mad logic, Germany brought it all upon herself. It was not enough that she still had Britain to conquer and America to defy; she had to have more battles to wage than that; she had to invade the immense spaces of Russia and fling her forces against the gigantic but untried Red Army. And after she had committed herself deep in that adventure, losing countless thousands of lives, she made the supreme megalomaniac's gestures and declared war on the United States."

As the average German looks about him now and remembers the course of events in the first World War, he must be at least dimly suspicious that there is something queer about it all. The stark madness of the thing Hitler has done must in time become obvious even to those who have been seized by it, and with realization will come Hitler's fall.

Army Engineers

The U.S. War Department has announced that engineers of the Fifth and sappers of the Eighth Armies have constructed "more than 200 bridges of major importance" since the invasion of Italy began on Sept. 9th, 1943.

In the face of scientifically executed demolition work, Allied engineers have had one of the toughest jobs ever placed before men of any army, the war department reports. Pitting their courage, ingenuity, and perseverance against the systematic and scientific "scorched earth" destruction of expert German demolition crews operating on the roads to Rome, our engineers have adroitly rebuilt all highways.

Early enemy demolitions showed signs of hasty preparation and execution; but wreckage in the German wake has now become greater and far more scientific.

The Germans now blast every span of every bridge, uproot every railroad line and block every road running northward. By cratering, and by bringing down buildings and trees, they are obstructing every defile, no matter how small. Docks, power plants and transformer stations, aqueducts and pumping stations are all being demolished. Everything that might conceivably interfere with Allied progress up the Italian "boot" is being done.

In one instance, German demolition crews working within 16 miles of the front line wrecked six railways at 51 points. Overcoming such obstacles as these is all part of every day's work for the engineers who, next to the infantryman in Italy, have had one of the toughest jobs ever assigned to military personnel. In overcoming all obstacles the engineers have written a new chapter in the history of their corps which reflects credit on every man who wears the insignia of that branch.

The Battle of Shipping

Historians will record that the battle of shipping was won in the year 1943, and for this victory full marks go to thousands of women war workers who joined with America's shipbuilding men to construct and launch some 19 million deadweight tons of new merchant ships, nearly two and one half times as much as in 1942.

Besides merchant ships, these workers constructed 90 per cent. of all the Navy ships, or about 2,500 vessels.

Most of the merchant ships were built by yards located on the Pacific Coast; but the Atlantic Coast shipbuilders led in the number of warships constructed.

One of the unusual features of the 1943 American shipbuilding program was the fact that numbers of smaller vessels were built inland . . . on the Great Lakes and on the larger rivers.

So to the men and women of America who build ships—our thanks for a record of achievement that is one of the most brilliant in our production career.



"Doggone it! There must'a bin some careless talk!"

Notes from the Air Force

CAPT. Joseph P. Sherer, of Ciqua, Ohio, is one of those air force chaplains who holds religious services wherever is convenient. As spiritual leader of the Catholic men at two Fortress stations, Capt. Sherer speaks with every member of his combat flock before every mission.

Since his two stations are a few miles apart, and time for services must be held in the short time between briefing and take-off, the chaplain holds confessions for one group in his office at that station, then dashes over to the other station in a jeep, and goes around the aircraft perimeter, from hard stand to hard stand, holding confessions inside the bombers.

Unwilling to rush from warm beds if breakfast is routine, enlisted men at one Marauder station now stay in until the last minute unless they hear the voice of M/Sgt. Joe Stankiewicz, of Port Jervis, N.Y., calling S/Sgt. Charles O'Malley, of Staten Island, N.Y., over the loud-speaker system. "Sgt. O'Malley please report to operations" means hot cakes at the mess hall. A repeat call indicates hot cakes with butter. A triple call means hot cakes, butter and bacon.

WHAT is perhaps the first case of an air gunner being appointed First Sergeant occurred this week when Maj. Septime S. Richard, of Jackson, Miss., a Fortress squadron CO, made Joe A. McLavish, of Athens, Ill., his top kick. McLavish, 33-year-old former top turret gunner on the Fortress Belle of the Blue, completed his operational tour last week, after seeing a good share of the American heavy bomber action over Europe during the last seven months.

The sergeant of the guard was a captain, the corporal of the guard a first lieutenant and all the guards were flying officers. . . . This enlisted men's paradise existed at a Marauder base for one night only when officers pulled all duties ordinarily assigned EMs so all enlisted men could attend a squadron dance and party celebrating six months in the ETO as well as the birthday of Maj. Walter Ives, of Baltimore, squadron CO. GIs eagerly volunteered for one job—that of bouncer. The bouncers ardently subdued officers' attempts to crash the gate, forcibly tossing out one shavetail and a major.

This Is The Army

GIs, always noted for their readiness to bet on anything, have come up with something new in the wagering department. It's the "baby pool," started when pals of Pfc Willard G. Ingraham, of Pottersville, Cal., saw a chance to cash in on the child he was sweating out.

Each "dogface" put up 10s., going for such things as the child's sex, weight, number, etc. Soon a score or more men were figuratively pacing the floor with the expectant pop. The pool, however, wasn't decided when the cablegram arrived with the news.

All it said was: "It's a girl." So, lacking further details, no one collects.

ADD new wrinkles in jitterbugging: Between halves of a football game held at Southampton recently by a couple of GI teams for a British relief fund, a gang of "hep cat" spectators treated the crowd by tearing up the field with fancy jitterbugging.

The dancing wasn't on the program. A jive tune by an Army band injected the dancing spirit into a GI, who grabbed his English girl friend, rushed her out on the gridiron and started swinging. In a few seconds the field was jammed with "hep cats."

British spectators found "jitterbuggin' confosoin" but amosin'" according to eye witnesses.

This isn't the Army, Mr. Jones: Francis H. Anderson, an electrician's mate first class in the Navy, thinks he's the highest paid enlisted man in the ETO. He monthly drags down \$345.50, and here's how:

Anderson's base pay is \$114. Four years' former service at 5 per cent gives him an extra \$5.70. His foreign service cut amounts to another \$22.50. The rest comes from being married, the father of eight children.

USUALLY it's the hard-boiled GI who wouldn't think of breaking the little woman's heart. With WAC Sgt. Loleta B. Moon and her husband corporal Fred Moon it's the reverse.

A few days before leaving on furlough with her mate (lucky folks, being together in the ETO), Loleta was promoted from T/5 to Sergeant. When she returned, WAC friends queried:

"Isn't he proud of your promotion?" Sgt. Loleta smiled shyly. "I didn't sew on my stripes until I got back. When he gets his promotion, I'll tell him."

Hope this doesn't start anything with the Moons.

from the enemy. There were among front line troops numbers of our fighting women, some of whom are experts with hand grenades.

Once more Hitler has suffered a disastrous defeat in Yugoslavia. Three times in the last year he has tried to destroy our army and re-occupy our liberated territory. What is the result? All three offensives have been smashed, due to the efforts of our people and have grown stronger in these bloody battles. Our liberated territory has grown stronger during this period from one fifth to over one half of Yugoslavia, and our army has increased from 100,000 to almost 300,000.

NEWS FROM HOME OPA Aide Sees Rationing's End By Fall of 1945

Says Consumers' Goods Output Will Soar After Germany Is Whipped

NEW YORK, Jan. 16—The rationing and price control of food will be ended in the fall of 1945, Richard Gilbert, chief economist for the Office of Price Administration, predicted at a private conference of the American Management Association.

Basing his statement on the premise that Germany would be defeated this year and Japan the next, Gilbert announced the existence of a schedule which would abolish most wartime controls by the end of next year.

Food rationing, however, Gilbert declared, would end next year even if Japan continued to resist. He asserted that the first full European harvest would mark the transition from scarcity to abundance.

Soon after the defeat of Hitler, Gilbert predicted government control over the clothing and textile industries would vanish and the production of consumers' durable goods would soar.

Gilbert said that by the end of the Japanese war American production of automobiles, refrigerators, washing machines and other items would have reached a peak.

Hubby's Really the Boss

FORT DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 16—Mrs. Pauline W. Ogden, of Carmel, Cal., whose husband and cousin are Army generals, enlisted in the WAC as a private.

Her husband is Brig. Gen. D. A. Ogden and her cousin is Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, former ETO commander, now commander of American ground forces in the Mediterranean theater.

Exam Record

FORT DEVENS, Mass., Jan. 16—John Lidington, a 21-year-old East Weymouth (Mass.) aviation cadet, set what the Fort Devens examining board believed to be a new national mark for the examination which prospective airmen undergo. Lidington, who said he didn't study for the test, scored a mark of 313 on a possible rating of 390.

Guilty of Selling Defective Wire

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Jan. 16—A blanket verdict of guilty was returned by a Federal Grand Jury against the Pawtucket works of the Anaconda Wire and Cable Co. and four plant officials on charges that they conspired to manufacture and deliver defective wire to the Army Signal Corps.

Coal Production Up

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16—Although coal production last week was higher than the preceding week, Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes said last night that the fuel situation still was critical. He declared that the coal shortage could be remedied completely only by finding a way to increase output substantially.

Monthly Memorial Plea

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—President Roosevelt has suggested that the first Monday in every month be set aside for special memorial services for members of the armed forces who lost their lives in the preceding month, Sen. Guy M. Gillette (R., Iowa) announced.

Attorney Is Indicted

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Jan. 16—A first degree murder indictment was returned by the Berkshire County Grand Jury against John F. Noxon Jr., Pittsfield attorney, in connection with the electrocution of his alleged mentally deficient son.

Pennies From Bullets

DENVER, Col., Jan. 16 (AP)—New pennies coined at the mint here are being made from melted .50 caliber machine-gun bullets gathered from practice ranges at the Salt Lake Ordnance Proving Ground.

Opposition For Pepper

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Jan. 16—Millard B. Conklin, a Daytona Beach attorney, announced he would seek the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Claude Pepper.

Weasel That Stalks Like A Wolf Annoys a Widow

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Jan. 16—Asserting that complaints to city, county and state offices had brought no advice or help and that various home-made remedies and inventions had failed, an elderly widow appealed for suggestions on getting rid of the weasel that has been biting her and otherwise annoying her for the last two years.

Mrs. Ella J. Rhone claimed she hadn't had an uninterrupted night's sleep since the fall of 1941. She said the weasel has awakened her by nipping at her throat and face and that it has sucked blood from her arm while she slept.

Sinatra Pays \$10,000 For a Set of Muscles

NEW YORK, Jan. 16—Tami Mauriello, Bronx heavyweight, dispensed with the services of his manager, Jack Barrett, and sold \$10,000 worth of himself to 4F crooner Frank Sinatra. Mauriello, long a friend of Sinatra's, had no contract with Barrett.

Guns Mow Down 4th Chicago Victim Of Gambling War

CHICAGO, Jan. 16 (UP)—Benjamin (Zooky) Zuckerman, the fourth racketeer to die in the last five months in the Chicago gambling war, was murdered yesterday.

As Zuckerman, owner of a West Side gambling den and a politician of some power, was entering his home, three bullets were fired into his body by an unidentified gunman.

Witnesses said the assailant ran back to a car waiting at the curb. The car, with two men inside, already was moving when the shots were fired. It leaped away at full speed as the murderer jumped on the running board.

Study Loan Plan to Set Up Servicemen in Business

TRENTON, N.J., Jan. 16—A state commission on post-war economic welfare recommended that the state Legislature approve creation of a \$5,000,000 loan fund to help returning servicemen establish or re-establish themselves in small business enterprises.

Commission Chairman Howard Eastman, who is also president of the state Senate, outlined the plan, which would advance loans of as much as \$3,000 to veterans at low interest for three years. No payments would be required in the first year and the loans could be repaid in monthly or quarterly instalments in the last two years.

N. Mexico Goes to Court To Obtain Vote for Troops

SANTA FE, N.M., Jan. 16—In what was described as a last resort to obtain the right to vote for New Mexico soldiers absent from the state, Atty. Gen. E. P. Chase announced he would take legal action within a week to induce the State Supreme Court to reverse a 1936 decision making it impossible to initiate an absentee ballot amendment to the State constitution except at regular sessions of the Legislature.

A regular session of the Legislature will not meet until next year. Gov. John J. Dempsey indicated he would call a special session if Chase's litigation was successful.

British Prepare In U.S. for Japs

Fleet Air Arm Pilots Get Set There for Aerial War Against Nippon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16—In preparation for a large-scale air offensive against Japan, one-third of the British Fleet Air Arm fliers are being trained in the United States to operate American planes, it was revealed last night by Adm. Sir Percy Noble, head of the Admiralty delegation in Washington, and Capt. Casper John, the British naval attaché.

Predicting that the Japanese would be attacked from swarms of carriers, Capt. John asserted that the primary purpose of the plan, originated by Vice-Adm. John Towers, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet's air force, was to train British airmen to fight side by side in American planes with Americans in the Pacific.

However, some of the British pilots, Capt. John said, might return to Europe after they finished their specialized training.

Capt. John added that for many months U.S. shipyards had been building pocket aircraft carriers for the Royal Navy.

3 Felons in Prison Indicted In '37 Coast Gem Robbery

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16—Three Minneapolis holdup men now serving sentences in the Leavenworth (Kan.) federal penitentiary have been named in an indictment here as the men who committed Los Angeles' famous \$190,000 jewel robbery six years ago.

The trio, identified as James Russell, Allen Selin and James F. Williams, will be brought here for trial upon completion of their present sentences for a Detroit bank holdup.

The robbery occurred Dec. 6, 1937, when Louis Heyman was waylaid and thrown from his automobile. Police said Heyman had identified the three men.

Fireman Dies, 2nd Missing In \$500,000 Toledo Blaze

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 16—Fireman James Fakehany was killed, another fireman was reported missing and six others were hurt in a fire which destroyed an entire block of buildings in the business section here. Damage was estimated at between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000.

The fire was believed to have started in the basement of the Colony Bowling Alley. It spread until eight business houses were destroyed. Fakehany was killed when a building collapsed.

Fire Kills 8 Workers

RICHMOND, Cal., Jan. 16—Eight shipyard workers were killed and nine others injured in a fire which destroyed a two-story dormitory at a Kaiser shipyard here. More than 25 employees were housed in the building.

What Do YOU Say, Ole Cock?

Love Life of a Chicken Stirs Ordinance Into Public Omelet

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16—Free speech—specifically the rights of roosters to crow when they want to—became a fighting matter this week with the city fathers of the nation's fifth largest community.

Farmyard marital relations—the question whether hens are happier egg producers when their roosters are near—also entered into the problem.

The battle began when the City Council decided roosters were a nuisance because they crowed too loudly.

It adopted an ordinance forbidding the keeping of roosters within city limits—and in rapidly-growing Los Angeles that covers a lot of ground.

Mayor Fletcher Bowron vetoed it. He said, indignantly, that patriots shouldn't mind a little inconvenience like crowing.

That infuriated Councilman Harold Harby.

"The Mayor doesn't know a chicken from a hole in the ground," he charged hotly, jumping up in council meeting.

Bowron also got a lecture on farmyard biology from Councilman Vernon Rasmussen, who explained learnedly that roosters haven't got a thing to do with a hen's production of eggs.

"A lot of people have the mistaken

idea that roosters must be raised with backyard flocks of chickens," he said.

"They keep roosters around not because they need them to increase egg production but because they think the hens will feel better."

The Mayor took his lesson with good grace. He knew, he said, that roosters didn't have anything to do with egg production. He didn't know, though, how much happier a hen was if a rooster was near.

But his veto stuck. And while the war went on and airplane plants hummed and war workers jammed the city, the Council took time out to consider an overriding vote.

Escaped Italian Captives Seized at Mexican Border

EL CENTRO, Cal., Jan. 16—Six escaped Italian prisoners of war were captured within a half-mile of the Mexican border by a posse.

The unarmed Italians, well supplied with blankets and food, were surprised asleep behind a sand dune. They said they were "tired of the war" and wanted to go to Mexico to get jobs.



"Who sez so?" "I say so!"

By Jean Baird

Diane



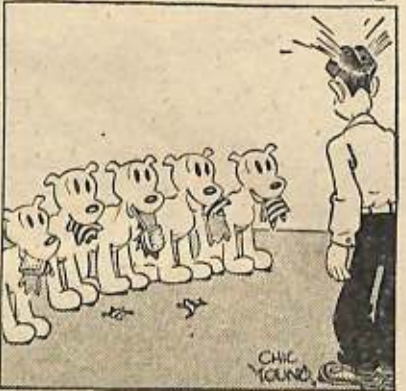
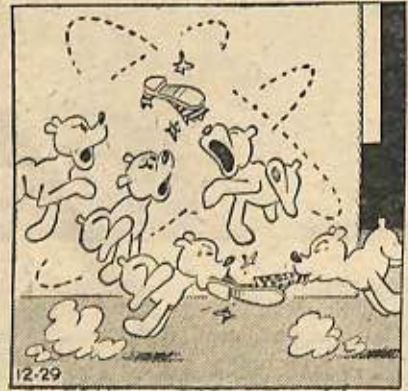
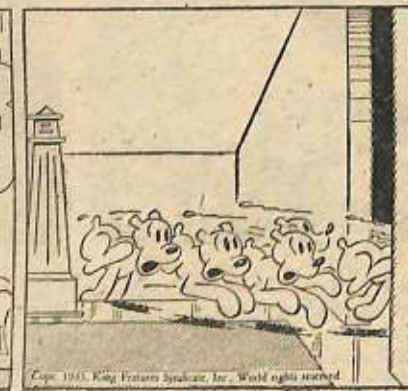
By Milton Caniff

Male Call



By Chic Young

Blondie



Flagging a Hellcat



OWI Photo
A signal officer waves instructions to a Navy fighter pilot returning to his aircraft carrier after a successful Jap hunt.

Won't You Hurry Home?



That's the question lovely Rhonda Fleming seems to be asking, judging from her pensive expression. Rhonda, daughter of a singing star of an Al Jolson hit of other years, makes her screen debut in "Since You Went Away."

'Zoot Suits' With a Cape Shape



Associated Press Photo

Two GIs try their marksmanship clad in capes designed to give protection during gas attacks without undue hindering of movement or disturbance of accuracy of fire. The capes are said to be effective, even though they look like something dreamed up by Orson Welles.

Where There's Hope—There's Life



Bob Hope and Ann Sheridan discuss how it feels to be named the "Most Co-Operative Screen Actor and Actress of the Year."

Sheep's Clothing



A Moroccan soldier, fighting in Italy, dons sheepskin to celebrate a traditional religious feast.

Attention, Please



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Carl Nixon of the USO-Camp Show "Full Speed Ahead" wants to talk shop, but S/Sgt. Bill Naughton, Pvt. Robert Chambliss, Carmen Sands, Duke McHale would rather watch Gail Manners (left) roll a seven.