

Four U.S. Task Forces Blasting Jap Bases in Pacific



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Greatest Day Raids Hit Luftwaffe Plants

Yanks Seize 2 Airfields In Marshalls

23 Nipponese Ships Sunk; Attacks On Over 1,250 Miles of Enemy Waters

Four separate and powerful U.S. task forces last night were reported smashing at Japan's island bases across a 1,200-mile stretch of the Central and Southwest Pacific to climax the most disastrous week of the war for the Japs in the Pacific.

In the last 60 hours American warships and planes have sunk 23 enemy vessels, including two troopships and several warships, while U.S. ground forces moved the Allied line 400 miles nearer Tokyo by capturing Engebi Islet and its two airfields in the western Marshall Islands in one of the swiftest victories of the Pacific war.

Here is an outline of the whereabouts of the four task forces and their record against the enemy:

1—A naval fleet that included several battleships shelled the remnants of the Jap garrison on Eniwetok atoll in the Marshalls as 22nd Division Marines, with units of the 106th Army Infantry Corps, mopped up on five captured islets and began repairs on two airfields on Engebi Islet, 400 miles west of Kwajalein and 650 miles from already-battered Truk, in the Carolines.

2—Heavy naval units bombarded isolated Jap bases in the eastern Marshalls (nearly 1,000 miles east of Engebi) with powerful support of dive-bombers and fighters of the Seventh Air Force. Fuel dumps were wrecked, three ships sunk and two others heavily damaged in an attack described by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz as the "beginning of the neutralization of the Japs in the eastern Marshalls."

3—U.S. warships shelled harbors at Rabaul, New Britain, and Kavieng, New Ireland, sinking five ships, hitting 12 others and silencing shore batteries. A few hours before U.S. planes completely wiped out a Jap convoy of 15 vessels, including two troopships and three escort warships, in an attack off New Ireland.

4—A powerful aircraft-carrier fleet was reported by United Press as still being in the vicinity of Truk, Japan's "Pearl Harbor," following several days of combined sea-air attacks, which included assaults by hundreds of U.S. planes. Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox called the Truk blow a "major victory," but full proportions of the operation would not be known until radio silence had been lifted. Naval quarters in Washington said there was a good chance that units of the main Jap fleet were caught and sunk in Truk's great harbors.

The land assault on Eniwetok was carried out under a devastating naval and air bombardment, and reports from newsmen on the scene said the beach defenses were almost incredibly destroyed, sur-

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Chennault Gets Set for Nimitz

14TH AIR FORCE HQ, China, Feb. 20 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Claire B. Chennault, chief of the 14th Air Force, declared today that his command was laying the groundwork for collaboration with Adm. Chester W. Nimitz when the latter succeeds in cracking Japan's Pacific defenses and smashing through to China's coasts.

He expressed gratification at Nimitz' pledge to land in China and carry on the war against the Japanese mainland from air and ground-force bases here.

"For some time," Chennault said, "I have been endeavoring to push the construction of air bases, airfields and operational facilities in China so that we can accommodate a much greater number of transports to bring in a greater quantity of supplies for both aviation and ground forces, to be used not only in driving the Japanese from China but for attacking them in Japan."

"I am prepared to exert my utmost efforts to co-operate with him fully along the lines Adm. Nimitz suggested. Meanwhile, I hope the U.S. Army and Air Forces can provide many times the number of transports being used now, and with increased numbers he will have increased tonnage brought from India."

Adm. Kirk Is Named to Lead Naval Task Force for Invasion

Adms. Hall and Wilkes Also Given Key Posts In U.S. Command

The Allied staff of invasion chiefs grew yesterday with the announcement that Rear Adm. Alan Goodrich Kirk had been named commander of the U.S. task force operating as part of the combined naval force in Britain. The Navy Department announced the appointment, along with those of Rear Adms. John Leslie Hall Jr. and John Wilkes, who have been placed in command of units in the task force.

Adm. Harold R. Stark is commander of all U.S. naval forces in the U.K. area.

The announcement was taken as a clear indication of the great role the Navy will play when American troops start pouring onto the Continent. The new appointees all have fought and beaten the Germans in Mediterranean operations and have been at work many weeks shaping plans for the task force which may overshadow any amphibious fleet ever to put to sea under the Stars and Stripes.

Adm. Kirk, naval attaché in London from June, 1939, until December, 1940, watched British Fleet operations for the first 16 months of the war. He became director of naval intelligence at Washington Mar. 1, 1941, and seven months later was detached for sea duty.



Rear Adm. Alan G. Kirk

In March, 1942, he became chief of staff to the commander of U.S. naval forces in Europe and later he was given command of an amphibious force with the Atlantic Fleet.

Baruch Submits a Plan For a Lasting U.S. Boom

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—Visualizing "a sound and lasting post-war prosperity," Bernard M. Baruch, presidential adviser in two wars, submitted to War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes this weekend a blueprint for a "gigantic change-over" of the nation's economy from war to peace.

"Nothing comparable ever has been known before," Baruch reported, explaining that when peace came the nation would stop making war goods worth \$50,000,000,000 annually.

His preliminary recommendations, on which he had been at work since Nov. 6, spanned the reconversion problem from demobilization, cancellation of war contracts and disposal of surplus property to post-war taxes and public works.

"Demobilization of the armed forces will come gradually," he said. "Their absorption by industry will be aided materially by several factors, the weight of which is not now clear, such as the giving up of war jobs by many women, retirement of older workers, increase of travel and recreation time, return of many younger workers to school, resumption of college and professional training by many now in the services or in war industry, renewal of many professional and service businesses that have stopped during the war, the starting of new enterprises, reduction in the work week and the normal enforcement of child-labor laws."

"The problem of demobilization, though difficult, is soluble if we create the atmosphere in which private initiative and resourcefulness—the traditional American spirit—can again take hold."

Baruch, while asserting flatly that "there is no need for a post-war depression,"

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Tokyo Ultimate Goal—Doolittle

8th AF Chief Reveals His Men Flew 19,000 Sorties In the Last 30 Days

Maj. Gen. James H. (Jimmy) Doolittle, commanding the Eighth Air Force in Britain, declared last night that "although our first stop is necessarily Berlin, our ultimate destination is still Tokyo—and we will arrive there in gallant and determined company."

Gen. Doolittle, who led a 16-plane armada against Tokyo from an aircraft carrier in April, 1942, said the Allies would return to Tokyo "in the shortest possible time," and added, "British civil and military leaders have told me how fully they share our determination to carry the war to the very heart of Japan."

He revealed that during the 30 days ending yesterday, the Eighth Air Force, operating from "a different carrier, the great stationary carrier known as Britain," flew more than 19,000 sorties and dropped more than 15,000 tons of bombs on enemy targets.

Gen. Doolittle's remarks were made in a broadcast to America in connection with the launching of a new aircraft-carrier, the Shangri-La. The Tokyo raid was made from the Hornet, later sunk by U.S. guns after being damaged in a South Pacific battle in Oct., 1942. Until security restrictions could be relaxed the point of takeoff was referred to as Shangri-La, the name applied by President Roosevelt.

Joan Barry's Mama Says: Let's Drop the Whole Thing

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20—On the eve of Charlie Chaplin's arraignment on a Mann Act indictment involving her daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Barry said today she and 22-year-old Joan were ready to forget the girl's paternity suit against the comedian.

"We hope to live quietly and without notoriety," she said, "and we'd like very much to be forgotten."

Miss Barry nevertheless was expected to be the government's star witness at Chaplin's trial on charges that he transported her from California to New York for illicit sexual purposes and also impaired her constitutional rights by attempting to "railroad" her out of town.

Huge U.S. Armada Strikes After RAF Hammers at Leipzig

Over 800 American Heavies Drive Deep Into Reich to Blast Important Factories Building Fighters

Allied air forces based in Britain struck the greatest blow of the war at German aircraft production in the 12 hours ending yesterday afternoon.

In the greatest daylight aerial offensive ever undertaken, well over 800 American heavy bombers drove deep into Europe to hit major plants producing Luftwaffe's fighter planes. Losses in these operations on multiple targets had not been announced at a late hour last night.

The daylight operations began within a few hours after the RAF had struck an equally important blow, in which 2,300 tons of bombs (2,530 tons, American measure) were plummeted on Leipzig, vital center of aircraft production and fifth largest city in Germany.

While Lancasters and Halifaxes struck that city, other British planes bombed various targets, including Berlin, and laid bombs in enemy waters. The night's operations cost 79 aircraft.

Co-Ordinated, Stunning Blow

The two operations were co-ordinated to strike a stunning blow at Germany's ability to resist the coming invasion. The ultimate objectives of both American and Allied air forces are not only complete domination of the air when the invasion comes—with resulting reduction of ground and naval casualties—but also increased freedom for bombers to make their attacks on war industry and communications throughout German-held Europe.

The Eighth Air Force's attack was described in some quarters last night as the largest, most important and most hazardous daylight operation ever undertaken. At a late hour headquarters had not announced the targets or other specific details of the assault.

The American heavies—both Fortresses and Liberators—smashed at targets on a front 350 miles long reaching through the heart of Germany. They drove in from the southwest, the north and the east, and it was likely that the German Air Force was roused from every base in the country to meet what they probably considered to be a multi-pronged attack on their capital.

As the heavies headed out for their long missions—some flights were ten hours—Ninth Air Force Marauder mediums departed from their offensive against targets in northern France to attack points in Holland. The targets were not immediately announced. Crews reported a complete absence of enemy fighters, although they encountered considerable flak. None of the B26s was lost.

Berlin-Scale 'Raid'

The RAF's attack on Leipzig was on the same scale as that on Berlin Feb. 15, when a record weight of bombs—officially announced as about 2,500 British tons—hit the capital. Considerably more than 2,300 tons of h.e. and incendiaries were dropped on Leipzig in a swift saturation raid which began one minute before 4 AM.

The last attack on Leipzig was made Dec. 3, when 1,500 tons of bombs devastated nearly 30 per cent of the built-up area of the city.

Weather hampered the RAF operations. A dense cloud belt, heavy with ice, covered the route to the target area, and variable winds were found in the clearer skies above.

Terrific fighter opposition was encountered on the journey in to the target, and more opposition turned up over the target.

The early announcement by the Eighth

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The Home Front Takes A Leaf from U.K.'s Book

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—To stimulate consumption of America's largest crop of winter-grown cabbage in history, the War Food Administration today designated cabbage the "Victory Food selection for Feb. 24 to Mar. 4."

Housewives, restaurants and hotels were urged to "serve more cabbage" in this period, when market supplies will be at their peak.

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Some Fun (?), Un-Ltd.

10 Bail Out of Fort and Land, Among Other Places, in Print

By Henry B. Jameson
Associated Press Correspondent

A FORTRESS BASE, Feb. 20—It's doubtful if any crew anywhere ever had such cockeyed experiences as the ten on the Fortress Skippy who bailed out of their flaming plane over England recently.

One gunner, knocked cold on hitting the ground, woke up in the arms of a beautiful English girl who was kissing him—he thought he was "in heaven."

Another landed in the middle of a railroad track in front of a speeding train. The co-pilot plopped atop a warehouse and wound up drinking sherry with an RAF air vice-marshal, while the ball-turret gunner dropped into a marsh 500 feet from the sea and sank to his ears in muck.

Lt. Leo M. Haynes, of Spokane, navigator, was left dangling helplessly over the roof of a three-story house when his chute caught on the chimney. Sgt. S. A. de Pietro, of Schenectady, N.Y., fell into a lake, got tangled in his harness and

thought he was drowning, only to discover he was standing on the bottom. All he had to do was wade out.

Sgt. Otto B. Fugett, of Orange, Tex., top-turret gunner, landed on a jagged ledge and tumbled 150 feet into a stone quarry, but escaped with only slightly sprained ankles.

"It was the craziest thing that ever happened to me—nice, too," said Sgt. Barnard E. Jensen, of N. Hollywood, Cal., tail gunner, who was kissed back to consciousness by a trim young lady he'd never seen before. She insisted on taking him home. Barney was in no mood to argue.

Sgt. Albert J. Selvidio, of Norwich, Conn., radio gunner, was picking himself off a railroad track when a train came around the bend. He jumped off the track and scooted up a ladder provided by two Englishmen, who later argued as to whose place they'd take him for tea.

Floating down dangerously close to a big harbor where everyone was suspicious

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Reds' Bombers Strike Pskov a Smashing Blow

Hamstringing Rail Junction Toward Which Nazis Are Streaming

Red Army bombers struck a staggering blow at the northern-front junction of Pskov over the weekend as three Soviet columns advanced on that Baltic gateway through sub-zero blizzards, and two Ukrainian armies massed along a 400-mile front in the south to push Von Manstein's battered armies beyond the Odessa-Lwow railway.

Even as the Russians pushed back the enemy at both ends of the front, Berlin radio told of a new attack by 100,000 Soviet troops in the central sector. Their objective was said to be Bobruisk, which is north of the Priepet marshes and on the railway to Minsk, 90 miles northwest.

The Russians meanwhile promoted Gen. Koniev, commander of the troops which liquidated the ten Nazi divisions in the Kaniev trap, to the rank of marshal of the Soviet Union.

15 Enemy Trains Burned

Bombers, in the mass attack on Pskov, left its vital railway junction a mass of flame and wrecked rolling stock, for the loss of only four planes out of a large force. Fifteen German trains were burned, ammunition dumps blown up and the Pskov airfield raked.

Meanwhile new bomber formations raced up and down the jammed lines leading to the city, attacking mercilessly and leaving traffic in a state of complete confusion.

A new army, released by the fall of Staraya Russa, joined the race to Pskov and drove westward at a speed of ten miles a day, hard on the heels of the German armies fleeing toward Pskov from Staraya Russa. Meanwhile, Gen. G. G. Govorov's troops from the Leningrad front overwhelmed Plyussa, 42 miles southwest of Luga, and drew within 55 miles of the key gateway. Still another force, sweeping south from Lake Peipus, was within 20 miles of Pskov.

On the southern front, the Russian First and Second Ukrainian Armies, after successfully liquidating the Kaniev pocket, straightened their lines from Shepetovka, close to the pre-1939 Polish border, to the Dnieper bank opposite Kherson—in preparation for a great push to recapture the iron-ore center of Krivoi Rog and cut the Odessa-Lwow railway.

Speedy Attack Foreseen

Moscow dispatches said the Russians were expected to attack quickly before Von Manstein's forces could recover from the effect of their losses in the Kaniev pocket.

Heavy snowstorms and bitter cold weather were reported along the entire front—even as far south as the Crimea, where the Germans told of below-zero temperatures.

The Russian communique revealed that Gen. Wilhelm Stimmermann, an almost unknown artillery officer, died with his ten divisions in the Kaniev trap. The Russians said final figures on the annihilation battle showed 55,000 dead and 18,000 prisoners. With 20,000 others believed killed in attempts to break through the ring from outside, the total cost to Von Manstein was 93,000 men, apart from wounded.

The Coach Looks Over His Material



Gen. Eisenhower, who is inspecting all types of Allied field units in the United Kingdom, fires a Browning light machine from his ship (left) and tells a group of EMS (right): "If you men can fight as well as you are doing this training, God help the Nazis."

Mass Assault, Mass Heroism

Entire Fortress Group Cited For Jan. 11 Brunswick Attack

A FORTRESS BASE, Feb. 20 (AP)—This entire B17 group has been cited for courage displayed in pressing home the costly attack, Jan. 11, against the Messerschmitt factories at Brunswick, Germany.

The citation was made by Brig. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, of Lakewood, Ohio, air division commander, to the group commanded by Col. Frederick W. Castle, of Washington.

'Greatest Raids' By U.S. Heavies

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Air Force that yesterday's attacks formed the greatest daylight operation of the war prompted speculation that perhaps as many as 1,000 heavy bombers were in the air.

More than 800 bombers participated in the 1,800-ton American raid on Frankfurt Jan. 29, and yesterday's armada must have outnumbered the Frankfurt fleet greatly to occasion such a special announcement.

The double blow at German fighter output followed one of the fiercest Luftwaffe raids on London in some time. Incendiaries and high explosives were dropped in scattered areas, causing numerous casualties. London observers estimated that 15 or 20 of a force probably totaling 50 or 75 bombers penetrated the city's defenses, but Berlin announced that "several hundred" raiders participated and started widespread fires.

Many American soldiers, routed from Red Cross clubs and billets, called the terrific barrage hurled up at the raiders one of the greatest spectacles they had ever seen. American anti-aircraft gunners participated.

Crews returning from some of the scattered targets reported slight fighter opposition.

One combat wing leader, Col. Archie Old Jr., of Atlanta, Tex., who flew as co-pilot of the Fortress Old Puss, said: "We flew over a ten-tenths undercast and only saw about 30 fighters."

There was "no flak to speak of," according to S/Sgt. John J. Muller, of St. Louis, right waist gunner on the Troublemaker.

"There was nothing doing upstairs today," reported T/Sgt. Harry J. Poplawski, of Chicago, a top-turret gunner. "The flak was slight and we only saw a few fighters."

House Probes Deferments

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—The House committee investigating federal draft deferments will summon Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, to explain the deferment of approximately 100,000 civilian men working for the War Department.

Call of the Sea

NEW YORK, Feb. 20—Ten-year-old Carl Fromme has run away four times to join the Navy. The third time his mother fetched him home from Philadelphia. As they were about to go in the front door, he bolted again and later was found trying to enlist the aid of two sailors.

Baruch Submits Plan for Boom

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sion; handled with competence, our adjustment after the war is won should be an advancement in prosperity," also touched on current problems.

"While the producers should be restrained from excessive profits during the war," he said, "the workers, as long as hostilities are on, should refrain from strikes. No grievance, however just, should be permitted to slow our march to victory."

Baruch urged creation of a "work director" in OWM to "see that the human side of demobilization is not forgotten."

To enable war contractors to convert quickly to producing peace-time goods, Baruch proposed that the government settle canceled war contracts "immediately," paying 100 per cent for completed equipment, and on uncompleted equipment 100 per cent for labor and materials and up to 90 per cent of the contractor's estimated costs for other items. To clear the way for peace-time production, he recommended that government property be cleared from war plants within 60 days after inventory, with manufacturers empowered to store property earlier at their own risk.

Disposition of surplus government property should be directed, he said, by an administrator "of proven executive capacity, business sagacity, unquestioned integrity and great courage to fight off the selfish interests who will be seeking to exploit these surpluses."

Sales should be made, he declared, "as in a goldfish bowl, with records always open to public inspection," and surpluses should be disposed of "in small lots to permit small as well as large business to participate." Baruch coupled this with a recommendation that care be taken to protect the small business man and give him "effective representation" on industry advisory committees.

The report recommended immediate preparation of "X-Day reconversion plans" to be put into operation at the defeat of Germany on a hypothetical X-day. These plans, Baruch said, should select now the industries and plants to be released from war production and determine "the priorities to be given different civilian needs in any opening up of civilian supply."

To encourage new enterprises and permit business loans to be made, Baruch urged that a post-war tax law be drafted now and "put on the shelf," along with early engineering planning and designing of public works for use if needed.

Steps should be taken soon by the Budget Bureau, he said, to initiate "a running review of the functions of all war agencies" so that they may be "cut down" as war work dwindles. Likewise, early action should be taken, he said, to review controls of war-time material "to determine under what conditions these orders should be modified."

Magician's Bag of Tricks Gone, He Lacks Power to Get It Back

All the magic that T/4 Milbourne Christopher, professional prestidigitator from Baltimore, could muster yesterday wasn't enough to get back his bag of tricks. Instead, he did what any soldier without superhuman powers would—he went to the police.

Christopher, scheduled to appear in the afternoon before the International Brotherhood of Magicians in London, attended the cinema the night before carrying his zippered case of "props." After the show he reached for his kit and found that someone—he thinks it might have been a GI sitting next to him—had grabbed it.

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passing the devastating blows at Kwajalein.

Marines seized the airfield after annihilating the Jap defenders without any sign of a Jap air attack. Four of the islets were occupied without loss of life and the entire operation was completed in six hours and five minutes.

Capture of Engebi gives the Allies two more air bases with which to protect their Kwajalein stronghold from Jap attack from the west. One dispatch from the area said more than 10,000 Japs now were virtually trapped in scattered attolls in the northern and central Marshalls.

Engebi was used by the Japs as an air distribution point to their eastern bases in the long flight from Truk.

Both Rabaul and Kavieng have been struck by air repeatedly, but never before have warships dared to enter into their sectors. The air attacks on the Rabaul area continued over the weekend, with eight of 50 intercepting Jap planes being destroyed.

Kavieng, New Ireland, which lies 800 miles due south of Truk, was shelled by light warships—probably destroyers—and one large oil tanker was seen to explode after direct hits.

U.S. Radio May Attempt Invasion 'Blow-by-Blow'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—Elmer Davis, OWI director, told White House newsmen some radio networks were toying with the idea of describing the European invasion "round by round" in on-the-spot broadcasts.

He said they hoped to be able to go on the air about three hours after the assault began.

Baby Born to Brenda Joyce

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Feb. 20—Screen actress Brenda Joyce gave birth to a five-pound boy at Alachua County Hospital. She is the wife of Lt. Owne J. Ward, who is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Leaders Offer To Compromise On Troop Vote

Green, Connally Willing, But Eastland Hold Out For States 'Rights'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—Two leaders in the Senate battle over a soldier-vote bill yielded ground today in an effort to break the deadlock which has stalled absentee-ballot legislation in the hands of ten House and Senate conferees.

Sen. Theodore F. Green (D., R.I.), co-author of the Administration-supported Green-Lucas bill, which provided for only a federal ballot, with no provision for a state ballot, indicated he was willing to support a compromise measure such as the Senate finally enacted, combining federal and state ballots.

The Senate bill would have permitted servicemen and women in the U.S. to use a federal ballot only if their states had failed to set up absentee-voting systems by Aug. 1. Armed forces overseas would have been permitted to use federal ballots only if state ballots had not been delivered to them in time to vote.

Sen. Tom Connally (D., Tex.), advocate of states' rights in the controversy, yielded in his insistence on state ballots and announced he would be agreeable to a federal ballot if it listed candidates for state offices.

However, Rep. John E. Rankin (D., Miss.), co-author of the Eastland-Rankin bill passed by the House—a measure which would leave the entire problem to the states, with no provision for a federal ballot—announced he had not altered his insistence on leaving the voting entirely in the hands of the states. He said he would not compromise.

Michigan Advances Primaries Aid Troops

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 20—A special session of the Legislature adjourned after advancing the state primaries from September to July 11 to permit distribution of absentee ballots to servicemen.

Arrangements also were made to fit state election plans into any procedure which may be adopted by the federal government.

The session appropriated \$1,000,000 to a veterans' fund to provide hospital, medical, educational and other assistance. It also established a state office of veterans' affairs to carry out a program recommended by Gov. Harry F. Kelly.

Ohio Restores Franchise To Troops Gone 2 Years

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 20—All Ohio election boards have been ordered to restore to their registration lists the names of servicemen removed because of failure to vote within the last two years.

A state law requires a person to vote at least every two years to remain on the poll registers, but Secretary of State Edward J. Hummel issued the reinstatement order on the strength of a court ruling that no person could be denied his right to vote because it had been impossible to exercise that right while serving with the armed forces.

Idaho Action Sought

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 20—Idaho's Legislature was summoned to meet in special session Feb. 28 to consider legislation to permit voting by the armed forces.

ATC Aero Club Opens

AN ATC STATION, Feb. 20—The new ARC Aero Club was opened officially with food and GI entertainment for officers and enlisted men of this Air Transport Command station. The presentation ceremony was conducted by Field Director Paul Chavchavadze, of New York. Col. Cecil E. Henry accepted on behalf of the station.

First Portrait—First Prize

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 20—First prize for oil paintings at the Associated Artists show went to Dr. Robert E. Doherty, president of Carnegie Tech, for a self-portrait, the first painting he ever had executed.

The Pin-Up Gets the Go-By In U.S. Art Show Popularity

Pin-up girls weren't even in the running when ballots were counted last night for the "people's choice"—the entries judged the most popular by visitors—at the American Forces Arts and Hobbies Exhibition, 215 Piccadilly, London.

A charcoal sketch of a soldier (reproduced Saturday in The Stars and Stripes) by Pfc Donald V. Beck, of Harvey, Ill., called it—was way ahead of all the rest. Second most popular choice was a painting of an air force briefing room by Sgt. Harry Wijk, of Boston, Mass.; Robert Newsum, of New York, and fourth a portrait of a pipe-smoking air-Vigan, Philippines.

About half the 40,000 visitors have been British civilians and Allied troops. Although the "people's choice" was not limited to paintings and sketches, all the winners were in that category.

won first prize in the oil section with a self-portrait, originally painted to send home to his mother. When the exhibition was announced, he made a frame with wood from a crate and sent it in. The painting now will go home with a first-prize tag on it.

Here's what three visitors, picked at random, had to say last night about the show:

Pfc James B. Breedlove, Cuthbert, Ga.: "This is just what we needed. A swell exhibit that every Yank can be proud to take his English girl to."

S/1C Jack O'Connor, Ridgewood, N.Y.: "I couldn't believe my eyes when I walked in here. I didn't think we had Noreena De Havilland, WAAF from Wellington, New Zealand: "I was particularly impressed by paintings. I came to try to persuade all our girls to pay it a visit." The show will be open daily through Feb. 29.

Both Parties' High Command Map Drive Toward White House

FDR Is Believed Certain To Run; Republican Field Wide Open

By the Associated Press
NEW YORK, Feb. 20—Both major parties in the United States are saving their heavy artillery for the climactic vote battle which will follow the national conventions in July, but the high commands of both camps already are preparing their grand strategy and determining their leadership.

On the Democratic side, it seems unquestionable that President Roosevelt will again be the standard bearer and that the keynote of the Democratic campaign will be "Win the War," with purely domestic issues either sidetracked or geared to the higher aim.

It seems likely, too, that Vice President Henry A. Wallace will be Mr. Roosevelt's running mate. Although there is a considerable Southern bloc opposing Wallace, the Vice President apparently has Mr. Roosevelt's personal backing.

While the President's public utterances recently have become noticeably more conservative, Wallace in the same period has been touring the country singing the praises of New Deal policies, thus achieving a nice balance for the Democratic platform.

Two Openly in Race

Just who will lead the Republicans is still a matter of speculation that has the experts arguing among themselves. Of the numerous aspirants within the party fold, only two so far have openly declared their candidacy—Wendell L. Willkie, the defeated "dark horse" candidate in the 1940 presidential race, and Gov. John W. Bricker, of Ohio.

As for Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, picked by many political experts as best fitted to give Mr. Roosevelt stiff competition, the former "rocket buster" is still clinging to his declaration that he is not seeking the Presidency—but significantly he has failed to say he would refuse to run if "drafted" at the party convention in Chicago.

Other front-ranking possibilities on the Republican side are former Gov. Harold E. Stassen, of Minnesota, now in the Navy; Sen. Robert A. Taft, of Ohio; Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur, and Gov. Earl Warren, of California. All have numerous supporters, but so far none has started a high-pressure drive for the nomination.

Willkie Outlines Stand

Willkie formally announced his candidacy this week, and said the war could be fought and won just as effectively with a Republican in the White House, that the Republican Party had a better understanding of post-war problems than the Democrats, and that the Republicans sincerely wanted post-war international collaboration.

Despite his considerable opposition

Asserts U.S. 'Drafted' FDR 'for the Duration'

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Feb. 20 (AP)—Sen. Claude Pepper (D., Fla.) said yesterday that President Roosevelt was "drafted for the duration of the war just like any other soldier."

"I do not know if Roosevelt will run again, because that depends upon the state of the war," Pepper said. "However, if he were elected and the war terminated, he might resign and return to private life."

"He has told me he was tired and wanted to go home, but he is drafted for the duration just like any other soldier."

within the party, Willkie appears confident of gaining the nomination. Many Republicans, however, especially the arch conservatives, see too much similarity between Willkie's and Mr. Roosevelt's international and domestic liberalism.

"Willkie is unacceptable to the Republican 'Old Guard' because he has courageous convictions about foreign policy," commented Democratic Sen. Claude Pepper, of Florida.

On the other hand, Pepper thinks Bricker is "a modern Harding who is attempting to disassociate himself from isolationism."

Bricker's Chances Doubtful

Bricker, who opened his personal campaign a fortnight ago, has side-stepped thus far any forthright declaration on international relations and has concentrated on attacking New Deal bureaucracy and domestic policies. Astute observers credit Bricker with many qualifications of a strong Republican leader, but they doubt whether he has sufficient weight to overthrow Mr. Roosevelt.

Dewey's present "detachment" from the presidential scramble leaves him in a position where he has not yet been forced to commit himself irrevocably on foreign or domestic issues—an attitude which some believe to be shrewd political maneuvering and which Pepper calls "coy," but Pepper admits that the youthful Dewey is "heir apparent" to the Republican throne.

As for Gen. MacArthur, his backers are working to recruit strength behind their banner, even though the General has not publicly endorsed their efforts.

Some observers, however—among them the late brilliant commentator, Raymond Clapper, who visited MacArthur in the Southwest Pacific in July—believe the General could be induced to run for president if sufficiently urged.

But with a field as scattered as that of the Republicans, almost any candidate has a fighting chance between now and election time.

Bus Conductor Is Voluntary KP



Volunteer KP is Samuel Matthews, 53, a Middlesex bus conductor, shown peeling spuds with Pfc Kenneth H. Rines, of Camden, N.J., at a Ninth ASC station. A British veteran of the last war, Matthews frequently passes a few hours between trips helping his Yank friends in this manner. "Call it 'combined operations,'" says Matthews. "It gives me a chance to meet my western neighbors. They're a fine lot... like their dads in 1917."

Washington's Birthday Dances Scheduled by Red Cross Clubs

Red Cross clubs will celebrate George Washington's birthday tomorrow night with parties and dances honoring the country's first president. Billy Gibbons' band will play for the Shrewsbury club's dance beginning at 8 PM and Jerry Terris' band will furnish the music for the Taunton club's dance at 7:30 PM.

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

- Bath**
Monday—GI night, 7 PM. Tuesday—Conducted tour, 2.15 PM. Wednesday—Swimming, 7.30 PM; movies, 10 PM. Thursday—Open house, 7.30 PM. Friday—Lansdown hop night, 8 PM. Saturday—Royal Welsh Choir concert party, 8 PM. Sunday—Request orchestra, 3 PM; open house, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Open house, 3 PM.
- Bedford**
Monday—Play rehearsal and games, 7.30 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM. Thursday—Gym night, Friday—Square dance. Saturday—Movie, 7.30 PM; dance, 9.30 PM. Sunday—Movie, 3 PM; dance, 8 PM.
- Bournemouth**
Monday—Movie, 9.30 PM. Tuesday—Trip to Highcliffe Castle, 2.30 PM; dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Movie, 9 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Minnesota State dinner, 6 PM; show, 9 PM. Saturday—Royal Welsh Choir concert party, 2.30 PM; dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Tea dance, 4 PM; recorded concert, 9 PM; bingo and bridge, 9.30 PM.
- Braintree**
Wednesday—Movie, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Bingo, 7.45 PM. Sunday—Dance, 8 PM.
- Bristol (Lyndale)**
Monday—Movies, 9 PM. Tuesday—Pat at piano, 12.15 PM; Washington's birthday dance, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Thursday—Midday melodies, 12.15 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Friday—Theater party, 6 PM; recordings, 9 PM. Saturday—Midday melodies, 12.15 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Tour of Bristol, 2 PM; movies, 2.30 PM; coffee hour, 4 PM; dance, 8 PM.
- Cambridge**
Monday—French class, 8 PM. Tuesday—Rotary club luncheon, 1 PM; music hour, 8.30 PM. Wednesday—Basketball, 7 PM; bridge and pinocle, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Sketching, 8 PM; dance, 8 PM. Friday—Dancing class, 4.30 and 8.30 PM; New Year State night, 7.30 PM. Saturday—Football—Cambridge vs. Oxford, 3 PM; dining, 8 PM. Daily—Tour of colleges.
- Cheltenham**
Monday—Camera club, 7.30 PM; photography class, 8 PM. Tuesday—American-British club, 7.15 PM; frolic, 8 PM. Wednesday—French and German class, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Woodcraft, 7 PM; French class, 7 PM. Friday—Movies, 7 and 9 PM; music circle, 7.45 PM. Saturday—Entertainment, 10 PM. Sunday—Concert, 2.30 PM; dance, 3 and 7.30 PM.
- Chester**
Monday—Community singing, 10 PM. Tuesday—Washington's birthday dance, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Classical recordings, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Friday—Movie, 8 PM. Saturday—Silhouettes, 7.30 PM; Joan at piano, 8 PM. Sunday—Tour of Chester, 2.30 PM; dance, 3 PM.
- Exeter**
Monday—French lesson, 7.30 PM; accounting lesson, 7.30 PM; classical recordings, 9 PM. Tuesday—Jewish services, 7 PM; dancing lessons, 8 PM. Wednesday—Tour of Exeter, 2.30 PM; square dance, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Movies, 8.30 PM. Friday—Lecture, 2.30 PM; theater party, 6 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Open house, 3 PM; special music, 4 PM; show, 8.30 PM; cartoonist, 8.45 PM.
- Grimsby**
Monday—Bingo, 9 PM. Tuesday—Show and table tennis, 9 PM. Wednesday—Craft shop, 8 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Tour to Old Clive, 11 AM; ice carnival, 8 PM. Saturday—Jam session, 9.30 PM. Sunday—Dance, 3 PM; Harold Robertson at piano, 8 PM.
- Hanley**
Monday—Ping-pong tournament, 8 PM. Tuesday—Movie, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Pottery trip, 10.30 AM; dance, 8.30 PM. Thursday—Committee meeting, 8 PM. Friday—Trip to Maer Hall, 2.45 PM; ping-pong, 8 PM. Saturday—Tour of mines, 10.30 AM; dance, 8.30 PM. Sunday—Dance, 2 PM.
- Hull**
Monday—Hobby night. Tuesday—Washington's Birthday party. Wednesday—Hostess night. Thursday—Chess club. Friday—Glee club. Saturday—Alabama State night. Sunday—Lecture on England.
- Liverpool (Mt. Pleasant)**
Monday—Games night. Tuesday—Mrs. Ballantyne at piano. Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM. Thursday—Boxing matches. Friday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Regular features.
- Manchester (Lever St.)**
Monday—Allied night, 7.30 PM. Tuesday—Washington's birthday party, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Dinner, 5.30 PM; dance, 8.30 PM. Thursday—Hostess night, 7.30 PM. Friday—French class, 8 PM. Friday—Stag night, 7.30 PM. Saturday—Basketball, 3.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Chapel, 11.30 AM; dance, 7.30 PM.
- Northampton**
Monday—Rotary club luncheon, 1 PM; dancing class, 8 PM. Tuesday—Washington's birthday dinner, 5.30 PM; dance, 8.30 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8.30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8.30 PM. Friday—Games night. Saturday—Dance, 8.30 PM.
- Newbury**
Monday—Basketball, 7 PM. Tuesday—Basketball, 7 PM; dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Boxing, 7 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Hospitality, 7 PM; ping-pong tournament, 8 PM. Saturday—Movie, 7.30 PM.
- Norwich (Bishop's Palace)**
Monday—Theater, 7 PM; basketball, 7.30 PM; movie, 8 PM. Tuesday—Blanch at piano, 7 PM; basketball, 7.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Tour of Cathedral, 2 PM; basketball, 7.30 PM; discussion group, 8 PM. Thursday—Fishing and picnicking, 10.30 AM; Blanch at piano, 7 PM; basketball, 7.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Friday—French class, 8 PM. Friday—Tour of Norwich, 3 PM; basketball, 7.30 PM; Dr. Howes, 8 PM. Saturday—Fishing and picnicking, 10.30 AM; basketball, 7.30 PM; card party and dancing class, 8 PM. Sunday—Classical recordings, 11 AM; movie, 3.30 PM; basketball, 7.30 PM; choir, 8 PM.
- Norwich (Bethel Officers)**
Wednesday—Tea, 4 PM. Friday—Bridge, 7.30 PM. Saturday—Tea, 4 PM. Sunday—River party, 10.30 AM.
- Oxford**
Monday—Theater party, 8 PM; discussion group, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dancing lesson, 8 PM; movie, 9.30 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8.30 PM. Thursday—Hospital party, 5 PM; movie, 9.30 PM. Friday—Dancing class, 8 PM; movie, 9.30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8.30 PM. Sunday—Concert, 2 PM; dance, 8.30 PM. Daily—Conducted tour, 10.15 AM and 2.15 PM.
- Reading**
Monday—Movie, 7.15 PM. Tuesday—Washington's birthday party, 7.15 PM. Wednesday—Norman Nash at piano, 7.30 PM. Friday—Square dance, 7.15 PM. Saturday—Party, 8 PM. Sunday—Dance, 7 PM.
- Salisbury**
Monday—Basketball, 4 PM; Mill Pond club, 7.30 PM; basketball, 7.30 PM; piano and accordion session, 8.30 PM. Tuesday—Basketball, 4 PM; movie, 7 PM; card party and dancing class, 8.30 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8.30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8.30 PM; symphonic hour, 8 PM. Thursday—Musical tea, 3.30 PM; dancing class, 7.30 PM; basketball, 7.30 PM; piano and accordion session, 8.30 PM. Friday—Committee meeting, 6 PM; boxing, 7.30 PM. Saturday—Musical tea, 3.30 PM; basketball, 4 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Tour of Cathedral, 1.30 PM; symphonic hour, 3 PM; movie, 4 PM; dance, 6.30 PM; basketball, 9 PM.
- Shrewsbury**
Monday—Washington's birthday party, 8 PM. Wednesday—Movie, 8 PM. Thursday—Dancing lessons, 8 PM. Friday—Square dance, 8 PM; basketball, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Bike hike, 1 PM; dance, 6 PM.
- Southampton**
Monday—Movies, 7.15 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM; ping pong, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Movies, 7.30 PM. Friday—Dancing class, 7.30 PM; bingo, 9 PM. Saturday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Tour of Winchester, 1.15 PM; movies, 7.30 PM.
- Southport**
Monday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Tuesday—Movie, 2 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM. Thursday—Glee club rehearsal, 8 PM. Friday—Snooker tournament, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Open house, 3 PM; dancing, 5 PM.
- Swindon**
Monday—Table tennis, 7.30 PM; chess, 8 PM. Tuesday—Washington's birthday ball, 8 PM. Wednesday—Table tennis, 7 PM; music, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Movie, 6.30 PM. Saturday—Table tennis, 7.30 PM; variety program, 9 PM. Sunday—Recordings, 3.30 PM; table tennis, 5 PM; dance, 8 PM.
- Taunton**
Monday—Classical recordings, 6 PM; French class, 7.30 PM; concert, 7.30 PM. Tuesday—Washington's birthday dance, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Jamboree, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Games night. Friday—French class, 7.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Saturday—Movies, 6.30 and 8.30 PM.
- Warminster**
Monday—Committee meeting, 2 PM; card party, 7.30 PM; German lesson, 8.30 PM; name band contest, 9.30 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Movies, 7 and 9.15 PM; classical recordings, 9.30 PM. Thursday—Dancing lesson, 8.30 PM; community singing, 9.30 PM. Friday—Horseback riding, 2.30 PM; dance, 8 PM. Saturday—Horseback riding, 10.30 AM and 2.30 PM; bike tour, 12.30 PM; dance, 3.30 PM; movie, 7.30 PM.

Soviet Confers High Honors on 52 Americans

Army, Navy and Merchant Marine—Eisenhower to Privates—Honored

Fifty-two American servicemen, ranging from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to Army privates, Navy gunner's mates and ordinary seamen in the Merchant Marine, have been awarded decorations by the Soviet Union, Moscow radio announced over the weekend. Most of the awards were for action in the Mediterranean or on convoy duty to Russia.

Gen. Eisenhower became the first foreigner to be awarded the Order of Suvorov, First Class, Russia's highest military honor. The order was established last year in honor of Russia's great militarist, Gen. Alexander Suvorov, who died in 1800, and is awarded only to commanders. Marshal Stalin received the award last November.

The announcement said Gen. Eisenhower was honored for "outstanding successes in the direction of troops and the carrying out of a wide plan of invasion and battle operations in North Africa and Italy against Hitlerite Germany—the common enemy of the Soviet Union and the United States of America."

Also honored were Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz, commanding USSTAF, who received the Order for Suvorov, Second Class; Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, head of the Allied Air Forces in the Mediterranean and former commander of the Eighth Air Force, the Order of Kutuzov, Second Class; and Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, commanding general of Eighth Bomber Command, Order of Suvorov, Third Class.

Heading the Naval recipients was Vice Adm. Henry K. Hewitt, commander of U.S. Naval forces in North African waters, who received the Order of Kutuzov, First Class. Rear Adm. Robert C. Gilfin was awarded the Order of Suvorov, Second Class.

Army men well known in the ETO who were awarded USSR medals included Col. Frederick W. Castle, Fortress group commander, Order of Kutuzov, Third Class; Brig. Gen. Curtiss E. Le May, air division commander, Order of the Patriotic War, First Class; Col. Joseph G. Preston, Fortress group commander, Order of the Patriotic War, Second Class, and Col. Armand Petersen, P47 group commander, Order of the Patriotic War, First Class.

Lt. Col. William O. Darby, who was awarded the Order of Kutuzov, Third Class, was in the first contingent of American troops to arrive in the United Kingdom, and served as Maj. Gen. Russell Hartle's aide before assuming command of the first American Rangers, who since have distinguished themselves at Dieppe, and in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

While most of the awards were for action in the Mediterranean area, the ten merchant seamen were honored for "valor and courage displayed in delivering arms from the United States of America to the Soviet Union."

OK PX Sales Of U.S. Papers

The New York Times, Chicago Sun and Chicago Tribune have been granted the privilege of distributing weekly "pony-size" overseas editions of their newspapers—to be printed in the U.S.—through PXs, the Army announced yesterday. London representatives of the papers said last night they believed the publishers would go ahead with plans for ETO distribution.

A request by those newspapers and by the magazines Newsweek, Time and Readers' Digest that the Army ask the British government to provide them printing and publishing facilities in the U.K. was denied.

The "pony-size" editions will approximate the size of The Stars and Stripes. Newsweek, Time and Readers' Digest already distribute overseas editions through the PXs, as do Colliers, Life, Look, Saturday Evening Post, Cosmopolitan, Ellery Queen, Infantry Journal, Modern Screen and Popular Mechanics.

AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial
1175 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- Monday, Feb. 21**
- 1100—GI Jive
 - 1115—Personal Album with Julie Conway
 - 1130—Jack Payne and his Orchestra
 - 1200—Half and Half
 - 1230—Walze Time (Repeat)
 - 1255—Quiet Moment
 - 1300—World News (BBC)
 - 1310—Serenade
 - 1315—Bandcall (BBC)
 - 1400—Visiting Hour
 - 1430—Sign off until 1700 hours
 - 1700—Sign on—Spotlight on Joe Reich
 - 1715—Showtime with Linda Darnell and Program Resume
 - 1730—The GI String Trio
 - 1800—World News (BBC)
 - 1810—GI Supper Club
 - 1900—Seven O'Clock Sparks
 - 1905—Red Skelton—with Harriet Hilliard and Ozzie Nelson's Orchestra
 - 1930—Command Performance
 - 2000—News From Home
 - 2010—Fred Waring Program
 - 2025—This Week in Science
 - 2030—Contented Hour
 - 2100—World News (BBC)
 - 2110—Ranch House
 - 2130—Front Line Theater
 - 2200—Village Store—with Joan Davis and Jack Haley
 - 2225—One Nite Stand with Les Brown
 - 2255—Final Edition
 - 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Cagney Makes London Debut

James Cagney made his London debut yesterday in two USO-Camp Show performances at the Palace Theater—a matinee for the British Middlesex Cadet Corps and an evening show for a packed house of 1,500 American soldiers. He has been touring U.S. installations in the field since last Monday, and is scheduled to play the Wiltshire area this week.

Others on the Palace bill were Joe and Jayne McKenna, comedians; Victor and Ruth, roller skaters; The Step Sisters, dancers; Helen Hall, singer; Ross Love, pianist; Tommy Martin, magician; Norman Secon, Cagney's accompanist, and the ETO headquarters' dance orchestra.

Ella Logan, Broadway swing singer; Edith Delaney, dancer, and Jerry Shelton, accordionist, have arrived in Britain from Africa, where they have been entertaining for five months, for a short tour here before returning to the States. They play the Cambridgeshire area this week.

"The Yankee Doodlers," a new show starting 24 soldiers, also has been added to the units on tour and is booked for the Wiltshire area. "Yanksoppin'," a GI outfit which has given splendid service and has completed its tour, has been disbanded.

"Band Wagon," "USA Calling" and "Loop The Loop" are resting. Fourteen other shows are out. Here are their locations for the week:

- N. Ireland—"Fun Marches On," Don Rice, MC and comedian; Three Charms, singers.
- Berkshire—"Booms-A-Daisy," Evans family, dancers; Jack McCloud, banjoist.
- Hampshire—"Keep 'Em Rollin'," Joe and Jane McKenna, comedians; Victor and Ruth, roller skaters.
- Lincolnshire area—"At Ease," Hank Ladd, MC and comedian; Elsie Hartley, accordionist.
- Nottingham area—"On With the Show," George Freeman, MC and comedian.
- Oxfordshire—"Rudy Starita and his Starlites," Rudy Starita, MC and vibraphonist; Al Goodhart, song writer.
- Liverpool area—"Swingtime," Grace Drysdale, puppet entertainer; Freddy Morgan, MC and banjoist.
- Suffolk—"Flying High," Al Bernie, MC and comedian; Eddie Cochran, magician.
- Warwickshire area—"Full Speed Ahead," Carl Nixon and Carmen Sands, comedy team; Duke McHale, dancer.
- Bristol area—"Bubbling Over," Sid Marion and Cliff Hill, comedians; Jo Andrews, dancer.
- Norfolk—"Words and Music," Johnny Woods, MC and comedian; Dorothy Wenzel, singer and dancer.
- Wales—"On The Beam," Freddie Lightner and Chris-Pit Martin, comedians; DeLeon sisters, dancers.
- Somerset—"Show Time," Syd Slate and Marty Barret, comedians; Ronnie Reed, singer.
- Birmingham area—"Laugh Time," Bob Evans, MC and ventriloquist; Will Wright, juggler.

Asks 200 Million For Red Cross

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—President Roosevelt appealed to the nation yesterday for a minimum Red Cross war fund of \$200,000,000 in a proclamation 'esignating March as "Red Cross Month."

The President declared that the Red Cross' war-time activities combined "to save countless lives, restore hope and provide comfort for our fighting men" by collecting blood plasma, aiding servicemen's families, providing recreational facilities for the armed forces, operating overseas clubs and shipping food parcels to prisoners of war.

He asked the nation to contribute to the Red Cross to keep it "at the side of our fighting men and their dependents in their hour of greatest need."

\$140,000,000 Oil Pipeline To Alaska Is Completed

EDMONTON, Alberta, Feb. 20 (UP)—The world's most northerly pipeline was completed in 50-below-zero temperature when two lengths of pipes were welded together near Macmillan Pass in the Mackenzie Mountains.

The line stretches from Fort Norman, in northwest Canada, to the refinery at White Horse, Alaska. The project cost the U.S. \$140,000,000. It was planned and financed by the Army as insurance against Japanese attacks on shipping to Alaska.

Rotary Founder Dead at 61

CRANFORD, N.J., Feb. 20—Manuel Munoz, one of the founders of the first Rotary Club in 1905, died at the age of 61. He was a member of a New York food supply firm.

Gas Hoard Makes OPA Gasp

NEW YORK, Feb. 20—OPA got the surprise of its life when an unidentified used-car dealer walked in and said he had an extra 2,000 gallons of gasoline he had saved from tanks of old cars.

Food for Victory

HAY SPRINGS, Neb., Feb. 20—H. L. Bond, disabled veteran of the last war, pledged the total receipts from his restaurant for the next six months to War Bonds. He said nothing would be deducted for operating expenses.

Ohio State Five Take Over Big Ten Lead

Dodds Annexes Barter Mile in 4:08 Buckeyes Win Twice as Iowa Drops Purdue

Barely Misses Setting Indoor Mark for Route

Absence of Hulse Slows Rest of Field; Nowicki Cops Half Mile

NEW YORK, Feb. 20—Running against a mediocre field, Gil Dodds, Boston divinity student, romped to an easy victory in the Baxter Mile, feature of the 76th renewal of the New York Athletic Club Games at Madison Square Garden last night and barely missed setting a new world's indoor record.

His time was 4:08, one-sixteenth of a second behind the existing mark. Had he been pressed by the usual speedsters, he might have eclipsed the record, but Dodds was 85 yards in front of Rudy Simms of NYU at the wire.

Dodds ran with machine-like precision in propelling three-quarters of the distance in 3:33.3 seconds, but slowed in the final quarter as the field spread out. Jim Rafferty, of the New York AC, finished third.

Bill Hulse, of the sponsoring club and winner of the fastest American mile last year, was forced out of the meet with a streptococcus infection.

Joe Nowicki, Rochester Marine trainee, stunned the crowded arena when he upset favored Johnny Fulton, San Francisco star, in the co-featured Halpin half-mile. Nowicki navigated the distance in 1:53.

Veteran Jim Herbert showed his heels to the field in the Buermyer 500, nosing out Herb McKenley in a thrilling photo-finish. Jeff Kirk finished in the third slot.

Ensign Ollie Hunter, former Notre Dame distance star, scored easily in the two-mile grid, defeating Lt. Joe McCluskey, old Fordham ironman, by 40 yards. Hunter's time was nine minutes 19.8 seconds.

Smith Lowers Tank Records

GREAT LAKES TRAINING STATION, Ill., Feb. 20—Bill Smith and his Great Lakes swimming partners continued to rewrite the record book yesterday as the Hawaiian-born star shattered one world's mark and aided his mates in smashing two others during a dual meet with Ohio State. Great Lakes swept every event to win the test, 67—17.

Smith churned the 200-yard free-style event in 1:59.3 to clip 2.7 seconds from his own former record. Smith was clocked in the record time while swimming the first leg of a special 800-yard free-style relay.

Smith, Wally Ris, of Illinois, Carl Ahlman, of Minnesota, and Jerry Kerschner, of Columbus, Ohio, completed the 800 yards in seven minutes 53.4 seconds.

Then Smith swam backstroke in the 150-yard medley relay as the Sailors chipped one second from Yale's mark by finishing in one minute 17.8 seconds.

Lightnings Blank Mudhens In Flier Grid Contest, 14-0

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, Feb. 20—The Photo Lightning-Mudhen gridiron controversy was definitely settled this afternoon when 1/Sgt. John Angelich, 185-pound back from Maders, Cal., led the Lightnings to a 14-0 victory over the Mudhens and caused his teammates to lay claim to the ETO Air Force football championship.

Angelich's score around right end and conversion by Lt. Robert McManus, of Gulfport, Miss., in the second frame gave the Lightnings the lead after which they were never in too much danger. Cpl. Chester Janik, former Marquette back from Milwaukee, Wis., who shared the limelight with Angelich, put over another in the fourth quarter on a one-yard plunge through center after which McManus again converted.

The Lightnings wasted no time in

Ace of Amateurs



THE BOSTON DIVINITY STUDENT IS THE TENTH TRACK AND FIELD REPERFORMER TO WIN THE HONOR SINCE THE AWARD WAS INAUGURATED IN 1930

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By Pap



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Irish Topple Great Lakes

Bluejackets' String Ended By 54-51 Setback; DePaul Triumphs

CHICAGO, Feb. 20—Notre Dame staved off a belated spurt by Great Lakes to snap the sailors' 21-game winning streak and hand them their third defeat in 31 games this season. The Irish finished on top, 54—51, in the opener of a twin-feature at Chicago Stadium last night.

DePaul hung up its 17th win in 20 appearances by victimizing Western Kentucky, 56—36, in the nightcap.

Great Lakes didn't succumb without a bitter struggle, moving to a 43—47 lead with six minutes to play, erasing Notre Dame's 31—28 edge at the intermission. But the Irish atoned for their previous 84—48 loss to the Bluejackets, as Leo Klier and Bernie Rutledge broke loose to regain the lead.

Klier led scorers with 18 points, Rutledge was close behind with 17.

Headed by elongated George Mikan, six-foot, six-inch center, DePaul assumed a 29—13 half-time lead and never permitted the Kentucky shooters to draw within striking distance. Mikan tallied 17 points on six field goals and five freethrows.

opening their bag of tricks in the first frame and, with a double wingback formation, used spinners, line plunges, end runs and passes by Angelich to keep the ball in Mudhen territory throughout the first quarter.

In the second quarter the Lightnings advanced to the goal line through a fake spinner and center plunge by Quarterback Lt. Nathan Walldrop, of Perpasas, Tex., that was good for ten, a pass from Angelich to Sgt. Leonard Walls, 185-pound back from Fairview, W. Va., that netted 20 and put the ball on the ten-yard marker. On the next play Angelich went almost to the goal line around left end and tallied on the following action.

A blocked punt early in the fourth gave the Lightnings the ball on the Mudhen 15 and three running plays by Angelich and Janik put the ball on the two-yard marker and two plays later Janik went over. The balance of the game was a saw-saw affair.

CAGE RESULTS

Friday's Games	
Aberdeen Bombers 52, Washington 26	
Bainbridge Naval 81, Ft. Myles 11	
Bethany 41, Fairmount 28	
Bowling Green 59, Miami (Ohio) 49	
Carroll Navy 51, Great Falls AAF 48	
Colorado 42, Colorado Mines 30	
Columbia 66, Camp Thomas 50	
Davidson 41, N. Carolina State 27	
Denison 76, Capital 52	
Detroit 51, Ft. Custer 33	
E. Wash. College 67, Monaca 41	
Ft. Dix 34, Lakehurst Naval 33	
Gonzaga 49, Washington 41	
Greeley Techs. 48, Denver 39	
Iowa 46, Purdue 43	
Loras 80, Upper Iowa 30	
Loyola 52, Gallaudet 35	
Minnesota 48, Indiana 47	
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Ohio State 52, Illinois 41	
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Ohio State 54, Illinois 53	
Oklahoma Aeries 14, Oklahoma 11	
Ottumwa 51, Drake 31	
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Catholic 64, Delaware 37	
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Southwest Louisiana 62, LSU 40	
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Washington 53, Gonzaga 40	

Munger Seeks Navy Commission

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20—George Munger, 34-year-old football coach at Pennsylvania, was reported seeking a Navy commission. Munger, who said he was dissatisfied with his 4-F draft status, appeared voluntarily at the induction center and passed the Navy eye test.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



By Milton Caniff



Pvt. Johnny Robinson, 148-pound Rainbow Corner vet from Kansas City, Kan., has run into more than his share of tough luck—and hard-hitting ring foes—lately. He was put to sleep in his last start by Pvt. Caesar Romero, of Los Angeles, 145, in 1:40 of the second round. Robinson's kayo featured a six-round card at a southwestern Army base bout card at a southwestern Army base for the benefit of British armed forces welfare.

Only three bouts failed to go the limit as GI pugilists presented a 12-bout punching party at a southwest town under the auspices of Special Service and the ARC. Walt Montgomery, 182-pounder from Detroit, stopped Dick Mace, Navy 184-pounder from Parkersburg, W. Va., in 1:49 of the second round. In other quick finishes, Dick Demmert, of Livingston, N.J., 170, TKOed Levi Himes, of Hamilton, Ohio, 170, in the third, and Tony Glasso, 121-pounder from New York, landed his Sunday best on the chin of Howard Wolf, of Memphis, 115, after 49 seconds of action.

The Alcon-Falcons and the Gremlins are all square after two games in their best-of-three — Bombardment Division cage duel. The Falcons won the opener, 42—23, but the Gremlins bounced back to grab the second game yesterday, 29—21, snapping the Falcons' victory string after 15 consecutive victories. . . . Lt. Tom Bowie's Thunderbolts ran their winning streak to 20 during the week, trouncing the — Fighters, 41—27, for No. 19, and scalping the — Wing, 64—37. Cpl. Kenny Bergman, of Youngstown, Ohio, poured in 19 points against the Fighter quintet, while Lt. Don Texdahl, of Oakland, Cal., found the range for 21 in the second triumph.

Cpl. Murray Evans, of Davenport, Okla., rang up a new scoring mark in SBS basketball warfare when he looped in 30 points as the Reds stopped the — Ordnance Depot, 48—40. Evans, who has an average of 23 points per game, broke his own record, having previously netted 26 in one game. . . . There's a possibility of three teams tying for first place in the SBS tourney. The race was thrown wide open when the — Ordnance shaded the — General Hospital, 40—39, for the Medies' first loss in 29 games.

The unbeaten Hoskins' Huskies, wearing the colors of a — General Depot, routed an Armored unit's five, 89—58, as 1/Sgt. Walt O'Connor, of Melrose, Iowa; T/4 Jack Spriggs, of Coalville, Utah, and Cpl. George Diskevich, of North Braddock, Pa., combined to score 45 points. . . . And T/4 Restifo, of Schenectady, N.Y., broke loose for 33 points as his Engineer quintet fell before the Wildcats, 72—61.

Capt. Steve Hamas, former heavy-weight contender, isn't confining his ETO activities to refereeing boxing. Steve was on hand to toss up the first ball when a 16-team Eighth Air Force cage tournament was inaugurated. . . . Games are played four nights weekly in the Southern Air Transport Command basketball loop. Eight formidable teams are in the field. . . . The Cowan As slipped into first place in a Fighter meet by edging the Forrester Flashes, 20—17. Cpl. Bill Furst, of Superior, Wis., contributed ten points to the A's total.

The Alcon-Falcon soccer team is seeking matches with GI or English teams. The squad boasts a record of 11 wins in 12 tries, including nine straight against U.S. soldiers. Their only setback, to an RAF gang of booters, later was avenged.

Marriage Romps in First In New Orleans Handicap

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 20—Marriage, an eight-year-old gelding, raced to a decisive victory over Rounders and First Fiddle yesterday, winning the \$25,000 added New Orleans Handicap before a record crowd at the Fair Grounds here.

More than 15,000 installed Marriage as second choice to First Fiddle in the betting. The winner rewarded his backers with \$8 for every \$2 ticket. It was his second victory in the New Orleans event and the \$18,000 prize money brought his total earnings to \$225,000.

The easy romp established Marriage as likely favorite in the \$25,000 added Widener Gold Cup race at Hialeah Park, Florida, next month.

N. Carolina State Loses To Davidson Five, 41-27

DAVIDSON, N.C., Feb. 20 (AP)—Davidson's Wildcats got sweet revenge for an earlier licking by downing North Carolina State's Wolfpack, 41—27, in a Southern Conference encounter Friday. Wildcat Center Lowry turned in a sparkling performance to lead the scorers with 21 points. Kohler, State guard, was next with 12. Davidson led at the half, 17—12.

Navy Discharges Pep

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (AP)—

Hyaks Move Up To Top Spot in Mayfair League

Wildcats and Rangers Tied; Peeps' Lead Still Unchallenged

The Central Base Section basketball leagues go into their sixth week of play tonight with the Peeps still riding high in the CBS League, the Wildcats and the Rangers sharing the number one berth in the Marble Arch loop, and the Hyaks moving into top spot in the Mayfair circuit.

League play was curtailed last week to permit the installation of new shower facilities and repair work on the courts. League officials meanwhile took advantage of the breather to total up league standings.

The Peeps rested on their laurels in the CBS loop last week and retained a one-game margin by virtue of their five victories without a loss. The Redskin quintet maintained its position as the number one challenger for top honors by trouncing the Tree Toppers, 31-24.

Goldman, Delila Spur Redskins

Goldman and Delila again provided most of the fireworks for the Redskins. Each netted two goals to put their five out in front by two points at the half. Cpl. James White, of Wheeling, W. V., still fresh after a 60-minute football game against the Canadians on Sunday, nearly pulled the game out of the fire for the Tree Toppers by netting 12 points. But Delila, Goldberg and Waterman put on a concerted scoring drive in the last two periods to outdistance the Tree Toppers and give the Redskins a seven-point win.

The unbeaten Ranger quintet shipped its oars this week, but coasted along in front of the pack in the Marble Arch League, while the Wildcats and the Goldbricks battled it out to break up the three-way tie for top spot.

A nine-man Goldbrick squad made it anybody's ballgame for two periods, but the 'Cats put on a second half scoring spree to claw their way to a 41-20 win. In the first two stanzas Lynn sparked the Goldbricks with three goals, while Mack-wich was hooping two. Wildcat Center Mee and Forward Wilkes netted ten points between their to match the Goldbrick duo. Goals by Thompson, Flarity and Kelley, and a gift shot by Sullivan had the Wild-cats on top by two points at the end of the second period.

Wilkes and Livak got the range in the second half and garnered 16 points for the Wildcats between them.

One-Game Margin

Compilation of standings to date by Mayfair circuit officials last week unveiled an undefeated and unheralded Hyak quintet as the team to beat. The Hyaks are on top by one game with a record of five starts without a loss in second half play.

The Sissies, one game off the pace, kept crowding the Hyaks with a hard won 34-29 victory over the Leather-necks.

A fast improving Screwball five notched one of its most notable wins of the season in downing the potent Masso Maulers, 34-29. Sgt. Noel Downing, of Lions, Ohio, and Pvt. Al Pajona, of Plattsburgh, N.Y., hit the hoop consistently to keep the Screwballs out in front throughout the game.

The Brasshats made a successful League debut by drubbing the Angles, 22-16.

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Lost

RING, gold, inscription "St. Mary's, 1942," at Victory Club, London, Feb. 2. £5 reward.—Sgt. C. Hartlaub.

WALLET, brown leather, containing papers, pay book, etc., Feb. 8, between Bristol and Weston-super-Mare.—Finder may keep money if he will return wallet and contents to Herman Frederick.

CAMERA, Zeiss Ikon, my name on case, Feb. 19, on train from Waterloo to Salisbury.—Lt. James C. Jordan.

WRIST watch, "Lemon and Sons," my initials on back, near Huntingdon. Reward.—Col. J. N. Roberts.

Reunion—Brewster, N.Y., now in WILL all persons from Brewster, N.Y., now in the ETO write to me, as plans are being made for a get-together. A notice will be sent to all those who write in as to the details.—Lt. John C. Williams.

For Sale
EYEGlasses for Arnold
HAVE two pairs of glasses waiting for Sgt. Jack M. Arnold.—Capt. Frederic M. Rothermel.

WRIST watch, officer's, Swiss make (Fond Acier), stop hand, telemeter dial, 17-jewel, untarnishable case; price £16.—Write "Fond Acier."

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name, rank, college, year, unit and college registration number.

Battle of Quotations Ends in a Deadlock

SEATTLE, Feb. 20—Spencer Harris, Portland outfielder, clipped a passage from a sports writer's column, pinned it to his unsigned contract and mailed both back to the Portland general manager, Bill Klepper. The clipping said, "This is a ball player's year and it won't be easy to sign the 1944 athletes."

Klepper had an interesting quotation of his own to send back to Harris: "Minor league rules say any player not reporting by the first day of the season is subject to suspension and a fine of \$100."

Ulster Boxers Tie Divisionmen

Don Webber's One-Point Victory Saves ETO Team Champs From Loss

BELFAST, Feb. 20—A vastly improved Northern Ireland Infantry boxing team came within one point of upsetting the highly touted and undefeated—Infantry Division ringmen Friday night at the ARC gym here as the best team match of the season ended in a 3-3 deadlock.

The invading Infantrymen fired their heaviest guns in the opening three matches with Pvt. Donald Webber, ETO feather-weight champion; Pvt. Charles Schnappauf, and Pvt. James Grantham winning hairline, disputed three-round decisions.

Pfc Alex Amicarella, Pittsburgh middleweight, set the Ulster glove performers on the winning trail in the fourth match of the evening and the two following Northern Ireland representatives followed suit with triumphs to even the count.

Webber, unbeaten 126-pounder from Roanoke, Va., squeezed by Pvt. Sugar Dean, of Richmond, Va., by one point.

Pfc Marlon Guana, of the N.I. crew, also came within a point of upsetting Schnappauf, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., welter, Guana, whose home is Amarilla, Tex., shattered the myth that Schnappauf's punches are loaded with TNT by absorbing Charles' Sunday punches.

It was necessary for Grantham, Pulaski, Va., middleweight, to rally in the third round to offset a second-round knockdown to win from Pvt. Nathan Harjo, of Okmulgee, Okla.

Amicarella, a light heavy, outpointed Pvt. Chester Marcinkiewicz, of Kulpmont, Pa., vt. Melvin Cole, of Dallas, Tex., outpointed Pvt. Mike Deniski, of Philadelphia in another light heavy go.

Pvt. George Zurner, of New York, swarmed all over Cpl. Irvin Moydell, of Pittsburgh, to earn a clean-cut verdict in the heavyweight feature.

And Tea Between Halves

Tug-of-War Just a Part of Rugby

(After many attempts by Britons to describe American sports, herewith a GI view of one of their most popular games.)

By Tony Cordaro

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BELFAST, Feb. 20—You need more feet than an Octopus (Webster says it has eight) to make any progress on a rugby field, so this GI observed while viewing his first match Saturday at Ravenhill Park here.

The dimensions of the field are not to exceed 160 by 75 yards, including the two 25-yard zones behind the goalposts. It is divided into six zones, varying from 25 yards to ten.

Neither team (not until kickoff time did I learn that there were 15 players on each side) warmed up before the kickoff. No pretension will be made to describe the game in the proper phrases, as it is impossible for an outsider with no knowledge of the sport to do so.

The Irish kicked off and the Army re-

It's the Same All Over

Gacek Grunts, Groans in Perfect Form

Veteran Mat Artist Wins First Bout After Challenge

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

AN AIRBORNE BASE, Feb. 20—The art of terpsichore and Cauliflower Row are as different as spam and steak, but not to a group of beefy, ring-marked GIs here who are determined to prove that wrestling, sportsdom's much-maligned theatrical lure, is worthy of serious consideration.

How this handful of crusaders expect to convince the public that grunt 'n' groan exhibitions are "strictly on the legit" is something the sponsors neglected to explain. However, 1/Lt. Howard G. Bowles, of St. Albans, W. Va., Special Service officer for this station, now doubling as impresario of the mat, is auditioning sundry grapplers with an eye toward eventually producing an ETO champion.

Orthodox wrestling, of course, is a sure cure for insomnia, being classed with marathons, tiddly-winks and four-hour versions of Hamlet. Fortunately, this doesn't apply to the Bowles Agency of Dramatics, a noble organization conceived to entertain lonesome servicemen, and guaranteed to keep 'em laughing.

'You Win Tonight'

The villain of the cast is Sgt. Johnny Gacek, a stocky veteran of the you-won'ton't-night-I'll-win-tomorrow barnstorming society in the States. Johnny, who instigated the sudden wave of local wrestling by issuing a blanket ETO challenge through The Stars and Stripes, is a rough toughie who wrapped himself into knots with such timid fellows as Jim McMillan, Hans Steinke, Ray Steele, Stranger Lewis and Jim London before Pearl Harbor.

Mild-mannered, soft-spoken Johnny made his debut Friday night, and after the match he told his pals, "It was like



Johnny Gacek

being home 'cause that guy (his opponent, Sgt. Bob Kawka, of Grand Rapids, Mich.) must have played the same circuit."

Kawka, whose professional pseudonym is Bobby Roberts, also has matched holds with the best in the business, including Bronko Nagurski, London, Gus Sonnenberg and the Dusek brothers—Ernie, Joe, Emil and Wallie. He has taken his comedy to every state except Minnesota—why he evaded the Gopher State, he couldn't say—and has toured Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Mexico and Hawaii.

Their best-of-three falls or 45-minute time limit waltz closely followed the usual pattern of feigned misery, bloodshed and mayhem, but the only casualty was a soldier in the gallery who twisted his neck

'Octopus Clamp' Awes Opponent —And Referee

while explaining the technical points of wrestling to his lady friend. Kawka, being Gacek's guest for the evening, graciously accepted the first fall after 16 minutes, then just as politely permitted his host to win the next two.

Kawka, a loyal trouper, wouldn't admit it after the match, but his downfall was the result of Gacek's failure to follow the script. Johnny improvised a new lock, which he dubbed the "Octopus Clamp," and since it wasn't in the book Kawka didn't know the answer. Even the referee, Capt. William Quine, of Wahpeton, N.D., was momentarily mystified at the tangle of arms and legs.

Find the Leg to Fit

Gacek prepares his victim for the Octopus Clamp with a series of body slams, causing serious injury if the party of the second part is less experienced than Kawka and fails to cushion his journey to the mat with his heels. Then Gacek pounces on his shaken foe, wraps his arms around the first pair of legs he can catch—once they were his own!—and applies a modified scissors with his legs.

It didn't take Kawka long to get into the spirit of the occasion. And that's what gave Referee Quine his headaches. Twice he awarded falls to Gacek, but couldn't figure out whose legs belonged to which body and vice versa until Gacek volunteered the solution from his uncomfortable prone position.

Now future foes are worried that Gacek might forget the answer and never get untangled. They won't step into the ring, they told Bowles, unless Gacek deposits a blueprint of his Octopus Clamp with the referee before the match.

Gacek is busy at present trying to figure out the damned thing himself so he can put it on paper.

Davis Stops Bob Montgomery In First Round of Garden Tilt

NEW YORK, Feb. 20—Al "Bummy" Davis, notorious bad-man of the ring, was looking for new fields to conquer today following his startling first-round TKO victory over Bob Montgomery, former lightweight champion at a la New York, Friday night in Madison Square Garden.

It was the first time that Montgomery has been kayoed in 67 professional fights. And the same fans who hooted Davis out of the ring three years ago when he was banned "for life" for deliberately fouling Fritzie Zivic and kicking the referee, gave him a rousing ovation as he left the ring.

Davis, with a five-pound advantage, lost no time employing his devastating left hook, shooting for Montgomery's head. One staggered the Negro whirlwind and another dropped him for a count of four. Badly hurt, Montgomery jumped up instead of taking the full count and was met with another barrage of lefts that sent him reeling until a final vicious left dumped him heavily to the canvas.

Gamely he tried to rise, got to one knee

then crumbled over again. He attempted to regain his feet but was staggering helplessly at nine when Referee Frank Fullam halted the bout. The finish came in one minute, three seconds.

Promoter Mike Jacobs announced after the bout that Davis, who weighed in at 142½, had earned a non-title shot at Beau Jack in the Garden Mar. 17. Jacobs also said that Montgomery's knockout would not affect his bout with Jack Mar. 3.

The knockout was the quickest in Garden history and added to the string of main bout upsets as Davis was a 4-1 underdog according to ringside wagering.

Leafs Defeat Bruins, 10-4

Bud Poile Nets Four Goals In Debut With Toronto Six

TORONTO, Feb. 20—Bud Poile, playing his first game of the year with Toronto and possibly his last because he's awaiting call to the Canadian Air Force, staged a one-man scoring show here last night to lead the Maple Leafs to a 10-4 victory over the Boston Bruins in a National Hockey League game.

Poile slipped through the Bruin defense to score four times, three of his goals

Hockey League Standings

	W	L	T	Pts.		W	L	T	Pts.
Montreal	27	4	7	61	Boston	16	19	4	36
Detroit	19	14	5	43	Chicago	16	18	3	35
Toronto	19	18	3	41	New York	6	30	2	14

coming in the last five minutes when Boston's defense collapsed completely. Jackie Hamilton, another Leaf youngster, netted three goals, while Carr, Davidson and Morris scored the others.

Toronto opened with a rush to turn the game into a runaway with four goals in the first period, then added three in each of the next two frames. Boston notched two goals in the second and third frames.

Canadiens Rack Up 19th Straight

MONTREAL, Feb. 20—The high flying Montreal Canadiens widened their margin over second-place Detroit in the National Hockey League by stepping on the luckless New York Rangers, 5-2, here last night for the Canadiens' 19th straight win at home.

Two goals by Ray Getliffe and one each by Toe Blake, Majeau and Mike McMahon accounted for Montreal's scoring. For the Rangers, Ab DeMarco and Dutch Hiller each denied the net.

Holovak a Casualty at Tarawa

LANSFORD, Pa., Feb. 20—Lt. Pete Holovak, All-American football star at Boston College, was killed in action at Tarawa when his plane crashed, the War Department has notified his mother.

Li'l Abner

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By Al Capp



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Mounting Fears

Many fears are eating at the hearts of enemy leadership, both military and civilian. Not the least of these is the frightening possibility and eventual certainty that satellite nations will collapse and break away from the Axis orbit. Of these nations Finland is by no means the least important, and present negotiations between Finland and Russia indicate that an early defection is probable. And while Finland's military support is not vitally important to Germany, her airfields, ports and raw materials have contributed materially to German success, providing a ready supply of nickel and molybdenum on which German war industries depend and guaranteeing the communications through Finland to large Nazi outposts maintained in northern Norway. These, in turn, have cost the Allied merchant marine thousands of lives and thousands of tons of valuable war supplies and shipping. Finland and other satellite nations came into the war through fear of Germany and in order to be on the stronger side in this war. Germany is not the stronger side now, however, and there is no longer the same reason to fear her. But the knowledge that the Allies cannot fail to hold countries responsible for damage caused through continued help given to Germany is causing widespread apprehension in all satellite nations. This new fear working for the Allies is contagious. Its effect on Finland is already visible. It may soon materially weaken the enemy effort and by so much shorten the war.

Allied Blockade

During a 30-day period Allied forces have sunk four fast German motor-ships sailing from the Far East to Germany, and all carrying valuable cargoes. Coming, as they were, from the Far East, it is remarkable that they were all German. Apparently Japan, suffering from shipping losses in the Pacific, is not prepared to risk her ships in any attempt to run the Allied blockade. And indeed it is a very great risk. The four German ships had to pass through the waters of the South Atlantic, patrolled by Allied warships, then through the area watched over by aircraft from the Azores and finally the waters covered by air and naval forces operating out of Great Britain. No wonder none of the four ships reached Germany. And yet, although the risk was great, the attempt was made. For the German High Command was willing to stake those ships against the off chance they could run the blockade, and deliver the cargo they carried to Germany. That cargo included some 20,000 tons of edible oil, rubber, tin and other rare metals. This in itself is significant, for it indicates a serious shortage within the Reich of vital war materials. Perhaps the Allied blockade is at long last really beginning to strangle.

The Gallant 7th

Censorship prevents the publication of vast quantities of troop news, for information of units and their commanders enables the enemy to estimate with a greater degree of accuracy the number of troops and the types opposing him in any given sector. Such information, when complete and verified, is of great value to him in the preparation of his own offensive and defensive strategy. It is with real pleasure therefore that we are able from time to time to identify a military organization that has been victorious in battle and pass along the stories of the men who have played vital roles in achieving those victories. And one such division is the "Gallant 7th," which earned its first battle honors in the attack on Attu, one of the bloodiest engagements of the present war, for defending Japs had orders to hold to the last man—and they did. Citations awarded to the 7th Division tell of individual and collective feats accomplished by officers and men in the face of fanatic defense on some of the bleakest, most treacherous terrain in the world. And now the despatches report the 7th again in action, this time in the sunny Marshall Islands. From there it can be expected that the 7th will lead other attacks which may in time culminate in the final assault on the home islands of Japan.

Hash Marks

We have word from a usually unreliable source that the Japanese radio networks have banned that once popular song hit, "Everybody's Truking."

Signs of the Times. Don't worry about life being rugged on the Home Front. In



Milwaukee, a comfort-loving resident has trained his pet cat to scratch his back for him.

A lieutenant we know came to London for the first time on duty the other day. He was riding in a truck and the GI driver, who knew his way around, was more than willing to describe the interesting sights along the way. Whipping a corner sharply, he nudged the lieutenant and said, "You don't want to miss this—that building over there is Birmingham Palace." (Tuxedo Junction just around the corner?)

This week's comment on the weather (overheard at a Thunderbolt station):

First GI: "Boy, this cold goes right through you."

Second GI: "I don't mind it going through me—but half of it stays inside me."

Chalk up another victory for Army Classification. A truck driver in his home town, Cpl. Arthur Daum, now at a USAAF fighter station over here, joined the Army to get away from trucks. After completing basic training, the Cpl. was given a permanent assignment—dispatcher at a motor pool.

How to beat the queue! An irate civilian was irked when he couldn't find a



vacant seat in the movies. When he returned there were lots of vacant seats—he brought a skunk with him.

Today's "Old Gag." Asked how he liked an English summer, a Yank replied candidly, "I don't know—I overslept that day."

J. C. W.

Secret Weapons: No. 1—Enemy Planes

Nazi Science Takes the Defensive

Foe's Efforts to Better Fighters and Flak Show Reversal

This is the first of four articles analyzing the secret weapon stories which increase with the approach of the Second Front.

By Bud Hutton

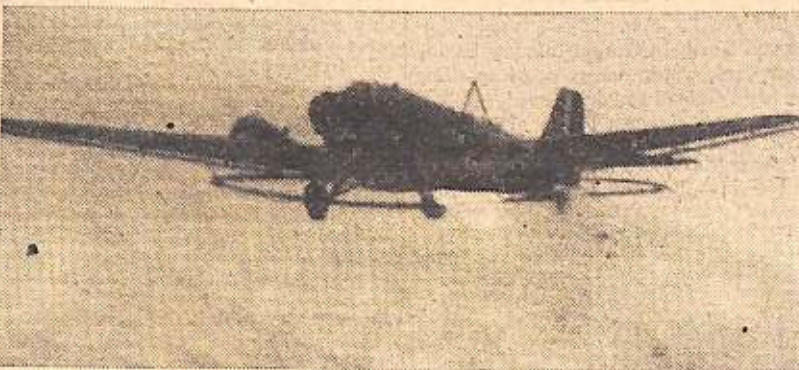
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Secret weapons of the war in the air provide a sure gauge of the aims and needs of the belligerents. Germany's military developments aloft almost exclusively are of a defensive nature; Allied inventive genius has been turned to weapons of attack.

It is in the war in the air, too, that comparatively minor developments—of a prosaic and almost commonplace nature—have such an effect as to warrant the use of the term "secret weapon": viz., a first-line fighter gets new speed from a



The cavernous fuselage of the Nazis' Me323 transport opens to admit an armored car. Secret weapon Me323, despite new armament, has been easy prey for Allied fighters.



The Luftwaffe adapted an Allied secret weapon—the airplane equipped with an electrically charged ring to explode magnetic mines—to clear the Nazis' own waters, but RAF Typhoons caught this Ju52 with detonating ring and did a little detonating of their own.

larger engine which appears identical with the old; its introduction into battle at a critical stage, with a performance which completely disrupts enemy calculations based on the old engine's known power, may well provide that small margin of superiority which in aerial warfare may be supercharged into complete victory. There is frequently little movement of the scales between victory and defeat in the air.

Specifically, Germany's aerial secret weapons for nearly a year and a half have been almost entirely defensive. The Luftwaffe has been forced to divert its laboratories' attention to making better, faster, more powerful fighter planes; to more accurate, more explosive flak.

1,200 1-Engine Fighters

Fighter planes, unless they have very long range inherent in their construction, are defensive weapons. They are used to intercept attacking bombers; even long-range fighters may be, in a tactical sense, defensive, although used as part of an over-all attack; for their job is to defend the bombers, or the troops or the ships, which are attacking.

Of approximately 2,500 aircraft the Luftwaffe should be able to mass to fight invasion from France to Norway, something more than 1,200 will be fighters; the rest will be two-engine craft used as either bombers or fighters (for instance, the Ju88) and heavy bombers, according to a survey of German press and radio reports during the last two years as re-

ported by Aeroplane Magazine, authoritative air journal, in its Jan. 21 issue.

Into those fighters the Germans are building every device which might have a chance of giving the Luftwaffe that necessary little edge of tactical surprise and superiority.

The old familiar Me109Fs have given way largely to Me109Gs, of which there are at least five modifications, and these in turn now are giving way, in crack squadrons, to the Me209, which may be a plastic craft and may carry new 30mm. cannon instead of the old 20s. Plastics, with their quicker production, and 30mm. cannon, with greater range, might hold that vital margin, if the Allies couldn't counter them.

Messerschmitt 210s, now turned to toting rockets (whose broadside firing itself is a new weapon of fairly formidable stature when used against close-flying bomber formations), are giving way, according to neutral reports, to Me410s, sleeker, faster, more powerful craft. Focke Wulf 190s already are being replaced by FW290s as first line craft, and some bomber crews and fighter pilots have reported sighting the long shark-nosed 290 over both France and the Reich.

Nazis' Wooden 'Moskito'

One version of the 290 probably is made almost completely of wood, according to Swiss reports, and the Nazis, with no great originality, have designated it "The Moskito."

This week Stockholm agencies sent out reports of "a new German fighter plane, the Henschel 129," of which pictures were published in Nazi newspapers.

The Henschel 129 certainly is not new; it was used as a ground attack craft in the mid stages of the African campaign and in last year's summer drive in Russia. Heavily armed with 30 mm. cannon or better, with a crew of one, it proved a fairly effective although slow anti-tank weapon.

From Spain, too, came reports of a new German plane especially designed as an anti-invasion weapon, to be called "the destroyer." The Berlin correspondent of Madrid, a Spanish newspaper, reported that the plane so far has been used only on a small scale, which would fit the conditions under which the Hs129 has been flown.

There again, however, the Nazi emphasis is laid on a new weapon of defense: the Hs129, as they apparently plan to use it, is not a weapon of attack, to slash ahead of the panzers and clear enemy armor from the way; it is an "anti-invasion weapon." How well it will fare against deck-level Mustangs and Mosquitoes is not very problematical.

Unquestionably, the Nazis won't rely exclusively on the Luftwaffe, but Dr. Goebbels has been exceedingly busy hinting at all the Luftwaffe was doing in preparation for invasion. In addition to other announcements, the Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau (Nazi-controlled) has put out a story that a new single-seater German night fighter has been developed, carrying heavy armament and with far greater speed than any previous type. A bit vaguely (which might have been deliberate) the STB denied that the craft was "a radio-controlled rocket fighter," but added that "no details are being issued in Berlin of the method of propulsion."

Parachute Mines

In the other form of aerial defense the Germans have obviously been experimenting during the night and day raids of the big Allied bomber fleets. Flak from rocket shells which bursts in patterns of the letters M or Z has been met over

Reich targets; aerial mines trailed on cables from enemy interceptors have been encountered; parachute air mines released from flak shells were met over Central Germany, and RAF Coastal Command aircraft attacked a convoy off Norway which used a defense of "rocket-like projectiles which opened in the air and had a canister attached by cable to a parachute," according to the Air Ministry.

Not the least of the Luftwaffe's accomplishments might be in the material which formed a paper read to Swedish aeronautical experts last autumn by Fliegerstabingenieur Hans Busch, director of engine research at Rechlin Laboratories, a Luftwaffe research base. Busch spoke of engines of 6,000 hp, some three times as powerful as the most potent of known aircraft power plants, and also said that a stratosphere plane capable of flying at 79,000 feet would be in production soon. How much of that was propaganda and how much true is doubtful, yet certainly the Germans have built good aircraft engines, very good Diesel engines, and it is to be expected that their laboratories have been working night and day on a power plant which will give them that edge in the air.

Bombers for Defense Too

Even in the realm of offensive aerial weapons, i.e., the heavy bombers, the Nazis have, to all intents and purposes, been working with a defensive theory.

Radio-controlled and glider bombs, toted out to sea by Heinkel 177s and Focke-Wulf 200Ks, and there turned loose against Allied shipping, are used in attack, but those attacks are primarily of a counter nature; they are to break up the inflow of Allied material and personnel for invasion.

From accumulated reports, it seems likely that the glider bombs are propelled by a liquid fuel jet and released from a comparatively low-flying carrier plane. The radio bomb, on the other hand, is turned loose from well above 20,000 feet, according to reports, and is guided to its target by radio control in the parent aircraft. The radio bomb, which can follow its target's escape movements, obviously is a dangerous weapon, but last week it was routed in an engagement with a convoy, because Allied aircraft closed in attack on the He177s and FW200Ks which launched the radio bombs and disrupted their control. Which seems the obvious answer.

Continued reports of He177s in anti-convoy attacks would seem to indicate that after nearly six years of experiment and trials the Nazis may have licked the operational "bugs" which appeared in the first of these heavy, extremely long-range bombers.

Most of the trouble apparently was in the power plant, which involved the coupling of two DB605 engines in each nacelle, making the 177 look like a giant two-engine plane, although it really has four engines.

'Gigant' Troop Carrier

Two other large Nazi planes are worth mention, although their tactical use is somewhat confused. The Messerschmitt 323—so-called "Gigant"—apparently is still being produced as fast as material can be spared from fighter production. Mostly the huge, six-engine craft, which needs an assisted takeoff when loaded, has been used to ferry vital personnel out of areas in which the Wehrmacht has been defeated, but its basic role is as a troop and small tank carrier.

The Nazis also have developed the Junkers 290, a troop carrier of 138-foot wingspan, some 35 feet wider than a Fortress. It has four radial engines, of 1,500 hp each, can do 243 mph at 18,000 feet and has an overall weight of some 44 tons.

It is worth noting that the 290, the 323, the 177, the 200K and even the odd-appearing Blohm and Voss 138 flying-boat have been equipped with 20 and 30mm. cannon, indicating the Nazis are turning away from speed and towards big guns as defense.

Possibly the Nazis may do something in jet propulsion to give them an answer to their obvious search in almost every quarter for an answer to Allied air power. DVL, Messerschmitt, Heinkel, Arado and Henschel all are known to be experimenting with "heiss-strahl," or hot jet, as a power plant. They must have the air frames in which to mount the power, however, and Allied attacks probably have cut all German plane production to nearly half the 2,700 units a month they were turning out in January of 1942.



The Ghost at Ballycrumbe Castle (just taken over) gets a hell of a shock.

NEWS FROM HOME

62 Pct. Decline In Construction Noted in Year

Totals Reflect Decreasing Expansion of America's War-Industrial System

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—The total volume of construction activity in the U.S. declined 62 per cent. between December, 1942, and December, 1943, and 14 per cent between November and December of last year, WPB reported.

A further decline of six per cent was estimated for January of this year, a more moderate decrease than registered in most months in 1943, the report said.

Preliminary estimates for 1944, assuming that present policies remain in force and that total war will continue through the year, indicate a construction volume of \$3,700,000,000, or 49 per cent of the 1943 and 28 per cent of the 1942 totals.

The December (1943) volume included four major classifications: Military, \$92,373,000; industrial expansion (government and privately financed), \$94,474,000; housing (government and privately financed), \$91,500,000; all other construction (including public roads, sewers, utilities and other non-residential), \$67,000,000.

A Halt on Thievery

MELROSE PARK, Pa., Feb. 20 (UP)—The Union Society for the Detection of Horse Thieves and the Recovery of Stolen Property has canceled its annual symbolic "hanging" for the first time in 132 years.

Austin on Foreign Relations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—Senator Warren R. Austin (R-Vt.) has been nominated by the Republicans to fill a vacancy on the Senate Foreign Relations committee.

If the Senate approves the nomination, the Republicans would have a majority on the committee, which would then be made up of eight Republicans, six Democrats and one Progressive.

Planes for Hire

NEW YORK, Feb. 20—A plan to enable people to rent airplanes by the day or hour as they now do with cars has been drawn up by the Drive-It-Yourself Association.

Anthracite Output Up

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (Reuter)—Fuel Administrator Harold L. Ickes announced that under the spur of Sunday work in the mines, anthracite production for the week ending Feb. 12 mounted to 1,424,000 tons, largest weekly output since the week of Jan. 27, when 1,425,000 tons were mined.

N.Y. Rector to Visit U.K.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20—The Rev. Horace Williams Baden Donegan, rector of St. James's Episcopal Church of New York, will visit the British Isles this summer at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Buck Jones' Widow Weds

RENO, Nev., Feb. 20—Mrs. Belle Jones, widow of Buck Jones, star of Western films, was married to Theodore Corder, Susanville (Cal.) business man. Buck Jones died in the Coconut Grove fire in Boston in November, 1942.

Twins Do It Again

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 20—Capt. Fred Potter, a pilot in the South Pacific, arrived home unexpectedly. Moments later his twin, F/O John Potter, walked in, on leave from an Eastern base.

Nazi Prisoner-Workers Accorded Union Status

BRIDGETON, N.J., Feb. 20—Union dues of 25 cents a day will be paid for 165 German prisoners working at near-by Seabrook Farms. James G. Flanigan, labor consultant for the farms, said dues would be paid either by the company or the government.

The company pays 50 cents an hour. The prisoners receive only 80 cents a day, the rest of their pay going to the War Department for use for other war prisoners. The prisoners were brought in to alleviate a manpower shortage.

Fished From Pool



HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 20—Blonde film actress Veronica Lake had a narrow escape from drowning over the weekend while diving into a pool during the filming of a water ballet scene in a new picture.

She was accidentally kicked in the head as she was making a graceful entrance beneath the waves. When she failed to come back to the surface fellow swimmers dived and fished her out, slightly stunned. She took the rest of the day off.

Girl's Hiccoughing Halted by Medic on Emergency Leave

NEW YORK, Feb. 20—Anna Mayer, 21, breathed normally today—her 45-day spell of hiccoughs cured by an Army Medical Corps captain granted an emergency leave after the girl appealed to President Roosevelt.

Capt. Lester Samuels, who had halted a previous 42-day spell of hiccoughs which Miss Mayer suffered two years ago, said he was confident the newest operation "has permanently cured the situation."

Capt. Samuels was granted leave after the girl's letter to Mr. Roosevelt was referred the surgeon general for sympathetic consideration.

Rules Are Rules

COLUMBIA, S.C., Feb. 20—Four students of Columbia Women's College were restricted for a week because they broke a rule which forbids students to ride unchaperoned with a man. Gov. Olin D. Johnson, of South Carolina, gave the girls a lift after church services.

U.S. Again Hit By Zero Wave

Mercury Plunges Down In East, Midwest; Heavy Snowfalls Reported

CHICAGO, Feb. 20—After a brief respite early last week from a severe cold wave in the East and Central U.S., temperatures again dipped to several degrees below zero in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois.

At Bemidji, Minn., a reading of 26 below was recorded, while Duluth registered 16 below and Minneapolis 15 below.

New England states reported snowfalls ranging up to two feet, while in the Midwest, Iowa and Nebraska recorded six to ten inches of snow.

Relief for the Liberated Will Spur Victory: Lehman

CHICAGO, Feb. 20—Prompt relief of civilian needs in liberated territories of Europe "will bring us new allies, encourage resistance and thus hasten the enemy's downfall," Herbert H. Lehman, director general of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, asserted here.

The former New York governor told the Chicago World Trade Conference: "If civilian conditions behind the lines in liberated areas are stabilized, the energies of our armies can be directed solely to fighting the war. If production in the liberated areas is restored and the strain on supply lines relieved, vital shipping will be freed to speed victory elsewhere."

'Efficiency-Man' Bedaux Commits Suicide in Miami

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP)—Charles Bedaux, friend of the Duke of Windsor and inventor of the Bedaux industrial-efficiency system, committed suicide by taking an overdose of sleeping powder in a hospital in Miami, Fla., Friday night, the Justice Department announced.

Bedaux had been under arrest on charges of entering the United States without a passport.

Bloomington Will Name Airport for War Hero

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 20—A new municipal airport will be named for Lt. Gerry H. Kisters, first soldier in this war to win Uncle Sam's two highest awards, it was announced on the hero's return to convalesce from wounds. Kisters received the Congressional Medal of Honor and DSC for heroism in Sicily and Italy. Several thousand residents, with a truckload of gifts, including a pre-war smoked ham, greeted him at the train.

Private Held as Traitor In Escape of Two Nazis

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (Reuter)—A U.S. Army private, Dale H. Maple, 23, has been arrested on a charge of treason for allegedly aiding two German prisoners of war to escape last Tuesday from an internment camp at Camp Hale, Colo., the FBI revealed.

Maple, who was stationed at Camp Hale, and the two Germans were captured three miles south of the Mexican border by a Mexican customs official.

Peace-Time Belly Laugh To Be Strictly Uninhibited

CHICAGO, Feb. 20—Peace-time trousers will have slide fasteners to allow for the paunch when a man is sitting, says Raymond Twyeffort, chairman of a post-war planning committee for tailors and designers. The abdomen expands from three to seven inches when a man is sitting, he said, yet pants always are fitted standing. He added that the post-war hat would have a slide fastener in the crown, allowing it to be folded and carried in a pocket. This would save lots of checkroom tips, he said.

Invasion Power Tops in History

Somervell Cites Massing Of Might, Says Allies Will 'Make Sure'

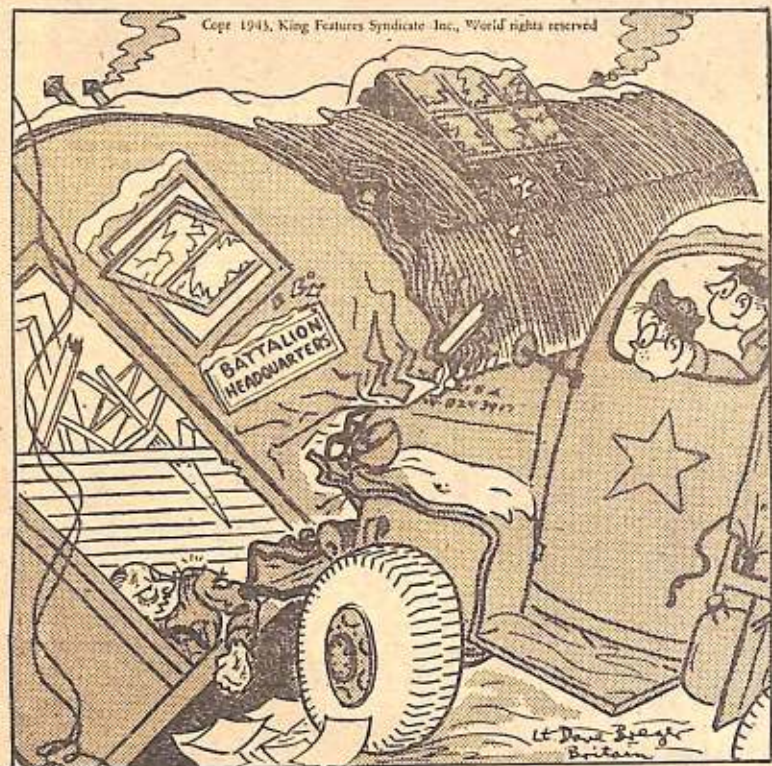
DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 20 (Reuter)—The greatest mass of men, munitions, installations and equipment the world has ever known is being assembled in Britain for the invasion of western Europe, Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, chief of the Army Service Forces (ASF), said here.

Declaring that the Second Front would be opened only when the Allies were sure of victory, Gen. Somervell said that "when invasion day comes, and I assure you it will, such a weight of fire power, air power, armored motorized power and manpower as was never before assembled will strike at the enemy on the Continent."

The Japanese Army, he said, must be exterminated before the defeat and occupation of Japan, unless it changes in courage and fanaticism.

"The Japanese have forced us to this decision," he said. "We will do a thorough job and, having done it, we will invade Tojo's home islands. We will not pause until we are convinced that Japan has ceased forever to be a menace to the world."

PRIVATE BREGER



"Oh, gee! There goes one of my New Year's resolutions!"

By Jean Baird

Diane



By Milton Caniff

Male Call



By Chic Young

Blondie



An Arsenal For Democracy



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
"This is what I'd do to Hitler!" pistol-packing Chris-Pin Martin, of the USO-Camp Show "At Ease," tells Sgt. Carl Magnusson.

The Mayoress Entertains



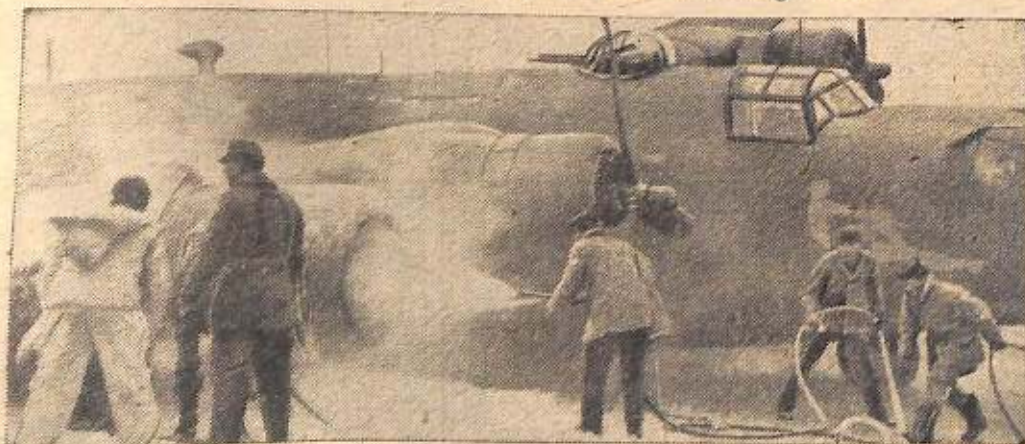
OWI Photo
The wife of the mayor of an Italian town plays host to two GI's who felt at home when they saw the pin-up girls.

Chow On The Home Front



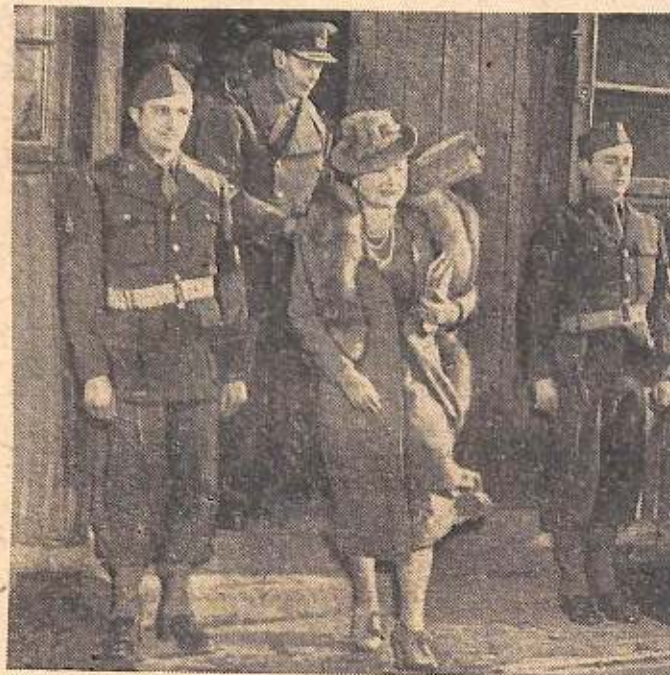
OWI Photo
Norwegian and Belgian sailors enjoy a lunch in New York. Don't those milk bottles and ice cream cups make you homesick?

Um, What a Lick!—But No Injuries



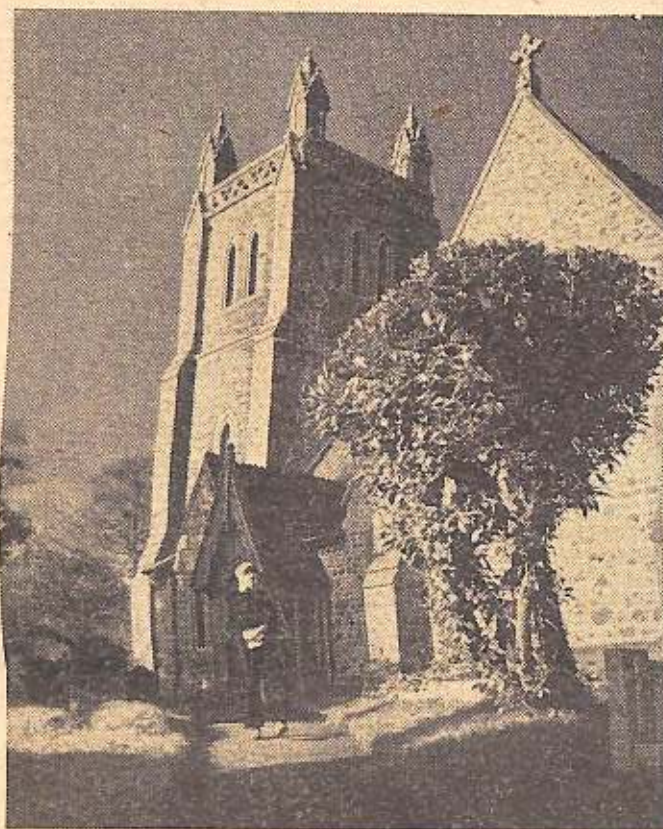
OWI Photo
Airfield firemen use foam to extinguish the burning Liberator "Hmn, Wadda Lick," crippled by flak in a raid over the French coast. The crew jumped out, unharmed.

A Royal Inspection



Keystone Photo
The King and Queen leave an American Air Force barracks after a satisfactory inspection which met Royal standards.

The Village Church



Associated Press Photo
An American sailor who services Navy planes finds respite from his duties in a stroll through the English churchyard near his base.

Mess Call For Six



Planet Photo
1/Sgt. "Mitzi," mascot of an air transport group, takes care of her chowline of six pups, all Pfc's.

Sweet As Apple Cider



OWI Photo
Ida Lupino, one of Britain's contributions to the array of topflight Hollywood stars, won the New York Critics' Award for the best screen performance of 1943.

He Yelled 'Uncle!'



Cpl. Arliss wandered into a British studio expecting to find an "uncle" in director Leslie Arliss. Instead he found "nieces," Margaret Lockwood, Patricia Roc.

What Rubber Shortage?



New York Times Photo
Thousands of tons of war weapons are arriving daily from the USA in preparation for the biggest ever amphibious operation. Here a GI takes charge of a newly-arrived tractor.