

Allies Driving Inland Near Rome

Reds Close On Rail Line To Estonia

Begin New Pripet, Kerch Drives; Enemy Attacks Near Vinnitsa Cease

Advancing Red Army troops, now in control of all railroads and highways within a 20-mile radius of Leningrad, closed in on the lateral railway running westward to Estonia yesterday as the Russians opened a new offensive north of the Pripet marshes and began a strong attack against the Nazi stronghold of Kerch after new landings in the Crimea.

German defenses around Leningrad crumbled rapidly as the Soviet offensive, in its ninth day, took on the proportions of a major operation along a 50-mile front.

While one advance column moved into the outskirts of Tosno, 30 miles southeast of Leningrad, where the lateral rail line to Narva in Estonia joins the Leningrad-Moscow trunk, another brought up strong artillery forces four miles north of Krasnovardensk, the most important railway and highway junction in the area, 22 miles southwest of Leningrad.

Vinnitsa Front Quiet

East of Vinnitsa, in the Dnieper Bend, where Gen. Nicolai Vatutin's army was reported building up new troop concentrations, only local fighting was reported—evidence that Manstein's heavy counterattacks there had ceased—but the German military commentator Col. Ernst von Hammer described new Soviet attacks and a flare-up of fighting around Kirovograd.

A new offensive by Gen. Constantine Rossovsky's troops north of the Pripet, aimed at the railway junction of Bobruisk, on the railway to Pinsk, was described by the Germans. They said the Russians brought up several fresh infantry divisions and a number of tank units in an effort to force a break-through "at all costs."

In the Crimea, Von Hammer said, the Russians landed southeast of Kerch and, after a fierce barrage, advanced against the town coincident with strong attacks from the previous Red bridgehead to the northeast. His broadcast said fierce fighting had been going on since yesterday morning, but did not add the usual claim that the Russians had been repulsed.

Two Traps Take Shape

The Red drive in the north to cut the vital supply line to Narva threatened to trap some 15 or 20 German divisions. An even larger trap appeared in the making as the troops of Gen. Maretskov's army, widening their hold on the area west of Novgorod, 100 miles south of Leningrad, pushed west toward a junction with Gen. Govorov's columns moving south from Leningrad. The two were 80 miles apart.

The entire operation was a battle for railways. Maretskov drove west to cut railways running south from Leningrad to Nevel and Pskov, two lines now strained with men and Nazi supplies being pulled back from the northern pocket.

The Russians, by their capture of Mga Friday, now have cut off all but two of the six lines radiating from Leningrad. Mga, 28 miles southeast of Leningrad, was a German supply center for the northern fronts for more than two years. Its fall gave the Soviet one more rail link between Leningrad and Moscow.

A Reuter correspondent in Moscow said last night that Marshal Von Manstein was reported to have informed Hitler he could not take responsibility for the German Army's position in South Russia if large reinforcements of men, tanks and planes were not forthcoming promptly.

State Soldier Vote Bill Passed in Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 23—A soldiers' vote bill to enable Wisconsin servicemen overseas to vote in this year's primary and presidential election was passed unanimously by the Assembly and Senate. Local election officials will make up registration lists and will mail the ballots, making it unnecessary for each serviceman and woman to apply for an absentee ballot.

Warns Bombers Menace U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23—Enemy bombers still might raid Washington and New York, but "the probabilities of this are very much decreased," Vice Adm. Adolphus Andrews said today.

Eisenhower ETO Chief, Too; Lee His Second in Command

SOS, ETO Headquarters Consolidated by Order of New Supreme Chief

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, in addition to his duties as supreme Allied commander, has assumed the post of commanding general of the European Theater of Operations, it was announced yesterday. He immediately consolidated ETO headquarters with SOS ETO headquarters and named Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee as deputy theater commander.

Gen. Lee, who will retain his post as commanding general, Services of Supply, served on Gen. Eisenhower's staff in 1942 in the preparations for the North African landings. His appointment as deputy theater commander will leave Gen. Eisenhower free to devote the major portion of his time to his duties as supreme allied commander.

Other steps in the consolidation included the appointment of Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith as chief of staff, ETO, in addition to his duties as chief of staff, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, and the appointment of Col. Royal B. Lord as deputy chief of staff, ETO, in addition to his duties as chief of staff, SOS, ETO.

Three Elements Under Eisenhower

Under Gen. Eisenhower, in his role as theater commander, are the three elements of the U.S. Army: Air forces, commanded by Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz; field forces, commanded by Lt. Gen. Omar N.



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee

Bradley; and Services of Supply, commanded by Maj. Gen. Lee. As supreme commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Gen. Eisenhower commands all Allied forces in the United Kingdom.

Among the responsibilities assigned Gen. Lee by Gen. Eisenhower was the operation of all administration and supply for American forces in the United Kingdom and for Continental operations.

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New Landing 32 Mi. South of Eternal City Virtually Unopposed

Invaders Advance on Key Railways, Roads In Attempt to Trap 100,000 Germans Between Old and New Fronts

After bold amphibious landings south of Rome, American and British troops of Lt. Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth Army yesterday were driving toward vital railroads and highways running south of the Italian capital in an attempt to trap German armies in western Italy estimated at 100,000 men.

From secure bridgeheads—reported by the Germans as about 32 miles south of Rome—Allied troops led by U.S. Rangers and British commandos Sunday had captured heights dominating the coast, and last night were reported sweeping inland to within striking distance of Kesselring's main communication lines.

The Germans apparently were thrown completely off balance by the unexpected blow early Saturday along the beach which they were unable to defend.

Only scattered and weak German resistance was met by the Allies for 24 hours after the initial landings, but late Sunday night an NBC commentator, quoted by Reuter, said German artillery fire had increased and "U.S. doughboys inland were beginning to meet enemy patrols."

A United Press report Sunday night said U.S. Fortresses and Liberators were pounding highways between Rome and the Allied beachhead in an effort to isolate the battle zone and prevent reinforcements from reaching the area quickly.

A 57-mile Jump North

Although Allied communiques have not revealed the exact location of the new offensive, German and neutral reports said that the Fifth Army had stormed the coast between the "mouth of the Tiber and Nettuno," 32 miles south of Rome and 57 miles northwest of the present Fifth Army front.

Military strategists said that the landings had opened for the Allies a front ideal for operations by armored and motorized divisions on the plains leading to Rome. To the south, they have been restricted by mountainous terrain.

So powerful was the air umbrella supporting the landings that the first German bomber did not venture to attack until six hours after the beginning of the operation. At least 600 fighters and fighter-bombers of the tactical air force patrolled the beaches constantly.

The surprise landings confronted the Germans with two alternatives. Kesselring's nine divisions now holding back other units of the Fifth Army along the Garigliano and Rapido rivers—the so-called Gustav line—may attempt a withdrawal by the roundabout Avezzano road to Rome, or attempt to hold the Allies while troops are rushed to Rome from the north to establish an improvised defense.

So unexpected was the new Allied maneuver that Rome at present probably is not guarded in strength. Only last week three German armored divisions protecting the capital were sent south to bolster the Gustav line, it was reported.

Admitting that the Allies already had captured the town of Nettuno with the aid of "gigantic air support," a German military spokesman predicted that if the Fifth Army could hold its bridgeheads the German front in Italy would fold and Rome would fall in a short time.

'Decisive Battle'

Other German sources declared that the decisive battle of the Italian campaign had begun.

German radio, in spite of the Allied announcement that the landings were unopposed, claimed that the Nazi air force attacked the landing fleet, sinking four large landing vessels and heavily damaging eight major units and several landing boats.

In an effort to isolate Rome and cut off the German divisions to the south, the British and Americans pushed inland toward the Rome-Capua railroad, the Appian Way, which runs roughly parallel

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German Says 3 Carriers Supported Allied Landings

A German radio commentator last night asserted that the Allied landing in Italy was supported by at least three aircraft carriers, two battleships, five cruisers, six destroyers and three special landing units, and numerous aircraft which took off from the carriers.

"It would not be opportune to speak of German counter-measures at this juncture," he said.

Marauders Again Paste 'Rocket Gun Coast' Area

The "rocket-gun area" of France's Pas de Calais, pounded on Friday by the largest force of American and Allied planes ever sent out in a day's operations, was attacked again yesterday by formations of U.S. Marauder medium bombers and Allied fighter-bombers.

As the attack—details of which were lacking at a late hour last night—was in progress, German fire-fighting crews still were engaged in battling

blazes in the city of Magdeburg, in central Germany, where the RAF dropped more than 2,000 tons of high-explosive and incendiary bombs Friday night.

Reports reaching Stockholm yesterday said that the 34-minute RAF raid had resulted in direct hits on factories manufacturing tanks, diesel engines and synthetic fuel and damage to the I. G. Farbenindustrie chemical factory, the customs building and a sugar refinery, where 4,000 tons of sugar were reported destroyed.

Besides the Marauder attacks on the Pas de Calais area yesterday, P47 fighter-bombers attacked the German-held airfield at Glize-Rigen, in Holland, while other P47s swept across occupied territory in a vain search for combat. Bursts on the dispersal areas and runways of the Dutch field were reported. It was the P47s' fourth raid as fighter-bombers.

DNB's long-wave station in Berlin went off the air at 8:33 o'clock last night, indicating that another RAF attack on the Reich might be in progress. Deutschlandsender also went off the air.

The Magdeburg raid cost the RAF 52 bombers. The Friday USAAF and RAF assault

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Jugoslavs Raid Nazis' Airfields

Guerilla Action Increases; Bitter Battles Reported In Croatia, Bosnia

Jugoslav partisans have made surprise swoops on German airfields in the Balkans, dispatches from Cairo said last night, reporting that a bomb dump was blown up at Zagreb and an airfield at Pleso put out of action for a week.

A Junkers 52 troop transport also was reported destroyed at Pleso. As this new wave of sabotage on the German war effort in southeastern Europe was reported, the All-Slav committee in Moscow appealed to the Bulgars to break with Germany.

The appeal, printed in Pravda, urged the Balkan nations to develop guerrilla warfare against the Germans and stop exports of war materials to Germany.

Bitter battles in Croatia and Bosnia were reported in yesterday's communique from Marshal Tito. In western Bosnia, a strong force of German troops attempting to thrust toward Banjiluka was annihilated, the communique said.

72 Fighter Pilots Honored In First Mustang Awards

A MUSTANG BASE, Jan. 23—Seventy-five decorations have been presented to 72 pilots at this station's first awards ceremony since it began operations Dec. 1.

Col. Kenneth R. Martin, of Kansas City, Mo., station commander, was awarded the DFC and the Air Medal, and Maj. James H. Howard, of St. Louis, former Flying Tiger, received the DFC and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. No recommendations yet have been made for Maj. Howard's individual exploit on the Jan. 11 Oschersleben-Halberstadt mission, when crews of bombers he was escorting reported seeing at least six German aircraft destroyed by his fire.

In addition to the decorations given Col. Martin and Maj. Howard, 62 Mustang pilots received the Air Medal and eight were given Oak Leaf clusters to the Air Medal.

To Land the Fish, Take to the Water

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Stars and Stripes Map

ROME, CASTEL di SANGRO, NETTUNO, GAETA, CASSINO, FOGGIA, NAPLES, 8TH ARMY, 5TH ARMY, R. Tiber, R. Gariglian

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Strategic Air Force Can Finish Luftwaffe by Summer—Spaatz

Fighter Output Already Cut 40 Pct.; Fair Weather Only Need Now

By Andrew A. Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Given a reasonable break in the weather over Germany in the next few months the newly formed U.S. Strategic Air Force in Europe can be expected to knock out the Luftwaffe by summer, according to Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, its commander.

"The Schweinfurt raid on Oct. 14 and the raids that have been made on German fighter plants have already, we believe, reduced the planned German fighter production by about 40 per cent," Gen. Spaatz said.

The USSAF chief also indicated that Germany can expect to be bombed from two directions by two major air fleets in the near future.

"It takes very little study of a map to see that both the Eighth and 15th Air Forces hit the same targets," said Spaatz, whose command includes both forces.

Key factors in any plan for shuttle-bombing, he said, are maintenance facilities and an exchange of personnel familiar with the other theater. He added that captured Italian bases now are being equipped with most of the facilities available at British bases.

Full Nazi Effort Failed

Gen. Spaatz said that the Germans made an all-out effort to stop the USSAF's Jan. 11 attacks on Brunswick, Halberstadt and Oschersleben, and lost 152 of an estimated 600 fighters. Asked if four more such raids would knock out the Luftwaffe, Gen. Spaatz replied: "Given the same sort of weather we had

Arnold Says Nazis Can't Maintain Air Strength

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23—Germany's air force, though still powerful in defense, can no longer maintain its offensive strength, Gen. Henry H. Arnold asserted in a weekend speech. "It can no longer raise the price of victory to a prohibitive point," the USAAF chief said.

Japan already is feeling the pressure of U.S. air power, he said. "The tissues in Japan's defense network are becoming more and more apparent. One of these days we'll be able to hit Japan where it hurts most—within the citadel of Honshu itself."

in the Mediterranean for a while, I do not think the German Air Force would last long."

Declaring that his force would bomb on every day that weather permitted, the general expressed a preference for visual bombing rather than the newly developed overcast bombing technique, despite the higher losses of the good-weather bombing.

"Whenever we go out to bomb targets we can see we hit them," Spaatz said.

The general did not clarify the position of the USSAF in relation to possible landing operations, but it was indicated that heavy bombers could be used tactically if the Allies foresaw victory so close that long-range strategic bombing of factories would never be felt by the German war machine anyway.

Marine Howitzer Hammers Japs



OWI Photo

U.S. Leathernecks, dug in the sandy beach of Tarawa, prepare to "re-load" after sending a deadly case of destruction into Jap installations hidden in the jungles.

3 Trapped in Blazing Lib Saved By Rest of Crew After Crash

A U.S. LIBERATOR BASE, Jan. 23 (AP)—Torn with flak, and with three engines gone, the Liberator Liberty Bell crash-landed near a southeast Anglia town after Friday's raids on the French coast, and for three hours the pilot and four fellow crewmen battled to save three others trapped in the blazing wreckage with the bodies of two dead officers.

How the rescuers, two of whom suffered superficial burns from burning oil, desperately fought with shovels and axes to free the trapped fliers was related here today by 2/Lt. Keith Cookus, pilot from Bonham, Tex.

Thirteen went out on the Liberty Bell. Only eight returned alive.

The Liberty Bell's Dieppe

Before the plane narrowly missed a house and crashed in a field, it survived a half dozen flak bursts over Dieppe which started a fire in the bomb bay, ignited the No. 3 engine and knocked out engines Nos. 1 and 2 as well as the controls.

Trapped in the flight-deck wreckage after the landing, but finally saved, were S/Sgt. Eugene K. Siefried, of Philadelphia, nose turret gunner; S/Sgt. Herman Becker, of Woodbury, N.J., top turret gunner, and Lt. Franklin A. Campbell, of Detroit, navigator.

First to climb out of the plane were three gunners—S/Sgt. Andrew Kowalski, of Reading, Pa.; Walter E. Boyd, of Little Rock, Ark., and Thomas Fong, of Oakland, Cal. Lt. Cookus and 2/Lt. Howard K. Holladay, co-pilot from Somerset, Ky., followed.

The gunners, who had been burned by flaming oil, told how Cookus dug desperately with a shovel brought by a farmer to build up a wall of earth and keep the fire in the engines from the trapped men and how he tried unsuccessfully to lift a section of the plane.

Help From the British

"We felt helpless until a British fire-engine arrived and put out the fire," Lt. Cookus said. "I would have gone crazy if the fire had spread to the boys. At one time I stood bawling there like a baby.

"Despite the danger of high-octane gas blowing up, the fellows never uttered a complaint."

From the wreckage, Campbell wisecracked, "Cut it off," when rescuers told him his leg was in the way. Using axes and other implements they cut a hole in the plane and pulled out the survivors and two bodies.

"We had 13 aboard," Holladay remarked. "It was my 13th mission. If it had been Friday the 13th I'd quit and go home."

Back at his base, Cookus picked up a letter that had just arrived. It was a belated Christmas card from home with the message, "Happy landings and safe flying."



Roy B. Lord Lt. Edward Kilenyi

Point as a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers in 1923. He served in the Hawaiian Islands and the Philippines before being appointed director of the Bureau of Public Relations of the War Department in 1940.

Later he served as chief of operations, Board of Economic Warfare, coming to the ETO as chief of operations, Services of Supply, in September, 1942. He was appointed chief of staff, SOS, in October, 1943. Last November he was awarded the Legion of Merit for services performed in preliminary planning of engineering operations in connection with the North Africa expedition.

In the U.S., Col. Lord is well known as an inventor and writer. He designed a portable steel emplacement and a portable mille cableway (both in use by the U.S. Army), and contributed frequently to Colliers, Popular Science and other magazines.

U.S. Lieutenant-Pianist Plays At British Symphony Concert

2/Lt. Edward Kilenyi, of New York, former concert pianist, played at a concert yesterday in London with the National Symphony Orchestra, conducted by RAF Sgt. John Hollingsworth.

When Kilenyi made his first London concert appearance eight years ago he played a Liszt concerto, and Hollingsworth, a schoolboy then, was in the audience. Yesterday, at Royal Albert Hall, Kilenyi played the same concerto under the leadership of Hollingsworth, now assistant conductor of the RAF symphony orchestra.

It was Kilenyi's second concert performance since he has been in the Army. As a corporal in the USAAF last March, he played with the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra in New York City.

Born of Hungarian parents in Philadelphia, Kilenyi began playing the piano when he was three years old, and made his public debut as a concert pianist when he was 17. Later he completed ten concert seasons on the Continent with symphony orchestras of most of the European nations, and two seasons in the United States.

Practising in his spare time, Kilenyi took one morning out from Army duty to



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo 2/Lt. Edward Kilenyi rehearse with the National Symphony Orchestra before the concert.

New Big Blows Are Dealt Japs' Sea, Air Power

Libs Bag 2 Cargo Vessels Off N. Guinea; 100,000 Tons Sunk Since Jan. 14

ALLIED HQ, New Guinea, Jan. 23—U.S. Liberators of the Fifth Air Force sank a 6,500-ton tanker and a 3,000-ton supply ship off the north coast of New Guinea Friday to boost figures on Japanese shipping sunk or heavily damaged since Jan. 14 to more than 100,000 tons, according to an estimate by Maj. Gen. Ralph Mitchell, chief of the USSAF in this theater.

Gen. Mitchell said also that U.S. planes from bases in the Solomons had destroyed 350 Jap planes since Nov. 20 in raids at or around Rabaul.

Other important successes by planes against enemy shipping were announced in today's communique from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters. A strong force of cannon-carrying B25s saturated targets at Hansa Bay, New Guinea, destroying 25 large barges and damaging many more.

Torpedo planes operating near Madang destroyed another four barges apparently bound northward. Thunderbolts and Airacobras pounced on barges at Reh Bay, New Britain, and sent four to the bottom, while another six fell victims to the same planes late Saturday afternoon.

B25s attacked Rabaul yesterday, silencing anti-aircraft batteries and shooting down 15 enemy planes.

In land fighting in the Southwest Pacific, U.S. Marines on Bougainville have opened a slow jungle push toward Tokina River, where fierce engagements between patrols were reported to have taken place today. On New Guinea and New Britain rain and mud have slowed operations.

Kuriles Raided Again

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23—Two groups of Navy bombers based in the Aleutians made separate attacks on the Japanese base at Paramushiro, in the Kurile islands north of Japan, on Friday, a weekend Navy Department communique said. All returned safely.

Marshall Blitz Kept Up

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—American planes, raiding Japanese positions in the Marshall Islands, damaged an enemy cargo transport near Maloelap, the Navy Department announced today.

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on the "rocket-gun" coast, an official communique announced, cost the American air forces six heavy bombers, two light bombers and three fighters.

U.S. airmen destroyed 14 enemy fighters in the attack, headquarters said—heavy bombers getting seven and fighters seven.

Meanwhile, goaded by the war's biggest blow on Berlin by the RAF Thursday night, the Luftwaffe slashed back at Britain with two sharp raids Friday night, giving many American soldiers their first taste of what the blitz of 1940-41 was like.

Of 90 bombers sent over England by the Luftwaffe, about 30 reached the London area, the Air Ministry said. Twelve out of the entire force were shot down, it added.

Landings - - -

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ashore. They were immediately taken prisoner."

"The Germans apparently got wind of our landing only at the last minute and rushed from Rome," said International News Service correspondent Clark Lee, "but they had not taken up defensive positions when our assault waves swept ashore." He said the largest of the seaside towns captured was taken with only two casualties.

Even before swarms of fighter planes swept over the beachhead at dawn to protect the invasion fleet, artillery, tanks and big guns had been hauled ashore and rolled into position. Troops moved inland swiftly from the beach and reached their objectives without even making contact with the enemy, except for opposition from one or two Germans.

The ease of the landings left American troops open-mouthed. Lt. Col. Edgar Doleman told Associated Press correspondent Don Whitehead, "Maybe the war is over and we don't know it." An infantryman who had made other amphibious landings said, "I still don't believe it."

Sea and air forces protected the landings. British, American and Greek warships escorted the convoys from Naples and other ports, and Dutch and French vessels came up later to hurl a barrage of shells into enemy defenses.

In the air, bombers roared ahead of the ground forces pushing inland, attacking enemy installations and shooting up road junctions. A correspondent with one formation led by Lt. Carl Block, of San Francisco, the second of three flights attacking a road behind the beachhead, said the Germans were so surprised they got their anti-aircraft going only in time to catch the third flight, and then the flak was scattered.

Nazi HQ in Italy KO'd by Bombs

Surprise Blow by A36s Comes Just Before New Landing by the Army

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Jan. 23—In a surprise raid, U.S. A36 Invader dive-bombers wiped out the German military headquarters in Italy a few hours before Fifth Army units made their new landing south of Rome, it was announced last night.

A36 pilots under the command of Lt. Col. Harold E. Kofahl, of Fellows, Cal., scored 26 direct hits on the headquarters, a villa near Frascati, 15 miles south of Rome and about five miles from the Pope's summer residence at Castel Gandolfo.

Big explosions left the place wrecked, and not a single German aircraft was encountered.

(Before the Allied landings on Sicily last summer, U.S. dive-bombers destroyed the Axis headquarters on the island, seriously disrupting enemy communications for many days.)

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to the coast some 12 miles inland, and the Latina road, farther inland.

Only four hours after the pre-dawn landings Saturday, the Allied troops had captured at least one coastal town and were astride the southern end of the road to Rome at the cost of only two casualties.

There were no reports from the front of major enemy resistance, but in addition to the NBC report, Vichy radio claimed yesterday that heavy fighting was raging between Nettuno and Anzio, three miles to the north. German overseas radio said that fighting was taking place on a broad front.

Big Day for Air Forces

Providing air support for the landings, the Allied air forces, now commanded by Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, had their biggest day since the initial Fifth Army landing at Salerno.

In slightly more than 24 hours, Allied planes flew more than 1,300 sorties to provide a constant air umbrella. The Luftwaffe, outnumbered roughly 13 to 1, chose to stay clear.

Coincidental with the landings, the Allied troops along the Gustav line to the south repelled wave after wave of German counter-attacks.

In the face of stiff German resistance, British troops captured the town of Trimonsuoli, two miles northwest of Minturno, while Americans crossed the Rapido near San Angelo, three miles south of Cassino. Farther to the north, the French took two more heights flanking the northern end of the Gustav line.

With the landings to the south of Rome, it was announced that Gen. Sir Harold Alexander had assumed overall command of the Allied armies and given them a new name—the Allied Central Mediterranean Force. Hitherto the Fifth and Eighth Armies were known as the Fifteenth Army Group.

Great Montana Prairie Fire

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Jan. 23—Twelve-hundred acres of ranch land have been devastated by a prairie fire 30 miles south of here. The fire started in Spanish Coulee and twice spread to unburned areas after it had been brought under control. Soldiers helped civilian firefighters and were used to patrol the sector when the blaze was extinguished finally.

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Other duties assigned Gen. Lee remain secret.

Gen. Lee was graduated from West Point, in the Corps of Engineers, in 1909. After service in the Panama Canal Zone and the Philippines, in addition to numerous posts in the United States, he sailed for France in February, 1918.

In World War I he served as assistant chief of staff, 32nd Division; assistant chief of staff, G-3, in the Reynal Training Area, and later with the 89th Division. For World War I services he was awarded the DSM and Silver Star by the United States and the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre with Palms by France. He assumed command of Services of Supply, ETOUSA, in July, 1942.

Gen. Smith, chief of staff of the supreme Allied command and deputy chief of staff, ETOUSA, entered the Army as a private in the Indiana National Guard. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in November, 1917, and was wounded in France later in the same year.

After World War I he served on various infantry posts in the United States, on the Mexican border and in the Philippines. He became a member of the General Staff Corps in April, 1940.

On Sept. 7, 1942, he joined Gen. Eisenhower in England and has been the latter's chief of staff since, serving with

AFN Radio Program

Monday, Jan. 24

- 1100—GI Jive.
- 1115—Showtime.
- 1130—Half and Half.
- 1200—Village Store—with Joan Davis and Jack Haley.
- 1230—BBC Scottish Orchestra.
- 1255—Quiet Moment.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Serenade.
- 1330—Band Call (BBC).
- 1400—Visiting Hour.
- 1430—Sign Off until 1745 hours.

- 1745—Spotlight on Jerry Wald—Program Resume.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
- 1905—Red Skelton—with Harriet Hilliard and Ozie Nelson's Orchestra.
- 1910—Command Performance.
- 2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2025—This Week in Science.
- 2030—Burns and Allen.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2110—Happy Norman's Ranch House.
- 2130—Front Line Theater.
- 2200—One Night Stand—Charlie Spivak.
- 2225—Final Edition.
- 2230—Sign off until 1100 hours Tuesday, Jan. 25.

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- 1100—GI Jive.
- 1115—Personal Album—Julie Conway.
- 1130—Happy Norman's Ranch House.
- 1200—Jy Benson (BBC).
- 1230—Family Hour.
- 1255—Quiet Moment.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Barracks Bar.
- 1400—Visiting Hour.
- 1430—Sign off until 1745 hours.

- 1745—Spotlight on Tommy Dorsey—Program Resume.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
- 1905—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
- 1930—Boxing Bout—with the Rainbow Corner with Sgt. Marty Smith and Cpl. Ford Kennedy.
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2025—Minutaire.
- 2030—Contented Hour.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2110—Music in Three-Quarter Time.
- 2125—Into Battle—a BBC dramatization of heroic incidents of this war.
- 2135—Duffy's Tavern.
- 2200—One Night Stand—Henry Busse.
- 2225—Final Edition.
- 2230—Sign off until 1100 hours Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Planes Thwart Glider-Bomber Attack on Ships

New Weapon, Like Small Monoplane, Falls Wide Of Its Target

In the first long-range bombing attack on an Atlantic convoy in a year, German planes, supported by U-boats, launched new radio-controlled glider bombs, but only two ships were damaged and the attacks "decisively defeated," an Admiralty and Air Ministry communique announced.

The battle in all its phases lasted four days and three nights, during which at least one submarine was sunk, two probably sunk, and several others damaged, as well as two He177s and other enemy planes probably downed by combined naval and air defenses, including U.S. Navy Catalina and Ventura aircraft. All of the Allied vessels reached port.

One flying officer said the glider bomb "looked just like a small monoplane. It did most unusual acrobatics," he added, "went all over the place and it seemed the Germans were trying to guide it into a vessel. It fell into the sea, however, and exploded and burned on the surface."

German use of long-range aircraft throws light on the U.S. heavy bomber assaults of air bases at Tours and Bordeaux-Merignac. These are the nests for Nazi long-range bombers.

Libs Used as Fighters

Aircraft operating from such widely separated bases as Gibraltar, the Azores and England participated in the battles, which saw heavy Allied bombers transformed into fighters to intercept attacking Nazis.

One Liberator, disregarding the anti-aircraft fire of the ships below, fought off Heinkel 177s for 35 minutes, making head-on attacks against the Germans on four separate occasions. This Liberator is believed to have destroyed two of the enemy bombers, damaged a third, and forced a fourth to jettison its bombs and head for home.

Another Liberator damaged and chased off a Blohm and Voss 222.

Everything from a British flak cruiser to Sunderland and Fortress bombers took part in the engagement against the German submarines and heavy bombardment aircraft.

Goodhart Plans A Visit to Ulster

Composer to Play His Hit Tune There for Yanks; 14 Shows on Tour

Al Goodhart, New York composer, who wrote "Johnny Doughboy Found a Rose in Ireland" when the first Yanks began arriving there, is going to Ireland soon to play his hit personally to the boys to whom it was dedicated.

Goodhart, veteran USO-Camp Shows entertainer, now is playing U.S. camps in England with "Rudy Starita and His Starlites," scheduled this week for Berkshire.

Fourteen shows went out on tour today. Four—"Booms A Daisy," "Swing Time," "Flying High," and "Sunnyside Up," are resting.

Locations for the week:

Devon—"Band Wagon," Willie Shore, MC and comedian; Irisa Cooper, singer and dancer.
N. Ireland—"Fun Marches On," Don Rice, MC and comedian; Dorothy Deering, dancer.
Wales—"Yanksopop," Ronnie Reed, girl singer; 13 soldier-troupeurs. "On the Beam," Freddie Lightner, MC and comedian; De Leon sisters, dancers.
Hampshire—"Keep 'em Rolling," Joe and Jane McKenna, comedians; Helen Hall, singer.
Nottingham area—"At Ease," Hank Ladd, MC and comedian; Elsie Hartley, accordionist, "Loop the Loop," Lee Simmons, MC and impressionist; Jack Powell, comedy drummer.
Scotland—"On With the Show," George Freems, MC and comedian; Gertrude Simmons, acrobatic dancer.
Dorset—"GI Gane," all-soldier variety show.
Huntingdon area—"USA Calling," Frankie Conville, MC and comedian; Tiny Day, accordionist.
Wiltshire—"Full Speed Ahead," Carl Nixon and Carmen Sands, comedy team; Duke McHale, dancer.
Somerset—"Bobbling Over," Sid Marlon and Cliff Hall, comedians; Howard Nicholls, juggler.
Norfolk—"Words and Music," Johnny Woods, MC and comedian; Joe Termini, comedian.

Early Volunteers to Meet

American volunteers in Allied services will meet at 7 PM Thursday in the Eagle Club, Charing Cross Rd., London. A proposed organization, for which plans will be completed at the meeting, will include servicemen who have transferred to the U.S. forces as well as those Americans still in Allied units.

QM Outfit Fetes 6 Children 'Left Out' at Christmas Party

4 Billion in Food Shipped In November Lend-Lease

Secret Letter From Knox To an Admiral Is Stolen

578 Is Donated To Aid Orphans

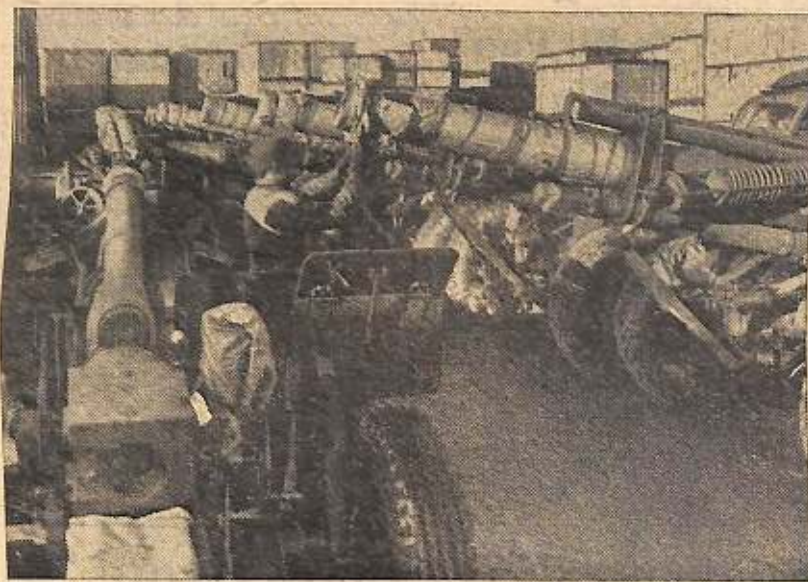
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3 More Invasion Depots—290 Buildings—Completed



New York Times Photos

U.S. Engineers check over weapons of war now "under wraps" at depots in the British Isles awaiting the call into action to support the invaders of western Europe. (Right and above) Engineer looks over a Gen. Sherman M4 tank and heavy howitzers.

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U.S. Army engineers have completed three additional military depots for storage of invasion supplies and turned them over to operational units, it was announced by ETOUSA headquarters.

In less than five months the soldiers have erected 290 buildings at the three depot sites to handle supplies now piling in to the United Kingdom. Some of the buildings have 23,000 square feet of floor space.

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Competing Fighter Station Squadrons Promise £100 More Soon

Competition between squadrons at a USAAF fighter station commanded by Lt. Col. Aveline T. Tacon resulted in the raising of £578 9s. 9d. and a promise of another £100 in the near future for The Stars and Stripes War Orphan fund.

Three of the units each collected £100. Another group still is to conclude its drive, but figures it will at least match the mark of its top opponents.

Fighter outfits grabbed the spotlight last week in the campaign to provide unfortunate children in the United Kingdom with extra luxuries for a five-year period.

A headquarters contingent upped the number of children it is sponsoring from two to five with a check for £376 1s. 10d.

Maj. Samuel A. Johnston's service squadron at a fighter base required less than one day to raise the money necessary to take care of Joan B. After meeting Joan last Sunday, the group inaugurated a second collection, headed by Lt. Robert H. Wagner and Sgt. Richard H. Lisenback, of Eters, Pa.

1/Sgt. Clifford Fries sent in £200 for his weather squadron. They want twins—a boy and a girl.

With a contribution of £53 7s. 1d., headquarters of a base air depot, Col. John G. Moore commanding, completed the sponsoring of its second child.

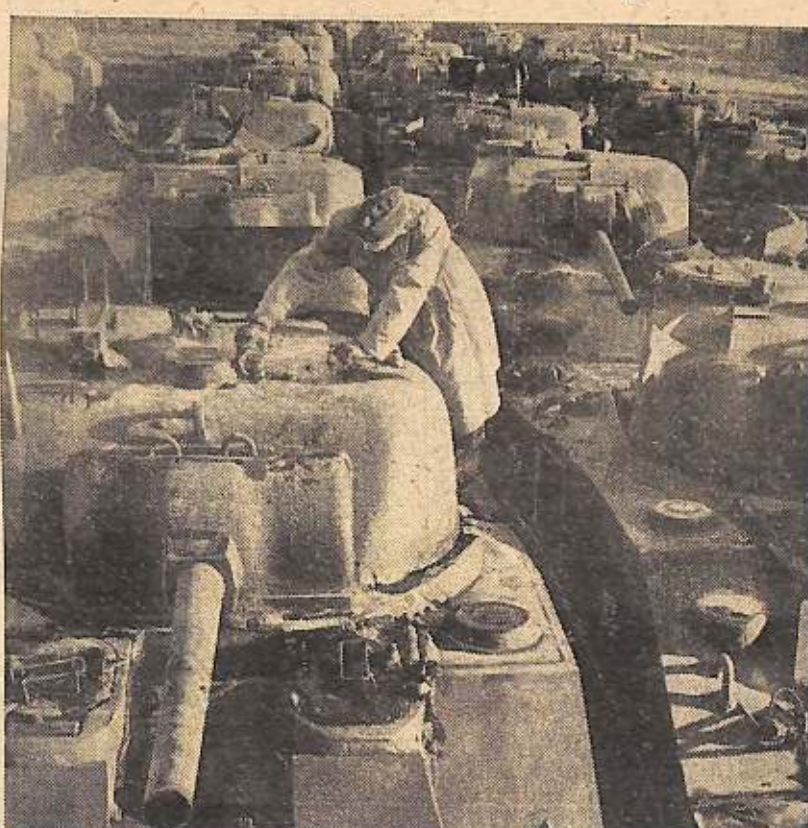
Two engineers' organizations, two field artillery battalions, a bomb squadron, QM company and Transportation Corps battalions also joined the orphans' parade.

The fund's contributions to date total £43,137 8s. 3d.

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Out-of-London Red Cross Clubs List Programs for the Week

"Broadway in Khaki," an all-Gi show which played more than 80 camps in the U.S., makes its ETO debut next Sunday night at the American Red Cross club in Southport.

The cast includes Sgt. Dick Dudley, former NBC announcer; Sgt. Barron Elliot and his Star Dust band; Sgt. Herb Schriener, formerly on the Camel Caravan; Sgt. Milbourne Christopher, magician; Cpls. Hal Monty and Oscar Lopez, one-time night-club entertainers; Cpl. Joe Twirp, who was on the Al Pearce radio shows; Cpl. Bob Hellman, pianist who was featured in the Rainbow Room, New York; Cpl. Charlie Pickard from the Pickard family of radio and vaudeville fame; Pfc Frankie Natale, guitarist, and Pvt. Joe Zimmerman, ex-New York band leader and pianist.

Lyrics for the show were composed by Paul Klein, of New York.

A variety of contests—from playing bridge to musical recordings—are included in the week's activities at Red Cross clubs.

Programs for the London clubs appear in the Thursday paper for the benefit of men visiting the city on weekend leaves. Other programs follow.

Bedford

Monday—Concert, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Gym night, 7.30 PM. Friday—Texas-Oklahoma night dinner, 6 PM; dance, 8 PM. Saturday—Movies, 7.30 PM; bingo, 9.30 PM. Sunday—USO show, "U.S.A. Calling," 8 PM.

Bournemouth

Monday—Movies, 9.30 PM. Tuesday—Trip to Highcliffe Castle, 2.15 PM; dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Horseback riding, 10.30 AM; basketball, 8 PM; movies, 9 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Bicycling, 2.30 PM; variety show, 9 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Tea dance, 4 PM; bridge tournament, 9 PM.

Bristol

Monday—Movies, 9 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Movies, 2 PM; coffee hour, 4 PM; dance, 8 PM.

Bury St. Edmunds

Monday—Basketball, 5 PM; bridge and checkers tournament, 8 PM. Tuesday—Basketball, 5 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Basketball, 5 PM; dancing classes, 7.30 PM; bingo, 8.30 PM. Thursday—Basketball, 5 PM; movies, 8 PM. Friday—Basketball, 5 PM; Hazel Doring at piano, 8 PM. Saturday—Open house, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Recordings, 11 AM; tour of Bury St. Edmunds, 2 PM; dancing, 8 PM.

Cheltenham

Monday—Camera club, 7.30 PM; photography class, 8 PM. Tuesday—American-British club, 7.15 PM; movies, 7.15 and 9 PM; winter carnival, 8 PM. Wednesday—French class, 7.30 PM; table tennis match, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Movies, 7 and 9 PM; woodcraft, 7 PM; French class, 7 PM. Friday—Musical circle, 7.45 PM. Saturday—Entertainment and songfest, 10 PM. Sunday—Concert hour, 2.30 PM; dance, 3 PM; dance, 7.30 PM.

Chester

Monday—Group singing, 10 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Classical recordings, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Friday—Informal singing, 10 PM. Saturday—Joan at piano, 8 PM. Sunday—Tour of Chester, 2.30 PM; dance, 3 PM.

Exeter

Monday—Classical records, 9 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Wednesday—Square dancing, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Tour of Exeter, 2.30 PM; movies, 8.30 PM. Friday—Lecture, 2.30 PM; bingo, 9 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Open house, 3 PM; special music by trio, 4 PM; movies, 8.15 PM; cartoonist, 8.45 PM.

Grimsby

Monday—Basketball, 7.30 PM; bingo, 9 PM. Tuesday—Trip to Lincoln, 10 AM. Wednesday—Basketball, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Variety show, 8 PM. Saturday—Jam session, 9 PM. Daily—Ice skating, 2.30 and 6.30 PM.

Hanley

Monday—Games night, 7 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 7.30 PM; square dancing, 8.30 PM. Wednesday—Tour of Spode pottery, 10 AM; dance, 7.30 PM. Friday—Movies, 7 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8.30 PM. Sunday—Dance, 2 PM.

Newbury

Monday—Basketball, 7 PM; movies, 8 PM. Tuesday—Basketball, 7 PM; dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Basketball, 7 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Ping pong, 8 PM. Saturday—Variety program, 8 PM. Sunday—Dance, 3 PM; movies, 8 PM.

Northampton

Monday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 8.30 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8.30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8.30 PM. Friday—Basketball, 8.30 PM.

Norwich

Monday—Theater party, 6 PM; movies, 8 PM. Tuesday—Blanch at piano, 7 PM; basketball, 7.30 PM; classical recordings, 8 PM. Wednesday—Tour of Cathedral, 2 PM; dance, 7.30 PM; basketball, 7.30 PM.

Norwich (officers)

Wednesday—Tea, 4 PM. Friday—Games night, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Dance, 3 PM.

Oxford

Monday—Scotch party with English-Speaking Union, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM; movies, 9.30 PM. Thursday—Hospital party, 5 PM; magician, 5 PM; movies, 9.30 PM. Friday—Dancing class, 8 PM; movies, 9.30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8.30 PM. Sunday—USO show, 3 and 8.30 PM. Daily—Conducted tour, 10.15 and 2.15 PM.

Salisbury

Monday—Basketball games, 7.30 PM; Anglo-American supper discussion club, 7.30 PM; piano-accordion session, 8.30 PM. Tuesday—Basketball game, 4 PM; movies, 7 PM; dancing class, 7.30 PM; card party, 8.30 PM. Wednesday—Basketball practice, 4 PM; dance, 7.30 PM; symphonic hour, 8 PM. Thursday—Tea, 3.30 PM; basketball practice, 4 PM; dancing class, 7.30 PM; basketball games, 7.30 PM; piano-accordion session, 8.30 PM. Friday—Boxing show, 7.30 PM. Saturday—Tea, 3.30 PM. Sunday—USO show, 3 and 8.30 PM. Daily—Conducted tour, 10.15 and 2.15 PM.

Shrewsbury

Tuesday—Basketball, 8 PM; dancing lessons, 8 PM. Wednesday—Movies, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Square dance, 8 PM. Friday—Basketball, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Dance, 6 PM.

Southport

Monday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Tuesday—Movies, 2 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Second round snooker match, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Dance, 3 PM; Army show, "Broadway in Khaki," 8 PM.

Southampton

Monday—Movies, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 7.30 PM; entertainers, 8.30 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Dancing class, 7.30 PM; bingo, 9 PM. Saturday—Concert, 8 PM. Sunday—Tour to Portsmouth, 1.15 PM; movies, 8 PM.

Swindon

Monday—Table tennis, 7.30 PM. Tuesday—French study group, 7.30 PM; dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Movies, 6.30 and 8.30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—German class, 2.30 PM. Saturday—Table tennis, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Concert, 3.30 PM; table tennis, 5 PM; dance, 8 PM.

Taunton

Monday—Boxing school, 7 PM; card lessons, 7.30 PM; ping pong, 7.30 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 7 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Thursday—French class, 7 PM; boxing school, 7 PM. Friday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Saturday—Movies, 6.30 PM.

Warminster

Monday—Card party, 7.30 PM. Tuesday—Name band contest, 8.30 PM. Wednesday—Classical record contest, 8.30 PM. Thursday—Social night, 7.30 PM. Friday—Horseback riding, 3 PM; bingo, 7.30 PM; Cpl. Sandil at piano, 8.30 PM. Saturday—House party, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Bicycle tour, 11 AM; horseback riding, 3 PM; jam session, 8.30 PM.

Winchester

Monday—Dinner party, 6 PM; card party, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dancing class, 8 PM; tango exhibition, 9 PM. Thursday—Sketching class, 4 PM; bingo, 8 PM. Friday—French class, 5 PM; jam session, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Symphonic hour, 8 PM.

Nazis Hunt a Fleet to Meet Red Threat in Black Sea

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (UP)—Germany's high command, fearing Russian landings on Rumania's Black Sea coast, is scouring ports in Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary for warships and river patrol boats to form an anti-invasion fleet, according to reports reaching here.

The move was believed prompted by recent successes of Russian "pocket" destroyers operating from Novorossiisk against German supply lines to the Nazis hemmed in the Crimea.

5 Hurt in Bullet Battle

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 23—Arrest of a man and his wife on a robbery charge today precipitated a gun battle in which three policemen and the couple were seriously wounded. A sawed-off shotgun was found strapped to the man's leg.

NYU Edges Owls; St. Joseph's Tops Rhode Island

Violets on Top, 45-43, as Final Goal Is Voided

Hawks Set Philly Record With 69-54 Decision Over Rams

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 23—New York University just managed to squeeze out a 45-43 basketball victory over Temple here last night after leading by 13 points at the half in the opener of a cage double-header. Al Ingerman sank the apparent tying goal for the Owls in the last five seconds, but the officials ruled he was out of bounds and the Violets gained the victory.

In the nightcap, St. Joseph's toppled Rhode Island State, 69-54, in a game which broke the scoring record for Convention Hall with 123 points. The previous high of 122 was set by St. Joseph's and CCNY last year.

Take Early Lead

The Violets took an early lead in the opener and had a 29-16 margin at the intermission. Ingerman and Marvin Blumenthal sparked Temple's second-half rally and Blumenthal's basket tied the score, 41-41. Frank Magiapane sank two points for the New Yorkers, then Blumenthal and Ingerman scored one foul, each tying the score again. Magiapane was hacked while cutting for the basket and sank both foul shots, giving the Violets the winning points, then Ingerman sank his basket from outside just before the gun.

Ingerman was high man with 18 points and Sid Tanenbaum led the victors with 16 and Howie Sarath was next with 12 for NYU.

Jack McEnroy led St. Joseph's in the nightcap, racking up 28 points, while Ernie Calverly paced State with 23.

Dartmouth Victory Insures Tie for First

HANOVER, N.H., Jan. 23—Dartmouth's Indians clinched at least a first-place tie for the Eastern Intercollegiate League by beating Pennsylvania's five, 61-49, here last night.

The Quakers rallied in the second half and cut the Indians' lead to five points, but Aud Brindley and Larry Baxter combined to pull Dartmouth out ahead. Brindley scored seven baskets and seven fouls, leading both squads with 21 points and Baxter was next with 15. McCluskey led the losers with 11.

Unbeaten Cadets Whip Columbia, 55-37

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (AP)—Army's undefeated five won its fourth straight game by trouncing Columbia, 55-37.

Columbia led twice during the first half, but fell behind, 20-14 just before the intermission when Army's Pete Molnar sank two baskets.

In the second half, the Cadets, led by Dale Hall, who tossed in a total of 17 points, pulled away to win easily.

CAGE RESULTS

Friday's Games

- Arkansas 68, SMU 58
- Carleton 91, Buffalo Anti-Aircraft 31
- Carlton 54, Simpson 49
- Carroll 60, Montana 34
- Denver 52, Greeley State 41
- Dubuque 50, Drake 41
- Georgia Tech 34, Georgia Pre-Flight 18
- Idaho 50, Washington State 42
- Iowa 56, Illinois 51
- Marquette 51, DePaul 49
- Navy Pier 70, Concordia Teachers 47
- Northwestern 43, Notre Dame 36
- Oklahoma 24, Kansas 23
- Purdue 46, Michigan 44
- Redondo Beach 42, Santa Monica 30
- Trinity 52, MIT 38
- Washington 57, Oregon 38
- Washington Naval Trainees 46, Whitman 38
- Wiley 30, Texas College 18
- William and Mary 46, Apprentice School (Newport News) 40
- Wooster 47, Geneva 36

Saturday's Games

- Albright 28, Franklin and Marshall 25
 - Army 35, Columbia 37
 - Camp Edwards 73, Harvard 45
 - Columbia Middies 59, District Coast Guard 47
 - Colgate 41, Penn State 34
 - Cornell 50, Hobart 41
 - Dartmouth 61, Pennsylvania 49
 - Floyd Bennett Field 53, Ft. Dix 41
 - NYU 45, Temple 43
 - RPI 54, Middlebury 41
 - St. Joseph's 69, Rhode Island State 54
 - Stevens 46, Union 42
 - Tufts 48, Worcester Tech 45
 - Vanderbilt 50, Lipscombe 45
 - Villanova 43, Bucknell 42
 - William and Mary 39, Ft. Stoney 36
- Midwest**
- Detroit 34, Ft. Custer 28
 - Drake 39, Carleton 28
 - Iowa 53, Illinois 44
 - Iowa State 41, Missouri 25
 - Marshall 55, Cincinnati 49
 - Miami (Ohio) 52, Indiana 50
 - Minnesota 45, Nebraska 32
 - Northwestern 42, Ohio State 40
 - Oberlin 50, Ohio Wesleyan 48
 - Oklahoma 43, Kansas State 34
 - Purdue 51, Michigan 38
- South**
- Georgia Tech 50, Clemson 37
 - Gettysburg 54, Lehigh 35
 - Mount St. Mary's 44, Loyola (Baltimore) 39
 - North Carolina 42, VPI 29
 - Richmond Air Base 51, Richmond 44
 - Sydney 51, Maryland 43
- Southwest**
- Arkansas 74, SMU 49
 - New Mexico 56, Texas Tech 44
 - Rice 63, Texas Aggies 33
 - Texas 64, TCU 46
- Far West**
- College of the Pacific 30, California 26
 - Idaho 51, Washington State 45
 - Southern California 48, UCLA 41
 - University of Utah 46, Ecker Studio 44
 - Washington 56, Oregon 47

Busy Bowler



Franchise or No, Cordovano Vows to Form Buffalo Eleven

BUFFALO, N.Y., Jan. 23—Sam Cordovano, former Columbia University line coach who applied for a National Football League franchise for Buffalo, said he would field a team "franchise or no franchise."

Cordovano, backed by the Niagara Frontier Fuel Corporation, said, "The city wants and will support a professional football team, and I will give it to them even if the only opposition they ever meet is fellow squad members."

Cordovano still looks forward to a franchise, but says he has the support of city officials and will have scouts throughout the country on the lookout for material.

He said he did not know whether Buffalo would be placed at the top or bottom of the draft list if admitted to the league. The Buffalo application will be considered by the League at the draft meeting April 19.

Huskie Offense Too Strong As Webfoots Lose, 56-47

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 23—The University of Washington Huskies walloped the Webfoots of Oregon for the fourth time last night, 56-47. Oregon displayed a stubborn defense early in the game and was leading, 17-11, midway in first period.

Wildcats Topple Ohio State, 42-40

EVANSTON, Ill., Jan. 23 (AP)—Northwestern knocked Ohio State out of the Big Tens unbeaten ranks, 42-40, last night after leading all the way. Superior floor work on rebounds enabled the Wildcats to overcome the Buckeyes' advantage in height.

Vodick paced Northwestern's attack with 16 points and Don Grate led the Buckeyes with 12.

Friday night Northwestern defeated Notre Dame, 43-36. It was the second time the Wildcats have whipped Irish this season.

Badger Coach Denies Pro League Charge

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 23—Wisconsin's football coach, Harry Stuhldreher, and dairy plant operator Duane Bowman termed entirely unfounded the charge made by George Strickler, National Football League press agent, that Wisconsin offered inducements to Ted Fritsch to play football last season.

Bowman declared he paid Fritsch no more than his other employees for working at the dairy, and Stuhldreher said he hoped Strickler would retract his statement after learning the truth.

Illini Drop 2 To Hawkeyes

Iowa Keeps Up Hot Pace In Big Ten With 56-51, 53-44 Victories

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Jan. 23—The Hawkeyes of the University of Iowa kept their Big Ten basketball slate clean over the weekend with two decisions over Illinois. Friday night the Hawks clipped the Illini, 56-51, then came back last night to triumph, 53-44.

Led by Dave Danner, Iowa piled up an early lead Friday and held a 34-17 advantage at the half. Danner hooked 21 points while Stan Patrick was high scorer for Illinois with 19.

The Illini threw a scare into the Hawks last night and the Iowans had to come from behind in the second period after lagging, 17-14, to win. Dick Ives, Hawkeye forward, rang the bell for 21 markers while Danner hooped 14. Stan Patrick, Illinois forward, was fouled out midway in the second half after netting 13 points, mostly set shots.

Boilermakers Stop Wolverines Twice

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 23—Purdue made it two in a row over Michigan here last night, the Boilermakers notching their sixth straight Big Ten victory with a 51-38 win. Friday the Wolverines fell, 46-44, in an overtime tilt.

Dave Strack put the Wolverines ahead early in Friday's game and they led Purdue 23-18 at the half. At the end of the second period the score was tied 42-42. Strack tied Purdue's Paul Hoffman for individual scoring honors with 19 points. Purdue battled into an 18-16 advantage at the end of a nip and tuck first half last night and then deluged Michigan with field goals to clinch it in the second half. Forcing the play and stealing the ball continually throughout the second half the Boilermakers raced into a 37-22 lead midway in the period.

French Now Pitching for Navy in ETO

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A SOUTH COAST TOWN, Jan. 23—"Sure baseball will survive during the war and it will be a good class of ball, too. Although it has been hit hard by the manpower shortage, it is still the richest sport in the world and will continue to be," says Larry French, former Brooklyn Dodger southpaw moundsman, now a junior grade lieutenant in the Navy.

Although he attended the University of California, French did not get his start in baseball at college.

French, 36 years old, first became active on the diamond with a semi-pro aggregation in Visalia, Cal., his home town. He broke into organized ball with Portland in the Pacific Coast League where he pitched part of the 1926 season, '27 and '28. Pittsburgh picked him up from there for \$55,000.

A Steady Worker

Not a flashy hurler or highly publicized pitcher, he soon built a reputation with Pittsburgh as a steady worker who could be relied on in the tight spots. It was during the 1934 season that the Pirates traded him and third sacker Fred Lindstrom to the Cubs for Guy Bush, Babe Herman and Jim Weaver.

It was while he was with the Cubs that French began getting in the groove and



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
Larry French

his ERA began dropping. It was his win that started the Cubs' 20-game winning streak in 1938 when they went on to cop the pennant. He had a bad year in '41

when his record dropped off and he was sent to Brooklyn, but he promptly made a comeback in '42 when he won 15 and lost four with an ERA of 1.82, ranking with top hillmen of the National Leaguers.

Until he came into the Navy, French led all the major league hurlers with a shutout record of 40 games. He lacks only three games of being in the coveted 200-wins group. He tried to obtain permission from the Navy to pitch a few more for the Dodgers last season in order to join the select circle, but the Navy said no. French also was on the mound staff of the 1931 All-American team that toured Japan and played 18 games.

May Not Return to Game

As yet he is undecided whether he will resume his baseball career after the war or go back to his automobile finance and used car business in California.

After the 1942 season, which was his best, he applied for a commission in the Navy, which he received on Dec. 15, 1942. "I don't know exactly what to think of the Bill Cox scandal," French said. "But the Old Man (Landis) is fair and knows what he is doing."

As for Bill Terry, Larry thinks "he may have made a boner when he said what he did, but you can't get around the fact that he really knows baseball." "Damn right," he said, when asked if he would like to hurl a game in Berlin.

Terry and the Pirates



Peep, Ranger, HQ Fives Lead CBS Circuits

MP Corkeys Suffer First Setback in Ten Games, 31-20

The Central Base Section basketball leagues ended their seventh week of play Saturday night with the HQ Peeps taking the lead in the CBS Circuit; the Navy Rangers on top in the Marble Arch loop and HQ leading the Mayfair League.

Revision of the leagues brought results in last week's games. Two contests were won by a one-point margin and a third went into two overtime periods before reaching a decision.

The Peeps scored the biggest upset of the season in beating the — MP Corkeys, 31-20, to take over top spot in the CBS Circuit. The Corkeys had the best record in the three leagues with nine straight victories.

Score Tied at Half

In the first half the two squads battled it out on even terms. Five goals by Costa and Sobotta for the Corkeys were matched by Paikowski and Kurt for the Peeps, and the second period ended with the score tied at 16—all. Paikowski and Abresch teamed up in the second half to spark the Peep attack with four goals and a gift shot between them. The Corkeys could garner only four points while the Peeps were piling up seven goals and a gift shot win.

Sobotta was high man for the losers with three goals, while Kurt topped the Peep scoring with eight points.

In the second league game the second place Shortsnorters outlasted the — Engineer Kewbees in one of the tightest battles of the season. The Shortsnorters had to come from behind and force the game into two extra periods before subduing the Kewbees, 49-43.

Lead Changes Hands

The game started fast with the lead changing hands throughout the first two periods. Monfre, Shortsnorter ace, hooped four goals to put them out in front by two points at the half, but the Kewbees took over the lead in the second half when Restifo hit for ten points. Hoffman rang up eight points to keep them out in front up to the closing seconds of the game when Shortsnorters crashed through to knot the count. In the first extra period, the game remained deadlocked, but three quick goals by the Shortsnorters in the second gave them the contest, 49-43.

The undefeated Redskins and the fast stepping Treetoppers, both league newcomers, met for the first time last week with the Redskins coming from behind to nose out a 39-37 win.

The Treetoppers' sharpshooting forward, Rife, ran wild the first half to hoop 16 points and put them out in front, 26-16. Four goals and a gift shot by Pat Delila, Redskin mainstay, kept them in the game.

Redskins Smother Rife

The Redskins managed to smother Rife in the second half, holding him to one goal while Goldberg and Delila were hooping 17 points between them to bring their squad from behind. The Treetoppers' White, with a record of 66 points in five games, could garner only one goal.

In the Marble Arch League, the Navy Rangers unlimbered their heavy guns to blast the Redskins, 48-17. Navy sharpshooters Moses and Renzi netted 22 points between them to put the Rangers on top, 30-11, at the half time. The Navy stepped up its attack in the second half with every man hooping at least two goals, and breezed in to a 48-17 triumph.

The HQ five climbed to first place in the Mayfair league with close wins over the Leathernecks and the Buzzers.

In the first game, the HQ quintet had to go all-out to down the Leatherneck five, 45-44. The Marines got hot in the second half. Four goals by Double-day, and three each by Brady and Perkins whittled the HQ lead down to one point. Letendre came through with four goals and a gift shot to enable the winners to stave off the Marine onslaught and go on to win. Slager was high man for the winners with seven goals and two free throws.

HQ came out on the right end of another heart breaker in beating the Buzzers, 21-19. The Buzzers led, 12-6, at the halfway mark, but could not keep up the pace.

Hulse Wins Met AAU Mile Championship in 4:15.6



NEW YORK, Jan. 23—The 1941 Great Lakes basketball team, first of three consecutive high class quintets, has really scattered. Frank Baumholtz completed ten trips to Murnansk, was in on the North African campaign and is now in the South Pacific; George Rung is still on the North Atlantic run; Jim Van Arsdale is on the amphibious staff in Europe; Ernie Andres did a tour in Alaska and is now back in sub-chaser school; Johnny Lobsiger is still on duty in Alaska; Jim Currie commands a sub-chaser in the Atlantic; Bill Menke is flying a PBY in the South Pacific.

The Randolph Field back, Tex Aulds, who led the Flyers in scoring for the season with 55 points and took the Glenn Dobbs pass that gave the Flyers a tie in the Cotton Bowl, is one of those rare players who never had on a uniform in college. Aulds started playing the game while in the Army. . . . Of all the National League infielders who were defense tops at their positions, only Eddie Miller, of Cincinnati, will be back next year. Elbie Fletcher, Linus Frey and Merrill May are all in the services.

Lt. Cab Renick, who was once All-American center while a member of Oklahoma Aggies' basketball team, shot a lot of holes in the attempt to bar tall men from basketball when his Navy Zoomers played Oklahoma Aggies and their seven-foot Bob Kurland in the Oklahoma Invitational tournament. Renick stopped Kurland and held him to two field goals as the Zoomers torpedoed the undefeated Ags in the tournament. He also found time to lead the Zoomers in scoring. Renick had the way to stop the big boys when he said after the game, "Hell, just outplay 'em."

If Michigan and Minnesota didn't have enough to argue about from the last football season when the Gophers censured the Wolverines for piling on the score in their annual game for the Little Brown Jug, they've got a real quarrel now. Michigan had four intercollegiate hockey games scheduled with the Gophers and cancelled them all without forewarning the Minneapolis boys. Michigan plays all games at home this year against independent teams and dropped all college foes.

Denver's Legion AAU basketballers have had Chuck Hyatt, the Phillips 66 star, in their hair every year in the AAU tournament. Now this year they figure that they are a cinch for the AAU crown that Phillips took last year because Hyatt has joined the Denver boys. Denver now boasts four men with a total of 62 years' AAU experience in Hyatt, Jack McCracken, Ace Gruenig and Pete Leuty.

Jack Chase, the California middle-weight champion, is being held under bail for the shooting of Tiger Fox, another California Negro fighter. Chase was charged with assault with intent to kill, possession of a deadly weapon and filing the serial numbers off his gun. . . . Although Glenn Davis, the Plebe sensation at West Point, got all the headlines, his twin brother Ralph is also a first-year man at the Point and was an end on the junior varsity.

Hockey League Standings

W	L	T	Pts.	W	L	T	Pts.		
Montreal	21	3	5	47	Detroit	12	11	5	29
Toronto	16	13	4	34	Chicago	11	16	1	23
Boston	13	13	4	30	New York	6	22	1	13

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Ice Queen to Spin for Follies



Cecilia Colledge, women's world amateur skating titlist in 1937 and for five years champion of Great Britain, is one of the attractions of the Ice Follies at the Richmond Rink on Jan. 31.

Ice Show Stars Skate Champs

Program at Richmond Jan. 31 Free to Servicemen

An "Ice Follies" is the newest wrinkle in entertainment for GIs with a rink show scheduled for the Richmond Ice Rink, Richmond, on the evening of Jan. 31.

The show, planned for members of the Air Force, but open to all servicemen, consists of more than ten acts, ranging from a two-mile relay by the Aldwych Speed Club to a demonstration by Cecilia Colledge, holder of the European and British amateur title and the 1937 world championship and Daphne Walker, winner of the 1939 international championship. Opening with a "Dancing Eight" of women titleholders, the program will be followed by free skating for the survival of the fittest.

Arnold Gerschwiler and Hazel Carle, professionals who hold every senior award of the National Skating Association of Great Britain for skating, ice dancing and teaching, and hold the reputation of being the leading pair skaters in Great Britain, will be featured in a duet.

There will be no admission fee. Doors will open at 6 PM and until 6.40 PM only servicemen and their guests will be admitted, after which they will have to take their chances with the public.

The show has been planned by Col. Neal Creighton, of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Lt. Maury Swartz, of San Francisco, in conjunction with the ARC and through the courtesy of the management of the rink.

Sooners Triumph, 43-34; Kansas State Rally Fails

MANHATTAN, Kan., Jan. 23 (AP)—Oklahoma's Sooners put down a late Kansas State rally to win their fifth straight Big Six game and second from the Wildcats, 43-34.

Oklahoma started fast and led at the half, 20-13, and had little trouble until the last ten minutes of a rough game. The Wildcats broke up the Sooner passing attack and scored ten points in the last three minutes.

Oklahoma Center Grover Ramsey led the scoring with 17 markers.

Alcon-Falcons Blank Debbies

Bombers' Soccer Team Blasts Fighter Wing Eleven, 6-0

FIGHTER STATION, Jan. 23—With the brand of playing that crowned them the — Bombardment Division soccer champions, the Alcon-Falcons recorded their eighth straight victory against GI eleven in blanking the Debbies, — Fighter Wing titleholders, 6-0, here yesterday.

In British competition the Falcons lost and tied the RAF Hawks.

Sgt. Joe Powell, of Jermyn, Pa., tallied two goals, while Cpl. Joe Clarke, of St. Louis; Pfc Jim Ferreira, of White Plains, N.Y.; Sgt. Larry Strohm, of Queens, N.Y.; and Sgt. Stephen Dominick, of Lykens, Pa., each booted one.

Denbow, Romanik Lead Scorers in WBS League

WBS SERVICE DISTRICT HQ, Jan. 23—Six games marked the first week of play in this district's basketball league, with Sgt. Alfred Denbow, of Coraopolis, Pa., star of the — Special Service team, and Pfc Steve Romanik, — Ordnance courtman from Millville, N.J., leading the loop with 28 and 26 points respectively.

Here are the week's scores: — Ordnance 58, WBS Engineers 35; — Medics 20, — Engineers 13; — Special Service Co. 68, — Port 30; — Port 24, — QM 23; WBS Service Co. 29, — POE 22; and Ramblers 29, Chairborne 25.

Hambletonian Trotting Race Returning to Goshen This Year

NEW YORK, Jan. 23—The Hambletonian, harness racing's Kentucky Derby, returns this year to its traditional site, Goshen, N.Y., according to an announcement from the Grand Circuit stewards last night.

Gasoline rationing and the pleasure driving ban prompted the promoters to hold the Hambletonian at the Empire City Track, Yonkers, N.Y., last year.

Court Experiment Fatal to DePaul

CHICAGO, Jan. 23—An experimental basketball game Friday night brought DePaul's five its second straight defeat after winning 13 straight when they bowed to Marquette, 51-49.

The guinea pig game, suggested by Marquette's coach, Bill Chandler, enables a player with four personal fouls to return to the game after serving time in the penalty box, similar to hockey. A substitute plays while the culprit is out. Chandler's son, Bill Jr., served three minutes in the penalty box and returned to the game, enabling Marquette to win.

Rangers Upset Toronto Six, 5-1

Defense Work of New York Combination Stands Out in Victory

TORONTO, Jan. 23—The last place New York Rangers upset the Toronto Maple Leafs, 5-1, making the second time this season that the New Yorkers have beaten the Leafs here. The defense work of Bob Dill, Ott Heller and Bucko McDonald was the standout feature of the victory.

Five players scored for the Rangers. Veteran Coach Frank Boucher rang the bell in the first period, while Kilby, McDonald, Bryan Hextall and Heller tallied in the second period and Jack Mahaffy finished the Ranger scoring in the final period. Gus Bodnar banged in the only Toronto score in the third period.

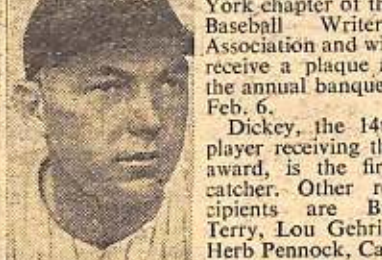
Canadiens Trounce Boston Bruins, 6-2

MONTREAL, Jan. 23—The Montreal Canadiens scored their 16th consecutive victory on home ice last night by trouncing the Boston Bruins, 6-2.

Montreal took a 3-0 lead in the first period on goals by Elmer Lach, Glen Harmon and Fernand Majeau. Murph Chamberlain tallied in the second stanza for the Canadiens and Bob Filion and Maurice Richard scored in the final frame. Both Boston goals were by Art Jackson in the second and third.

New York Writers Name Bill Dickey For Player Award

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Torrid Finish Gives Schmidt 1,000 Yd. Run

Ed Conwell, Violet Star, Retains 60-Yard Sprint Title

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Jan. 23—Bill Hulse, NYAC miler, won his first indoor track title here last night, taking the mile feature in the Metropolitan AAU championships in 4:15.6, setting a 13th Regiment Armory track record and running the second fastest mile in the history of the event.

Jim Rafferty, a NYAC team mate, made a game effort to retain the title and, despite an ankle injury suffered while training, finished 12 yards behind Hulse at 4:17.1. Rudy Simms, NYU freshman, dropped from second to third on the final lap and George DeGeorge was a poor fourth in a field of seven.

Nears New Mark

Hulse, who holds the American outdoor mile mark of 4:06, came close to the 4:13.3 for the event set by Leslie McMitchell on the banked track at the Bronx Coliseum two years ago. Hulse ran on a flat track last night.

Larry Schmidt, Columbia Naval trainee, staged a torrid finish, taking the 1,000-yard run by one yard over Alfred Daily, of NYAC. Paul Kendall, of the Army, was third, eight yards behind Daily. Schmidt's time was 2:21.8.

Ed Conwell, of NYU, defended his 60-yard title by beating team mate Herbert Rubin by two feet, with Howard Callahan, of Columbia, close at third. Conwell's time was 6.6 seconds.

Dodds Victor In Boston Meet

BOSTON, Jan. 23—Gil Dodds, Boston divinity student, trounced a ten-man handicap field in the two mile feature of the Boston YMCA track and field games here last night. Dodds set a track record of 9:43.6 for the distance.

Trailing at the halfway mark, Dodds turned on the steam and ran the remainder of the field into the ground and served notice he will be a factor in indoor distance running this year.

Arthur Swartz and Ken Joseph of MIT finished second and third, 300 yards behind Dodds. Ted Vogel, a Tufts College Naval trainee and New England cross-country champion who was expected to give Dodds plenty of trouble, was unable to compete due to illness.

Fighter Fives Commence Play

AN EAST ANGLIA TOWN, Jan. 23—Before an enthusiastic audience of 2,000, four fighter squadron teams introduced basketball to the citizens of this town.

So much enthusiasm was shown by the onlookers that 1/Lt. John R. Kruulis, of Pittsburgh, a former Villanova hoop star, plans to stage double-headers twice weekly at the public hall.

In the first game, Lt. Richard D. Barker, of Greeley, Colo., an ex-Denver University basketball star, led the Brass Hats to a 35-26 win over the Comets. Barker set the pace by hitting the hoop for 12 points. In the second contest, the Duntanbath All-Stars took the measure of the Forester Flashes, 30-27. S/Sgt. Leo V. Shaughnessy, of Waltham, Mass., rang up eight points for the winners.

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Clark's Left Hook

General Clark's 5th Army has delivered a left hook which has staggered the Nazi High Command. Landing on the beaches of Italy between Nettuno and the estuary of the Tiber south of Rome, units of his 5th Army have moved rapidly inland and are gravely menacing all roads and railroads serving German forces fighting 80 miles to the South.

The first effect of this sensational amphibious operation is indicated in a cable received from Ralph Howard, N.B.C. In a report from the Southern front, claims Howard: "The Germans facing the new Allied assault by General Clark's 5th Army men in the Liri Valley have started to break. Although the effect of the new landing up the coast was not felt by the Germans during the day, German vehicles have begun to move back. The stalemate before Cassino has been ended because of the new Allied assault south of Rome."

And the New York Herald Tribune discussing the effect of the operation claims: "The most spectacular feature of the new Allied landings in Italy is the fact that they took place against the background of a general impression of virtual stalemate in the peninsula, or at least of a slow, costly advance by the 5th and 8th Armies over difficult terrain and against dogged resistance. To be sure the geography of Italy, plus Allied sea and air power, made the tactics of successive amphibious outflanking movements, such as those employed by the Japanese on the Malay Peninsula, appear logical; but there was the diversion of shipping to the British Isles for the cross-channel invasion to be considered, and the steady frontal pressure maintained by the Allies in Italy suggested that the Allied force was committed to the overland route to Rome. Certainly the Germans appeared to believe that this was the case."

And Don Whitehead, reporting for the Combined United Press, wrote after participating in the landings: "We simply walked in behind the German lines with hardly a shot being fired. It was so easy and so simply done that it caught the Germans completely by surprise."

Thus it appears that General Clark's 5th Army has delivered a brilliant left hook that will knock the enemy from the flank and open the road to Rome. In ten more days we shall know for sure.

Assembly Line at War

Assembly lines that "run through 1,375 cities and 44 states" are credited by Alvan Macauley, president of the Automotive Council for War Production, for the tremendous rise in the output of war goods.

"When the auto industry was asked to produce one-sixth of the nation's armament total, the task appeared to be appalling," Macauley said, "but the sub-contracting of war orders among small producers did the trick."

"This extension of the assembly line into 1,375 cities, most of them far from the final points of assembly, made possible the full utilization of manpower and factory capacity," he explained.

The Automotive Council has estimated that converted passenger car and body manufacturers turned out \$8,840,000,000 worth of aircraft, tanks, army vehicles, guns, shells and marine equipment during 1943. That figure is twice the value of the industry's output of civilian goods in its peak pre-war year of 1941, and almost twice the value of war goods it produced in 1942.

Despite the impressive 1943 figures, the auto industry still has a backlog of more than 14 billion in war orders. The rapid shifting of production schedules in keeping abreast of developments in battle-front strategy probably means that a good portion of the backlog never will be filled.

Meanwhile, designers and engineers are getting ready for the switchback to civilian production when war needs taper off, and the industry estimates that civilian auto models, probably the same type that were being made before the war, may begin to come out of the factories as early as three months after the Government gives its OK.

Hush Marks

Here's another use for V-Mail. An Army nurse in the ETO asked the folks back home to send her a pair of shoes. Figuring that the customary "army spread" might have altered her size slightly, she sent an imprint of her foot on a V-Mail blank and wrote, "this is the exact size of my foot."

Boy—these paratroopers are plenty rough and tough—even back in their early training days. Down at Ft. Ben-



ning one fellow was instructed to go to the top of a 250-foot jump tower and release scrap paper so that instructors could determine direction of the wind. The guy wasn't supposed to jump—but after some delay a square piece of paper drifted down and the chutist followed. When he reached terra firma he rushed away. "Where are you going?" demanded the instructor. "To get my War Bond," was the answer. "I thought I had my drift paper with me, but I discovered the only paper I had was my war bond; so I let it go!"

And then there was the GI heartbreaker who boasted that he always moved in the best triangles.

Several Englishmen have indicated their astonishment at the Yank's ability to chew gum and smoke cigarettes simultaneously. That's nothing, brother. Watch more closely in a pub sometime and you'll see GIs chewing gum, smoking, guzzling mild and bitter and singing "You Are My Sunshine" all at the same time.

Remember back in the good old days when you could stay up late nights listening to good orchestras playing on the radio. You would hear sweet music and then an announcement something like this, "This broadcast is coming to you from the Panther Room of the Hotel Sherman." Well, a guy who is slightly ETO happy ate a heavy meal in an officers' mess the other night and dreamed he heard this one: "This broadcast is coming to you from the Spam Room of Hotel Etoussa."

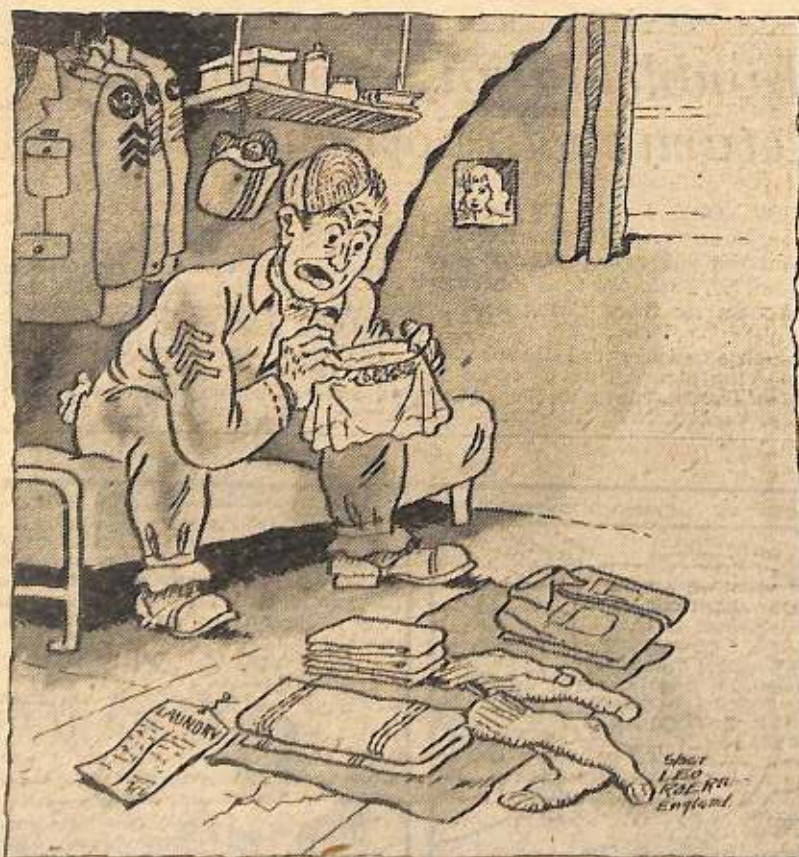
Damnit—somebody with a scientific mind is always trying to spoil our fun. The president of the Baltimore Dental Society



has come through with this warning, "Girls, when you kiss the boys good-bye, kiss 'em on the cheek." He claims kisses accompanying fervid furlough meetings and lingering farewells aren't healthy—so what?—who wants to live to be a hundred?

Meanest Man in Town. The signal corps corporal who wants to relieve a WAC for combat duty.

J. C. W.



"I've been expecting this to happen ever since the WACs arrived!"

Pilot Cut Off His Jinx Mustache, Then Started Trimming Nazis

DFC and Two Clusters His Recompense For Bare Lip

A THUNDERBOLT BASE, Jan. 23—Maj. Walter Beckham today collected the DFC and two clusters for which he swapped, four months ago, the fanciest, twirling mustache the USAAF had seen since Monk Hunter's palmist days.

As the 27-year-old P47 squadron leader from De Funiak Springs, Fla., collected his gongs, his ground-crew chief, S/Sgt. Henry Bush, of Easley, S.C., told the story of the mustache-for-Nazis swap which took Beckham out of the "no claims" class and made him second-highest scoring USAAF fighter pilot in England.

"Last September," Bush recalled, "the Major had been out over Germany for about six weeks and come back down-hearted every time. He was sporting one of the biggest mustaches in the ETO. He'd been nursing it for three months, and it stretched out an inch on both sides of his nose and was curled up like a Frenchman's."

"One day the Major came back from a mission and said, 'You know, Bush, this mustache is a jinx.'"

"Next day it was gone, and in the next couple of weeks he shot down eight Germans."

13 Sure Kills

Whether it was the mustache or just the fact that Beckham is a hell of a good fighter pilot, since that time he's chalked up 13 sure kills, the last pair coming in a double on Friday over northern France, and now he's been recommended for the DFC.

Reporting on Friday's double, Maj. Beckham said, "We caught those Jerries by surprise. They were circling around below, and we broke into their flight like a pack of wolves. You should have seen them scatter."

"I followed one down," he added, "shooting all the way, and before I knew it his plane broke in half. The other Jerry I got bailed out after I shot him up pretty well."

Except for his score, Beckham is pretty much an average sort of a guy. He attended the small-town high school at De Funiak Springs, left Vanderbilt University after one semester to open an automobile agency at home, joined the Air Forces in April, 1941, and got his wings five days after Pearl Harbor.

Beckham was slated to go with a group of Americans ferrying P40s from West



Maj. Walter Beckham

Africa to the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, but instead he was sent to the Canal Zone and flew P36s, P39s and P40s there until he came back to the States in October, 1942, to join his present outfit and subsequently be sent to the ETO.

Flying his Thunderbolt, Little Demon, he began operations in the summer and was credited with shooting down his first German, an FW190, on a bomber-escort mission last Sept. 23. On Oct. 4 he got an Me109, and six days later, over Munster, Germany, he scored a triple, shooting down an Me210 and two Me110s.

In the following weeks he accounted for two Nazis on each of two missions, plus two singles, to bring his total score to 11 definitely destroyed. Also to his credit are three probables and two damaged.

"I've had ample opportunity to try out the P47 against the FW190, Me109 and other German fighters," Beckham said. "That is why I know our ship is better at altitude than the Hun's. I think on the whole our pilots are better, too. We're proving that almost every day."

"But undoubtedly there is plenty of fight left in the Germans."

Beckham has two brothers. One, Hollan, three years older than the pilot, is a corporal in a Flying Fortress ordnance unit in England, and the other, Joseph, is a chief petty officer on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. A cousin, Lowery Brabham, is a test pilot and flew one of the first P47s that ever took off.

A Potent Secret Weapon Is Nazis' Machine That Dreams Up Rumors

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 23 (AP)—Peace rumors long have been used by Doctor Goebbels as one of his "secret weapons." He allows them to trickle into neutral countries bordering the besieged Nazi fortress into Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey or the Iberian peninsula whenever he feels the need of a breather from Allied political and military pressure.

They may be spread by German papers abroad, by the radio, or by German contacts, who in the meantime are attempting to maintain the line of approach in neutral capitals to anyone potentially open to a compromise or other peace ideas when the show-down comes.

For that reason observers attach significance to the appointment of men such as Ernst Hepp as new press attache to the German legation in Stockholm. Like the German minister Thomsen, he has spent years in the United States—from 1930 to 1939—as New York correspondent of the Ullstein publishing house and the German news agency, and then, until Dec., 1941, as German press attache in Washington.

To observers here peace rumors appear

to come in cycles, generally when developments seem darkest in Germany, because that is the time when Hitler and Goebbels like to throw confusion into the enemy camp, and, if possible, distract the Allies from their united effort against Germany by sowing distrust.

It is reversion to the time-tried Nazi method of attempting to split power massed against them, and it is when the war future seems blackest for Germany that peace rumors gain the greatest circulation and even credence in neutral countries because they begin to look logical.

Peace rumors have made no headway in Stockholm since last summer when the local press described a sensationally alleged peace contact between the Russians and Germans in southern Sweden. There is plenty of talk in Sweden at present, however, about two current peace rumors. But for perhaps the first time Swedish commentators failed to see the German hand behind them.

The Swedish press feels that Stalin inspired Pravda's Cairo rumor about an alleged meeting between Ribbentrop and two prominent British officials.

"Is Stalin so blind at the fact that the Red Army is slowly being allowed to bleed without the promised effective Second Front becoming a reality that he again starts maneuvering with a separate peace threat for which the false rumor of secret negotiations with Ribbentrop should constitute an excuse," asks the conservative newspaper Svenska Dagbladet.

Svenska Morgonbladet thought the Pravda rumor was the Russian method of gaining freedom of action in eastern Poland.

The most interesting was the reaction of Ragnar Essen, the editor of Stockholm's Nazi daily Dagsposten, because it is Goebbels's instrument which best understands the purpose behind German-inspired peace rumors, and in analyzing the Pravda rumor he disclosed what were the results the Nazis would hope to obtain by such a method.

Discussing why Pravda published the rumor, Essen declared that Stalin's aim "of exciting public opinion in England and America has succeeded."

He referred to it as Stalin's means of "sowing the seeds of distrust of his Allies' loyalty and reliability" with a view to obtaining freedom of action.

This Is The Army

SOME hair-brained mathematician, with apparently nothing better to do, tells us that chances of identical laundry marks within an organization are 1 to 577,069,219.

In the ETO there's a station hospital detachment which boasts one of these rare pairs. They're pfc's—of course.

Peter Hazuka's ASN reads 37,371,702, while Kenneth L. Hylle's is 39,081,702. Thus each has a laundry tag of H-1702, and the supply sergeant has another reason to take aspirins.

The battle is on to spot the top paid enlisted man in the ETO.

Last week, Sailor Francis H. Anderson, an electrician's mate, first class, wrote in to claim the No. 1 slot with the \$345.50 Uncle Samuel flips his way each month.

Anderson isn't in the same league, however, with 1/Sgt. Peter B. Karow. The top kick's earnings total \$365. Here's how: Base pay, \$138; 18 years' service, \$41.40; foreign service, \$27.60; being married and the father of six children, \$158.

Next month Karow completes another hitch. That will up his income to \$371.90.

IT'S happened—an outfit which gets powdered eggs and doesn't cry. Credit goes to M/Sgt. Lewis J. Collison, of Chester, Pa. He uses the dehydrated eggs to make a drink which has the boys thinking they're guzzling real milk.

For mess sergeants interested in "foxing" their chowhounds, we present Collison's recipe: 1 can dehydrated eggs, 1/2 drum powdered milk, 4 oz. vanilla extract, 2 oz. cinnamon, 10 pounds sugar, and water to make 30 gallons.

1/Lt. Sam E. Alden, of Seattle, Wash., commands a truly all-American unit. His company of engineers is composed of representatives from every state in the union.

In the orderly room there is a large wall map of the U.S. on which pins point out the home community of each man.

IF Pfc Leland L. Curtis, of Morris Hill, Me., could get together with his brothers, he could form an army of his own. Curtis, now with a signal construction outfit in England, has eight brothers scattered over the globe, all of them in the service. Only one is in the ETO.

Leland claims he needs a private secretary to keep in touch "with the mob" and also the folks back home.

Notes from the Air Force

AIRCRAFT recognition data may be revised soon to include information and silhouettes on what looks like a tubby, square-winged fighter plane, but really is the Nazis' secret glider bomb.

The glider bomb is built on conventional airplane lines, in miniature, and is radio-controlled by a parent aircraft, usually the Do217 or the He177. The Aeroplane Spotter, official organ of the National Association of Spotters' Clubs in England, describes the new weapon and says the Nazis list it as the Hs (for Henschel) 293. Its wing span is approximately ten to 15 feet, length six to ten feet. It is rocket-powered by an under-slung unit similar in appearance to a bomb. Straight mid-wings have square tips and tail assembly resembles the Me109's, according to The Spotter's description. The entire glider bomb weighs something approaching a ton and a half.

No dope on the Buck Rogers disintegrator atom ray yet, though.

S/Sgt. Louis G. Lonsway, 21-year-old Oklahoma City, Okla., tail gunner, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his part in bringing his crippled Schweinfurt Liberty Belle home from the Schweinfurt raid in October.

After helping beat off repeated attacks by German fighters, Lonsway's tail section was hit by an exploding 20mm. cannon shell, setting it on fire. Although one of his guns was ruined and he was wounded, Lonsway stuck by his post, putting out the fire with one hand and shooting at the oncoming Germans with the other.

CHAPLAIN William O. Byrd of the Lightning station commanded by Col. Frank B. James, of Huntington Park, Cal., has brought out something new in TS cards.

In an effort to kill a lot of birds with one stone, the Monroe, La., chaplain, has printed up a regular TS card with every conceivable complaint from "detail" to "sugar report" carefully printed around the edges like an American ration card. Chaplain Byrd carries around a regular puncher and carefully punches the item on the card closest to the soldier's complaint.

At a ceremony marking the departure of an American Ferry and Transport unit to a new base, the USAAF and RAF officers attending cut off each other's neckties and made them a part of the wall decorations in the RAF mess to "symbolize the tie of friendship between pilots of the two nations." Maj. Philip D. Parkinson, of Allentown, Pa., commanding officer, was spokesman for his unit, which included five of the eight original pilots who landed at the base in July, 1942. The originals, with Maj. Parkinson were Capt. Hartwell C. Lancaster, Old Town, Me.; Capt. Lloyd B. Shields, Chicago; 1/Lt. Edward G. Granger, Worcester, Mass., and 1/Lt. Edward T. Davis, Baton Rouge, La.

NEWS FROM HOME

Eastman Offers 8-Point Plan for Transit Industry

Urges More Employment of Women, Negroes in Manpower Shortage

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23—War Transportation Director Joseph B. Eastman last night advocated an eight-point program to alleviate manpower shortages in the transit industry.

Warning that the manpower situation was critical in several areas, Eastman urged increased employment of women and Negroes and greater use of persons who are available for part-time work only.

- 1—More effective utilization of manpower through labor-management cooperation.
2—Close working relationships with local offices of the U.S. Employment Service.
3—Reduction of turnover and absenteeism and stabilization of employment.
4—Intensification and expansion of present training programs.
5—Reduction of job standards and specifications to a reasonable minimum within the limits of safety.
6—Development by the transit industry of a realistic policy on withdrawals and deferrals under selective service.

There's Air Out There

FORT DAVIS, Tex., Jan. 23—Dr. Gerard P. Kuiper, of the McDonald Observatory atop Mount Locke, has discovered the first definite proof that atmosphere exists on satellites in the solar system.

Japs in U.S. Face Draft

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23—The War Department announced last night that plans had been completed for the reinstitution of general selective-service procedures for American citizens of Japanese descent.

Civilians Capture Fugitive

SMITH MILLS, Ky., Jan. 23—A school-bus driver and a farmer have been credited with the capture of Helmut von Der Aue, 24-year-old English-speaking prisoner of war who escaped from Camp Breckinridge last week.

Publisher in Senate Race

WELLSVILLE, N.Y., Jan. 23—Democratic leaders of Genesee, Wyoming, Livingston and Alleghany Counties have named Hubert D. Bliss, of Wellsville, as the party's candidate in a special election Feb. 15 to fill the State Senate seat vacated by Joe R. Hanley when he became lieutenant governor.

Yale to Help Veterans

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 23—Yale University has become the first institution of higher learning to set up a special program for servicemen who plan to continue their education after the war.

Threaten Tobacco Strike

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 23—More than 350 tobacco growers of the Conestoga Valley decided to inform OPA that they might cut their acreage in half unless a price of 25 cents a pound was allowed.

Charge Gasoline Black Market

EVANSTON, Ill., Jan. 23—OPA said it might investigate charges that a thriving gasoline black market was being operated among students at Northwestern University.

New Outbreaks at Prison

WAUPUN, Wis., Jan. 23—New outbreaks among 800 inmates of the Wisconsin State Penitentiary here have prompted a checkup to weed out ringleaders.

Second Big Toledo Fire

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 23—Toledo's second \$500,000 fire in eight days destroyed four buildings in a block on Summit St. Officials called it the worst blaze in downtown Toledo in 25 years.

In on the Ground Floor

CHICAGO, Jan. 23—Edward Bing Kan, an interpreter for the U.S. immigration and Naturalization Service, who came to Chicago in 1910, became the first Chinese to be naturalized here since the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act.

At Risk of Life, Limb, Some Heads Are Saved

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23—Sgt. Delmar Golden, wounded six times in the Southwest Pacific and recently returned to the U.S. after winning the Silver Star for gallantry on Guadalcanal, was revealed as the hero of a snafu to end all snafus.

Recounting Golden's experiences in ten months' jungle fighting, the War Department said he led a detail which succeeded in capturing from the Japanese, after two days' intensive effort, nearly three tons of canned food.

They carefully floated the supplies on logs from the enemy supply base to their own camp, and eagerly opened the tins to see what they had brought back.

They discovered then they had stolen three tons of fish heads.

Factory Switch for Peace Being Planned—Patterson

CHICAGO, Jan. 23—Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war, said that although war output was increasing, the nation was preparing actively for a prompt return to peacetime production with as little dislocation as possible.

OWI Tells Officials to Curb Speculation on Peace Date

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (Reuter)—A four-point statement issued by the Office of War Information warned government officials against encouraging speculation on the probable end of the war and advised them to use caution on discussing post-war economic developments.

Ex-Mayor Enters Prison

JACKSON, Mich., Jan. 23—Former Mayor Richard W. Reading, of Detroit, has surrendered himself at Southern Michigan Prison here to begin a four to five-year sentence on his conviction in a \$10,000,000 policy-racket conspiracy.

Maid of Cotton

DONALDSONVILLE, La., Jan. 23—Linwood Lelane Gislard, of this town, has been named the 1944 Maid of Cotton. Miss Gislard, 19-year-old senior at the University of Louisiana, will tour the country clad in cotton.

48th Mississippi Governor

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 23—Thomas L. Bailey took office as the 48th governor of Mississippi, succeeding Dennis Murphree.

Diane



Male Call



Blondie



G-Men to Testify in Quiz Into Joan Barry's Arrest

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23—U.S. Atty. Charles E. Carr said that among witnesses to be called in the investigation of the arrest last year of 23-year-old Joan Barry in Beverly Hills would be several FBI agents.

A federal grand jury is investigating a complaint that Miss Barry's civil rights were violated when she was taken to the railroad station and given a one-way ticket to the east. She was jailed when she returned.

In U.S. 34 Years, Chaplin Rumored After Citizenship

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuter)—Danton Walker, New York Daily News columnist, quoted a Hollywood rumor that Charlie Chaplin was contemplating applying for American citizenship.

"What every American would like to know," Walker said, "is how he's managed to stay here 30 years or more without it." Chaplin, who was born in London's East End in 1889, arrived in America in 1910.

Shoe Store Lines Blasted In Battle of the Amazons

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 23—Department stores here had to lock their doors to stem the tide of rushing and pushing women who stormed shoe departments to buy certain types of shoes removed from the rationed list by OPA.

Clerks posted as guards came out of the fray with bruises and disarranged clothing. They said the women weren't satisfied with just one pair of shoes but grabbed armfuls and rushed off to nearby street corners to try them on.

Woman Beaten; 2 Held

DUMONT, N.J., Jan. 23—Two men are being held on a charge of beating a Dumont woman with a baseball bat and robbing her so they could enjoy a spree in New York with girl friends.

Postmasters Named

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23—President Roosevelt appointed the following postmasters: Danville, Ill., Chris R. Leins; Peoria, Ill., David H. McClugage; Carrollton, Mo., Lee Dickson; Mansfield, Ohio, Frank Cave, and Salem, Ore., Henry R. Crawford.

Edge Takes Governorship

TRENTON, N.J., Jan. 23—Walter E. Edge, 71-year-old veteran Republican statesman, is back in the New Jersey gubernatorial chair which he left 25 years ago to become a U.S. senator.

Democrats Call for a 4th Term; Chicago Chosen for Convention

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23—The Democratic National Committee yesterday urged President Roosevelt "to continue as our great world humanitarian leader" and cheered a statement that the new chairman of the committee, Robert Hannegan, would lead "the party to a grand and glorious victory in the election of Roosevelt to a fourth term."

Selecting Chicago as the site of the party's convention, the committee gave its newly-elected chairman authority to set the date for the conclave at which a

presidential candidate would be nominated.

In a resolution criticizing "a few highly placed Americans" for partisan attacks on the President, the committee pledged "full and unflinching confidence in Roosevelt's leadership both at home and abroad."

Meanwhile, Democratic leaders from 13 Southern states were called to discuss the selection of a vice-presidential candidate, presumably to run with President Roosevelt. It was predicted that they would urge the naming of a Southerner as Mr. Roosevelt's running mate.

Coal Output Up, but Still Is Below Pre-Strike Level

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (Reuter)—Bituminous coal production for the week ending Jan. 15 rose for the second time in two successive weeks, but failed to bring production to the level maintained for many weeks prior to the November strike.

Estimated output of the week was 12,750,000 tons, as compared with a revised estimate of 12,250,000 tons for the week ending Jan. 8. Anthracite production for the week ending Jan. 15 was 1,147,000 tons.

U.S. Warned It Must End Sectarian, Political Rows

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (UP)—The United States faces catastrophe unless the spread of sectarian and political animosities is checked, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson said last night, warning that "those animosities which produced tension and conflict in Europe" must be curbed.

"I deplore the evidence," he said, "that religion is becoming more aggressive and sharper in opposition, that both political parties are badly divided and that racial animosity is assuming a more sullen aspect."



"Chee, dat new cook is hard to get along with!"

By Jean Baird



By Milton Caniff



By Chic Young



Glamor On The Home Front



Keystone Photo

The glamor girl of today is the girl in uniform or work clothes. For instance, these two WOWS (Women Ordnance Workers) who make defense work a pleasure look OK even with goggles and sans sweaters.

Where Did You Get That Hat?



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Snodgrass, "sassy" protege of ventriloquist Canfield Smith, and Pfc Jesse Adams take a dim view of George Freem's "Snafu Cap." Snodgrass is a hit of the USO-Camp Show, "On with the Show."



Keystone Photo

According to a GI poll, Gail Russell, lovely dark-haired star of the Paramount lot, has "a smile we'd walk a mile to see." The curvaceous miss has a few other assets—like pretty blue eyes—to make her Hollywood career look promising.

Nicest Smile

Here's 'Old Bill'



OWI Photo

The Marines offer T/Sgt. John F. Dimmell, of Kansas City, as the prototype of the famous character created by cartoonist Bruce Bairnsfather during the last World War.

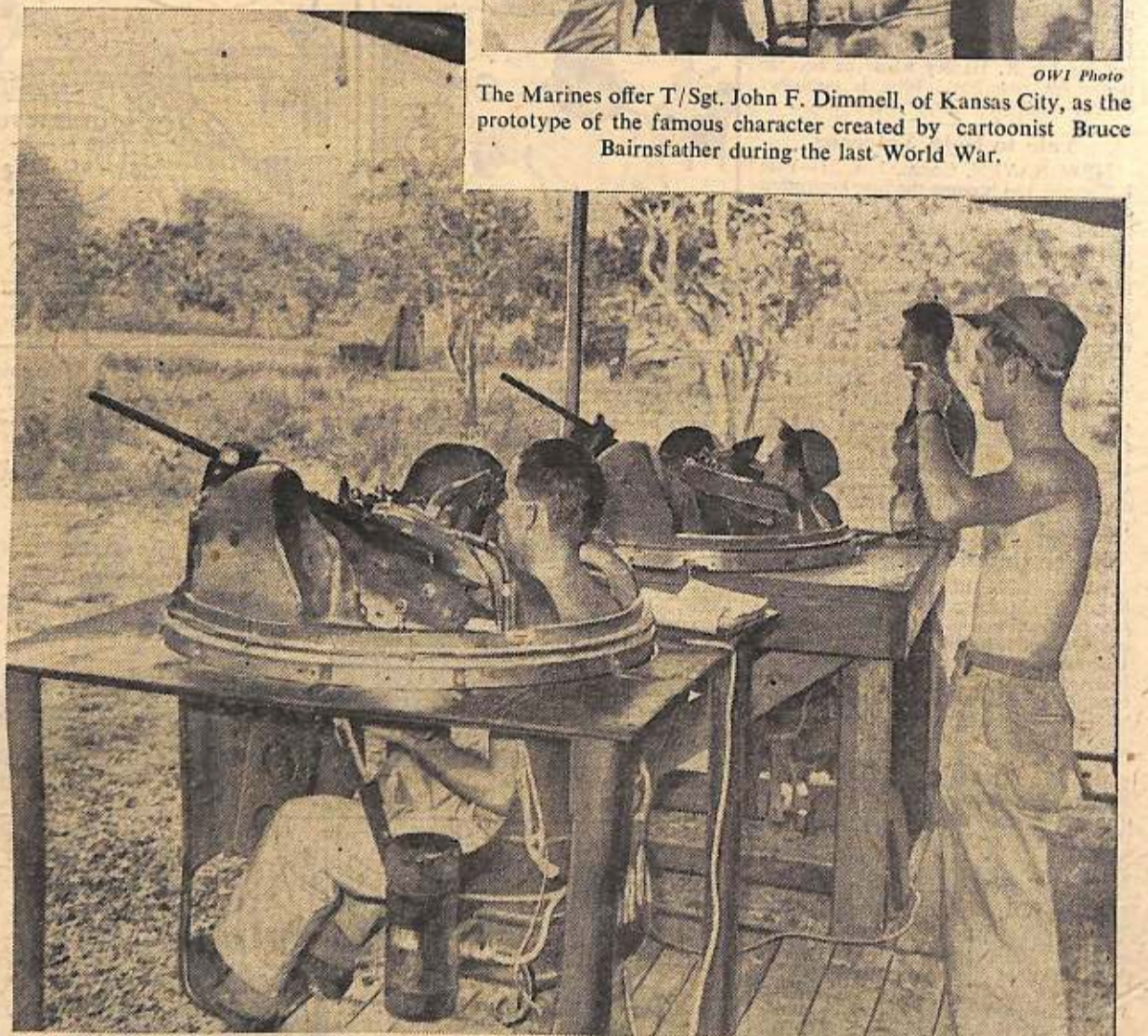
Calling His Shots

Look Out, Japs!



Associated Press Photo

Captain Clark Gable, assisted by Capt. John Mahin, cuts and assembles thousands of feet of film which they took on raids over Europe.



Keystone Photo

Gun turrets taken from crashed planes and equipped with shot guns give a realistic touch to practice at a bomber gunnery school somewhere in New Guinea. The GIs are taking pot shots at clay pigeons.