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Melitopol Falls; Dnieper Ring Tightens

U.S. Fighters Escort B26s On Big Raid

P38s, P47s Help Cover One of Heaviest Attacks On 3 Airfields

Escorted for the first time by three types of Allied fighters, including the powerful P38 Lightnings, U.S. Marauder medium bombers raced 60 miles into France yesterday to attack two Nazi interceptor fields and a bomber base.

The Marauder attacks followed the heavy RAF bombardment of targets at Kassel, Germany, over the weekend in which more than 1,500 tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped on the German armament and engineering center.

The B26 Marauders, also accompanied by P47 Thunderbolts and Royal Air Force Spitfires, bombed Nazi fighter bases at Beauvais-Nivillers and St. Andre-le-Eure and a bomber base at Montdidier. The latter blow was seen as a possible counter stroke to the Luftwaffe's recent night bombings of Britain.

Direct hits on runways, dispersal areas and barracks at the Luftwaffe bases were reported by crew members. The Marauder force, one of the largest ever employed by the USAAF in this theater, made the deepest B26 penetration into German-occupied Europe through heavy fighter opposition. All of the bombers returned safely.

No Marauders Lost

Three enemy aircraft were destroyed in aerial combat by the Marauders and seven by the Spitfires. None of the attacking Marauders was lost in the operation and only one fighter—a Spitfire—failed to return.

Beauvais-Nivillers is 40 miles north of Paris, while Montdidier is 25 miles farther north. The St. Andre-le-Eure fighter base, bombed by Marauders last Friday, is 45 miles west of Paris, near Evreux.

Montdidier was the first bomber base target noted in official reports since the Flying Fortress attacks last month against Nazi Atlantic patrol bases near Nantes. It is a likely base for night hit-and-run incursions by the Luftwaffe into England.

The official Marauder communiqué follows: "It is announced by the Air Ministry and Headquarters, ETUSA, that USAAF Marauders without loss attacked the enemy airfields at Beauvais-Nivillers and St. Andre-le-Eure and Montdidier in France Sunday.

"The medium bombers were escorted by USAAF Thunderbolts and Lightnings and RAF, Dominion and Allied Spitfires. Other Thunderbolts, Spitfires and Typhoons carried out supporting sweeps. Three enemy aircraft were destroyed by the Marauders and seven by the Spitfires, one of which is missing.

18,000-Foot Smoke Column

In Friday's raid on Kassel, the RAF dropped over 1,500 tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs. Returning crews reported that toward the end of the attack huge fires were burning and a great pall of smoke, 18,000 feet high, hung over the city. The Air Ministry said that photographs taken during the attack confirmed reports that the raid was "highly effective."

It was the second bombing in October for Kassel, one of Germany's most important armament and engineering centers. Royal Canadian Air Force squadrons took part in the attack and dropped the heaviest load of bombs yet released by the group on a German target. Australian squadrons also were engaged.

Dorado Sunk, Puts Sub Losses at 13 Since Dec. 7

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP)—The Navy Department reported today the loss of the U.S. submarine Dorado, the 13th undersea craft lost by the U.S. since its entry into the war.

The announcement contained no reference as to where the loss occurred. It was presumed to be in action in the Pacific. The Dorado was launched last May.

U.S. Planes Raid Vienna

Berlin radio said last night that a major formation of four-engined U.S. bombers raided Vienna from southern Italy at mid-day yesterday and in spite of heavy clouds dropped bombs over a major area between Vienna and the northern spurs of the Alps.

Sherman Was Right, Berlin Must Agree



Russian columns driving on in the Dnieper Bend last night menaced Krivoi Rog and Dnepropetrovsk, while Red Army forces which had taken Melitopol advanced toward Kherson and the Crimean escape line through that vital point.

Angry Miss Defends, Saves Her Reputation—Meet the B26

By Bud Hutton

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A MEDIUM BOMBER STATION, Oct. 24—In defense of a much maligned lady—the Marauder.

This Sabbath noon, something more than two miles over the big Nazi airdrome at Montdidier, in France, scores of these much maligned girls of the American Air Force fought and beat off the strongest attack the Luftwaffe has yet made on U.S. medium bombers in this theater.

Ground Forces Are Shaken Up

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24—The Army-Navy Register, unofficial service weekly, said today that the War Department had ordered a sweeping reorganization of the various types of Army combat ground forces based on the war's battle lessons in order to obtain a maximum use of manpower and the massing of strength at decisive points.

A War Department circular disclosed the following changes:

The infantry division of 15,000 men has been reduced eight per cent in strength and 14 per cent in motor vehicles, but given greatly increased fire power. The motorized division has been eliminated as a separate unit, with all infantry divisions to be transported by troop transport battalions. All infantry divisions will be given transportation training.

Regimental organizations have been eliminated in the armored division, which, in the future will have three tank and three armored infantry battalions of increased size and strength. The armored division's artillery and infantry strength will be increased greatly in relation to tank strength.

A new type light division is being tested for amphibious, airborne, mountain and jungle operations. Its aggregate strength will be much below the average infantry division, but its fire power in small arms and automatic weapons will be about the same.

Folks who fly in other airplanes had warned: "It's a flying prostitute—no visible means of support." They said: "If you get shot up, that skinny little wing loses its lift and you've had it." They said: "You might as well have silver handles put on the sides of the fuselage if it's hit."

So I went out with a Marauder gal called Idiot's Delight. Not looking to be shot up, mind you, but ready to test the gal's morals if we did get shot up. We did. And the lady has been much maligned.

Survives Damage Aplenty

A 20mm. cannon shell burst in our port engine, smashed a magneto, blasted away the air intake, left sheets of torn metal whipping in the slipstream, ruined the propeller pitch controls and did a lot of other minor damage.

Another 20mm. ripped through the tail, splattered the gunners, gouged out control surfaces. Other shells came through the fuselage, smashed the glass above the bombardier and that next to the pilot, put the radio out of commission, ruined the fuel pump system.

Idiot's Delight got home, though.

And half a dozen other ships from the field were shot up as badly, while virtually half of the Marauders which took off with this group, commanded by Col. Glenn C. Nye, of Raleigh, N.C., were battle-scarred and torn. But they all made their bombing runs, putting the Luftwaffe base at Montdidier out of whack for a while. They destroyed three silver and black FW190s, probably four more and damaged seven. And they all came home.

Some of the Marauders plowed off the

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Bombing Cuts Toll, Shortens War

AN EIGHTH Bomber Base, Oct. 24—Air Chief Marshal Lord Trenchard, "father of the Royal Air Force," told Flying Fortress crews here yesterday that "air power already has saved a million lives in our campaign."

"Our losses in Africa and Sicily would have been inestimably higher had it not been for air power. And this war would have lasted for at least ten years," Lord Trenchard said during an inspection of the base commanded by Lt. Col. James L. Travis, of Portland, Ore.

He assured the men that their current efforts would "save untold numbers of lives" when the battle for Europe enters its final stage. "You are doing a wonderful job," he said.

"Your precision bombing has been invaluable," he went on. "You are helping to turn the tables on the Hun with a vengeance. With your precision attacks

and our nightly efforts he'll go in not too long a time."

Lord Trenchard praised both the U.S. and the British air training programs, and said he had been amazed by the improvement achieved in operational methods by Eighth Air Force Bomber Command.

He pointed out that the war was being carried to the German home for the first time. The Hun is standing up to it better than a great many people expected, but "he will go in time—he always has," the RAF marshal added.

In an hour and a half at this base, Lord Trenchard, accompanied by Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, commanding general of Eighth Bomber Command; Col. Archie J. Old, junior combat wing commander, and Col. Travis, inspected battle-damaged aircraft and talked to Cpl. James Wall, 22, a sheet metal worker who was busily engaged in repairing a

Reds Drive to Sever Crimea Escape Line; Big Battles in 'Bend'

President to Quarters Attack of Flu Confines

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24—President Roosevelt remained in his room today after an attack of influenza. Yesterday, for the second day, all of the President's appointments were cancelled by his secretary, Stephen Early.

A White House announcement said the President had influenza with temperature one degree above normal.

Berlin is Fearsome As Trap Develops In the South

Germany faced one of her great crises last night as unstoppable Russian hordes which had smashed the gate to the Crimea at Melitopol poured through onto the Nogaik steppe, while equally relentless Red Armies drove ahead in the Dnieper Bend in a vast encircling movement which threatened possibly a million Nazi troops.

The most desperate German counter-attacks of the war were unavailing in both sectors.

Masses of tanks and infantry were hurled in waves against the Russians driving for Krivoi Rog in the Dnieper Bend, but last night Soviet forces were within 15 miles of this great communications and steel center, next big objective of the offensive that followed the Kremenchug breakthrough.

Twenty victory salvos from 224 guns electrified Moscow again with announcement of the fall of Melitopol after fighting as fierce as anything seen at Stalingrad.

Dire Peril for Crimea

Last night the Russians revealed that the Red Army there was advancing west of the city toward the Nogaik steppe, adding to the dire peril of German troops in the Crimea, whose only escape lies along the railway through Kherson. And there was no enemy defense line between Melitopol and Kherson to stop or slow the Russians.

North of Melitopol, another Soviet column was turning ahead. This force evidently had driven northward and was heading for the main Dnieper River front, just one more of a many-pronged Russian offensive giving the German High Command chills.

Hundreds of Germans were taken prisoner at Melitopol; thousands of others were slain. Masses of war materials were taken in one of the Russians' biggest hauls of their great drive begun three months ago.

As one Red Army force pounded steadily forward toward Krivoi Rog, within the Dnieper Bend, another was making good headway in the direction of Dnepropetrovsk. Between these two columns and the river's loop the German escape gap was rapidly narrowing.

Titanic Battles Raging

The Russians were sparing nothing. Great masses of reinforcements in tanks and artillery were pouring into the area. Titanic battles were raging all along the front as the Germans resisted in a do-or-die effort to save their entire southern front from encirclement and annihilation.

Swedish reports from Berlin said that the attitude there was one of almost complete pessimism. German military spokesmen made no effort to conceal the gravity of the situation in the south and said that one of the war's greatest battles was shaping up in that area.

Adding to the obvious German anxiety must have been the dread specter of winter, which has cost the Wehrmacht so heavily in the last two years. Moscow spoke last night of the first frosts and weather which was steadily growing colder.

Great battles meanwhile were progressing in three other vital sectors of Russia.

New advances were made by the Russians near Peryslav, south of Kiev, at Kiev itself, and south of Rezhitsa, where the Red Army was carrying out a giant outflanking movement on Gomel, southern extremity of the Germans' White Russia line.

Tirpitz Badly Damaged Reconnaissance Shows

Reconnaissance activity has satisfied the British Admiralty, it was disclosed during the weekend, that the Nazi battleship Tirpitz was badly damaged in last month's midget submarine attack.

At the same time it was disclosed that the Tirpitz previously had been virtually immobilized for more than a year in a Norwegian fjord, except for her part in the attack on Spitzbergen.

Eighth Catches Nazis Off Guard By New Attack

Enemy Rolled Back Five Miles; Fifth Seizes Valuable Junction

Britain's Eighth Army, personally led by Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery, smashed forward in a surprise attack along the Adriatic front yesterday, thrusting forward five to six miles and breaching strong enemy positions at one point along the Trigno River.

While the Fifth Army hammered at German mountain positions along the upper Volturno and captured the road junction of Baia Latina, four miles northwest of Dragoni, the Eighth rolled the enemy back along the right flank, seized Lucita, 11 miles north of Campobasso, and occupied the Adriatic town of Montecellone, five miles northwest of Montecellone.

British and Canadian troops of Gen. Montgomery's Eighth fought uphill to take Campochiari, five miles southwest of Vinchiato, and thus command the only road leading from Vinchiato north and west into the heart of the German mountain positions.

The Fifth Army's advance toward Venafro continued along both banks of the upper Volturno in spite of stubborn German resistance backed up by strong mortar and machine-gun fire from well camouflaged positions in the mountain heights.

Activity was "fairly static" along the Fifth's coastal flank, but many miles behind that front Allied bombers struck hard at big coastal batteries in the Gaeta area, 35 miles north of Naples.

Fighter bombers from Italian bases roared all over the German lines in one of the most concentrated attacks of the campaign. Major targets were railway bridges two miles south of Venturino, at Marchiano near Perugia, and at Mamaloti di Castro, on the west coast railway, north of Rome.

Danes Sabotage Railway

Danish patriots have sabotaged the Jutland railway, by which German troops travel to Norway, in six places, Algiers radio said yesterday.

Fort wing that had been shot up.

Following the inspection Lord Trenchard heard a complete resume of the crew briefing which preceded the highly successful Regensburg-North Africa shuttle bombing on Aug. 17 which was led by the group he visited.

Those who participated in the briefing were Capt. Jessie R. Plummer, an intelligence officer from Fort Worth, Tex., who explained the importance of the target and extent of the opposition expected; 1/Lt. Frederick D. Pogue, intelligence officer from Camden, N.J., who described details of the target area; Maj. Harold A. Cotter, of El Paso, Tex., group operations officer, who described the formation to be flown and other technical details; Maj. William W. Robinson, of Grafton, W. Va., weather officer, and Capt. Harold V. Hammen, of Weslaco, Tex., communications officer, who delineated communications procedures.

Flagging Morale In Reich Seen In Nazi Appeal

'Quit Hitler' Leaflets Now Circulating; Workers Await Their Chance

Important signs of cracks in Germany's morale foundation were apparent yesterday in reports from travellers returning from the Reich and a Berlin broadcast which said leaflets, containing a warning of mysterious plans to overthrow the Hitler regime, are circulating among the German people.

Hans Fritzsche, political director of German broadcasts, told the German people to protect themselves against the "leaflet poison by voluntary discipline."

Other leaflets, according to the Reuter's report of the broadcast, voiced complaints by air raid victims on the privations they suffer in their billets, and their envy of people who are evacuated and get the best billets.

These leaflets are signed by an "Association of the Bombed-Out," the report said.

Another indication that something serious is happening in Germany came from a Swedish newspaperman who recently returned to Stockholm from Germany.

Workers Are Threat to Nazis

He claimed disgruntled foreign workers in Germany, secretly arming, even with the aid of German soldiers, form such a threat to the home front that given the proper moment they could induce total collapse and surrender.

The 12,000,000 workers are watched closely by police and aged reservists but British and U.S. bombing attacks are giving them their chances, he said.

Personnel for protecting the interior are spread out thinly. For every soldier in the army and Luftwaffe, there are at least three workers engaged in war industry.

Communist propaganda has a good opportunity among the workers, the Swedish journalist said. A great many revolutionary organizations have been formed in most parts of Germany but not all of these are Communist in the political sense. Nearly all are directed against the Germans generally—not just the Nazis.

Foreign workers also are engaged in sabotage throughout the nation. Many have been arrested and shot by the SS, the Swedish newspaperman added.

Military Changes Expected

Changes in the Nazi military and civil leadership also can be expected, reports from a Stockholm newspaper said, quoting usually well-informed sources in Berne.

Military changes, according to the newspaper, are connected with the German preparation to meet the westward surge of the Russian armies.

The civil administration shuffle is believed to be prompted by the increasing German defeatism.

Red Paper Asks A Second Front

MOSCOW, Oct. 24—The Soviet journal, War and the Working Class, in the first Russian comment on the three-power conference since it began, today demanded a second European front and called the present Anglo-American war effort inadequate.

As the discussions entered their sixth day, the Soviet magazine perhaps reflected the gist of Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov's demands, by coupling with its request for a second front a plea for post-war collaboration between the Soviet Union, the U.S. and Great Britain.

(Count Carlo Sforza, Italian pre-fascist foreign minister, who has returned to Italy from exile, said in an interview yesterday that the end of the European war depended on the results of the Moscow conference. "If the Germans realize that they cannot hope any more for division between the Allies, the war might come to an end sooner than we believe," he said.)

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- 1100—GI Jive.
- 1115—Deanna Durbin.
- 1130—Half and Half—Popular and classical music.
- 1200—Jack Payne and his Orchestra.
- 1230—Your Hit Parade.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Barracks Bag—Grab-bag of entertainment.
- 1400—Sign Off until 1745 hours.
- 1745—Program Resume and Spotlight Band—George Olson.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—Personal Album.
- 1825—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Sports—Presented by The Stars and Stripes.
- 1905—Gay Nineties Revue.
- 1930—Command Performance.
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A., presented by The Stars and Stripes.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2025—This Week in Science.
- 2030—Downbeat.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2110—Melody Roundup—Western Music.
- 2130—Your Theater Hour.
- 2220—Final Edition.
- 2230—Sign Off until Tuesday, Oct. 26, 1100.

Goes Hitless 24 Raids Then Doubles on 25th

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION, England, Oct. 24—Maj. Raymond B. Myers, 24-year-old squadron commander from Dundee, Miss., flew 24 missions without ever getting a chance to fire at a Nazi and then, on his 25th operation the other day, he knocked down two enemy ships almost the first time he opened up his guns.

Myers was escorting bombers when he saw two FW190s about to attack the tail end of the bomber formation.

"I dived on 'em and cut loose at the German wing man," he said. "I saw some strikes on the fuselage and some pieces flew off. He rolled over on his back and went into a spin. I didn't have to change direction more than two degrees to give the other one a squirt. A big flash of flame and smoke burst out of the engine and he rolled over and went straight down."

London Guards Rout 'Invaders'

U.S. Volunteers Lauded For Part in Realistic Maneuvers

U.S. troops, many of whom have taken part in similar maneuvers, yesterday watched thousands of British Home Guards throughout London fight off "enemy" airborne invaders in one of the largest and most realistic exercises ever held in the capital.

American civilians, who organized their own Home Guard unit in 1940, defended the London district guard headquarters with blank cartridges and fists. The umpires ruled that the "enemy" had been beaten off and Lt. Gen. Arthur Smith, district commander, commended the U.S. unit for their vigorous defense.

Through all of London, from swanky Mayfair to the slums of the east end, the invaders—distinguishable from London's protectors only by the camouflage nets over their faces—fought for control of railway and power stations, broadcasting buildings and strategic streets. Blank cartridges were used.

Sixty loudspeaker trucks sped through the city just before dawn ordering all Home Guards to assemble, and within 30 minutes all strategic points were guarded.

Barr Gets DSM for Part In Building Armored Force

Brig. Gen. David G. Barr, deputy chief of staff, ETOUSA, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his contribution in the development of the Armored Force, it was announced yesterday.

Presenting the decoration, Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, cited Gen. Barr for skill and efficiency in supervising "the large construction and transportation problems, and the development and supply of new equipment, including tanks and other armored vehicles, essential to the development of an adequate mechanized force."

Gen. Barr, born in Myrtlewood, Ala., is a graduate of the Infantry School, the Tank School, the Command and General Staff School, and the Army War College.

P38s, Proven on Other Fronts, Join P47s as Escorts Here

The P38 Lightnings have joined P47 Thunderbolts in escorting bombers from bases in Britain to and from targets in enemy territory. The Lightning escorts did "their first real job" in the ETO yesterday when they gave fighter protection to Marauders all the way to targets in France, Eighth Air Force disclosed last night.

Yesterday's mission also marked the first time that the Lightnings and Thunderbolts, two of the world's best long-range fighters, flew together in this theater. Between them they furnished a perfect escort for the B26s, all of which returned safely.

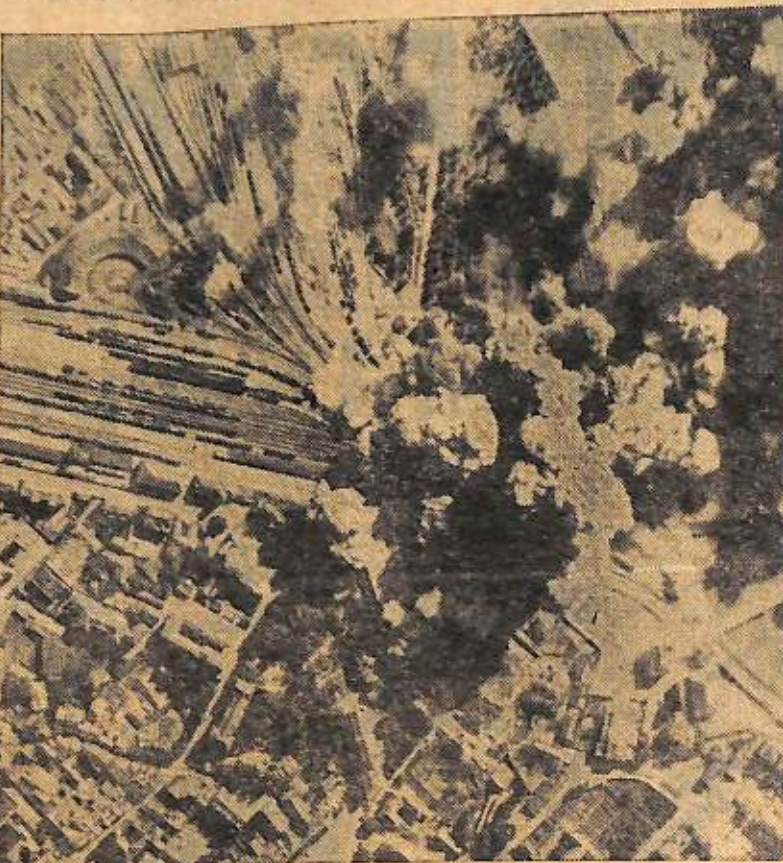
Previously the twin-engined Lightnings made several sweeps, once escorting Fortresses on the last leg of a homeward flight, but until yesterday had not engaged the enemy. Fighter Command announced. Over France the P38s encountered between 50 and 100 enemy fighters, and reported that the Luftwaffe refused to come within range of their machine-guns and cannon.

Photo Recon Plane

The Lockheed P38 Lightning, which has proved its fighting power in every other theater of the war, first went into operations in the ETO as a photographic reconnaissance aircraft early this year. American pilots have been bringing raid damage photographs back from Nazi-held Europe in the 400-mile-an-hour ship in the wake of the Fortress, Liberator and Marauder formations.

A twin-engined, twin-boomed monoplane, the only fighter aircraft of that design in the world, the Lightning has been perhaps the most controversial war-

Ninth Goes Working on the Railroad



Dead on the Target, exploding bombs from Ninth Air Force heavies put a railway junction at Bolzano, Italy, in condition for Nazi repair crews. Note area surrounding the target has been untouched by the accurate U.S. attack.

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runways when they landed, their controls gone or their landing gear tires punctured. Some of them, even as Idiot's Delight, landed with no flaps—and the gal who allegedly has no visible means of support normally touches down, under full flaps, at about 150 mph.

Now lots of Fortresses have been shot up worse than Idiot's Delight. And lots of them worse than Hank's Yank, who was sneaking around with a live bomb—a big one—loose in her bomb bay. But a Fort has four engines. And everybody admits that a Fort is a hell of a tough airplane. The point is, they said the Marauders couldn't take it. This story simply tries to show that they can take it, and do.

"Whitey" Sterngold, one-time backfield star for Lehigh (in the records he is 1/Lt. M. I. Sterngold, of Lawrence, L.I., N.Y.) hoisted Idiot's Delight off the runways a couple of hours before lunch time today.

Aboard the ship were 1/Lt. A. G. Thompson Jr., Jacksonville, Tex., copilot; 2/Lt. Bill O. Morrill, St. Louis, navigator-bombardier; S/Sgt. Loyal Rueggsegger Jr., of Cleveland, engineer-gunner; T/Sgt. Samuel Davis, Monteville, W. Va., radio gunner; S/Sgt. Otis Crookham, Leon, W. Va., tail gunner, and a guy who was willing to be shown about Marauders.

It was good to see the Spitfires join us at the Channel, because last night the Spit pilots were our guests at a thank-you party here.

France was deceptively quiet on the way in, and it looked as if the Lady wouldn't get the chance to say yes or no on a question of morals as our bomb bay doors opened.

Then, in a fury of 20mm. shells, the

villain made seductive passes and the girl struggled for her honor.

"Fighters coming in at 12 o'clock," said Whitey.

"More of them coming in," said Rube Thompson.

"Rick" Rueggsegger's turret guns began to boom, Sam Davis' waist gun chipped in, and then came the hammer of Otis Crookham's tail gun. Silver and black Focke-Wulfs raced through the entire formation. They had seen the bomb bay doors open apparently, and were going to break up the bombing run. Every B26 was firing, but not one changed course on that bomb run. Flak came up and burst below the open bomb bay doors of Idiot's Delight.

Whitey and Rube held the lady straight on. There was the sharp noise of a .20 mm. hitting the port engine. Glass splintered onto Whitey, and onto Bill Morrill as he crouched over the bomb sight. Another .20-mm. hit the base of the tail fin, then onto Cookham's helmet and bored holes in his parachute. Another shell swept through the fuselage, splintering Rick's top turret. A shell whizzed a couple of inches past Sam Davis nose and gouged hunks out of the metal framework.

Idiot's Delight and all the rest of the gals swept onto the target like the most virtuous ladies on a Sunday promenade. "Bombs away," Bill Morrill sang out, and then we went away from that place in a hurry.

Meanwhile, the villain was still making passes at the heroine's rear, and it was long ways back to the old home-stand. The RAF hero was doing a terrific job in escort, but there were a lot of villains.

Smoke plumed back from a couple of planes in the group, but they held on to formation. There were plenty of torn wing surfaces on either side of us, but those ships which "couldn't fly with their wings shot up" sailed right on.

Our own situation was about like many others. With the coast of England in sight, the warning red light blinked on above the gas gauges. Twenty minutes of gasoline left. We couldn't adjust the pitch of the propeller. The works were shot away.

(Yet they had said they couldn't fly if something happened to one power plant.)

Sam Davis got a direction on the emergency radio equipment. Rick nursed the engine. Whitey headed her away from formation and straight for base. At the field another plane, shot up, had landed off the runway. Control said for us to keep flying around.

"All right," said Rube Thompson softly over the radio. "But we're awful near out of gas. And we got an engine awful near shot up." He paused, and added, even more softly, "You'd better hurry."

So with no flaps, no control over his prop, Whitey headed in. We stopped just off the runway. (Remember: They said the Marauder couldn't land safely if it had trouble, and not very safely in the best of shape.)

So the villain was foiled; the hero done noble and the little gal saved her virtue. Next week, East Lynn.

Gripsholm Sails for U.S.

MURMUGAO, Portuguese East India, Oct. 24 (AP)—The Swedish liner Gripsholm, carrying 1,500 American repatriates from Japan has sailed for the United States, one day after departure for Japan of the Tela Maru, loaded with Japanese brought from America.

Give £137 for Orphan Fund

READING, Oct. 24—Six thousand spectators at a Red Tornado-Gremlins football game contributed £137 11s. 9d. to the Stars and Stripes war orphan fund final tally of the collection showed.

Australians Kill 500 Japs, Halt Big Comeback

Battle Scene Only 3 Miles From Finschafen; Air Blows Stepped Up

ALLIED HQ., Southwest Pacific, Oct. 24—American and Australian jungle veterans yesterday smashed a determined enemy attempt to outflank the Allied base of Finschafen and killed 500 Japs in some of the bitterest fighting in New Guinea this year, dispatches from the battle scene said today.

The Japanese, who for months have been sent reeling from the strong Allied offensive, showed signs that they may "battle it out" from now on in New Guinea with a strong counter-blow less than three miles from the Finschafen airfield.

Aussies met the assault, however, and after hours of fierce jungle fighting hurled the Japs back in disorder.

Skippy reports prevented a clear picture of the New Guinea fighting.

Isolated Jap forces hiding out in the hills above Finschafen were reported to be harassing the Allied lines with "hit-and-run" attacks. Other Jap forces were striking for the coast where they hope to find evacuation ships. These forces have been the target of medium bomber attacks the past few days.

All over the Southwest Pacific area, air warfare has been stepped up. More enemy defense points in New Guinea at Wareo and Masangoo, in addition to those at Sattelburg, have been hit by Allied formations.

Surprised by U.S. fighter patrols in the Ramu Valley, where the Australians steadily advance, a Japanese supply column was entirely destroyed in a low-level attack.

The important nickel-mining center at Pomelaa, in the Celebes, was shattered by a devastating daylight raid by heavies.

8th SS Officers Going to School

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ., Oct. 24—The second school session for 100 Eighth Air Force Special Service officers is scheduled to be opened here tomorrow by Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Eighth Air Force commander.

Planned as a five-day refresher course for men who attended the first term last April, and for those who arrived in the ETO since then, the classes will feature demonstrations and short talks by department heads with special reference to soldiers' problems.

Practically every conceivable difficulty encountered by the Special Service will be touched upon, with stress on Anglo-American relations, soldier-opinion and staccato, army shows, hobbies and publications, and day-room equipment and decoration.

The men will be shown, among other things, how to improvise a boxing-ring in a dance-hall without damaging the floor and how to make dumb-bells and other athletic equipment from scrap lead piping. Functional swimming lessons at the local pool; a talk on WAC problems by a WAC battalion commander, and a course on how to put over lectures on America to British school children also are scheduled.

Jugoslavs Take 2,000 Prisoners

Capture of 2,000 German soldiers and officers and the successful storming of two strongly-held towns in western Bosnia was reported yesterday by Yugoslav guerrillas in a communique detailing far-flung operations from northern Serbia to the borders of Montenegro in the south.

Never before had the guerrillas announced capture of so many prisoners.

The communique said 15 German officers and 850 men were taken in the capture of the town of Sanskimo, and 28 officers and 1,100 men were made prisoners in the occupation of Kozarak. Thus, said the communique, all enemy garrisons have been destroyed in the vicinity of Prejedor, German fortress town northeast of Zara on the Adriatic coast and more than 100 miles inland, and Prejedor itself is encircled and under siege.

Reports from Greece said that the Germans, apparently in anticipation of a major Balkan campaign, were building military hospitals in Salonika and other Macedonian towns.

Ban Lifted on Picture Size In EMs Photo Competition

Limitations on the size of pictures in the EMs photo contest sponsored by the American Red Cross have been lifted, it has been announced. Previously, the rules banned photographs smaller than five by seven inches and larger than eight by ten inches.

Pictures submitted in the contest will be judged on the basis of pictorial value, technical value, choice of subject and publication value.

Entries must be mailed to Miss Marguerite E. Tickle, ARC, APO 887, by midnight Nov. 19. A camera will be awarded as first prize, war bonds as the second and third prizes and five dollars for the next seven honorable mentions.

New WAC Outfit Here, but It Was Hectic Crossing

186 Reach the ETO After A Dancing, Shoeless, Then Manless, Trip

By Philip H. Bucknell
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A REPLACEMENT DEPOT, England, Oct. 24—Looking healthy after an unusually long sea trip, 186 more WACs have arrived at this depot. The journey, which they named their Autumn Cruise, was notable for the number of times they had to put into various ports.

Their ship had engine trouble and turned back. There was a little U-boat scare, and once they had to drop out of a convoy to effect repairs.

On one of their stops in the North American theater the girls danced for seven evenings straight—with soldiers who had not seen American women for a long time. There were so many men who wanted dancing that the troops were taken to the dance halls in shifts of 1,200, with the result that at the end of the week the WACs' shoes were worn out and had to be sent for hurry repairs.

Shoes at Last Moment

Embarkation call came before the shoes were returned, and the girls boarded in carpet slippers, some merely in stocking feet. Just before the ship pulled out a truck hove alongside with the missing footwear.

Three factors helped make the trip across memorable: No fraternization on board with the men except in church (it was the size of the church services, said the WACs, that was memorable); the "first-class" accommodation (eight to a cabin), and Pvt. Lena Zuckerman, of Brooklyn.

Pvt. Zuckerman got tired of walking downstairs to mess, so she rigged up a parachute and jumped—only once.

Passing of notes also was forbidden, but forks on string swinging from porthole to porthole carried a lot of messages, and the WACs identified themselves by painting their names on their fatigues.

When the girls finally arrived at this depot—Col. James A. Kilian, commanding officer, told Capt. Edith Davis he thought they had gone to Sicily—a big reception was waiting them.

Mess Sgt. Gerald Hiller, of Columbus, Ohio, prepared a special dinner, and Pvt. Leon Ney, of Rochester, N.Y., and formerly of Paris, baked a cake for each table. He also turned out a birthday cake for the battalion executive officer, Capt. Katherine Young, of Provincetown, Mass.

2/Lts. Ruth Barker, of New York, and Eleanor Miller, of Berkeley, Cal., are to have special assignments in the code division of the American Embassy, and all the arrivals are destined for various ETOUSA Headquarters jobs.

Here are the names of the new WAC arrivals in the ETO:

- Officers**
- Capt. Edith M. Davis, Royal Oak, Mich.
- Capt. Katherine E. Young, Provincetown, Mass.
- Lt. Ueda Neely, Seattle, Wash.
- Lt. Florence C. Metz, Newton, Mass.
- Lt. Ruth F. Barker, New York
- Lt. Dorothy L. Starbuck, Brighton, Col.
- Lt. Janet P. Coleman, La Grange, Ill.
- Lt. Theresa M. Coppola, Buffalo, N.Y.
- Lt. Evelyn H. Kreffit, Minneapolis, Minn.

- Enlisted Members**
- Arkansas**
- Pfc. Lema Martin and Carol E. Palmer, both of Little Rock.
- California**
- Sgt. Kay Midkiff, Long Beach; Pfc. Paula R. Curnow, Cotati; Maudie Fay Bennett, Long Beach; Jennette E. Brewster, Oakland; Doris H. Mason, Sacramento, and Lois M. Mansfield; Pfc. Doris Marie Lynn, Banning; Maybelle Dee Shaw, Bell; Sylene M. Kinsey, Los Angeles; Florence M. Bevis, San Jose, and Marjorie L. Ellings, Santa Barbara.
- Colorado**
- Pvt. Huga H. Chandler, Denver, and Margaret M. Clark, Golden.
- Connecticut**
- Pfc. Jeanne B. Waller, Clinton, and Eleanor V. McNeill, New Haven; Pfc. Arlene P. Leikin, Hartford, and May Sal, New Haven.
- Florida**
- Pfc. Dorothy E. Byrd, Jacksonville; Pfc. Mary T. Thompson, Coral Gables, and Mary Luc Bernick, Sarasota.
- Georgia**
- 1/Sgt. Martha Witttebert, Atlanta; Pfc. Lucy A. Funderburke, Way Cross; Pfc. Sadie Layson, Albany, and Frances A. Plesico, Albany.
- Idaho**
- Cpl. Ella M. Reiniger, Rathdrum.
- Illinois**
- Cpls. Dolores Edison, and Shirley L. Feldman, Chicago; Pfc. Bernice Lasher, Irene M. Schaefer, and Lucille M. Verzano, Chicago; Pfc. Priscilla C. Affolter, Sally B. Hayes, and Malayne Rogers, Chicago; Julia Scott, Bethany; Ruth A. Kinney, Canton, and Mary Edith Briggs, Cicero.
- Indiana**
- Pfc. Norma K. Abbott, and Bertha Ellen Pettry, Anderson; Doris M. Schwanke, De Motte; Mary M. Gentry, Elwood; Phyllis J. Bielak, Gary; Mary J. Puc, Indiana Harbor; Betty L. Smith, Mary D. Thatcher, Indianapolis; Pvt. Mary B. Huffman, Indianapolis.
- Kansas**
- Pvt. Pearl E. Snyder, Hutchinson.
- Kentucky**
- Pfc. Mary F. Leach, Lexington.
- Louisiana**
- Pfc. Thelma R. Barbier, New Orleans, and Pvt. Dorothy D. Guillory, Portorport.
- Massachusetts**
- T/Sgt. Margaret M. Gazan, Belmont; Pfc. May V. Beebe, Springfield; Pfc. Susan A. Braccini, Cohasset, and Beatrice D. Stockbridge, Worcester.
- Michigan**
- Cpl. Estelle Greenbaum, Detroit; Pfc. Loila M. McFeeters, Detroit; Mary Cur, Flint, and Ruth B. Reinhardt, Detroit; Pfc. Carol L. Turbett, Dearborn; Lucille D. Carey, and Vivian M. La Boissiere, Detroit; Edna K. Rathburn, Grand Rapids.
- Minnesota**
- Sgt. Mary Lou Fiza, St. Paul; Pfc. Esther O. Boras, St. Paul; Pfc. Helen M. M. Stanek, Austin; Maria J. Hanna, Blue Earth; Betty Lou Woods, St. Paul, and Myrtle L. Brooks, Zimmerman.
- Mississippi**
- Pvt. Irene V. Norman, Holmesville.
- Missouri**
- Pfc. Lenora Asher, St. Louis; Pfc. Olive E. Stanley, Dampala, and Muriel E. Gant, Kansas City.
- Montana**
- Sgt. Dolores E. Frost, Hamilton.
- New Jersey**
- Cpl. Leah M. Jacobus, Montclair; Pfc. Margaret E. Mylos, Williamstown; Pfc. Stella Kolodinski,

Stars and Stripes Story Reunites WAC, Brother

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION, Oct. 24—A few lines of type in a recent issue of The Stars and Stripes resulted in Pfc. Charles L. Casperson, of Holbrook, Mass., an armorer at this Thunderbolt nest, being reunited with his sister, a WAC. The few lines informed him that Pvt. Ingrid Casperson, 23, had arrived in this theater. With the help of the American Red Cross, the two were reunited at Rainbow Corner in London. They had not seen each other in more than a year.

Pfc. Casperson entered the Army in August of 1942. WAC Pvt. Casperson joined the service early this year.

New Brunswick: Genevieve Kozdoba, Newark, and Lorraine G. Livermore, Short Hills.

New York

Sgt. Dorothy E. Richards, Buffalo; Cpl. Eva Kritzer, New York; Pfc. Beatrice Plummer, Bronx; Jeanette J. Fields, Brooklyn; Dorothy T. Conto, Mossena; Patti K. Michener, New York; Mary L. Sims, Poughkeepsie; Rita M. Maguire, L.I.; June E. Holmes, Rochester, and Hannah K. Lewis, Syracuse; Pfc. Jean Buchione, Brooklyn; Helen R. Landau, Belle Harbor; Lena Zuckerman, Brooklyn; Adele D. Rubin, Haverstraw; Linea E. Larson, Larchmont; Nina Abramov, Long Island City; Rose Berger, Ethel T. McAlevy, Bertha Mann, Hazel Meaders, Beatrice H. Nunes, Leah Oginsky, Emma A. Paust, Bessie Sagan, Irene Varva, New York; Pearl Czerniewski, Perry; Marilyn P. Watson, Rochester; Sarah Smith, Rockaway Beach; Jeanne G. Barrett, St. Albans, and Elizabeth V. Boyd, Syracuse.

North Carolina

Pfc. Hattie E. Bass, Wilmington; Pfc. Mary D. Wilkins, Belmont, and Ora L. Haynes, Canton.

Ohio

S/Sgt. Ann E. Gossler, Norwood; Pfc. Marjorie M. Wells, Dayton; Pfc. Helen L. Baker, Lima, and Clarabelle Terry, Sterling.

Oklahoma

Pfc. Mary K. Johnson, Tulsa, and Pvt. Bessie G. Leirer, Meno.

Oregon

Pvt. Kathryn L. Hansen, Portland.

Pennsylvania

Sets. Esther R. Brensholtz, Milltown, and Armelia M. Kerman, Pitsburg; Cpls. Lydia Wagner, Scranton, and Ethel M. Summers, Honey Brook; Pfc. Alice D. Foley, Bryn Mawr; Kathryn L. Buras, Fleetwood; Norma Jean Garden, Lambert; Henrietta Ballantine, Pennsylvania; Margaret A. H. Steger, Philadelphia; Agnes R. Yurko, Swoyeville, and Katharine M. Zeller, Wynnewood; Pfc. Mary R. Gallagher, Coraopolis; Helen V. Wallace, Erie, and Carol Schierer, Philadelphia.

South Carolina

Sgt. Sadilee E. Harper, Toddville.

Tennessee

Cpl. Martha L. Gooch, Harriman; Pfc. Willie E. Clark, Dayton, and Betty L. Griffiths, Nashville.

Texas

M/Sgt. Freda Watson, Dallas; Pfc. Ellen M. Morran, and Jean M. Thompson, Houston; Frances E. Calhoun, Edna; Blanche Ryan, Gonzales, and Ruth M. Abney, Mission; Pfc. Bilcee L. Dyer, Brownfield; Mildred Anderson, Fort Worth; Julia V. L. Aulhaime, Houston, and Edith V. Farley, Texas City.

Utah

Pvt. Amy A. Gamble, Salt Lake City.

Vermont

Cpl. Charlotte G. Rich, Arlington, and Pvt. Mabel M. Christiansen, East Montpelier.

Virginia

Cpl. Edna E. Spear, Richmond, and Nata Lee Ellis, Bristol.

Washington

Cpl. Jeannette A. Conway, Seattle; Pfc. Esther A. Fugistad, Seattle, and Janet A. Nyberg, Spokane.

West Virginia

Pfc. Eva M. Schultz, Charleston; Michaelina Barberio, Clarksburg; Virginia R. McDonald, Fairmont, and Clarissa V. Moore, Sissonville; Pvt. Olive L. Lewis, Wheeling.

Wisconsin

Pfc. Leona M. McSorley, Eau Claire; Audrey J. Sorenson, Kenosha; Eleanor A. Rea, Milwaukee, and Bernice B. Neundorff, Sheboygan; Pfc. Karol V. Koch, Hartford, and Jane E. Rood, Milwaukee.

Wyoming

Pfc. Roberta G. Cooper, Casper, and Joy E. Seace, Lusk.

District of Columbia

Sgt. Ruth A. Bakke, and Pvt. Hilja C. Ketola.

Canada

Pvt. Mollie Carnat, Montreal.

Searchlight Aid In War on Subs

An anti-submarine aircraft with a specially-attached powerful searchlight has been the "keystone of success in the air offensive against U-boats in the Atlantic," the Air Ministry announced. The announcement described the searchlight as being "in millions of candlepower in strength."

U-boats which formerly surfaced at night to charge batteries are now being forced to "cruise surfaced at night and risk surface movement by day" with the result that "they are neither safe day or night."

Jerseyite Wins Soldiers Medal

Cpl. Fred J. Patson, of Bloomfield, N.J., has been awarded the Soldiers Medal for rescuing a woman caught in an ebb-tide off the British coast, ETO headquarters announced. The citation praised the courage displayed by Cpl. Patson in venturing into dangerous waters despite his limited ability as a swimmer.

Army WACs Are Inspiration For a Good Old Navy Chanty

Two naval officers, one American and one British, have joined together to pay honor—in the form of song—to the WACs who have come to the ETO. The officers are Lt. Com. James Van Allen, of New York, and Lt. Harry Jacobson, of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. Their song is "The WACs Have Come to London Town," sung to the tune of "The Ramblin' Wreck from Georgia Tech."

Here are the words:
The WACs have come to London Town
And taken it by the throat,
When Sherman claimed that war was hell,

Sgt.-Inventor's Magic Heals Sick B26s

His Gadgets Slash Repair Hours to Mere Minutes

By Gene Bluhm
Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, Oct. 24 "Keep 'Em Flying" is a slogan so most. To T/Sgt. Richard Schmieder, of Sandusky, Ohio, it's his job, and Marauder crews at this station will swear he knows it to the nth degree.

Schmieder, 26 and a former tool and die maker, in addition to heading up the machine shop here has invented a number of gadgets which not only have saved labor but have slashed certain repair and maintenance operations on Marauders to a fraction of the time formerly required.

There is an operation, for instance, which involves the cutting of eight vents into an engine nacelle access door. Ordinarily, this work is done by hand by drawing patterns on the door, drilling holes in all four corners of each of the intended vents, and then cutting these vents out with snips.

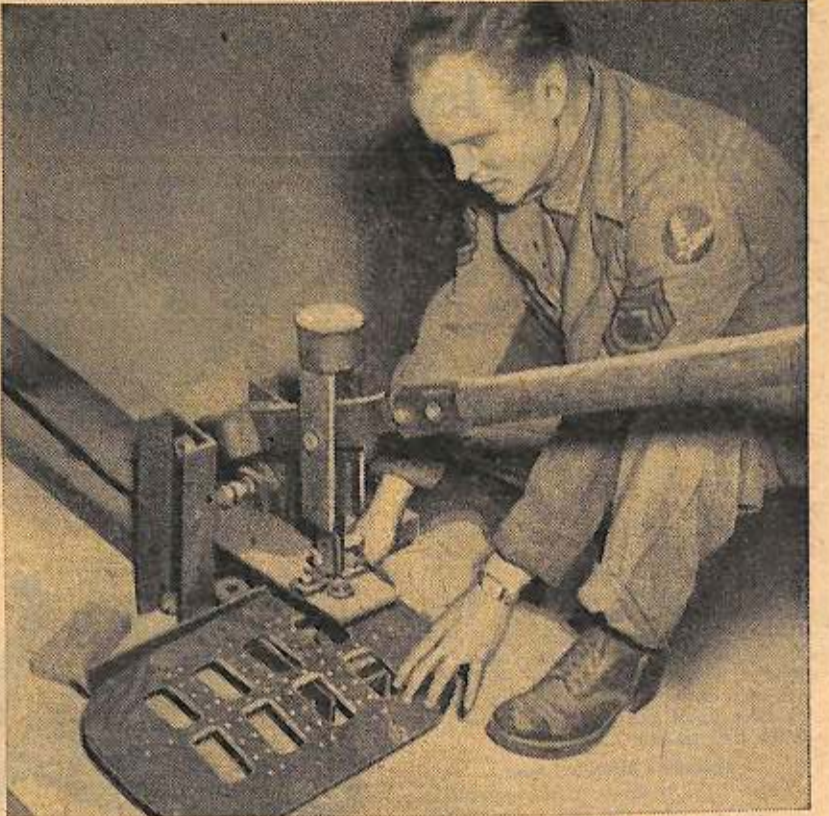
Schmieder, however, devised a stamping press which cuts each vent in one operation and which, by means of stops and guides, eliminates even the need for a pattern. While one man could normally complete two doors in a day, with the "Schmieder process" he can do 86.

Schmieder also has invented a device for removing broken spark plugs. This little gadget screws into the plug socket, a vibrator at the end knocks old carbon loose, and the complete assembly is removed with no loose particles falling down into the socket. This operation normally would involve the removing of the entire cylinder, and the time for the job has been cut from about ten hours to an hour.

He also has devised a jig for milling added slots for crosshairs in gun sights. The jig is simply attached to a lathe, slots are cut into the sight from one direction, the sight is turned around, and the slots cut in from the other direction. Time for this operation has been cut from six hours to the amazing span of less than a minute.

A drill jig for drilling two sizes of lord-mounts at the same time and an Allen-wrench head bolt for removing stabilizer bushings are also to his credit.

"This head bolt eliminates the necessity



T/Sgt. Richard Schmieder, of Sandusky, Ohio, demonstrates a stamping press he has invented for cutting vents in engine nacelle access doors of B26 Marauders. While a man normally completed two doors in a day, with the 'Schmieder process' he can do 86 of them.

for reaming, adds to the accuracy of the bushing, and saves five or six hours of work," Schmieder said.

His drill jig makes it possible to drill two lord-mounts in three minutes, whereas the ordinary method takes 20 minutes for one.

Repairing shrapnel holes in the fuselage of a plane generally takes two men a considerable time. One man has to hold a guide-block against the back, which often means getting into difficult positions, while another man cuts out a circular section around the hole from the other side.

Schmieder invented a tool which consists of a cone-shaped, self-centering pilot and a spring, which slides into the shaft of the circular saw. This pilot automati-

cally centers the saw upon the shrapnel hole, and one man can do the entire job.

Multiply the time saved on these various jobs by the number of jobs which usually come into an airdrome machine shop, and the value of Schmieder's mechanical ingenuity can be realized.

John Shealy, Glenn L. Marten Co. service representative in the ETO, urged Schmieder to take out patents on some of his ideas. He got this answer from Schmieder:

"There is too much red tape involved. My chief interest is to save time so more work can be done. If anyone else can benefit from my work, so much the better."

Halloween Parties and Balls Arranged by Red Cross Clubs

Halloween programs top this week's bill at most of the American Red Cross clubs in the ETO. Halloween eve dances on Saturday and other social functions on Sunday have been arranged.

The Peterborough club will celebrate its first anniversary next week. The week's program includes a variety show and a party and open house for members of the community.

- Bristol**
- Tuesday—Long-haired music, 6:45-7:30 PM; dance, 7:30-10:30 PM.
- Wednesday—Movies, 8 PM.
- Thursday—Beginners' dancing class, 8-9 PM.
- Friday—Classical recordings, 7:30 PM.
- Saturday—Halloween dance, 7:30-10:30 PM.
- Sunday—Movies, 2:30 PM; coffee hour, 4 PM; dance, 8-11 PM.

- Salisbury**
- Tuesday—Symphonic recordings, 6:30 PM; movie, 7 PM; card party, 8:30 PM; dancing class, 8:30 PM.
- Wednesday—Symphonic recordings, 6:30 PM; dance, 7:30 PM.
- Thursday—Musical tea, 3:30 PM; symphonic recordings, 6:30 PM; basketball practice, 7 PM; jam session, 8:30 PM.
- Friday—Program committee dinner, 6 PM; symphonic recordings, 6:30 PM; dance, 7:30 PM.
- Saturday—Musical tea, 3:30 PM; symphonic recordings, 6:30 PM; dance, 7:30 PM.
- Sunday—Anglo-American breakfast, 9 PM; weight lifting, 11 AM; birthday dinner, 1 PM; cathedral tour, 2 PM; tea-dance, 4 PM; show, 7:30 PM.

- Swindon**
- Tuesday—Dance, 8-11 PM.
- Wednesday—Movies, 8:30 PM.
- Thursday—Dance, 8-11 PM.
- Friday—Date night, 7:30-11 PM.
- Sunday—Symphonic recordings, 3 PM; dance, 8-11 PM.

- Marsham Ct., Bournemouth**
- Tuesday—Dance, 8-11 PM.
- Wednesday—Movies, 9:30 PM.
- Thursday—Bus trip to local castle, 2 PM; dance, 8-11 PM.
- Friday—Local variety show, 9:30 PM.
- Saturday—Halloween dance, 8-11:30 PM.
- Sunday—Wimborne outing, 11 AM; bingo, 9 PM; community sing, 9 PM.

- Birmingham**
- Tuesday—Popular recordings, noon; community sing, 6-8 PM; movie, 8 PM.
- Wednesday—Sweet music, 6-8 PM; dance, 7:30-10 PM.
- Thursday—Request recordings, 4 PM; dance, 7:30-10 PM.

- Grimsby**
- Tuesday—Monte Carlo night, 9-11 PM.
- Thursday—Dance, 8 PM.
- Friday—Dancing class, 7:30 PM.
- Saturday—Halloween party, 9 PM.
- Sunday—Ice dance, 3-6 PM; music hour, 7-8 PM.

- Oxford**
- Tuesday—Dancing lessons, 8-10 PM.
- Wednesday—Dance, 8-11:30 PM.
- Thursday—Hospital party, 5-8 PM.
- Friday—Dancing lessons, 8-10 PM.
- Saturday—Halloween party, 9 PM.
- Sunday—Ice dance, 3-6 PM; music hour, 7-8 PM.

- Cheltenham**
- Tuesday—American-British club, 7:15 PM; anniversary ball, 8 PM; movie, 8:15 PM.
- Wednesday—Advanced French class, 7:30 PM; German class, 7:30 PM; ARC table tennis team versus St. Stevens club, 7:30 PM.
- Thursday—House committee dinner, 6 PM; ARC table tennis team versus Gloucester Aircraft, 7:30 PM.
- Friday—Chess club, 7:30 PM; American-British Musical Circle, 7:45 PM; beginners' tango class, 8 PM; advance tango class, 9 PM.
- Saturday—Community sing, 10:30 PM-1 AM.
- Sunday—Picnic, 11 AM; ARC golf team versus RAF at Stratford-on-Avon, noon; concert, 2:30-4 PM; dance, 8:15 PM.

- Newbury**
- Tuesday—Social evening, 7:30-10:30 PM.
- Wednesday—Beginners' dancing class, 8-9 PM; advanced dancing class, 9-10 PM.
- Thursday—Dance, 8-11 PM.
- Friday—Table tennis.
- Saturday—Halloween party and amateur night, 8 PM.
- Sunday—Halloween dance, 8 PM.

- Norwich**
- Tuesday—Classical recordings, 8 PM; table tennis, 8 PM.
- Wednesday—Norwich tour, 2 PM; birthday party, 7:30 PM; soldiers' committee meeting, 8 PM.
- Thursday—Fishing and sailing, 10 AM; beginners' dancing class, 8-9 PM; advanced dancing class, 9-10 PM.
- Friday—Halloween party, 8:30-10:30 PM.
- Saturday—Forum, "What of Germany, Italy and France After Victory," 8:30 PM.
- Sunday—Norwich tour, 2 PM; RAF musical, 3:30-5:30 PM.

- Glasgow**
- Tuesday—Movies, 7:30 PM.
- Wednesday—Dance and party, 7:30 PM.
- Thursday—USO-Camp Show, Hal LeRoy's "Broadway Time," 7:30 PM.

- Southampton**
- Tuesday—Table tennis tournament; dancing class, 7 PM.
- Wednesday—Dance.
- Thursday—Variety show.
- Friday—Bingo; dancing class, 7 PM.
- Saturday—Dance.

- Tavistock**
- Tuesday—Movie, 7:30 PM.
- Wednesday—French class, 8 PM.
- Thursday—Dance, 8-10:30 PM.
- Friday—Table tennis finals, 8 PM.
- Saturday—Halloween dance.
- Sunday—Symphonic recordings, 8 PM.

- Mt. Pleasant, Liverpool**
- Tuesday—Community sing.
- Wednesday—"Colonel Eternal," soldier musical, 8 PM.
- Thursday—Piano music, 6-8 PM; old time movie, 7:30 PM.
- Friday—Community sing, classical recordings.
- Saturday—Sketching, 3-6 PM; dance and halloween party, 8 PM.

Show Goes On—But in Comfort

Busses Remodeled to Give Traveling Troupers an Easier Time of It

USO-Camp Show entertainers who have been rolling through the ETO for many months to entertain American troops in out-of-the-way locations, sometimes under pretty rugged conditions, soon will be traveling in more comfortable busses specially fitted for the job, it was announced yesterday.

The busses, now camouflaged, are the same ones that have been carrying troupers for months, but radical changes have been made inside, said Capt. William W. MacDonald, in charge of the transportation section, Special Service Division, HQ, SOS. Already five have been converted, and 20 more will be ready soon.

Under the new arrangement the ton-and-a-half truck that formerly had to go with the bus to carry props will be eliminated, resulting in a saving in transport, gas and manpower. Space has been allotted in the remodeled bus for a piano, wardrobe cabinets, make-up mirrors and tables, spotlights, transformers, amplifiers and other equipment.

There is more leg-room for the 14 passengers, and facilities for changing costumes in the bus when playing isolated stations.

Ten shows are out this week, with two, "At Ease" and "Yanks Abroad," taking a rest. "Hullabaloo," starring Billy Gilbert and Beth Ferrell, plays points around London; "Band Wagon," with Willie Shore and Josephine Del Mar, goes to Wiltshire, and the "GI Gang" is scheduled for Norfolk.

Grace Drysdale's "Swingtime," also featuring Freddie Morgan, is booked for the Newport area; "Broadway Time," with tap-dancer Hal Le Roy and the Blossom sisters, goes to Scotland, and Rudy Starita takes his "Starlites," all-girl band, to Somerset.

"Fun Marches On," with Don Rice and Wally West, plays the Swansea and Derby areas; "Full Speed Ahead," starring Carl Nixon and Gail Manners, goes to Berkshire, and "USA Calling," featuring George Freems and the Three Nonchalants, is booked for Essex. Billy Guest's "Jive Time" goes to the Plymouth area.

Ruthven, U. of M. Prexy, In Britain on Study Mission

Dr. Alexander Grant Ruthven, president of the University of Michigan, has arrived in the ETO on an education survey mission, it has been revealed.

He will study work being done in adult education by the British Army and Workers' Education Association. Dr. Ruthven already has visited the U. of M.'s medical group stationed at a U.S. Army general hospital.

Irish Smash Illini, 47-0; Army Crushes Yale, 39-7

Three of Seven Scores Made by Leahy's Subs

Bertelli's Passing, Running Of Julie Rykovich Stand Out

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Oct. 24—Notre Dame's football machine manufactured seven touchdowns here yesterday to smash a helpless Illinois football team, 47-0, before 25,000 spectators.

The Irish started to march from the opening kickoff, going 76 yards in a drive that was sparked by two passes by Angelo Bertelli, good for 25 yards, and a 24-yard gallop by Julie Rykovich. Rykovich scored from the four-yard line.

The Illini reached midfield after the score before being forced to punt. However, the South Benders didn't stop until they tallied again after a 70-yard march climaxed by a 35-yard toss by Bertelli to Rykovich on the goal line. Bertelli added the extra point and the score at the end of the first quarter stood 13-0.

Palladino Breaks Loose

Elmer Layden threw in his reserves in the second period, and they proceeded to score 13 points before the half ended. Notre Dame took the ball on the 32 after a fumble. Johnny Lujack gained 32 yards on two runs, and two plays later Bob Palladino went over. Illinois failed to gain and booted to the Irish 30. Three plays later the Irish were on the 49 and then Palladino broke loose again, this time around right end, for another touchdown. Fred Earley converted and the half-time score was 26-0.

With Illini substitutes playing in the third quarter, the Notre Dame regulars had an easier time yet, Rykovich running 24 yards to the losers' 30, Creighton Miller following through with a sprint down the sidelines to score. Bertelli added the point. Five minutes later Notre Dame had another touchdown, Farley going over from the nine after Vic Kubliński set up the play by intercepting an Illinois pass on the 48. Earley converted.

Johnny Lujack made the final touchdown in the fourth quarter and also added the point.

TCU Outclasses Oklahoma A&M

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Oct. 24—Texas Christian outclassed Oklahoma Aggies here last night, winning 25-0.

Jim Lucas and Doug Carter, halfbacks, teamed up, cutting the Aggie line to pieces. The Frogs scored in every period but the fourth. Oklahoma could move only in the fourth period when the Texas reserves were in.

Lucas and Carter alternated in slapping through in a 57-yard drive in the first period which was climaxed by Carter going through center. Lucas converted. Lucas scored twice in the second period, the first time on a one-yard smash. Later he swept end for eight yards after he passed to Carter to set up the play.

The final score was a third-period, 44-yard pass, Lucas to Carter.

Oklahoma Marches Over Kansas State Squad, 37-0

MANHATTAN, Kan., Oct. 24—The University of Oklahoma got off to a flying start in the Big Six Conference here yesterday with a 37-0 victory over Kansas State.

Bulwarked by a squad of Navy trainees who towered over their 17-year old civilian opponents, Oklahoma never gave the staters a chance. Bob Brumley, former Rice star, opened the scoring festivities in the first period with a ten-yard run.

Oklahoma reserves opened the fourth period and were as powerful as the first stringers. They scored on the third play.

Victory Over Iowa, 28-7, Gives Purdue Sixth in Row

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Oct. 24—Three touchdowns in the final period gave Purdue a 28-7 win over Iowa here yesterday before 15,000 homecoming fans.

Tony Butkovich, Marine transfer from Illinois, fumbled in the first period giving Iowa its only score. However he rose to heroic heights, tallying three touchdowns to keep Purdue in the undefeated, untied class. The Boiler-makers have won six straight.

Smith Tallies Three Times As St. Mary's Fliers Win

BERKELEY, Cal., Oct. 24—With All-American Bruce Smith, formerly of Minnesota, scoring three touchdowns, St. Mary's Pre-Flight beat California, 39-0, here yesterday.

Playing a total of 20 minutes, Smith scored on dashes of ten, 30 and 26 yards. Lt. Roy Engle made the first touchdown with a 24-yard off tackle dash. Cadet Joe Wright made the other two scores, running 24 and 33 yards.

Tiger Tosses

By Pap



Penn Swamps Columbia, 33-0, As Lion Fumbles Prove Costly

NEW YORK, Oct. 24—Pennsylvania University swamped Columbia, 33-0, at Baker Field here yesterday before 15,000 fans.

Joe Kane, Penn wingback, scored three touchdowns, Tailback Joe Michaels one and Grover Cleveland Jones, substitute fullback, one.

Penn recovered a kickoff fumble on the Columbia 25-yard line. Joe Kane ran 25 yards, only to have the play called back on an offside. Michaels promptly scored an official touchdown from the 30.

Columbia again fumbled the kickoff and Penn recovered on the 25. On the first play, Michaels passed to Kane for a touchdown, making three touchdowns on the first three plays from scrimmage, two official.

Before the game was ten minutes old

Kane scored again on a seven-yard off tackle stant, capping a 52-yard march in six plays. Penn's first stringers then retired until the third period.

In the third period, Penn's first string returned and went 70 yards, sending Jones over from the one-yard line. A few minutes later they went 37 after a poor Lion punt. Kane ran the last three yards ending the day's scoring. Frank McKernan, Penn placement kicker, missed two of five tries.

Here are the game statistics:

	Penn	Columbia
First downs	15	8
Yards gained rushing	283	20
Yards gained passing	50	151
Passes attempted	13	28
Passes completed	5	10
Number of punts	6	8
Average distance of punts	39	29
Runback of punts, yards	15	23

Nation's Football Results

Friday's Games

Bucknell 7, Temple 6
Drake 27, William Jewell 19
Kemper Military 19, Missouri Military 7
Tuskegee 12, Morehouse 6

Saturday's Games

East
Army 39, Yale 7
Brooklyn College 25, Buffalo Army Gunners 0
Brown 62, Camp Kilmer 3
Coast Guard Academy 27, Bates 6
Colgate 20, Cornell 7
Franklin and Marshall 28, Muhlenberg 6
Lafayette 39, Lehigh 7
Navy 28, Georgia Tech 14
Penn 33, Columbia 0
Penn State 45, Maryland 0
Pitt 18, Bethany 0
Sampson Naval 7, RPI 0
Swarthmore 79, CCNY 0
Tufts 18, Camp Edwards 7
Villanova 27, Lakehurst Naval 14
West Virginia 32, Carnegie Tech 0

Midwest
Baldwin Wallace 7, Bowling Green 7
Concordia 27, Mount Teachers 12
Ft. Riley 13, Camp Grant 13
Illinois Normal 6, Illinois Wesleyan 0
Indiana 34, Wisconsin 0
Miami (Ohio) 35, Ohio Wesleyan 0
Michigan 49, Minnesota 6
Missouri Mines 18, Missouri University B Team 0
Nebraska 7, Kansas 6
Northwestern 13, Ohio State 0

Notre Dame 47, Illinois 0
Oberlin 46, Wooster 0
Ottumwa Naval 13, Iowa State 12
Purdue 28, Iowa 7
Purdue B Team 20, Xavier 19

South
Camp Davis 27, Davidson 0
Camp Le Jeune 20, Jacksonville Naval 7
Carson Newman 27, Howard 20
Curtis Bay Coast Guard 13, Ft. Monroe 6
Daniel Field 40, Presbyterian 14
Florida Aggies 0, Morris Brown 0
Georgia Pre-Flight 20, North Carolina Pre-Flight 7
Greensboro A and T 33, Camp Butler 0
LSU 27, Georgia 6
LSU Army 52, Northeast Center Army 0
Milligan 27, Tennessee Tech 0
North Carolina State 7, Greenville Army 6
Tulane 12, Southern Methodist 6
Wake Forest 21, VMI 0
Vanderbilt 40, Camp Campbell 14

Southwest
Oklahoma 37, Kansas State 0
Lubbock AAF 10, Texas Tech 7
Southwest of La. 27, Southwestern 6
Texas 58, Rice 0
Texas A and M 0, North Texas Aggies 0
Texas Christian 25, Oklahoma Aggies 0
Tufts 55, Utah 0

Far West
Alameda Coast Guard 46, Pleasanton Navy 6
Colorado College 16, Colorado University 6
San Diego Naval 35, Compton Jr. College 0
St. Mary's Pre-Flight 59, California 0
Southern California 6, College of Pacific 0
Washington 27, March Field 7

Penalties Help Texas Aggies In 0-0 Tie With Navy Team

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Oct. 24—Texas A and M held the North Texas Agricultural College Navy team to scoreless tie here yesterday, but was assisted by official's whistles.

Twice the heavier North Texas squad had apparent touchdowns, but they were called back. Pete Stout ran 21 yards to the goal line, but the play was called back on a penalty. Later Stout passed to McMinn, who ran 50 yards, but the pass was declared illegal.

Coast Guard Wins Second Contest Over Bates, 27-6

LEWISTON, Me., Oct. 24—The Coast Guard Academy defeated Bates, 27-6, here yesterday. Halfback Johnny Dorsey scored the first Coast Guard touchdown in the opening period with a 25-yard run.

Dorsey set up the next two scores with 23 and 16 yard passes to Dick Martin. For the final Coast Guard score Russell recovered his own fumble and ran 60 yards to score.

Bates scored when Red Cameron passed 22 yards to Carlyle Stone. Coast Guard beat Bates earlier in the season, 25-6.

Terry and the Pirates



Zeke Bonura Gets Legion of Merit

ALGIERS, Oct. 24—Allied headquarters here have announced the award of the Legion of Merit to Cpl. Henry "Zeke" Bonura, former White Sox and New York Giant first baseman, for arranging a series of baseball games in the Mediterranean theater which culminated in the North Africa "World Series."

Bonura, attached to the Special Services Division of a Mediterranean base section of the North Africa command, was credited with setting up 20 ballfields constructed with salvaged material despite the equipment shortage and for having 44 teams playing in various North Africa leagues.

Wildcats Blank Buckeyes, 13-0

Otto Graham's Passes Lead To Northwestern's Two Scores

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 24—Thirty-seven thousand fans braved threatening skies to watch Northwestern beat Ohio State, 13-0, here yesterday.

Northwestern, scoring its second Big Ten victory of the season, pushed over the first touchdown late in the first period when Otto Graham passed 35 yards on a dead run to Bob Wallis, who was tackled on the six-yard line. Graham spun through for the touchdown and Vince Schwall converted.

Ohio State held strong through the second period. Northwestern's second score was made two minutes after the second half started, Graham again passing on the run, this time to Lynn McNutt on the five-yard line. McNutt went over untouched. Schwall's kick failed.

Ohio State's only scoring chance was early in the first period when Paul Davis completed a long pass to Cecil Souders deep in Wildcat territory. Northwestern held, taking the ball on downs on the seven-yard line.

Each team made ten first downs, Northwestern gaining 176 yards rushing to the Buckeyes' 118. State gained 119 yards aeriaily, Northwestern 100. Six of State's first downs were on the ground as were seven of Northwestern's.

Tulane Edges Methodists, 12-6

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 24—Tulane defeated Southern Methodist 12-6 here yesterday in a game more one-sided than the score.

Only in the second period when Halfback Lloyd Parker sparked Methodist to two deep penetrations into Tulane territory and late in the fourth period when the visitors scored on a pass play was the game close.

The Green Wave, fresh from last week's 33-9 victory over Rice, rolled back and forth at will. It was a field day for Bill Jones and Jim Shiver with repeated gains through the Methodist line. Each scored once.

Zamlynski Spurs Villanova To Victory Over Lakehurst

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24—Ziggy Zamlynski led Villanova to a 27-14 victory over Lakehurst Naval Air Training Station here yesterday.

He scored two touchdowns, both on nine-yard runs. Halfbacks Joe Pezelski and Ed Burns tallied the other Villanova markers while Gene Konopka converted three times. Lakehurst scores were made by Earl Hassell and Marlin Woodward, Bob Tichenal converted each time.

Swarthmore Rout CCNY, 79-0

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24—Swarthmore, using every man on the squad, ran up its highest score in 25 years yesterday, beating the CCNY, 79-0. Swarthmore scored 12 touchdowns and seven extra points.

Elis Downed For 3rd Time This Season

Six Cadets Score as Army Gridders Maintain Perfect Record

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 24—Army's eleven scored in every period here yesterday to crush the Bulldogs of Yale, 39-7. Twenty-five thousand Yale Bowl spectators saw the Cadets, using their newly installed T formation, give the Elis their third humiliation of the season.

There was no duplication of Army scorers as six different West Pointers took turns lugging the ball over the goal. These, with three conversions, brought Army's point total to 211 for the season.

Three minutes after the game started, Army scored, Anderson taking a 26 yard pass from Lombardi. Shortly after, Army took the ball on Yale's 48 and scored on seven plays, Maxon smashing through guard.

Yale Line Stubborn

The Cadets continued their touchdown parade despite the gallant Yale line play after losing the ball on downs and an intercepted pass. Army took the ball on a bad Yale punt, but an offside penalty plus the Yale line stopped the Cadets for three downs. A fourth down pass, however, Davis to MacKinnon, covered 23 yards for a score. Yale punted after the kickoff and Army tallied in four plays, Troxell going through guard.

The Elis broke the monotony of Army scoring in the third period, recovering a fumble after an exchange of punts. The Elis took the ball on the 20 and Scussell broke through for 72 yards to Army's eight. Three plays failed, but Scussell passed to Mahoney for the only Yale tally, Strype converting.

Army matched this touchdown with one of its own immediately after, Rafalko taking a pass from Glenn Davis in the end zone after a drive from the Army 35.

Penalty Nullifies Davis Run

A fumble and a clipping penalty nullified Army threats in the final quarter. After Yale recovered a Cadet fumble on its own 13, the Elis punted clear over Davis' head and the ball rolled to the Army 20. Davis picked up the ball and scampered 75 yards to the Eli five. A clipping penalty brought the ball back to the Army 24. Walker blocked Hall's punt and recovered for the losers on the Army five.

Mahoney lost five and a pass failed, but the next was intercepted by Hall in the end zone, giving Army the ball on its own 20. Late in the period, a Yale drive reached the Army 26. Stonge intercepted Mahoney's pass, giving Army the ball on its own 39. A series of first downs advanced the ball to the Yale 25 and an interference penalty on a long pass gave the Cadets a first down on the Yale one with less than a minute to go.

On the last play of the game, Daniel crashed through for the last touchdown.

Here are the game statistics:

	Army	Yale
First downs	6	5
Yards gained rushing	238	111
Yards gained passing	125	31
Passes attempted	15	16
Passes complete	5	7
Punts	5	9
Average distance of punts, yards	25	37
Runback of punts, total yards	84	0

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Miscellaneous
CHESS players have been challenged to matches by the special service officer of Sgt. Albert Simonson's unit. Sgt. Simonson was the runner-up in the last U.S. chess championship. Replies to Help Wanted.

By Milton Caniff

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The Dnieper Bend

The Red Army has cut the main railway line from Dnepropetrovsk to Krivoi Rog and the threat to hundreds of thousands of Hitler's troops in the Dnieper bend grows graver every hour. These new successes recorded in the latest Soviet communique indicate that the battle for the Dnieper line is over and that the Battle of the Dnieper Bend, one of the greatest in military history, is approaching a climax.

In the Dnieper bend, the Germans are in a position almost as bad as that at Stalingrad, with less chance of relief than they had on that fatal occasion. The Russians are already more than halfway across the bend with a force which the Germans claim consists of 20 divisions. The Germans also admit their retirement, and Gen. Dittmar, army spokesman, has warned the German people of the gravity of the situation.

It is certain that the Germans have inadequate reserves to meet this southward thrust. Any reserves in this area will certainly have been diverted to the Kiev or Meliopol sectors to stem the tide on those two vital fronts.

The German plight is due to their failure to accept the situation that defense on the line they held in Russia in the spring was not feasible. At one time a controlled withdrawal to a shorter, more defensible, prepared position might have been possible. But, underestimating the enemy once again, Hitler forbade it for reasons of prestige, and the verdict of history will so record it.

In war there is one situation which a soldier goes to any length to avoid. That is a running fight to the rear. This is what the German army is now condemned to do... with winter at hand, and there is a question whether the Nazis can continue such a withdrawal without it turning into a rout as panic-filled as Napoleon's retreat from Moscow.

Sacrifice Acceptable

There's a new sacrifice that the War Department has asked us to make which we believe will prove universally acceptable to both officers and enlisted men. It comes in the form of a clarification of regulations governing foreign duty pay.

"Change No. 3 in AR 35-1940 says that you can't collect overseas pay on furlough if you return to the continental limits of the United States. You can get the foreign service pay for an overseas furlough, or if you are hospitalized overseas in line of duty, providing you are not detached from foreign service and that you are still under orders to return to your post in a foreign area."

All of which sounds reasonable enough, and the line forms to the right for those desiring to make the supreme sacrifice of accepting a furlough to the U.S.—at a ten per cent reduction in pay. And quit pushin'.

Streamlined Storks

Time was when a stork was a stork—a big bird with long legs, a large bill and a capacity for prompt delivery of the newborn.

Now he's beingelbowed out of the way by a group of Navy Ferry Pilots who deliver planes overseas. These boys have organized a new club called the "Royal Order of the Streamlined Stork." Members have delivered all their planes safely, and have flown them a total of more than five and a half million miles—or more than 225 times around the world. To be posted on the Stork Society's "glory board" you've got to complete five units of undamaged delivery—with 13,500 miles being considered as five units.

Under the circumstances we feel our feathered friends should take no offense. Certainly, the safe delivery of these war babies will tend to speed the day when delivery of the legitimate brand will pick up once again.

Hash Marks

Signs of the Times. A man complained in London court, "When we were courting, my wife insisted that I always meet her in the blackout. When I finally saw her face at the wedding, I knew why."

If a man from Mars had landed in Meridian, Idaho, last week he would have wondered wotthehell was going on in this



crazy world. People were running all through the streets with slices of bread in one hand and a table knife in the other. The rationed-pressed civilians were hurrying to the scene of a wreck where a passenger train smacked a refrigerator car and spread 408,000 ration coupons worth of butter over the countryside.

The Christmas packages have started to arrive and the early bundles have revealed at least one very, very thoughtful wife back in the States. A corporal over here received a fancily baked cake—enclosed with it was a large box of indigestion tablets.

GI Philosophy: Many a first class private is destined to serve without becoming a private first class.

Pan-American Airways has announced a tentative rate of \$373.60 for a trip to Tokyo in 1948. "When our bombers get through with the place," observes GI Bill Brenner, "there won't be anything there to interest tourists—except the biggest hole in the ground in the world."

Confusion on the Home Front. Six telephone operators, the first of a contingent of 52, have been shipped from Boston to San Francisco to alleviate the operator shortage there. We can just picture the Californians foaming at the mouth when they hear "The line is busy" in a Back Bay accent.

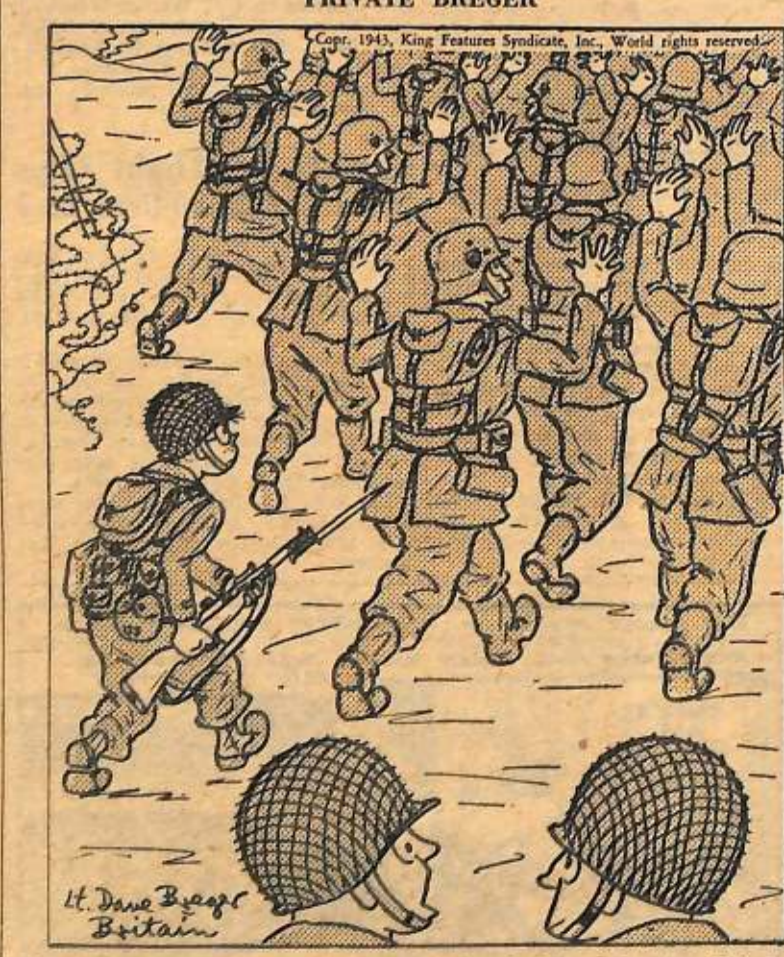
Fun on the Home Front. A Utah farmer built a fire under his bathtub to warm up the water. The flames spread



and consumed bathtub, house and a nearby barn, chasing the farmer out into the night with a cake of soap in his hand.

Kansas City police think somebody's been pulling their leg, as it were. The other day the headquarter's phones rang incessantly, and citizens kept reporting that a man was robbing the parking meters in the downtown district. After several calls, each reporting the same crime, the cops rushed to the scene, pistols drawn. They found—the city parking meter collector just making his rounds, that's all.

PRIVATE BREGER



"He only attacks whole battalions, since he heard there's safety in numbers!"

Alexander Says Rome Drive Will Be Increasingly Slower

By Daniel De Luce Associated Press War Correspondent

ALLIED COMMAND POST, Italy, Oct. 24 (AP)—Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, in a sober estimate of his Italian campaign, said today: "Progress to Rome will be increasingly slower."

"All roads lead to Rome, but all roads are mined and bridges are down." Speaking on the anniversary of the Battle of El Alamein, from which troops under his command have advanced 2,500 miles through five countries in the past year, the deputy C.-in-C. in the Mediterranean told his press conference, "We are not going as quickly now as one might have expected. Slogging across country is very costly and slow, but we must get to Rome."

The original plan for an Italian invasion called for our troops landing at Salerno and cutting straight across to the Adriatic coast, thereby isolating German forces facing the Eighth Army in the south. It was a bold plan and was made when the Germans had no forces in the Salerno area. They moved in a division, however, which held us and brought forces back from the south and in from the north.

The Germans swung back too quickly from the south for us to catch them. The German may take time to make up his mind, but he acts quickly once he has decided.

Gen. Alexander estimated the Italian campaign casualties at 8,000 for divisions of the British in the Fifth Army and 6,000 for Americans of the Fifth Army. He said that the Eighth Army's losses for the entire march from the tip of Italy were approximately 1,000 killed, wounded and missing.

"German casualties were quite as heavy as ours," he added.

Nazi Army's 'General Post' Gen. Alexander said 35 to 40 German divisions were "now tied up in Italy and the Balkans. Our invasion and the Italian collapse have compelled the enemy to commit a considerable amount of strength."

"None of these divisions, it is quite true, came directly from the Russian front, but the German army has a policy of keeping a large force in France of 30 to 40 divisions for resting and re-equipping. From this pool of strength have come certain of these divisions in Italy and the Balkans. A number saw service for a time in the past in Russia."

Gen. Alexander, who drove to the press conference in his own jeep, flying the Union Jack, appeared to look to the

future with complete confidence despite present difficulties of terrain and the skilled foe which his army group faces.

"According to the Italians," he said, "the Germans are preparing a strong line across northern Italy. Beyond that lies the Po Valley from which it is 60 miles by bomber to many important objectives in Germany."

He estimated that seven German divisions with reserves were now engaged against the Fifth and Eighth armies.

Referring to the Salerno landing, he said:

"The Germans brought in properly equipped field divisions against us while we were still bringing elements of our original four divisions ashore. The Germans had solid ground behind them. We had only the sea. It was an exceedingly difficult situation about Sept. 15, but Gen. Mark W. Clark handled his Fifth army exceedingly well. We turned the whole of our air force and our warships' gunfire against the enemy and that saved the day."

Carabinieri Praised

With evident satisfaction, Gen. Alexander said he had heard secondhand that Nazi propaganda minister Goebbels was now blaming the reverses on the Russian front to the emergencies of the Italian invasion that the German army had to meet.

"We are in process of taking the whole of Italy, and it is a slow process. I don't care for a defensive attitude, for it allows the enemy to seize the initiative. We don't intend to assume the defensive anywhere."

Gen. Alexander indicated definitely that the Italians did not figure in his calculations as an essential fighting force, but he added, "The Carabinieri are a good lot of chaps and they do well in keeping law and order. I have sent their commanding general a complimentary message. They were particularly splendid in Sicily, where we did not have to divert one body of troops from combat. They saved me and my men a lot of anxiety."

'Air War in Europe Weakening Luftwaffe Elsewhere'—Anderson

As the Allied bombing assault on Germany approaches a pinnacle, German opposition, possible secret German weapons, the extent of the bombing, its value—all these questions arise. Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, commander of the Eighth Bomber Command, answers some of these questions in the following, as reprinted from the Sunday Express:

Q. Do you find that German fighter opposition is increasing or on the wane?

A. On the Western Front, there is no indication of this fighter opposition weakening. We must presume from evidence at hand that the Germans will continue reinforcing the Western Front from units stationed on the Russian and Mediterranean fronts and from existing reserves. When these sources and reserves are exhausted then the critical period of the Luftwaffe strength will be reached.

The Hun is fighting desperately to protect himself against our attacks and we are going to continue our attacks until his defense is broken.

Q. There is a popular belief both in

Britain and in the U.S. that the Luftwaffe is beaten. Do you share this view?

A. The Luftwaffe is not yet beaten, but as stated in the answer to question No. 1, when the Hun has exhausted his ability to draw from the Mediterranean and Russian fronts and has exhausted his reserves, his defeat will not be far off.

Q. Have you reason to believe that the Germans have an answer to daylight bombing?

A. My best answer to this question is that the German has not stopped and will not stop any of our bombardment formations from reaching their target by fighter or anti-aircraft opposition.

Q. Is any part of important enemy territory immune these days from Allied bombers?

A. Take a look at the map—look at Trondheim, Gdynia, Marienburg, Regensburg, and you have the answer. No part of Germany or of occupied Europe which is capable of supporting any vital industry is immune from attack from the British Isles.

Q. Is there any danger now of replacements of your losses being held up?

A. Gen. Arnold (Gen. H. H. Arnold, commander-in-chief of the U.S. Army Air Forces) announced in his press conference of Oct. 19 that replacements would continue and that our strength would increase.

Q. Have you reason to believe that the enemy has any secret weapons which are likely to upset the USAAF's plans?

A. I am sure that the German is concentrating his best brains to develop a weapon which will stop both the RAF and American bomber offensive. He fears them both as he fears no other force. Our scientists in the past have been ahead of his and I feel certain that they will continue to be ahead.

Q. What is the maximum loss any air force can afford to lose relative to its front-line strength?

A. This question cannot be directly answered. Our object is to win this war in the shortest period of time, with the least expenditure of lives and equipment. The sacrifice of a few lives now even on a large percentage basis will save thousands of lives for each one lost now. Ability to absorb losses is necessarily a function of aircraft production facilities and personnel training facilities. The result accomplished is the measurement of the losses we can afford. Three thousand three hundred and fifty lives were lost at Dieppe. What was the result? Four hundred thousand lives were lost at Verdun. What was the result? One proved worthwhile and one did not.

Q. Is it better to bomb, say, a vital target once a week and lose, say, 25 per cent or every day and lose 5 or 6 per cent on secondary targets?

A. Our goal is the destruction of the German will and ability to wage war. That can be accomplished through destruction of his vital war industries and his means of winning. The war cannot be won by attacking only secondary targets.

Army Notes In the ETO

SGT. Al Schweitzer, an aviation engineer battalion carpenter from Muscatine, Iowa, has a hobby—making trinkets from old coins—that pays off in good hard cash. Recently, convalescing after an operation, he got busy, whenever he was allowed to visit the hospital workshop, turning odd bits of silver and brass into bracelets, rings, pendants, ash trays, lighters and other knickknacks. Doctors, nurses and fellow-patients liked his stuff, and the gadgets sold as fast as he could turn them out, especially paper-cutters and ash trays made from spent 37mm. shell casings and lighters from 50 cal. bullets. He got rid of £16 worth in one week.

What he did for the Waldorf-Astoria. Pfc Sam Elbaz, of New York, figures he can do for a Nissen hut mess—and he is doing it. A former Waldorf waiter, Elbaz heads the officers mess staff at a Fortress base. He has six KPs trained to balance trays of food on spread-eagled fingers, serve from the left, pick from the right, and bow from the waist.

ON a furlough in Scotland, S/Sgt. Hans Magnesson, of Chicago, a motor pool worker, was having a few with some Norwegian sailors. One sailor said there was a man named Magnesson in their crew—Karl Magnesson.

"My gosh, that must be my brother," shouted Hans, who hadn't seen his brother in 22 years. The sailors led him to Karl, and it was.

Hans, now 36, left his home in Scandinavia at the age of 14, when his brother was six years old. "We didn't recognize each other at the reunion," Hans said, "but it was sure good to see him."

Fulfilling a promise made at his mother's deathbed, Lt. Col. Patrick J. McNicholl, of New York, went on his first leave in two years to Maghera, County Derry, N.I., where he located his grandfather's grave and had masses said for his grandfather in the village church.

IF some leading swing batonists ever stomp their way through the ETO, they'll find some old pals at one fighter station, all organized into a band called the Fighter Comets.

Cpl. Robert J. Rilk, of Plymouth, Pa., a former member of Jack Teagarden's orchestra, holds down a spot in the sax section along with Cpl. Arthur H. Walters, of Cleveland, formerly with Kay Kayser. The band is paced by Lt. John J. De George, a drum-thumper from Murfreesboro, Tenn., formerly with Horace Holley's orchestra.

Other members are Pvt. Ralph Leopold, who used to have his own band in New England, pianist; S/Sgt. George M. Nash, Pittsburgh, trombonist; M/Sgt. Edward Logan, Pittsburgh, drummer; Sgt. Don W. Burnette, Placerville, Calif., guitarist; M/Sgt. Roy Wright, Pontiac, Ill., and Cpl. John W. Pappas, Independence, Ia., trumpeters.

Notes from the Air Force

LT. Col. Waldo H. Heinrichs, of Middlebury, Vt., wing intelligence officer, has inaugurated a series of war progress lectures for 250 ground crewmen at a P47 Thunderbolt station. Giving special emphasis to the role of the fighter plane in modern war, Heinrichs' lectures attempt to interpret the European theater's problems. He was the first flying cadet to be appointed and graduated in World War I. He was shot down over Metz, France, with ten bullet holes in his body, and was held as a German prisoner, spending 13 months in 26 enemy hospitals before being released. He was formerly professor of political and military history at Middlebury (Vt.) College.

War Correspondent Betty Gaskill, of Liberty Magazine, was bewildered recently when Col. Carl R. Storrle, of Denton, Tex., sternly requested her Army credentials while she was visiting a medium bomber station. She stammered a bit, fumbled through her purse for the pass and finally produced it for the station commander. The Colonel minutely examined it while Miss Gaskill, unaware that it was a "put-up" job, waited to hear her fate. He seemed to be about to order her off the restricted area near the station's briefing room when he turned and said dryly: "Some of my junior officers wanted me to find out whether they make you put your telephone number on these."

S/SGT. Ronald R. O'Neal, 43-year-old aerial photographer from North Hollywood, Cal., has 60 youngsters at an English orphanage praying for him every time he goes out on a combat mission.

Sgt. O'Neal, a Warner Bros. studio technical department veteran now assigned to a B26 Marauder, began saving his candy and gum rations when he arrived in England several months ago. His plan was to entertain seven boys, all seven years old, on the day his son, Ronnie Jr., became seven.

When the party was held recently, seven youths were special guests, but 53 other "blitzed" youngsters of an English orphanage were also in on the celebration.

S/Sgt. Edgar E. Cunningham, 33, of Millville, Cal., has been recommended for the Soldier's Medal for saving the lives of two crew members when a Flying Fortress returning from a long mission crashed in the fog recently. Cunningham made his way through five miles of strange countryside in search of help and then was able to lead a rescue party back through darkness and rain to the scene, despite the fact that his injuries forced him to be carried on a stretcher.

NEWS FROM HOME Navy to Build Super Carriers Of 45,000 Tons

Planes Larger Than Tokyo Raiders to Operate from Tough Warships

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24—Three 45,000-ton super aircraft carriers, from which bombers larger than those which bombed Tokyo can operate, are to be built by the Navy, Secretary Frank Knox disclosed yesterday.

Declaring that the ships would be designed "to take an awful lot of punishment," Knox said that the construction of two of the carriers would start immediately. The third would be built next year.

The ships will be more heavily armored and armed than any now in existence, the Navy chief said, explaining that they were being built because of the steady growth in size of American planes.

The warships will be bigger than any possessed by any navy. The Saratoga, the largest carrier in existence, has a displacement of 25,000 tons. The largest British carrier displaces 19,000 tons.

May Retire Demoted Officer

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24—Secretary of War Stimson announced Capt. William T. Colman, former colonel and commanding officer of Selfridge Field, Mich., had appeared before a classification board which would determine whether he should be removed from the active list. Colman recently was convicted of drunkenness by a general court-martial and demoted to captain.

Post-War Rationing Urged

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24—The Department of Commerce recommended tariff reduction and the flow of dollars abroad after the war to help maintain American prosperity and world peace. Basing its conclusions on an analysis of world and American economy, the department urged that rationing and price and savings control be continued after the war.

Italians to Work in New York

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Oct. 24—Col. John M. McDowell, commanding officer of District Four, Second Service Command, announced approximately 1,000 Italian prisoners of war would work in food-processing plants in western New York. He said they would replace soldiers who have been working in canneries to help relieve the manpower shortage.

Taft Asks Spending Curb

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (AP)—An overall limitation on post-war federal spending was proposed by Sen. Robert Taft (R-Ohio). He said that Congress should lay the ground work now for a national budget apportionment which would divide expenditures between the federal government and the states on a scientific basis.

Workers to Tour ETO

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24—Four workers will leave America this month for a tour of British war plants and U.S. Army installations. Elmer Davis, director of the Office of War Information, announced yesterday. On the return of the Americans, four British workers will visit the United States.

Elect Wanger Academy Head

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 24 (AP)—Walter Wanger has been elected president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences by the Board of Governors, the association has reported. Others chosen by the board were James Hilton, Jean Hersholt, Howard Hawks and Rosalind Russell.

Martha Raye Wants 4th Husband

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 24 (UP)—Martha Raye announced yesterday that she has made plans to end her two-year marriage to Capt. Neal Lang, former hotel manager, to marry a screen actor named Nick Condos.

Mrs. Weismuller Seeks Divorce

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 24 (AP)—Mrs. Johnny Weismuller says that she intends to sue her swimmer husband for divorce on the grounds of incompatibility. They have been married for four years and have three children.

Coast Guard to Use Ex-Presidential Yacht

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24—The Mayflower, famous as the yacht of several Presidents and veteran of active combat during the Spanish-American war, has been refitted and is going to war again, the Navy Department announced.

The historic vessel was commissioned as a Coast Guard cutter Oct. 19. Displacing 2,690 tons, the ship is bigger than most modern destroyers and has an over-all length of 320 feet and a beam of 36 feet.

When war was declared against Spain on April 24, 1898, the Mayflower, which had been purchased the month before for \$430,000, joined the blockading fleet off Havana.

New Navy Battle Dress Weighs Only 6 Pounds

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24—A new naval battle dress giving a man four kinds of protection was exhibited at the opening session of the annual meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons.

The suit protects the wearer against shell and bomb splinters, flash burns from explosions, which cause 30 per cent of navy casualties, and blast injuries.

The battle dress weighs about six pounds. It is made from a gray-green poplin covering and encloses the man from head to foot except for his face and hands.

WPB Official Sees Output Of a Plane Every 5 Minutes

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24—Charles E. Wilson, War Production Board vice-chairman, predicted yesterday that soon one plane every five minutes would roll off an assembly line somewhere in America.

In the 15th of a series of monthly reports on munitions production, Wilson disclosed that September production held substantially to the August level.

N.Y. Dim-out Increases Crime

NEW YORK, Oct. 24—Answering charges that New York's dim-out had caused an increase in accidents, holdups and attacks on women, Mayor F. H. LaGuardia in a radio broadcast disclaimed responsibility for the situation and blamed unnamed officials. He said that his original recommendation was that the dim-out should be severe only in the city's coastal regions but that he had been overruled.

Pie Eater Wanted

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 24 (AP)—The coast manpower shortage is really growing critical. "Wanted, boy to sample our pies on Saturday and Sunday," says a restaurant window sign, which adds in smaller lettering: "And carry a few dishes."

88 Seamen Die In Tanker Crash

Navy Department States Disaster Not Caused By Enemy Action

PALM BEACH, Fla., Oct. 24—Eighty-eight men were killed when two blacked-out oil tankers collided and exploded Wednesday night off the coast of Florida, the Navy Department announced last night.

Sixty-seven of the dead were merchant seamen. The others were members of navy gun crews.

One of the vessels carried thousands of gallons of aviation gasoline. Towering flames from the burning ships were seen by persons ashore.

The Navy Department stated that the disaster was not caused by enemy action.

FDR Calls Prosperity In Africa Example to All

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (UP)—President Roosevelt cited returning prosperity in North Africa as an example of what may be expected in all Nazi-occupied lands when the Allies have driven out the oppressors.

North Africa was pretty well bled white when he was there at the Casablanca conference, the President said, but it was now producing nearly all its own food needs, supplying some of the British and American forces and accumulating supplies for use during and after the liberation of France.

Senate Committee Passes Connally Post-War Bill

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP)—The Senate's Foreign Affairs Committee has approved without change the Connally resolution pledging the United States to join with the other free and sovereign nations in the maintenance of world peace.

Sen. Henrik Shipstead (R-Minn.), who was present at the closed meeting, said that the resolution was adopted after proposals by a group of senators to "strengthen and clarify" its wording had been rejected.

7,000 MDs, 800 Dentists Needed by Army, Navy

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24—The Army and Navy require an additional 7,000 physicians and 800 dentists by the last of this year to ensure "even minimal care of the wounded," the Office of War Information said.

OWI added that the services were making every effort to hold their demands to a minimum but that adequate preparations had to be made for all battle emergencies.

67% of U.S. Output for War

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24—The Federal Reserve Board reported that 67 per cent of U.S. industrial production was devoted to war purposes and only 30 per cent to civilian production.

One-Quarter of America's Prisoners Are German

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24—Secretary of War Stimson has revealed that there were more than 140,000 prisoners of war now in the U.S. and approximately 100,000 of them were Germans.

Declaring that the ratio of Germans to Italians was roughly three to one, Stimson said that steps were being taken to divert prisoner manpower to essential labor wherever required.

U.S. Navy Supplies 32 Fronts

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP)—The U.S. is shipping food and equipment to 32 fronts, some of them 17,000 miles away, the Senate Naval Committee said in a statement.



"Remember, dear, you wrote, 'I wish you were here—and dear Mother too''?"

By Jean Baird

Diane

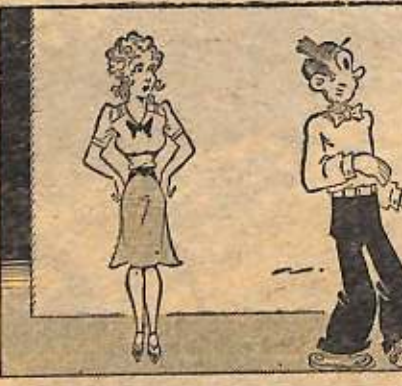
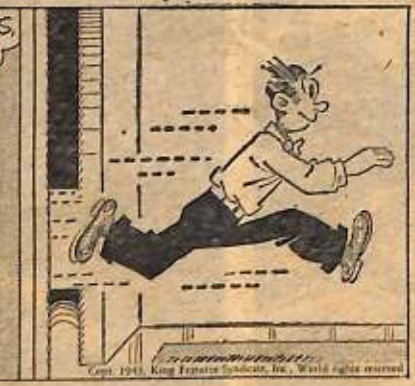


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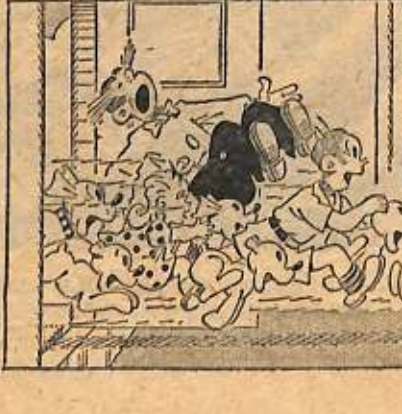


By Milton Caniff

Blondie



By Chic Young



Death Took A Holiday



No one was killed when this locomotive plunged down an embankment at Homestead, Pa. Had the accident happened a few minutes later, the toll might have been heavy.

Keystone Photo

Said The Sarge . . .



Keystone Photo
Gen. MacArthur gets the GI slant on the war in the Pacific from a sergeant "Down Under."

Time To Hit The Road



Entering their new, de luxe bus are the Blossom Sisters, Hal LeRoy, Pat Melville, Helen Raymond of the USO Camp Show, Broadway Time. GIs, Holcombe, Lee, Hollingsworth, go too.

AP Photo

Nazi Meets MP



UPI Radio Photo

If you think MPs are thorough, you ain't seen nothing. You should be in the shoes of these German prisoners who are being searched by military police near Acerne, Italy.

Nurses Can Take It



Keystone Photo

With charges of dynamite exploding around them, and machine-gun bullets whizzing above their heads, nurses of a station hospital unit at Camp Edwards negotiate the nerve-testing infiltration course as part of their advanced training.

'Tiger' Shows 'Em



Keystone Photo

"Tiger," mascot of a unit of Polish-American gunners, insists on giving a helping hand at the breach of the 25-pounders.

Three Of A Kind



Associated Press Photo

Just so there would be no arguments over the biggest piece, each of these Los Angeles triplets had his own cake at their first birthday party. Cute, eh?

She's Tall—Tan—Terrific



To the Gankes in E.T.O.C.
Best wishes always to all of you!
Sincerely — Bunny Waters

The bathing beauty is Bunny Waters, more than six feet of feminine pulchritude, and she's just taken time out between takes of her latest Hollywood film to send you greetings via our roving reporter.