

Week's 8th AF Tonnage Tops 1st Year's

3-Way Push For Riga Is Developing

Reds Closing In on Pskov While 2 Other Forces to South Drive Ahead

A three-pronged drive for the Latvian capital of Riga developed on the northern front in Russia yesterday as Red Army spearheads came up against the outer defenses of Pskov and another force advanced within 60 miles of the escape railway from Pskov to Warsaw.

Even more threatening to the Pskov garrison than the three columns approaching it from north, northeast and east—15, 20 and 30 miles away, respectively—was Gen. Popov's thrust westward from Novo Sokolniki, 25 miles north of Nevel, toward the rail line leading out of Pskov.

Popov, moving across snowy wastes along the Moscow-Riga trunk, was 59 miles from Ostrov, a railway and highway junction 32 miles south of Pskov. Loss of Ostrov would leave only one escape route from Pskov—the already-menaced line to Riga.

Third Force Released

Meanwhile, Soviet capture of the 100-mile stretch of the main north-south railway between Dno and Novo Sokolniki released a third force to join the march into the Baltics.

The Nazis around Pskov, aware that Gen. Govorov's seizure of Porkhov—last town of the Pskov garrison—would weight of the Red offensive soon would be pressing against their lines, threw in Luftwaffe reinforcements in groups of 15 or 20 to hold back the Soviet advance.

Moscow dispatches said the Germans were preparing new blockhouses and anti-tank traps, obviously intending to battle to the last to hold the city.

Gen. Rokossovsky's drive through the Pripet marshes to take Bobruisk, on the rail line to Minsk, met unexpected obstacles resulting from a mild winter and a scarcity of good roads, but the German high command said the Soviet massed attacks continued.

All along the line between almost-surrounded Zlobin and fallen Vitebsk, a front of 150 miles, the Russians were said to be attacking furiously. Between Rogachev, 14 miles north of Zlobin, and Bobruisk, their pressure was described by the Germans as "exacting."

Finland Reported Talking to Berlin On Peace Move

Finland has informed Germany officially of her desire to get out of the war and is negotiating with Berlin to that end, informed neutral sources in London reported yesterday, while Helsinki, deliberating whether to accept an invitation to send a peace mission to Moscow, was subjected to a 600-plane Russian raid.

The Russian bid, it was said, emphasized that Finland must not assist Germany during the negotiations, a fact which brought a veiled warning from Berlin to Finland against emulating "Badoglio's capitulation."

Thus Finland faced the problem of how to keep the Germans from taking action which might alter the entire situation while negotiations were progressing.

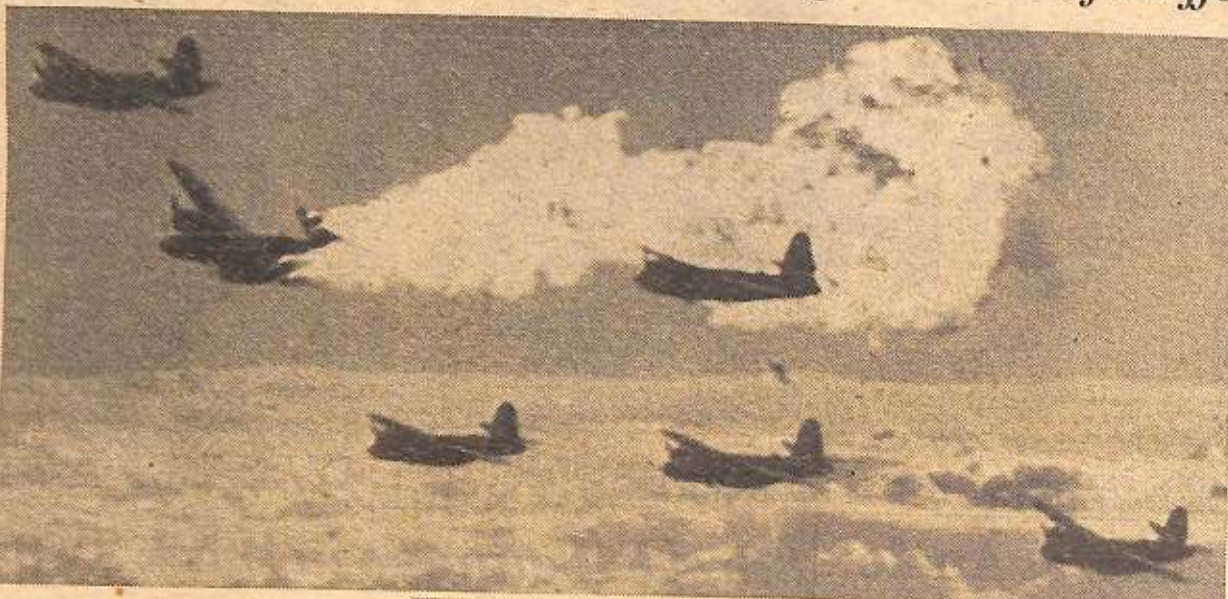
Reports of the Helsinki raid said large numbers of high explosive and incendiaries were dropped. Twelve Russian aircraft were reported shot down.

Plea Joan Ogled Jury Out—Chaplin to be Tried

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 27 (UP)—Judge O'Connor has ignored a plea by Charlie Chaplin's lawyer, Jerry Giesler, that Joan Barry probably used sex appeal on the male members of the grand jury which indicted Chaplin on two charges for violation of the Mann Act. Judge O'Connor ordered Chaplin held for trial.

As Chaplin stood before the Judge, he snapped: "I'm not guilty. I'm not guilty."

Just an Idea of What They Go Through to KO Luftwaffe



USAAF Photos by Sgt. Julius Pertinski
A B26 bursts into flame (top) after being hit by flak over France on its way to one of the mystery targets in the Pas de Calais area. The B26 hurtles along through the air, throwing smoke and flame through the formation. The left wing of the stricken Marauder (bottom) has disappeared and the two-engine bomber screams to the earth.

Job Deferments Up for Review At FDR Order

Minimum Age to Escape Draft May Be Changed From 22 to 26

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—A review of all occupational draft deferments was ordered by President Roosevelt as Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service Committee yesterday that the nation's military draft situation had become so acute that the minimum age for industrial deferments might have to be raised from 22 to 26.

In a memorandum issued to Gen. Hershey and Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, the President pointed out that almost 5,000,000 men of draft age had been deferred, including 550,000 non-fathers under 26 engaged in agriculture.

Declaring that he was convinced that the government had been over lenient, particularly with regard to younger men, and that the manpower pool had been "dangerously depleted" by liberal deferments, the President said that draft boards were unable to fill their quotas.

Hershey Wants More Men

Appearing before the committee to testify on the necessity of drafting young men deferred because of agricultural employment, Gen. Hershey said that the Army and Navy had a strength of only ten million as of this month, although they must have more than 11 million by July.

In face of a shortage of 700,000 to 800,000 men in the services, Gen. Hershey said he would have to procure nearly 250,000 men each month. Although the pool eligible for immediate induction numbers 1,500,000 men, rejections and deferments would keep all but 420,000 of them out of uniform, he pointed out.

In some states, 50 per cent of all men between the ages of 18 and 37 are in the forces, while other states have furnished only 30 per cent of their men in this group, he said.

Not a Single Sub Attacked

Huge Convoy Lands Thousands Of Yanks in U.K. Ready to Fight

One of the greatest contingents of American troops ever to cross the Atlantic has arrived safely in the ETO with thousands of reinforcements for the invasion army massed in the British Isles.

The exact number of troops in the huge convoy was not disclosed. It was disclosed, however, that they included highly trained armored and mechanized forces, as well as other specialist groups of many types fully equipped with latest weapons and ready for combat.

Part of the convoy's cargo included many land and carrier-based fighter planes.

The crossing was made without a single attack by U-boats, causing naval officials on both sides of the Atlantic to express amazement at the lack of recent enemy submarine activity. Some believe Germany has so few U-boats left to employ against invasion forces that it is keeping them near home. Others think Nazi sub commanders, as a group, lost their nerve

McNary, GOP Leader, Is Dead

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 — Sen. Charles L. McNary, Senate Republican leader and GOP candidate for vice-president in 1940, died in Florida while convalescing after a head operation, it was announced here.

A member of the Senate since 1917, the 69-year-old Oregonian was regarded as one of the nation's most able parliamentarians.

Agricultural problems were McNary's main interest. In 1927 he was co-author of the McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill.

Born on a farm, McNary rose to national prominence in the Hoover administration, when he became assistant Republican leader in the Senate.

11 States Plan Troop Vote in May Primaries

Arrangements Are Made For Postal Application For Absentee Ballots

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—The War Department has instructed commanders of all installations to notify men in their commands that 11 states holding absentee balloting by servicemen and women, the OWI announced yesterday.

The 11 are: Alabama, California, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota and West Virginia.

Eight will use the usual absentee ballot, two a new "official war ballot," and one will make available both types. Ballots will cover all federal and state contests for which primaries are authorized.

The War Department said postage-free postcards, for use in applying for ballots, had been made available. Besides formal application, some states require other steps be taken, such as registration, payment of taxes, etc.

Soldiers in doubt whether they are qualified to vote were advised to inquire immediately by letter to the secretary of state in the states where they maintain voting residence.

Meanwhile, congressional legislation to permit servicemen and women to vote in the 1944 presidential election—even where their states fail to make absentee-voting arrangements of their own—remains in the hands of a conference committee attempting to settle differences between Senate and House versions of the bill.

Willkie Calls Veto A 'Paper Record,' Taxes 'Inadequate'

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—Wendell L. Willkie today characterized President Roosevelt's veto message as "violent and ill-tempered," but added that tax problems could not be solved by "dramatic resignations and over-sentimental reconciliations."

Willkie blamed the Administration for "the fact that we have an inadequate tax bill," adding, "the additional income that the war has created should be taxed and taxed heavily."

He said that with the veto President Roosevelt "made a paper record, but lost the opportunity to be constructive. That bitter message had no rhyme or reason behind it when it is considered in terms of our national well-being. It served only to stir up personal animosity, and to bring increased discord between the executive and Congress."

Plan Studied to Merge War, Navy Departments

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP)—A plan to merge the War and Navy Departments into a Department of National Defense has been studied by the joint chiefs of staff for the last ten months, according to reliable reports.

No decision has been reached and the plan may be postponed until after the war, it was said. The Army was reported to be more sympathetic to consolidation than the Navy.

Nazi Fighter Output Is Cut To Ribbons

Down 80 Pct. in One Type, U.S. Spokesman Asserts After Big Friday Raids

Eighth Air Force heavy bombers, joining 15th Air Force bombers from Italy and the RAF in a furious assault on Nazi fighter-plane production, dropped a greater weight of bombs on Germany last week than in the Eighth's entire first year of operations.

The rising tempo of Allied attacks, climaxed by the destruction of 166 enemy aircraft in Friday's U.S. raids on fighter factories at Regensburg, Augsburg and Furth and a ball-bearing plant at Stuttgart, renewed hope that the Luftwaffe might be beaten before invasion.

Even as the conservative British Air Ministry asserted that repeated night and day attacks were wearing down the Nazi fighter strength and there was "everything to suggest that the enemy's air defenses were struggling against odds," an American officer described in British press accounts as a "high spokesman" of the Eighth Air Force was quoted as saying:

"Since Jan. 1, strategic bombing of Germany by British and American forces has reduced the German two-engine fighter production by 80 per cent, single-engine fighter production by 60 per cent, and in addition 25 per cent of bomber production has been destroyed."

Must Keep It Up

Airmen were quick to point out, however, the optimistic implications of this statement depended to a large extent on the Allied air forces' ability to maintain bombing at the intensity of that last week.

The American spokesman, whose identity was not permitted to be disclosed, said that the Eighth Air Force dropped 7,935 tons of bombs last week, compared with 7,625 tons dropped in its first year of operation.

"We believe we now have fighter production down to the point where the Nazis can't keep up with combat losses," he was quoted as saying. "We can't help but feel that Germany has lost her last hope of maintaining a successful defense."

Besides marking the dispatch of the greatest fighter force ever sent from Britain—bombers and escorting fighters totaled approximately 2,000 aircraft—Friday's raids also marked the deepest U.S. fighter penetration of Germany, 1,100 miles round-trip to Regensburg. Enemy planes destroyed by Eighth Air Force fighters rose beyond 1,000—more than half of them since Jan. 1.

RAF Follows Up Day Blow

Augsburg, one of the U.S. targets in daylight Friday, also was raided twice Friday night by RAF bombers—the second time last week the British Lancaster and Halifaxes had gone out to follow up a day raid.

Photographs made during and after the daylight raids, ETOUSA headquarters said, showed heavy damage to four Messerschmitt single and twin-engine plants at Regensburg, Augsburg and Furth and to the Stuttgart bearings factory. In addition, at least 75 aircraft were damaged on the ground.

At Augsburg, center of Messerschmitt experimental work and main production plant for the Me410, the Nazi fighter-bomber equivalent of the RAF Mosquito, Fortress bombs damaged at least half the important installations, caused a large explosion and smashed up 26 planes on the ground, the Eighth Air Force said.

The RAF, dropping 1,900 tons in two raids two and a half hours apart in a continuation of Augsburg's first major blasting, started fires that raged out of control.

At Stuttgart, photographs revealed that Fortresses caused severe damage to

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Don't Aid Allied Airmen, Germans Warn French

Paris radio yesterday broadcast a German warning that any person hiding or assisting men of the Allied armed forces, "especially members of air crews or Anglo-American parachutists," would be tried by a Nazi tribunal and face "the severest penalties."

Can We Be Shah About That?

TEHERAN, Persia, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—The Shah, opening the 14th session of the National Assembly here today, said: "There are indications that the war will be over soon."

Say 50,000 Japs Virtually Cut Off On Two Islands

Gen. MacArthur Aide Cites 'Blockade' of N. Britain And New Ireland

Japanese air strength in the Southwest Pacific has been "neutralized" by U.S. bombers and fighters attacking enemy bases on New Ireland and New Britain, and more than 50,000 Japanese on those islands have been virtually cut off from supplies by relentless and concentrated air and sea attacks, according to a naval spokesman at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters.

For the fourth day in a row Solomons-based bombers attacked Rabaul, the once-powerful New Britain base, without any Jap fighter opposition and against only weak anti-aircraft fire, while U.S. warships bombarded Kavieng harbor installations on New Ireland for the second time this week.

One vessel was sunk and shore batteries silenced by the warships, which withdrew to their Solomons bases unmoored.

In other air activity, Fifth Air Force Forts and Libs hit Wewak, New Guinea, dumping 400 tons of bombs.

As the Allied air-sea blockade of Jap islands in the Southwest Pacific area tightened, Tokyo radio Saturday reported that a U.S. carrier fleet was attacking Guam, in the southern Marianas, 1,300 miles south of Tokyo.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's communique from Pearl Harbor made no mention of any Guam attack, although it said a light diversionary raid had been made on Guam Wednesday.

Jap HQ in New Guinea Had Geisha Girls Near

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—Traces of a Geisha dancing girl establishment near an old Jap headquarters were discovered by Australian troops pushing down the coast toward Roi in New Guinea.

The body of a young girl who apparently had been too ill to escape with her companions was found. One ward of a hospital appeared to have been set aside for the exclusive use of the girls. Cosmetics, lipsticks and feminine trinkets had been left behind.

Spoo Canal Work Wins Col. Strong Legion of Merit

A BASE SECTION HQ, Feb. 27—Col. Paschal N. Strong, chief engineer here, has been awarded the Legion of Merit "for outstanding service in connection with improvement and protection of the St. Mary's Falls Canal." Col. Charles O. Thresher, base-section commander, made the presentation.

A tube canal at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., connecting Lakes Superior and Huron, the St. Mary's Falls project is of vital importance to the U.S. steel industry. Through it passes all the iron ore from the vast Minnesota range deposits en route to Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Syracuse and other steel centers. It yearly handles a greater tonnage than the Suez and Panama canals combined.

Col. Strong's work included construction of the MacArthur Lock "through the critical winter in a period of 13 months, where a normal schedule would have required three years."

An author as well as an engineer, Col. Strong has written eight adventure books and hundreds of short stories. From 1940 to 1942 he wrote the Jack Armstrong (All-American Boy) radio program.

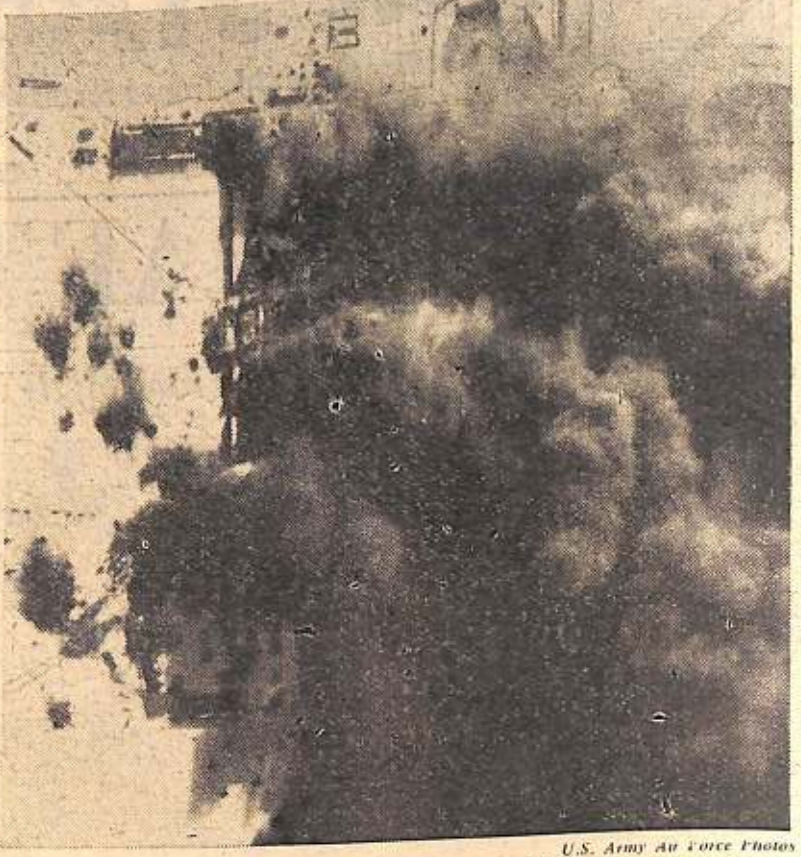
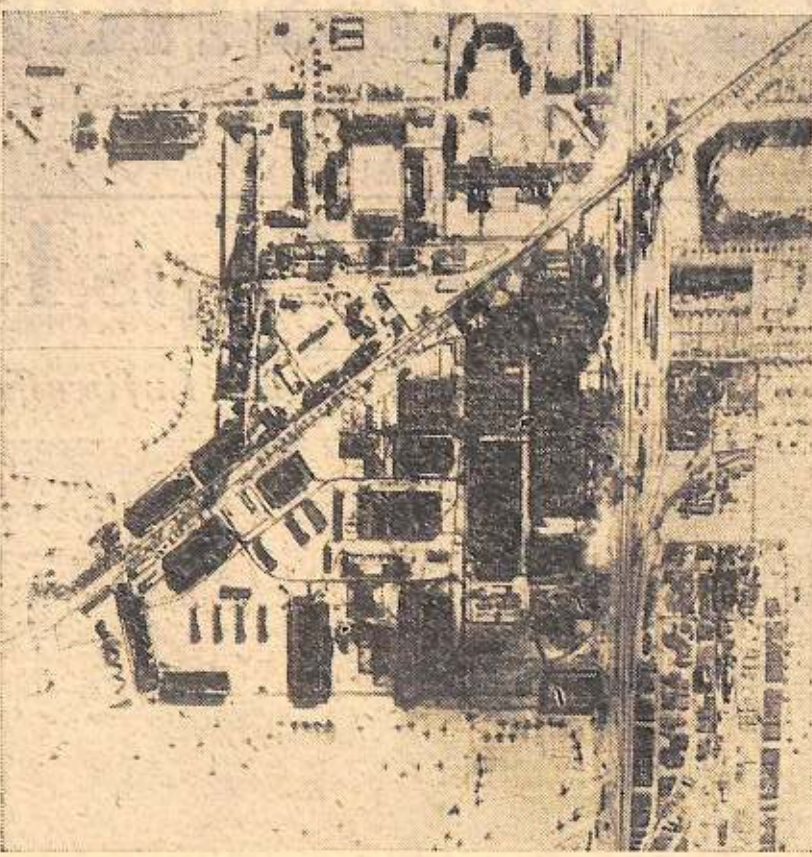
Additional News Report On AFN Schedule at Noon

The American Forces Network, beginning today, will have an additional world news broadcast every day at noon, it was announced yesterday. World news will be broadcast five times daily—at noon, 1, 6, 9 and 10.55 PM. In addition, latest news from America is broadcast daily on the "News From Home" program at 8 PM and sports news at 7.

Monday, Feb. 28

- 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
- 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.5m. 207.3m.
- 1100—Personal Album with Martha Tilton.
- 1115—Bandcall.
- 1200—World News (BBC).
- 1210—Barracks Bag.
- 1255—Quiet Moment.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—BBC Northern Orchestra.
- 1330—Kate Smith (Return Engagement).
- 1400—Visiting Hour.
- 1430—Sign off until 1700 hours.
- 1700—Sign On—Family Hour.
- 1730—Resume and Geraldo and his Orchestra.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
- 1905—Red Skelton—with Harriet Hilliard and Ozzie Nelson's Orchestra.
- 1930—Command Performance.
- 2000—News From Home.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2025—This Week in Science.
- 2030—Contented Hour.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2115—Front Line Theater—"Murder Unlimited" with Kay Francis.
- 2145—Melody Roundup.
- 2200—Village Store—with Joan Davis and Jack Haley.
- 2225—One Night Stand with Charlie Spivak.
- 2255—Final Edition.
- 2300—Sign off until Thursday, Feb. 29 at 1100 hours.

'Phfft Luftwaffe'—A One-Act Play in Two Scenes



SCENE ONE—The curtain goes up! The German Messerschmitt 110 plant at Gotha lies peaceful and intact as Eighth Air Force Libs fight their way over the target.

SCENE TWO—The aircraft plant goes up! Ten main buildings, hangars and many grounded planes send black smoke belching skyward. This attack was made Feb. 24.

Allies at Anzio Repel Assaults

Small Nazi Units Probing Lines; Yanks Beat Off Thrusts at Cassino

Small German forces probing the Allied lines south of Rome and before Cassino have been thrown back, dispatches from Italy reported last night as Allied and German artillery fought a thunderous duel across the bridgehead, turned into a quagmire by heavy rains.

Meanwhile, in the first identification of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's bridgehead units, it was revealed officially that the U.S. Third Division and the British Grenadier Guards were playing a large role in the defense.

As rain swept the bridgehead, American troops repelled an enemy attack on the Allied right flank near Littoria. In the Cisterna sector an enemy patrol was pushed back and south of Carroceto small-scale patrol clashes took place.

In the first ground activity in Cassino for a number of days the Germans launched two small assaults against American positions in the one-third of the town held by the Fifth Army. Both were repelled.

On the Eighth Army front the Germans suffered heavy losses when Indian troops crushed a Nazi offensive near Orsogna.

Nazis Sprout Red Crosses To Double Cross Yanks

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—A German trick to rescue men from hot spots has Maj. Ray Erickson, of Minneapolis, swearing more than usual.

"We see two Germans with red crosses on their arms go into a cave to bring out wounded, and when the litter comes out I'm damned if eight Jerries, each with the red cross on him, aren't carrying it," Maj. Erickson said. "And the hell of it is, we can't fire on them."

Lt. Knowlton Wins DSC For Heroism at Anzio

ALLIED BEACHHEAD, South of Rome, Feb. 23 (delayed) (Reuter)—Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark today pinned the DSC on 1/Lt. Donald E. Knowlton, of Santa Rosa, Cal., at a field hospital.

The wounded officer was decorated for "extraordinary heroism" on the opening day of the big German attack last week, when he remained at his artillery observation post until it was almost overrun, and directed such accurate fire that the Germans were disorganized.

Georgia Fire Destroys 2,000 Drums of Resin

VALDOSTA, Ga., Feb. 27 (AP)—Two thousand drums of gum resin from the world's largest store of this vital war material were destroyed by fire. Fanned by a high wind, a small wood blaze spread to the plant of Turpentine and Resin Factories, Inc. Firemen saved 50,000 drums.

Col. Cound Cited

Col. Oliver E. Cound has been awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding work as deputy chief quartermaster in the ETO from July 16, 1942, to Sept. 23, 1943. His chief accomplishment was organization of the quartermaster depot system.

8th AF Tonnage in Week Tops Total in First Year of Bombing

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Blumenthal aircraft components plant, believed to be producing for and assembling Me110s and Me410s. High explosive damaged major factory buildings and 24 planes were caught on the ground.

Thirty U.S. bombers were lost in the day's operations. Three fighters failed to return, but 26 enemy interceptors were shot down. The RAF, hammering Augsburg, raiding southwest Germany and the Low Countries with Mosquitoes and carrying out extensive mine-laying, lost 24 aircraft in all operations.

Meanwhile, Marauders of the Ninth Air Force Friday attacked a Luftwaffe base at Venlo, Holland, less than five miles from the German border, and they demolished station headquarters, started fires in dispersal areas and scored a direct hit at the intersection of a runway.

At Venlo they dropped bombs among aircraft taxiing out of dispersal areas to take off and left hangars burning in one corner of the field.

U.S. and British Medics Exchange Methods, Ideas

Anglo-American cooperation has been extended to medical training by a British and a U.S. hospital in the ETO. Temporary transfers of small groups of soldiers have resulted in an exchange of ideas and methods beneficial to both, officers in charge report.

S/Sgt. John T. Brady, of Sparta, Tenn., said he learned several laboratory procedures "which give a better standard result" and in return "was able to tell them about the way we have men specialized in various tests to save time, and rotate men to avoid over-specialization."

Plane Carrier Launched, 84th Since Pearl Harbor

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (UP)—The 27,000-ton Bennington, the 84th aircraft carrier and the 12th vessel of the Essex class built since Pearl Harbor, was launched at Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Exhibition by 3 Artists Of 9th Air Force to Open

An exhibition of water-color paintings by three Ninth Air Force artists will open at noon today at Simpson's in Piccadilly, London. Admission is free.

The paintings show operations of the Ninth Air Force in Britain and the Mediterranean. The artists are Capt. Milton Marx, of New York, S/Sgt. Nathan Glick, of Montgomery, Ala., and Cpl. Charles Turner, of Memphis, Tenn. The exhibition will continue until Mar. 11.

Strike Stops Entire Output Of Landing-Barge Plates

DETROIT, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—A strike of 6,000 workers has closed the only steel mill producing armor plate for Navy landing barges.

The stoppage began early yesterday, when 3,000 men on the day shift failed to report at the Great Lakes Steel Corp. plant because of an internal labor dispute.

Our Aside to GI Jane: It's a Funny War

An ATS Report to the WAC: Life in the U.S. Is Pretty Nice

The British ATS girl in Washington is finding life 3,000-odd miles from home much the same as does the American WAC in the ETO, with one exception: There are no air raids in Washington.

Senior Commander Pamela Hammick, commanding officer of more than 200 ATS girls attached to the British Army staff in the U.S. capital, who is in London on a brief visit, told yesterday how the British counterpart of the WAC is entertained in American homes, sends off days helping farmers harvest crops, goes on sightseeing tours of historical sites, enjoys privileges of service women's cafeterias and clubs, parades with WACs and WAVES—and in some cases gets married.

"We have been given a wonderful reception in America," Commander Hammick said. "The hospitality has been tremendous, and the girls have a wide circle of friends."

The ATS workers are employed as secretaries, cipher operators, typists, file clerks and drivers. One group of 25 handles highly secret correspondence in the office of the Combined Chiefs of

Staff. Thirty others handle secret cable and wireless traffic for Intelligence and Civil Affairs which deals with the administration of occupied territory.

Four of the typists worked for Prime Minister Churchill on one of his visits to Washington.

The girls are billeted in a section of a large hotel but have morning assembly in the lobby and are subject to the same discipline they would have if they were in barracks. Unlike the WACs, the ATS girls do not receive overseas salary bonuses.

Commander Hammick said many of the girls take part in a "Sundays on the Soil" program which enables hard-pressed farmers to get volunteer help in planting corn, harvesting, picking fruit or repairing fences and chickenhouses.

Several of the girls, she said, have been married in Washington to British soldiers and civilians employed at British delegations.

Nobody said anything about it, but it's a cinch that unlike the WACs they also get an old-fashioned egg pretty often.

U.S. Debating Argentine Split

Farrell's Coup Reported Regarded by Capital As a Revolution

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—Informed sources close to the State Department said today the U.S. seriously was considering breaking off relations with Argentina on the grounds that President Gen. Pedro Ramirez' replacement by Vice-President Edelmiro Farrell actually was a revolution.

The U.S. and other Latin-American governments were reported exchanging information, with their attention directed primarily to the substance rather than the form of the overturn.

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 27—Appointments of two generals to the cabinet of Vice-President Farrell were announced officially today. Gen. Diego Mason was named acting foreign minister and Gen. Juan Pistarini acting navy minister.

Later it was announced that Col. Juan Domingo Peron had been appointed acting war minister.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Feb. 27—Appointment of Col. Peron to be acting war minister placed Argentina's armed forces today under the control of the man generally considered the power behind the country's military government.

Buenos Aires reports have described Peron as the leader of Argentina's reactionary "colonels' clique."

Peron engineered the coup which established the present military dictatorship and last week forced the resignation of Foreign Minister Arturo Gilbert, frustrating President Ramirez' plan to declare war on the Axis.

Another report said Ramirez was a virtual prisoner in the presidential residence at Olivos, suburb of Buenos Aires.

U.S. Refusing to Accept 'German-Tainted' Gold

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—The U.S. Treasury, acting in concert with Britain and Russia, announced that it would refuse to accept from any nation gold traceable to Axis looting.

Germany in particular has been using gold resources to keep foreign supply sources open, and it was said at the Treasury that increasing amounts of so-called "German gold" recently had been finding their way into neutral markets.

Didn't Give a Hoot, Either

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 27—A stuffed owl partially has solved the problem of how to rout starlings which persist in swarming over the downtown business district. Two storekeepers conceived the idea, placed the owl on the roof, and the starlings now shun that building.

Map of the U.S. Is Called Yanks' Favorite Pinup

NEW YORK, Feb. 27—Rabbi R. Brickner, of Cleveland, who has just returned from a tour of the ETO and other war fronts, says American soldiers have not learned to hate the enemy.

"They feel that war is a messy, dirty business, that our country didn't want to get into it in the first place, but that the enemy has got to be licked," he said.

"Their favorite pinup," he said, "is a map of the United States."

Traveling Show Giving Lessons In Camouflage

Carnival-Like Exhibits Explain Concealment To U.K. Units

A U.S. ENGINEER BASE, Feb. 24—A troupe of camouflage specialists—14 enlisted men and two officers of an engineers camouflage unit, which travels through the ETO like a carnival show—set up portable exhibits here yesterday and explained the so-called "magic" of concealment and deception in modern warfare.

Men at this base moved from booth to booth in country-fair fashion, during an instruction period of demonstrations, class-participations, and lectures led by "The Professors," as members of the camouflage unit call themselves. The unit is making the rounds of engineers camps in the ETO.

Concealment principles like eliminating "The Three S's"—shape, shadow and shine—were stressed in the opening number on the program, a general lecture. Charts, showing how objects look from the air, were used in teaching the class to keep in mind the aerial observer's view of the earth.

Some home-made snipers took part in one demonstration. Five class members, camouflaged with special sniper suits, mud on their faces and foliage in their helmets, were "blended into the terrain," as camouflage lingo puts it, out of sight of other class members. Then class onlookers were told that before them, in an apparently empty field, snipers were lying only ten yards away and had everyone at their mercy. After close scrutiny by the class, some of the snipers were discovered. Others weren't seen until asked to stand up.

Fox holes, slit trenches and gun emplacements, each sited to take maximum advantage of natural cover, were explained by "The Professors" during a tour of the exhibits. One Professor, forgetting the exact location of some camouflaged parts, fell—mid-sentence—into a fox hole. But he made his point—that fox holes can be so well concealed as to be unnoticeable even underfoot.

In a field factory section, the class saw methods of supplying camouflage material. They saw how properly to drape a vehicle with a camouflage net. Classwork in weaving, repairing and garnishing nets ended the camouflage "county fair."

Ace Aerial Gunner Homeward Bound Laden With Medals

A BOMBER BASE, Feb. 27 (AP)—Michael Arooth is going home—home to his mother, a civic reception with band, banners and \$7,000 in war bonds.

In 14 missions as an aerial gunner the 24-year-old former teacher from Springfield, Mass., has won more decorations than the average airman accumulates during a complete tour of operations. He was wounded twice and suffered serious head injuries when his plane crashed in the English Channel. Six of his 18 months in the air force were spent on a hospital cot.

Officially credited with ten enemy aircraft destroyed and six probables, Arooth wears a double row of decorations—the DSC, DFC and cluster, Air Medal with three clusters, Purple Heart with cluster, two theater ribbons and good conduct ribbon.

Arooth, his wounds almost completely healed, is sweating out the crack on the head and hoping to take officers' training instead of being discharged as medically unfit.

Civic organizations in his home town followed his career closely and collected \$7,000 in war bonds for him pending his return. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Salem Arooth, wrote telling him of the reception that had been planned.

The English village of Springfield adopted Arooth, giving him an engraved silver cigarette case at a reception last night.

Italian PWs Have a Yen To Be U.S. 'Voluntaries'

The U.S. Army's London recruiting officer, who has received applications to join the American forces from citizens of practically every country in the world, now has seen everything.

Thursday he received a letter from two Italian prisoners of war in this country, captured while fighting the Allies, who now want to change sides and fight for Uncle Sam—anytime, anywhere.

Addressed to "The Commander General, America, London," the letter says: "We have applied five months ago several times to be voluntary in the British Army unit or USA unit, and we had no reply. If it is possible to transfer us in the U.S. Army we are prepared to take any duty wherever it may be."

Yanks Take Over British Church Services



Sgt. Hugh H. Hawkins, Indianapolis, delivering the sermon in a London church yesterday.



Rev. John Bevan, M.A., minister of the Balham church, greets Cpl. Francis W. Russell, Windsor, Conn., and Sgt. Gordon H. Farnell, Chicago. Rev. Bevan sat in the church while Cpl. Russell conducted services. Pfc Willson sang to the organ accompaniment of Sgt. Farnell.

One Yank Acts as Minister; One Delivers Sermon; Third Plays Organ; WAC Is Soloist—and All Sing in Choir

Members of Balham Congregational Church in London were treated to a new experience yesterday when four American soldiers and a WAC took over the conducting of services.

Cpl. Francis W. Russell, of Windsor, Conn., formerly assistant professor of religion at Berry College, Rome, Ga., was invited by the Rev. John Bevan, pastor of the church, to conduct services. Russell received permission to bring some help.

So when Sunday rolled around, Cpl. Russell was acting minister for the day; Sgt. Hugh H. Hawkins, of Indianapolis, former member of the faculty of Buffalo State Teachers College, delivered the sermon, and Sgt. Gordon H. Farnell, of Chicago, formerly director of music at Brennan College, Ga., played the organ. Pfc Adeana F. Willson, of Detroit, was the soloist.

The choir was composed of all of these. Cpl. Russell said the move could be considered "an attempt to further understanding between our two nations on the religious side, as well as the economic and military side."

Mr. Bevan, who sat in the church with his wife throughout the services, smiled in agreement.

16 USO Shows Out This Week Schedules Are Listed; 14 More Entertainers Have Arrived in U.K.

Fourteen more American stage and screen entertainers have arrived in Britain to play the USO-Camp Show circuit. Sixteen shows are out this week, including "Off From Home" which

The arrivals are: Dick and Dinah, comedy acrobats, Healdsburg and Berkeley, Cal.; White and Manning and Fred and Ann Carroll, comedians, N.Y.; Two Whipettes, dancers, and Browne and Lavelle, comedians, Los Angeles; Jan Murray, MC and comedian, and Edward Steinberg, pianist, N.Y.; Tung Pin Soo, magician, Hartford, Conn., and Sam Keck, pianist, Chicago.

Touring shows, with their locations for the week:

- N. Ireland—"Fun Marches On" Don Rice, MC and comedian; Bert Redford, drummer. "USA Calling" Frankie Conville, MC and comedian; Del Onel, dancer.
- Berkshire—"Booms-A-Daisy," Evans family, dancers; Consolo and Melba, dancers.
- Hampshire—"Keep 'Em Rolling," Joe McKenna, MC and comedian; Helen Hall, singer. "Rudy Starita and his Starlites," Rudy Starita, MC and vibraphonist; Al Goodhart, song writer.
- Liverpool area—"Swingtime," Grace Drysdale, puppet entertainer; Freddy Morgan, MC and pianist.
- Suffolk—"Flying High," Al Bernie, MC and comedian; Aileen Hunter, singer.
- Norfolk—"Words and Music," Johnny Woods, MC and comedian; Joe Termini, guitarist.
- Wales—"On the Beam," Fred Lightner and Chris-Pin Martin, comedians; Sue Dale, singer.
- Huntingdon area—"Loop the Loop," Lee Simmons, MC and impressionist; Jack Powell, drummer.
- Somerset—"Show Time," Syd Slate and Marty Barrett, comedians; Vantine and Cazan, magicians.
- Birmingham area—"Laugh Time," Bob Evans, MC and ventriloquist; Penny Caldwell, vocalist.
- Wiltshire—"Yankee Doodlers," 24 soldier-troupers.

P47s Now Carry 2,000-Pounders as Bombers in South

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—Already famed as a high-altitude fighter, the P47 Thunderbolt, as a result of tests by pilots of the 57th Fighter Group of the Mediterranean Air Force, has become one of the world's most powerful fighter-bombers.

For the last month Thunderbolts have been carrying 2,000-pound bombs—a load previously undreamed of for fighters and almost equalling the load of medium bombers.

The first breathless take-off with the greatest lethal load ever carried by a fighter-bomber was made by Maj. Gilbert D. Wymond, of Louisville, Ky., whose "fighting cocks" squadron since has been dive-bombing with a thousand-pounder slung under each wing.

The plane carries the load with ease and, according to pilots, "There's nothing else in its class" for strafing attacks.

The Sarge Isn't Crowing

FORT WASHINGTON, L.I., Feb. 27—Police Sgt. Michael Denton investigated when housewives reported that scores of crows had invaded this community, pecked at them and even stole clothespins off their lines. He didn't have much success. First one of the birds stole a section of the windshield wiper from his car, then a whole squadron of crows dive-bombed at his head. At last reports the crows still had the upper hand.

Leap Year Parties Lead List Of Programs at Some Clubs

Leap Year parties and dances Tuesday and Wednesday hold the spotlight at out-of-town Red Cross clubs this week. The program from the Queens Club in Birmingham, written in Dogpatch style, says that, "gals are out to git their men and GI's gotta larn 't run fast or else git ketch'd" at the Leap Year party this Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

Dick Brewster's orchestra will play for the Market Square club's dance in Northampton beginning at 8:30 PM tomorrow night.

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

- Bath** Monday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Tuesday—Conducted tour, 2:15 PM; movies, 10 PM. Wednesday—Swimming, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Open house, 7:30 PM. Friday—Hop night, 8 PM. Saturday—Open house, 8 PM. Sunday—Open house, 8 PM. Daily—Concert, 1 and 6 PM.
- Bedford** Monday—Bridge lessons, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM; French class, 8 PM. Wednesday—Leap Year dance, 8 PM. Thursday—Gym night, Friday—Cabaret, Saturday—Movie, 7:45 PM; dance, 9:30 PM. Sunday—Movie, 3 PM; dance, 8 PM.
- Birmingham** Monday—Symphonic music, 4 PM; Vicki at piano, 6 PM. Tuesday—Recordings, 12 PM; Vicki at piano, 6 PM. Wednesday—Mrs. Riley at piano, 6 PM; Leap Year dance, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Recordings, 4 PM; Vicki at piano, 6 PM. Friday—Mrs. Riley at piano, 6 PM; ping pong, 12:15 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Friday—Theater party, 6 PM; games night, 9 PM. Saturday—Pat at piano, 12:15 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Tour of Bristol, 2 PM; movies, 2:30 PM; coffee hour, 4 PM; dance, 8 PM.
- Bury St. Edmunds** Monday—Basketball, 5 PM; dinner, 7:15 PM. Tuesday—Basketball, 5 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—Basketball, 5 PM; dancing lessons, 7:30 PM; bingo, 8:30 PM. Thursday—Tour of Greene King's Brewery, 2 PM; basketball, 5 PM; movie, 8 PM. Friday—Basketball, 5 PM; Hazel Durling at piano, 8 PM. Saturday—Basketball, 2 and 5 PM; dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Conducted tour, 2 PM; basketball, 2 and 7 PM; dance, 8 PM.
- Cardiff** Monday—Games night, 8 PM. Tuesday—French lessons, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—Movie, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Quiz program, 7:30 PM. Friday—French lessons, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 10 PM. Sunday—Recordings, 2 PM; Sgt. Frank Sayles at piano, 3:30 PM; bingo, 8 PM.
- Cambridge** Monday—French class, 8 PM. Tuesday—Rotary Club luncheon, 1 PM; music hour, 8:30 PM. Wednesday—Basketball, 7 PM; bridge, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Sketching class, 8 PM; dance, 8 PM. Friday—Dancing classes, 4:30 and 8:30 PM. Texas Club meeting, 7 PM. Saturday—Concert, 5:15 PM. Sunday—Brains Trust, 4 PM; basketball, 7 PM; dance, 7 PM.
- Cheltenham** Monday—Camera club, 7:30 PM; photography class, 8 PM. Tuesday—American-British club, 7:15 PM. New Jersey club, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—French class, 7:30 PM; German class, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Woodcraft, 7 PM; French class, 7 PM; dance class, 7:30 PM. Friday—Music circle, 7:45 PM; movies, 7 and 9 PM. Saturday—Entertainment, 7:30 PM; Joan at piano, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Tour of Chester, 2:30 PM; dance, 3 PM.
- Chester** Monday—Community singing, 10 PM; hobby corner, 10 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—Classical music, 7:30 PM; ping pong, 10 PM. Thursday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Friday—Movies, 8:30 PM; ping pong, 10 PM. Saturday—Silhouettes, 7:30 PM; Joan at piano, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Tour of Chester, 2:30 PM; dance, 3 PM.
- Exeter** Monday—Boxing 6 PM; French lesson, 7:30 PM; accounting lesson, 7:30 PM; recordings, 9 PM. Tuesday—Leap Year party, 8 PM. Wednesday—Tour of Exeter, 2:30 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Movies, 8 PM. Friday—Lecture, 2:30 PM; theater party, 6 PM; bingo, 9 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Open house, 3 PM; music, 4 PM; Sgt. Ed Lane's show, 8 PM; cartoonist, 8:45 PM.
- Grimsby** Monday—Bingo, 9 PM. Tuesday—Tour of Boston, 9 AM; basketball, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—Basketball, 7:30 PM; craft shop, 8 PM; party, 9:30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Variety show, 9 PM. Sunday—Dance, 3 PM; quiz, 8 PM.
- Hanley** Tuesday—Movie, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—Pottery trip, 10:30 AM; dance, 8:30 PM. Thursday—Committee meeting, 8 PM. Friday—Trip to Maer Hall, 2:45 PM. Saturday—Trip to Mines, 10:30 AM; dance, 8:30 PM. Sunday—Dance, 2 PM.
- Ipswich** Monday—Program meeting, 8 PM. Tuesday—Movies, 8 PM. Wednesday—Open house, Thursday—Games night, Friday—Dance, 8 PM. Saturday—Chess, 8 PM. Sunday—Basketball, 2 PM; discussion hour, 4 PM.
- Liverpool (Mt. Pleasant)** Monday—Games night, Tuesday—Songs, Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM. Thursday—Boxing, 6:30 PM. Friday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Movie, 2 PM; silhouettes, 2:30 PM; photographer, 3 PM; tea dance, 4 PM; dance, 8 PM.
- Manchester** Monday—Allied night, 7:30 PM. Tuesday—Games night, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—Movie, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Hostess party, 7:30 PM; French class, 8 PM; cabaret night, 8 PM. Friday—Stage night, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Basketball, 3:30 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Chapel, 11:45 AM; lecture, 3:30 PM; dance, 7:30 PM.
- Newbury** Monday—Basketball, 7 PM; bridge, 8 PM. Tuesday—Basketball, 7 PM; dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Basketball, 7 PM; movie, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Ping pong, 8 PM. Saturday—Movie, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Dance, 3 PM.
- Northampton** Monday—Rotary club dinner, 1 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Wednesday—Leap Year dance, 8:30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 7:15 PM; table tennis, 7:30 PM; dance, 8:30 PM. Friday—Table tennis, 7:30 PM; dance, 8:30 PM. Saturday—Table tennis, 7:30 PM; dance, 8:30 PM. Friday—Table tennis, 7:30 PM. Saturday—

Orphans' Fund Within £2,500 Of First Goal

Six £100 Contributions In Week Push Total Close to £50,000

Doughboy dollars helped to raise the total of The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund to approximately £47,500 at the end of last week, and thereby brought the fund within £2,500 of the original goal set a year and a half ago.

The goal of £50,000—enough to aid 500 British children whose fathers were killed during the Battle of Britain, at Dunkirk, or while serving overseas—will be reached long before the second anniversary this fall, judging by the rate contributions are pouring in now.

Gen. Eisenhower, who was ETO commander at that time, endorsed The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund when it was founded Sept. 26, 1942. On its first anniversary, the fund had passed well beyond the halfway mark, without any pressure from radio campaigns, parades, or high-powered salesmanship.

Six £100 Contributions

Six Army units sent in £100 each last week to sponsor war orphans, a Navy unit sent in about half that amount towards sponsorship of a child, and a general fund contribution was received from a civilian club in the United States.

The £100 contributions came from an infantry regiment headquarters, through Chaplain Edward K. Rogers, to sponsor its fourth war orphan; a Corps headquarters, through Chaplain Hamblen; an engineer general service regiment; the medical department detachment of a station hospital; the Rucker Club, composed of first-three-graders at one station, and headed by M/Sgt. Henry Taylor, of Quinman, Ka., and headquarters of a QM depot company.

U.S. Naval forces headquarters here sent in approximately £66 as a partial contribution towards sponsoring a war orphan. The Miami Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of Troy, Ohio, sent in £18 10s. 4d.

Many varieties of collection methods, ranging from crap game percentages to GI shows and dances, have enabled ETO units to sponsor war orphans. Two privates once contributed £20 and £30 each. The battery of one regiment raised £100 in 10 days. An infantry battalion aviation engineers battalion raised enough money to sponsor four war orphans.

What the Fund Is

Any unit sending in £100 enables a war orphan to get—for five years—more than the bare food and clothing necessities of life, and extra care over and above that afforded by the regular agencies. The unit can specify the age, sex, color of hair and eyes and type of war orphan it wants to sponsor if the full £100 is contributed. Every cent contributed goes to the needy child. Funds are administered by the American Red Cross, which bears the cost of administration.

Procedure for contributing to the fund is simple: Call a meeting of your group, agree on an amount, raise the money and mail or deliver check (or money order) to: The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund, 37 Upper Brook St., London, W.1. Any donations under £100 will be placed with other fractional contributions towards caring for a child.

Norwich (Bishop's Palace)

Monday—Basketball, 7:30 PM; movie, 8 PM. Tuesday—Blanch at piano, 7 PM; basketball, 7:30 PM; birthday dinner, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—Tour of Cathedral, 2 PM; basketball, 7:30 PM; Marjorie and her accordion, 8 PM. Thursday—Fishing and picnicking, 10:20 AM; Blanch at piano, 7 PM; basketball, 7:30 PM; dancing lessons, 7:45 PM; French class, 8 PM. Friday—Tour of Norwich, 3 PM; dance, 7:30 PM; basketball, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Fishing and picnicking; basketball, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Tour of Cathedral, 10:20 AM; classical recordings, 11 AM; movie, 3:30 PM; basketball, 7:30 PM.

Norwich (Bethel Officers)

Wednesday—Tea, 4 PM. Thursday—Games night. Sunday—Tea dance, 3 PM.

Okehampton

Monday—German class, 7 PM; dance, 8:30 PM. Wednesday—Music hour, 8 PM. Thursday—Dance and open house, 8:30 PM. Friday—German class, 7 PM. Sunday—Movie, 3 PM; open house, 3 PM; show, 8 PM.

Salisbury

Monday—Basketball, 4 PM; Mill Pond club, 7:30 PM; basketball, 7:30 PM; piano and accordion session, 8:30 PM. Tuesday—Basketball, 4 PM; movie, 7 PM; card party, 8:30 PM; dancing class, 8:30 PM; basketball, 9 PM. Wednesday—Basketball, 4 PM; dance, 7:30 PM; symphonic hour, 8 PM. Thursday—Musical tea, 3:30 PM; dancing class, 7:30 PM; basketball, 7:30 PM; piano and accordion session, 8:30 PM. Friday—Committee meeting, 6 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Musical tea, 3:30 PM; basketball, 4 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Tour of Cathedral, 2 PM; symphonic hour, 3 PM; tea dance, 4 PM; musical show, 7:30 PM; basketball, 9 PM.

Shrewsbury

Tuesday—Leap Year dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Movie, 8 PM. Thursday—Dancing lessons, 8 PM. Friday—Dance, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Bike hike, 1 PM; dance, 6 PM.

Southampton

Monday—Movies, 7:30 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM; ping-pong, 9 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Movies, 7:30 PM. Friday—Dancing class, 7:30 PM; bingo, 9 PM. Saturday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Tour of Portsmouth, 1:15 PM; movies, 7:30 PM.

Southport

Monday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Tuesday—Movie, 2 PM. Wednesday—Leap Year dance, 8 PM. Thursday—Quiz program, 9 PM. Friday—Pinocle, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Open house, 3 PM; dance, 7 PM.

Swindon

Monday—Table tennis, 7:30 PM; chess, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Swing music, 7:30 PM; dance, 8:30 PM; table tennis, 10 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Table tennis, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Table tennis, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Song concert, 3:30 PM; table tennis, 5 PM; dance, 8 PM.

Taunton

Monday—Card lessons, 7 PM; swimming, 7 PM. French class, 7:30 PM; classical recordings, 8 PM. Tuesday—Boxing, 7 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Show, 7:30 PM. Friday—Swimming, 7 PM; French class, 7:30 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Movies, 6:30 and 8:30 PM.

Blues Rout Seabee Eleven, 32-0

Navy Unable To Cope With Strong Attack

Tom Thompson's Absence Fails to Deter Infantry Division Team

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A SOUTHWEST TOWN, Feb. 27—The powerful — Infantry Division Blues forcibly demonstrated how they won the ETO football crown by battering a sturdy Navy Seabee eleven, 32-0, here this afternoon in an inter-service grid classic before an overflow throng.

The Blues played without Tommy Thompson, star halfback and alumnus of the Philadelphia Eagles, but that didn't stop them from crushing the opposition. And Lt. James Holston's attempt to keep the score from soaring by substituting freely also failed.

Five players contributed to the assault, touchdowns being registered by Dick Dreher, fullback from N. Hollywood, Cal.; Forest Ferguson, All-American end from Tallahassee, Fla.; Halfback Don Kelly, of Denver, Colo.; Johnny Bayne, of Ridgeforam, Ill., and Don Marriott, of Herkimer, N.Y., second team halfback.

Shuffles Lineup

Ferguson, a lanky pass-catcher from Florida University who barnstormed with the Army All-Stars two years ago, played only briefly as Holston shuffled his lineup when it became apparent that the Blues would win easily. But he definitely was the outstanding linesman of the game. Ferguson set the stage for his team's first tally by grabbing a long pass thrown by Halfback Jimmy Evans, of Williamsport, Pa., and scampering down the sidelines until driven out of bounds on the two. Dreher crashed over on the next play as the first period ended.

Eight plays later, Ferguson did it again, spearing Evans' looping pass with one hand and racing 14 yards down the sideline for a touchdown. Dreher's perfect placement gave the Blues a 13-0 lead at the intermission.

In the third quarter, although they threatened several times. Whenever they approached the goal line, yeoman defensive work by Lou Young, right end who formerly captained Dartmouth; George Nicholas, 202-pound right tackle from Port Arthur, Texas, and Johnny Zajcek, right guard from Chicago, repulsed them.

Final Period Sad for Navy

However, the final period was a sad experience for the Seabees, as their undermanned squad tired badly. The Blues pushed across three rapid touchdowns, one on a pass from Evans to Bayne, who dashed the last 25 yards after catching the ball.

Early in the fourth quarter, Bayne and Johnny Bardas, sub halfback from Vanderbilt, Pa., collaborated to march the Blues from midfield to the Seabee eight-yard line. Then Kelly, after taking a plunge into the center of the line, scooted around right end behind strong interference to score. Bayne circled right end for the extra point.

The final counter just beat the gun. Marriott intercepted a desperate pass by Paul Lisec, Seabee quarterback from Windham, Ohio, and romped 35 yards down the sidelines unmolested to cross the payoff stripe.

Evidence of the Blues superiority—they outweighed the Seabees 21 and one-half pounds per man—is clearly indicated by the statistics. The sailors were checked without a first down and their efforts to gain through the line resulted in a net loss of 14 yards. In the air, they completed one pass good for five yards.

Cadets Notch 13th in Row With Victory Over NYU

WEST POINT, Feb. 27—Army's undefeated basketball quintet rang up victory No. 13 when they overpowered the NYU squad, 46-36, here last night. The triumph was registered with the Cadets' star center, Ed Christl, on the bench with a broken thumb.

Two more games remain on the Cadet schedule, Maryland Wednesday and Navy Saturday.

Hockey Results

Buffalo 3, Pittsburgh 3
Cleveland 3, Hershey 0

Terry and the Pirates



From Links to Pinks



Ben Hogan, famed golfer and top money winner, and his wife take a last look at the ocean from the boardwalk at Miami Beach, Fla., before Hogan leaves for the west. Hogan was graduated from OCS recently.

Gil Dodds Captures AAU Mile In 4:08.3 for New Meet Mark

NEW YORK, Feb. 27—Gil Dodds, fast-stepping divinity student from Boston, scored his fourth consecutive mile triumph as he galloped off with the feature of the National AAU championship meet in Madison Square Garden last night, but for the second successive week missed setting a world record by fractions of a second. He won by 60 yards, covering the distance in 4:08.3, three-tenths slower than last week.

Lippy Is Willing

Gives Him the Sign

NEW YORK, Feb. 27—Though not keen about returning to the active list, Lippy Durocher, talkative manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has revealed that he will undergo an operation on his elbow in order to play if such a move is necessary.



Lippy Durocher

"It's the kind of a bone chip that caused my elbow to lock after a couple of hard throws," he explained. "If Mr. Rickey thinks it necessary for me to play, I'm perfectly willing to undergo an operation that will have me ready shortly after the season opens."

Durocher has just returned from Florida, where he vacationed after his much-talked-of trip overseas to entertain troops with Actor Danny Kaye was cancelled.

Toledo Quintet Beaten By Bluejackets, 77-29

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Feb. 27—With every sailor scoring, Lt. Tony Hinkle's powerful Great Lakes Bluejackets chalked up their 30th victory Friday night, defeating Toledo, former national basketball champions, 77-29.

Toledo was entirely outplayed and outsmarted. Gus Feistkorn was game high scorer with 17 points for Toledo, while Charley Jochim and Dallas Zuber hooped 12 each for Great Lakes. Zuber was the scoring star for Toledo last year.

Greentree Stables' Stirrup First in Flamingo Stakes

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 27 (Reuter)—Stirrup, belonging to the Greentree Stables, won the \$15,000 Flamingo Stakes at Hialeah Park yesterday in the first test of three-year-old candidates for the Kentucky Derby.

Dodds ran the same race as last week, slowing up in the last quarter after a phenomenal pace in the first three. He snapped the existing mark for three running and had nothing left for the final splurge.

Dartmouth's Don Burnham was second, Hume of Michigan was third and Bill Hulse, NYAC, fourth. Dodds' time was four-tenths of a second better than the meet record set by Les MacMitchell in 1942.

Pvt. Barney Ewell, of Camp Lee, Va., was the first champion crowned when he hurled 24 feet six inches in the broad jump. This was ten inches farther than he jumped last year for the championship.

Les Eisenhart, Columbus, Ohio, school teacher, put on a garrison finish to score an upset in the 1,000-yard race, coming from far back on the last lap to win in 2:15. He finished a yard ahead of John Roxborough of Michigan, while Johnny Fulton, California speedster, was third. Joe Nowicki, marine trainee from the University of Rochester, who beat Fulton last week, was fourth.

Bob Ufer, of Michigan, had an easy time in winning the 600-yard run, finishing 15 yards ahead of Herb McKenley to set a meet record with 1:11.3. Veteran Jim Herbert was third.

Eddie Conwell, NYU Negro trackster, tied the world indoor record in the 60-yard dash with six and one-tenth seconds. Defending champion Herbert Thompson was second.

Ensign Ollie Hunter, former Notre Dame star representing Columbia, won the three-mile run from Lt. Joe McCluskey by 60 yards. Hunter's time was 14:22.2.

Notre Dame Holds Ives, Hawkeyes Beaten, 66-42

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 27 (AP)—Notre Dame held leading Big Ten scorer Dick Ives to only four field goals as the Irish romped to an overwhelming 66-42 victory over the University of Iowa, while its own sharpshooting Leo Klier racked up 17 points.

Ray Mueller Rejected

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 27—A stomach ailment caused the rejection of Ray Mueller, catcher for the Cincinnati Reds, for military service. He was the first-string receiver for the Reds last season, working 140 games.

N.Y. Ring Scoring To Be Made Public

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 — Recent squawks over officials scoring New York fights has resulted in a new rule put into effect by the New York State Athletic Commission.

Henceforth, scorecards of both judges and the referee will be made public immediately after the bout in every fight club in the state.

Baksi Outpoints Tami Mauriello

Scores Decisive Upset In Heavyweight Bout At the Garden

NEW YORK, Feb. 27—Joe Baksi, Pennsylvania coal miner, put the shovel to Tami Mauriello, New York favorite, and pushed him out of the heavyweight picture, winning a unanimous ten-round decision at Madison Square Garden Friday night before 16,015 fans.

The victory established the Slavic slugger as a first-rate heavy. He dropped Mauriello for the nine-count just before the bell at the end of the first.

It was Mauriello's worst beating since joining the pros, and had the bell not sounded he would no doubt have suffered the first kayo of his career, as he was in bad shape and Baksi was ready for the kill.

It was a slashing right hook followed by a vicious left that put the New Yorker to the canvas. The 11-5 favorite struggled to his feet and would have gone down again from any kind of a blow, but the bell intervened.

Though Baksi had Tami groggy several times, the first-round affair was the only knockdown of the entire bout. Weighing 210, Baksi had a 14 and three-quarter pound weight average over Mauriello and beat him to the punch, out-boxing him throughout.

Harris Beaten Again by LaMotta

DETROIT, Feb. 27—Jake LaMotta, New York middleweight, scored his third triumph over Ossie "Bulldog" Harris, Pittsburgh Negro, winning a ten-round taking a disputed decision. Friday, however, the New Yorker never left the result in doubt, nearly kayoing Harris in the opening round.

Duke Annexes Southern Title

RALEIGH, N.C., Feb. 27 (AP)—Second-seeded Duke upset a favored North Carolina team last night to win the Southern Conference basketball championship with a stunning 44-27 victory in the finals of the annual tournament.

The Blue Devils, who were defeated by the top-seeded Tarheels two out of three games in the regular season, brushed the Carolians aside, 27-17, in the first half and outscored them, 17-10 in the second period to run up their 17-point victory margin—one of the widest in the history of Southern Conference championship games.

Sooner Surge Overcomes Nebraska Hoopmen, 43-32

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 27 (AP)—Allie Payne, veteran Oklahoma guard, scored on a free throw and a setup to break a 30-30 tie with seven minutes to go, then led the Sooners in a rally which gave them a 43-32 victory over Nebraska.

Short baskets by Nebraska's Al Kirlin and all-around shooting by Allan Artman and Bob Tangeman gave the Huskers a 30-26 lead with eight minutes to go, but tips by Harold Grossman and Ken Pryor's two free throws brought the 30-30 tie.

Schmidt Out at Idaho

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 27—Francis Schmidt is looking for a coaching job. The University of Idaho revealed Friday that the Board of Regents decided not to renew his contract as head coach next fall.

By Milton Caniff

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

Sports SIDELIGHTS

The racing boom continues unabated, with Hialeah Park running more than \$100,000 a day ahead of the track's previous all-time high. Attendance is actually down by ten per cent, which makes the handle even more remarkable.

The newest young fireball pitcher to get into the big leagues is Emery "Jim" Hresko, 17, of the Flint, Mich. American Legion baseball club. He signed with Detroit. No terms of the transaction were released, but Jim made it known that the Giants had offered him a \$2,500 bonus and \$300 a month for a contract. The Tigers apparently topped that.

When Alva Bradley, president of the Cleveland Indians, scratched baseball men the wrong way by saying he didn't think the game would last the season out—and that he'd rather close down than give the fans low grade baseball, some unkind soul wrote to the Cleveland papers and asked what kind of baseball Bradley thought he'd been giving Cleveland fans the past few years. The Indians have done less with good material than any other club in the circuit, because of front office and managerial blunders.

Billy Werber, the former major league infielder, is doing better in insurance than he ever did in baseball. Billy wrote more than a million and a half dollars worth of policies in his first full year as a salesman.

You probably are familiar with the fame of Hilda (The Bell Ringer) Chester, Brooklyn's number one roofer, but you probably didn't know that her daughter Bea is an infielder on the South Bend Blue Sox of the Girl's Pro League, and considered one of the best feminine ball players in the business.

There's a move on now to get the old baseball vet, Maj. Hank Cowdy, into baseball's Hall of Fame. No so much because he was the first baseball man to enlist in the last war, and is back again in this one, but because of his all-round ability. Only Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig have beaten Cowdy's .545 World Series batting average which he set in 1914 with the Boston Braves' wonder club.

Lt. Joe Frisbie, is now stationed in the South Pacific. Portland, Ore., may meet a side match between Sammy Joe Waterman is waiting to sound out Pacific Northwest fans, to see if they will stand for a top of \$27.50.

His commission in the Maritime Service is hampering the work of Lt. Benny Leonard. Benny is a licensed referee, but has to stay within 25 miles of his base.

Indicative of the sports program at Iowa Pre-Flight, the swimming staff gives 60,000 lessons a week. Jewell Young, the former Purdue star who held the Big Ten basketball scoring record until Illinois' Andy Phillips cracked it last year, is now an ensign in the Navy.

McSpaden's Lead Cut in 2nd Round Of N. Orleans Play

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 27—Hampered by a strong wind, professional golfers trudged through the second round of the \$5,000 New Orleans Open yesterday, as Jug McSpaden continued to lead the field, though his margin was cut to two strokes. He went one over par, scoring a 73 for a 36-hole total of 141.

Sammy Byrd, who was tied for second yesterday, was the only one to hold his own, registering a 73 for a two-day total of 143. Craig Wood had a miserable afternoon, falling down to 151. Byron Nelson said, "This is the worst 18 holes I've ever shot," as he reported a 78 to fall to fifth place with a total of 149.

Postman Rings Twice For Ex-Yankee Chapman

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 27—The postman rang twice for Ben Chapman, former major league star for the Yankees and Senators.

The first letter contained a new contract to manage the Richmond club in the Piedmont League at a handsome increase in salary. The second missive was a notice from his draft board to report Mar. 1 for his induction physical exam.

Bosox Sign Trio

BOSTON, Feb. 27—The Boston Red Sox Friday signed outfielder Johnny Lazor, first baseman George Metkovich and pitcher Clem Hausman. Lazor and Metkovich were with the Sox last year and Hausman was drafted from Kansas City, where he won 14 and lost 14 last season.

Rockne Aide Dies

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 27—Thomas Mills, former assistant coach to Knute Rockne at Notre Dame and head coach at Georgetown University, has died of a heart disease. He served as director of the Rockne Memorial.

Purdue, Wildcats Out of Big Ten Race

Double X Seeking To Make Comeback

CHICAGO, Feb. 27—Jimmy Foxx has applied for reinstatement from the voluntarily retired list and, if granted, will rejoin the Chicago Cubs. Foxx retired last year because, he said, "The end for me as a player is in sight." He is 36 and recently was rejected for military service. Double X is best remembered as a member of the Philadelphia Athletics and Boston Red Sox in the American league, where he carooned extra base hits off the fences and slapped homers over the fences for 17 years as a member of the Philadelphia Athletics and the Boston Red Sox.

Canucks Clinch Hockey Crown

10-2 Triumph Over Bruins Brings First Title In 13 Years

MONTREAL, Feb. 27—The Montreal Canadiens clinched the National Hockey League championship last night, administering a humiliating 10-2 defeat to the fifth-place Boston Bruins before 11,226 fans.

It will be the first title for the Montreal club since the 1930-31 season. They

Hockey League Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Montreal	30	4	7	67	Chicago	18	18	4	40
Detroit	20	14	6	46	Boston	16	21	4	36
Toronto	19	20	4	42	New York	6	32	3	15

have only four losses so far to spoil their record.

The Canadiens applied the pressure from the opening whistle and in ten minutes had two goals by Phil Watson and Elmer Lach. They continued the assault on the Bruin net with four goals.

It was the 21st straight victory for the Canadiens on home ice.

Leafs, 3-2

TORONTO, Feb. 27—The hottest forward line in the National League gave the Chicago Black Hawks a 3-2 triumph over the Toronto Maple Leafs last night, scoring the deciding tallies in the third period.

Bill Mosienko, Clint Smith and Doug Bentley put on the greatest three-man show of the season, each scoring a goal and aiding with brilliant passing and checking.

Both Toronto goals were scored by Tom O'Neil, youngest rookie on the green Toronto club, in the second period. Both tallies came less than a minute apart on setups by Babe Pratt. It was the only lapse by Mike Karakas, Hawk goalie, however, as he frustrated all other scoring thrusts.

Out of the Cellar in '44, Mack Predicts for A's

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27—Connie Mack has started his 43rd year as manager of the Philadelphia Athletics—and is determined to do something toward getting the team out of the American League cellar.

Baseball's "Grand Old Man," who has been a bench manager since 1901, was also re-elected president and treasurer, a post he had held since 1936, at the annual meeting of stockholders and directors.

Fire Kills 13 Horses

MARION, Ohio, Feb. 27—Thirteen harness horses were killed when a fire swept the barns at the Marion County Fair Grounds, causing an estimated \$18,000 damage. Twelve of the victims were two-year-olds never having raced, while the other was Audrey's Sister, a three-year-old who raced last year on the Grand Circuit.

Tall and Talented



CAGE RESULTS

Friday's Games

Arkansas 70, Texas Aggies 35
Baldwin Wallace 78, Camp Reynolds 43
Bunker Hill Naval 41, Indiana 36
DePaul 61, Ohio State 49
Duke 40, North Carolina State 32
Duke 68, William and Mary 25
Great Lakes 77, Toledo 29
Illinois 50, Northwestern 47
Iowa 44, Simpson 42
LaSalle 61, Atlantic City Naval 42
LIU 66, Brooklyn 48
LSU 66, LSU ASTP 45
Haverford 74, Johns Hopkins 43
North Carolina 62, Richmond 41
North Carolina 39, VPI 24
Oklahoma Aggies 57, Denver 25
Pacific 54, Reed 20
Wisconsin 50, Minnesota 33

Saturday's Games

Arkansas 60, Texas Aggies 38
Army 46, NYU 36
Floyd Bennett Field 59, New York FBI 43
Case 59, Akron 52
CCNY 44, St. Joseph's 41
Connecticut 70, Northeastern 37
Delaware 54, Wesleyan Teachers 15
Detroit 41, Selfridge Field 28
Detroit Tech 60, Assumption 40
Dubuque 56, Wartburg 35
Duke 44, North Carolina 27
Haverford 74, Johns Hopkins 43
Highpoint 47, Morris Field 43
Iowa Navy 46, Loras 39
Kansas 31, Herington Air Base 30
Kansas 40, Missouri 17
Kentucky 51, Ohio U. 35
Lubbock Air Field 51, Texas Tech 49
Marshall 84, Salem 33
Minnesota 49, Chicago 26
Navy 69, Maryland 35
Norfolk Naval 69, Villanova 19
Northwestern 51, Purdue 45
Notre Dame 66, Iowa 42
Ohio State 61, Indiana 43
Oklahoma 43, Nebraska 32
Oklahoma Aggies 56, Tulsa 29
Ottelbein 38, Wooster 35
Pittsburgh 60, W. Virginia 57
St. Thomas 49, Augsburg 43
Temple 55, Western Michigan 51
Valparaiso 42, Concordia 36

DePaul Stops Ohio S., 61-49

Demon Quintet Wins Berth In Invitation Tourney With Victory

CHICAGO, Feb. 27 (AP)—Towering George Mikan scored three field goals and two free throws in an overtime period as DePaul defeated Ohio State, 61-49, Stadium Friday night.

In winning their 18th game in 21 starts, DePaul's Demons won a bid to the National Invitation Tournament in New York next month.

Ohio State, assured of at least a share of the Big Ten crown, trailed, 31-25, at the half, then tied the count four times in the second half.

Kentucky Takes 14th, Clawing Ohio U., 51-35

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 27 (AP)—Coach Adolph Rupp's Kentucky Wildcats closed their regular basketball season with a 51-35 victory over Ohio University last night after a skittery first half which saw the visitors in command for most of the time.

Tonight's triumph was the 14th of the season for Kentucky, which has lost one game. The loss was seventh of the campaign for Coach Trautwein's Bobcats against nine victories.

Whit Wyatt In Dodger Fold; Yankees Sign Ernie Bonham

NEW YORK, Feb. 27—Smiles wreathed the faces of New York baseball executives today as the Giants, Yankees and Dodgers announced receiving contracts.

Branch Rickey was in the most receptive mood as he unfolded a contract signed by John Whitlow Wyatt, the greatest Brooklyn hurler since Dazzy Vance. Whit, as he is better known, enclosed a note seeking permission to train in the South rather than at the Dodgers' Bear Mountain, N.Y., camp. He has intentions of stretching his unbroken ten-game winning streak and believes Southern workouts will aid materially.

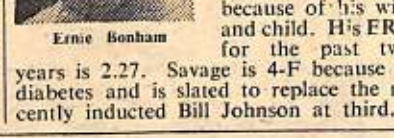
Veteran Outfielder Johnny Cooney also signed a Brooklyn contract and requested permission to train at his home in Sarasota, Fla. The Giants came up with a free agent pitcher named Ken Miller, while the Yankees corralled Pitcher

Ernie Bonham, infielder Don Savage and Coach Johnny Neun.

Miller has been out of baseball since 1941, working in a war plant since the Michigan State League folded.

Neun's signing was merely a matter of form, as he accepted the coaching appointment Wednesday.

Bonham didn't inform the Yanks of any change in his draft status. He is 3-A because of his wife and child. His ERA for the past two years is 2.27. Savage is 4-F because of diabetes and is slated to replace the recently inducted Bill Johnson at third.



Ernie Bonham

Iowa Remains As Only Threat To Ohio State

Northwestern Eliminated By Illini, Then Cats Claw Boilermakers

CHICAGO, Feb. 27—Both Purdue and Northwestern were eliminated from the Big Ten basketball race over the weekend, leaving only the Hawkeyes of Iowa to threaten Ohio State, which already is assured of at least a tie for the Western Conference cage crown.

Northwestern took it on the chin from Illinois here Friday night, 50-47, with 10,864 watching the Wildcats drop their

Ohio State Accepts Bid to NCAA Playoffs

CHICAGO, Feb. 27—Ohio State, certain of at least a tie in the Big Ten conference, yesterday accepted an invitation to represent District Four in the NCAA Eastern Division playoffs in New York, Mar. 23 and 25.

The bid was first offered to DePaul, but that school had accepted a bid to the National Invitation Tournament in New York a short time previously.

third loop loss. The Illini, who were eliminated from the race some time ago, had a 26-23 margin at the halfway mark and allowed Northwestern to draw abreast only twice thereafter.

The Wildcats gathered some measure of compensation for that setback by clawing Purdue, 51-45, at Lafayette, Ind., last night. The Cats had to come from behind in the second half to clip the Boilermakers after trailing, 25-24. After wiping out the one-point deficit early in the second period, Northwestern coasted home ahead for its seventh triumph in the circuit.

Gophers Split; Subdue Chicago

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 27 (AP)—Minnesota wound up its home Big Ten basketball season by defeating Chicago, 49-26, here last night on the strength of a second half rally.

For a time during the first half, it appeared that Chicago might break its long string of conference defeats, the first half ending with the visitors leading, 24-23.

Luck was not on the Gophers' side Friday night, however, as they went down before Wisconsin's combination, 50-33, in a game played on the winners' floor.

The Badgers, bidding for a first division berth in the Big Ten race, played differently in their last home appearance and held only a 9-8 advantage after the first ten minutes. However, they began pulling away after Guard Russ Wendlund entered the game.

Hoosiers Whipped By Bunker Hill

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 27 (AP)—After trailing for three quarters of the game, Bunker Hill Naval Air Station rushed to a 41-36 victory over Indiana here Friday night.

Paced by Bob Rowland, who scored Indiana's first seven points, the Hoosiers took an early lead. Rowland and Mercer kept Indiana three to five points ahead for the remainder of the half. The visitors shackled Indiana's scoring duo in the second half, holding the Hoosiers to three field goals.

Temple Quintet Defeats Western Michigan, 55-51

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27 (AP)—Temple University scored one of the biggest upsets of the basketball season by handing Western Michigan its first defeat of the season by a college team, 55-51, here last night in the nightcap of a double-header at Convention Hall.

In another upset, CCNY defeated St. Joseph's of Philadelphia 44-41 in the opener.

Li'l Abner



By Al Capp

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Hash Marks

Leave it to a GI; he'll come through with something new! Not so long ago we reported the signal corps had crossed an owl with a parrot to develop a new bird for delivering messages. Now T/Sgt. Harold Zevloff tells us the bird has been "crossed" again—this time with a woodpecker. Now we have a bird that can fly by night, deliver messages verbally, and also observe military courtesy by knocking on the door!

Oddities on the Home Front: In Little Ferry, N.J., the town's one-man police



force is seeking the thief who stole the town's police headquarters—a six by nine foot frame building.

Speaking of Unique Occupations, Pfc Harold Modes knocked us off our feet today with an elaborate account of his pre-war doings. In an elaborate letter, Modes claims he used to be an "oyster cracker" counter (tabulator) for a biscuit company. Says he counted out 378 crackers for the 5 cent size package, 797 for the dime size and 1,623 for the 19 cent week-end special. He also had vacation with pay during the months with no "R." (Do you think he's pulling our leg?)

How's your foxhole digging these days? Out on Bougainville Island Pfc Roy L. Webb bet fellow GIs that he could dig a foxhole eight feet wide, 10 feet long and four feet deep in four hours. He finished the job in four minutes under the stipulated time, taking five three-minute rest periods and eating five bars of chocolate for energy. More than \$800 in side bets were placed on the outcome.

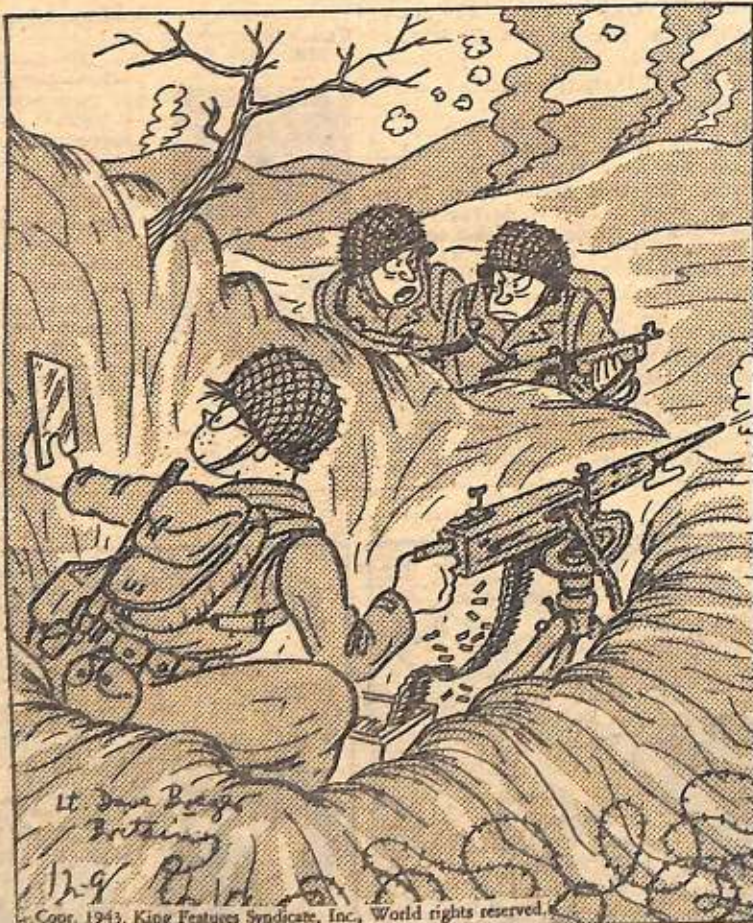
We are not starting the Civil war all over again but we can't resist passing on this anecdote. There's a club in London



called the Union Jack. It's for British servicemen but there's one GI Joe who hangs out there by himself all the time. Finally someone asked him why he came there so much. The GI replied in a deep southern accent: "This is the only place I can get away from all the damn yankees!"

An American nurse just back from Africa says the term "foxhole" is very misleading—every time she jumped into one she found a Wolf!

PRIVATE BREGER



Lt. Dave Breger, British

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"See what I mean about fancy stuff with a mirror?"

The 'Battle of Guts' at the Rapido

Yanks Get Nowhere, But Bloody Fight Helps Anzio

American troops in Italy recently fought an action which high-ranking officers refer to now as "The Battle of Guts." It was a battle in which the Yanks fought with everything they had against everything that a more advantageously placed German force could throw at them. And when it was over, the Americans were right back where they started.

It was a sacrifice play—if you can regard the bloody fracas with so light a phrase. But it served a greater purpose than the men engaged in it knew. High Army quarters declared that the action contributed materially to the success of the amphibious operations then just beginning at the Anzio beachhead farther north. Here is the story of the battle.

By John O. Kearney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer, Algiers

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY (delayed) "The Battle of Guts" was an effort to establish a bridgehead across the Rapido River in the vicinity of San Angelo, at a place, southeast of Cassino, where the swift gorge-like river bends through a tight "S" formation.

The action began in the foggy darkness of Thursday night, Jan. 20, with an artillery barrage which put down more than 30,000 rounds in a relatively small area on Jerry's side of the river. Our own smashing, friendly steel pulverized the crust of earth plotted out as the objective. But there wasn't anything man could do about the coldness of the swift Rapido itself. A tough chore lay ahead of the riflemen who started out in the darkness, cautiously filing along the rutted dirt roads toward the river.



Pvt. Jobe Thomas, of Detroit. He came back...

At a spot not far inward from the bank they had their steel assault boats; and they had rubber pontoons and ropes, and the gear of footbridges. In their pockets and in the packs on their backs they carried cigarettes, hand-grenades and the like.

At the very outset they lost several men in a lane the Germans had re-mined. Many of the men in the assault boats were not seasoned veterans; they got a rude initiation in the ways of warfare. Several assault boats were punctured by enemy artillery fire in the few hours preceding the attack. The heavy craft were lugged to the bank of the river by sweating, dry-mouthed men. They were slid down the steep, graveled side—and then sank without a gurgle.

Two Guns Lost

There in the darkness these men learned that steel assault boats cannot be launched prow first into a swift river down steep, stony banks. Two machine-guns went to the bottom along with the lesson. German gunners were periodically raking the river with unobserved fire. Still, large groups got over in the boats, and they strung the footbridge on which others followed.

The attackers pushed inland swiftly over a mined field for more than 400 yards before they ran into barbed wire and into a withering crossfire of German machine-guns and mortars. By this time



"We take cover at a wrecked railway station as the 'screaming meemies' start to drop on this side of Mt. Trocchio."—Sketch by Sgt. Edward Vebell, Stars and Stripes artist, of actual scene at the front.

daylight was putting color in the fog; and there was nothing to do but dig in.

One of the wounded who later swam back across the stream said he hit the dirt below a crossfire that whistled like a hundred rapiers slashing the air. Against the sides of the field long shadows moved in the fog. These were Jerry snipers and machine-guns. But as targets they were little better than guesswork.

Shortly before daybreak our forces on the American side of the river lighted their smokepots. A slowly moving chill wind carried the smoke westward over the bridgehead. But over the river itself the fog and the smoke leaped like the belly of a horse over a hurdle. In the tunnel of clear air our footbridge lay in sharp sight of inaccessible German machine-guns.

Medic Busy

This was Friday morning, Jan. 21, Jerry's 150mm. Nebelwerfers—his six-barreled, electrically fired "screaming meemies"—started plastering both sides of the river with shards of steel. Assault forces still on our side of the river were all but cut off from the immediate rear of our front lines.

Under our own fire, Jerry's 105s, 155s, three-inch TDs. And the air shivered with the screaming and the whirling and the cloudburst of return fire. And then litter bearers went out after the litter bearers. Some of them ran the footbridge in sharp sight of German machine-guns. One unarmed medic beat his way across ten times.

Under the cover of smoke-filled darkness on Friday night, reinforcements moved across the river. But they found enemy crossfire so heavy and so well entrenched that they had to dig in beside the others almost as soon as they hit the head. From that time on, the machine-gunning and the mortaring of our forces continued without letup.

American attempts to organize attacks were difficult. Our men were dug in shoulder to shoulder. Element commanders were killed in their foxholes. Snipers shot at every head that showed above the ground.

Puzzled Arrival

On Saturday, Jan. 22, feverish efforts were being made to push a bridge across the river in the coming darkness—a bridge over which we might have run tanks and heavy weapons. Just as feverish was the work of maintaining communications with the assault forces, and with the forces waiting down there on our side of the river.

Out of a forward aid station shortly after 1500 hours came a soldier whose combat suit was sodden with mud. He had just come back from there—from across the river. He came to a slow stop, and stood still as an old man puzzled over the loss of his cane.

"They sent me back with a message," he said. "I've got men still over there. I'm a lieutenant."

Each of his sentences was said as a thing complete in itself. He sounded like a schoolmarm giving examples of simple sentences, and of sentences with dependent clauses tacked on. It was speech as clear and as bookish as the Bible.

"There are some things I've got to say. I've been thinking about them too long.

"This is the worst I have ever seen. . . I'm not doing anybody any good over there. . . I'm tired. . . I haven't got anything in me any more. . . There are some of my men over there. . . There's nothing else to do. . . I'm going back over there."

He lit a cigarette. His all-but unbending legs moved him off down the road.

The Germans took the initiative in the last phases of this action, "The Battle of Guts." At approximately 1700 hours Saturday they began a counter-attack against our forces entrenched on the bridgehead. The crumpling of their shells and the spitting cracks of their machine pistols were clearly heard across the river.

The first weight of it came at 1700 hours and was repulsed. The second wave followed at about 1730 hours—and was not repulsed. The withdrawal of our assault forces from across the Rapido was begun.

The night staggered around to Sunday morning, Jan. 23. Men were still getting back after dawn. Most of them had to swim the river. The bridge had been shot out. Several men repaired it under fire. Jerry shot it out again. Smoke

pots still shrouded the area. Artillery banged away as though it had been at it forever.

"This battle," a high officer said, "has been in effect since the second landing of the unit. These men came in at Salerno. Their efforts to establish this bridgehead, and their efforts to stay there, have now contributed to the success of the amphibious operations by forcing the Germans to pull forces out of the Rome area."

Other high officers spoke with sad pride. Briefly, in the terse language of communiques, they said things everybody knew. In the face of overwhelming fire, they said, this small force continued to fight toward its objective. Even when it became apparent that withdrawal was the only course, they said, these men fought on to their last cartridge, to their last hand grenades.

How well they fought, how well they earned for themselves the name of the men who fought "The Battle of Guts," lies in the still living example of the 20-year-old soldier who was brought into a first-aid station.

This doughfoot had been hit by a mortar shell as he lay in his foxhole across the river late Saturday. His foot hung by a shred of skin to the stump of the leg. The heat of the blast had melted the lead. This doughfoot had had a bullet had thrown his last grenade; had blown his brains out when the mortar hit.

After a little time he crawled out of his foxhole, pushed himself along with one good leg, and pulled himself onward by the nails of his hands—maybe 400 yards until he reached the river. Many times he stopped. Many times he fainted. When he got to the water he rolled in. The river was cold and deep, and God knows how wide in the dark.

'Kid Has Guts'

Up the other bank, steep and graveled, and the foot still hanging by the shred of flesh. And on for another 400 yards before he met with two of our men.

"Most of them ask me, usually, whether they're badly hurt; and I always say: 'No, it's nothing more than a rat bite.' But not this fellow.

"His," said the doctor, "was one of the most amazing feats of human endurance I've ever seen. He told me he had fought on to the last of his ammunition—and then threw his knife. But I can't tell you about it the way he told me. There was something else in it—something not in words.

"I gave him some hot coffee; wrapped him up. Finally he said: 'My foot's gone, Doc. I know that. I'm all right. I made it. How about the other boys?'

"That kid," said the Doc, "has guts."



ARMY POETS

Emulating

I'd rather be a beaver Than a busy bee. I guess I'm made for "Dam work," Or so it seems to me.

Let "Ferdinand" and insects Improve each shining hour, And while I'm doing "Dam work" Let them smell a flower.

I'll emulate the beaver And strive to do it well. While busy with my "Dam work" Let bees fly 'round and smell.

Of course bees have some virtue, For they're in clover, too. But I'll stick to my "Dam work," And so, I hope, will you.

Captain Teed.

Space

When first he came to see her He had a bashful heart And when the lights were burning low They sat this far apart But when their love grew warmer And they learned the joy of a kiss They knocked out all the spaces And sat close together likethis.

Anon.

Norwegian Praise

"O wad some pow'r the giftie gie us To see ourselves as others see us!"

GIs of the pick and shovel brand will have at least one such opportunity, for their achievements, pride and discipline are the subject of an interesting report prepared by the Norwegian Captain Brynjolf Bjorset after two months' service with U.S. Army Engineers in this theater.

"The unusual achievements and the long working hours of the United States Engineers as compared to those of other armies seem to be due not only to physical superiority and excellent food but to a new form of discipline from which all other armies may learn," claims Captain Bjorset, and continuing adds: "A United States lieutenant said: 'Many do not understand the free and easy way of the United States enlisted man. They do not understand that he is a gentleman in his own right, and he knows it, and most of his officers know it.'"

The Norwegian watched an Engineer company engaged in a rush assignment and reported: "For a considerable time officers and men worked from 4 AM until 7 PM with half-an-hour's break for lunch, without losing vigor. In any other army it would have been considered hazardous to offer the soldiers such a routine."

Superior and well-maintained equipment, the enthusiasm and strength of the soldiers, the excellent food and the mutual respect and democratic discipline were credited by Captain Bjorset for the speed of the work. Another factor he mentioned was the "impulsive" job and go home."

And while some may feel the Norwegian's report paints too rosy a picture, most will agree that it reflects the high standard of observation of U.S. Army Engineers, with which Robert Burns in his classic lines could find no fault.

Goebbels' Mathematics

During the past two weeks, all the resources of Goebbels' propaganda machine have been called in to make good with words the staggering losses that are accumulating on the German home front as a result of Allied round the clock raids on the Reich.

At first the Allied attacks were countered from Germany only with propaganda air raids on London. Then as the contents of the Goebbels communiques became suspect, sharp attacks on the British capital gave the impression that the British press had been playing down the German retaliation effort. In this manner Goebbels added his imaginary bombers to those operated by Goering to create a combined air force which has been making comforting headlines in the Nazi press for quite some little time.

But when Goebbels adds one to nothing and comes up with three, he creates a new problem. How much longer can this expert in propaganda and mathematics keep on fooling the German people?

No Glamor, but—

The Navy is proud of its glamor ships—the cruisers, carriers and big battle-wagons that slug with a mighty punch—but they point out that it's the smaller ships which often make this punch possible. Ships like the Delta, for instance—a repair ship functioning as a combination machine shop, printing press, electrical store, carpentry shop, foundry and a lot more. Built for the Matson Line to run sugar between San Francisco and Honolulu, the Delta was snapped up by the Navy and she spent her first year of the war carrying cargo from east coast ports to Iceland, unescorted, and in weather that included one hurricane which blew in at 130 miles per hour.

After her first year, she was converted to a repair ship and assigned to North Africa, where she stood by to repair other ships in the midst of bombs, shell-fire and explosions. And she repaired such vessels as the tank landing ship which had sustained 16 shell hits plus a bomb which had gone through her—and the ship whose fire control system had been shot away and half her wiring disconnected. All work was done, with repair crews taking time out to man the AA guns.

It's ships like the Delta, claims the Navy, that deserve more credit than they get. They're just as important to the smooth running of the fleet as the mightiest man-of-war.

NEWS FROM HOME U.S. Doubles Its Lend-Lease Aid To Reds in '43

7,800 Planes, 4,700 Tanks Sent; Soviet Gets 51 Pct. of Food Exports

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—Lend-Lease shipments of munitions and other supplies to the Soviet Union in 1943 were double those of the previous year, Foreign Economic Administrator Leo T. Crowley reported tonight.

Crowley disclosed that up to Jan. 1, 1944, Russia had received more than 7,800 planes, 4,700 tanks and tank destroyers, 170,000 trucks, 33,000 jeeps, nearly 25,000 other military motor vehicles and 6,000,000 pairs of Army shoes.

Of the 900,000,000 pounds of food exported last December, Crowley said, the Soviet Union was sent 51 per cent and the British Empire 42 per cent.

Testifying to the defeat of the U-boat, Crowley revealed that only one ship out of every 100 carrying goods to Russia was sunk last year. In 1942, he said, 12 out of every 100 went down.

In addition to food shipments, the U.S. has sent Russia 9,000 tons of seeds, Crowley reported.

Sutherland's Wife Dies

CLEARWATER, Fla., Feb. 27—Mrs. Howard Sutherland, of Elkins, W. Va., wife of the former U.S. senator and mother of Maj. Gen. Richard K. Sutherland, died Sunday. She also leaves two daughters, Mrs. Katherine Mayo, of Washington, and Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, wife of Bucky Harris, former Major League baseball player and manager.

Chinese Marine Officer

QUANTICO, Va., Feb. 27—The first Chinese to win a U.S. Marine commission is 2/Lt. Wilbur Carl Sze, 29, of Shanghai, who learned to speak and write English at 16 while attending Staunton Military Academy. He later went to high school and George Washington University. He is training as a specialist in electronics.

Want a Plane for \$300?

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 27—The Government put on sale 300 light training planes and 22 were sold quickly to civilians. Prices ranged from \$200 to nearly \$4,000. An OPA official said the buyers could get gasoline ration stamps for business trips.

Sea Commands for Negroes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—Twenty-two Negroes will be given commissions in the Naval Reserve, the first of their race to win that rank, the Navy Department announced. It also said two new anti-submarine vessels would be operated predominantly by Negro crews.

Couldn't Tell a Lie, Eh?

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27—George Washington tried to enlist in the Navy on Feb. 22. The recruiting officer agreed it was an appropriate day, but thought George looked young for his alleged 17 years. The boy's parents said he was only 15, so George was sent home.

Kaiser Eying Venezuela

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—Henry J. Kaiser said that he would enter bids on big municipal water development contracts in Venezuela. He said he could have men and machinery working in Caracas, capital of Venezuela, within six months of the end of hostilities.

Home, Sweet Home

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Feb. 27—A man and his wife have filed for the New Mexico gubernatorial nomination on different party tickets. Robert Peterson seeks the Republican nomination, while his wife Edna is campaigning for the Democratic nomination.

New Ass't. Sec. of Commerce

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt has named William Burden assistant secretary of commerce. He will replace William Clayton, who has been appointed an administrator in the Office of War Mobilization.

Preacher's Paradox

MOLINE, Ill., Feb. 27—The Rev. William R. Hodgson volunteered to fill a role in the high-school production of "Twelfth Night" when an actor became ill. He was given the part of Sir Toby Belch, a drunkard.

Luna Park Is Swept By Coney Island Fire

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—Luna Park, famous Coney Island amusement center, was damaged considerably yesterday in a fire which destroyed the Thompson Scenic Railway, the largest structure of its kind in the U.S.

A near-by elevated railway station and several other buildings were damaged also.

Hundreds of firemen, Coast Guardsmen and air-raid wardens battled the flames for an hour, preventing the fire from spreading.

A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody, Anyway



Keystone Photo

Rita Stearns, 17-year-old Washington (D.C.) high-school girl, probably is the envy of every unmarried girl in the States. Rita won the unique privilege of being the "solo audience" for Frank Sinatra as he sang to his nation-wide audience. She described his voice: "If lonesome, he reminds you of the guy away from your arms. If waiting for a dream prince, his thrilling voice sings for you 'alone.'"

Slaves of Sinatra Quietly Emancipate Themselves

NAUGATUCK, Conn., Feb. 27—This community's S-O-S Club has disbanded because, according to members: "Others kidded us so much about it that we couldn't take it any longer."

The S-O-S Club consisted of a group of high-school girls who met every Wednesday evening to listen to a certain radio program. S-O-S stood for "Slaves of Sinatra."

Just, Stable World Order U.S. War Goal, Hull Says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—A "durable, just and stable world order" as the final goal of the war.

"We should not strive to get one-sided agreements at the expense of the other countries," he said. "Such a policy will react disastrously on the nation following it, and in the end everyone will suffer."

Sour Note

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Feb. 27—Smith College girls have been warned against drinking at public bars and holding songfests in the streets.

Wants Marshalls Combed For Evidence of Earhart

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—A theory that Amelia Earhart, lost round-the-world flier, might have landed in the Marshall Islands in 1937 and been slain after discovering Japanese war preparations was revived by Rep. James H. Heflner (D., N.Y.) in letters to the War and Navy Departments.

The Brooklyn Congressman proposed that forces in the Marshalls be instructed to search for possible evidence that the aviatrix landed there.

Biddle Sees Threat Later

NEW YORK, Feb. 27—Attorney General Francis Biddle, asserting that German industry dominated the rest of Europe through pre-war cartels, called on U.S. business to "reverse the pre-war drift toward monopolization."

He proposed that "the fruits of Axis research over the last ten years should be made available to the industry of the world" and "German industry should not be allowed to retain the domination over European industry which it has acquired during the war."

Yanks Aren't Calloused Even Yet to Jeep Fatigue

CINCINNATI, Feb. 27 (AP)—Add "jeep disease," "destroyer stomach" and "sousaphone backache" to complaints of U.S. servicemen.

The jeep ailment arises from a cyst formation caused by rough-riding "in jeeps, lorries and tanks," according to a medical report. "Destroyer stomach" was described by Lt. Cmdr. Gibbs, Navy medic, as "due to protracted seasickness, irregular meals and nervous tension."

Gibbs also told of a boy in the Navy School of Music who complained of a backache, which he attributed to the 50-pound sousaphone.

"Next time I saw him he was playing a clarinet and 'never felt better,'" Gibbs said.

Hippo Was Harmless

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27—Herbert Fleishhaker, financier, was inspecting the Fleishhaker Zoo with his wife. At the hippopotamus pool he leaned over to feed peanuts to Puddles, new 500-pound occupant. Next instant the wealthy banker was thrashing around in nine feet of water after his slip. He was rescued, suffering only minor bruises, while Puddles looked on quietly.

Biggest Airfield Expected to Be Operating in '44

Idlewild, in Queens, N.Y., Has 2-Mile Runways, Will Handle 300 Ships Hourly

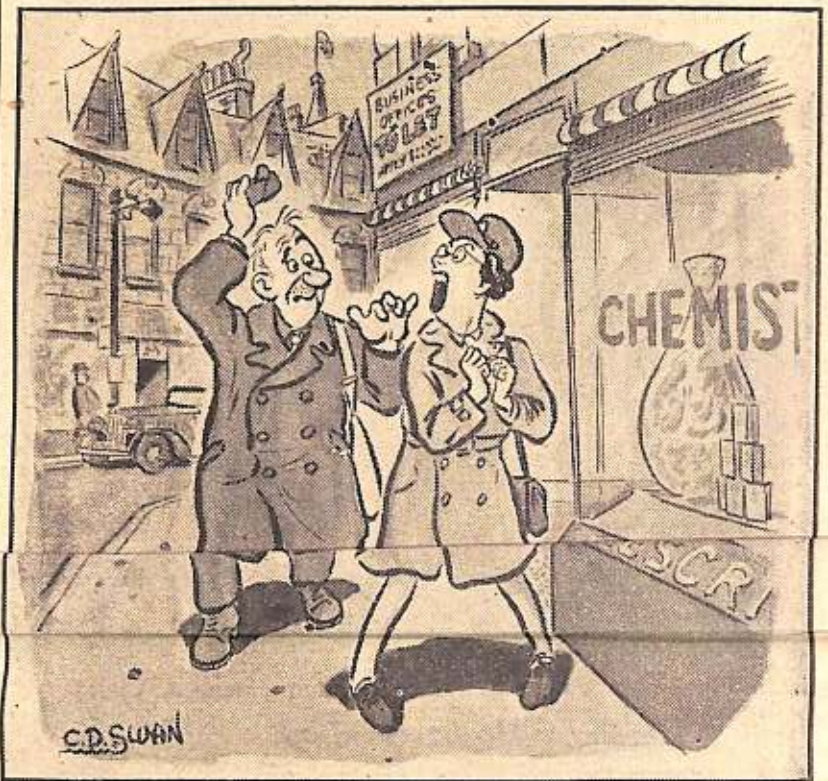
NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (UP)—By the end of the year, giant planes will be taking off from the two-mile concrete runways of the biggest and most modern air-drome in the world—Idlewild Field.

Located on the shores of Jamaica Bay, in the southern part of the borough of Queens, the field will have more than 13 miles of runways, 40 large steel and concrete hangars, a seaplane base and water hangars for giant transocean flying boats, and a radiolocation system for landing planes at night.

Although the war is holding up full development of the \$100,000,000 project, experts asserted that a limited service would be in progress by the end of this year. "When the field is fully developed, about 300 planes an hour will be able to land and take off."

Marlene's Gonna Play the Saw

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 27—Marlene Dietrich promised the Hollywood Victory Committee she would play the musical saw on a tour of Army centers.



"M.P.—M.P.!"

Diane



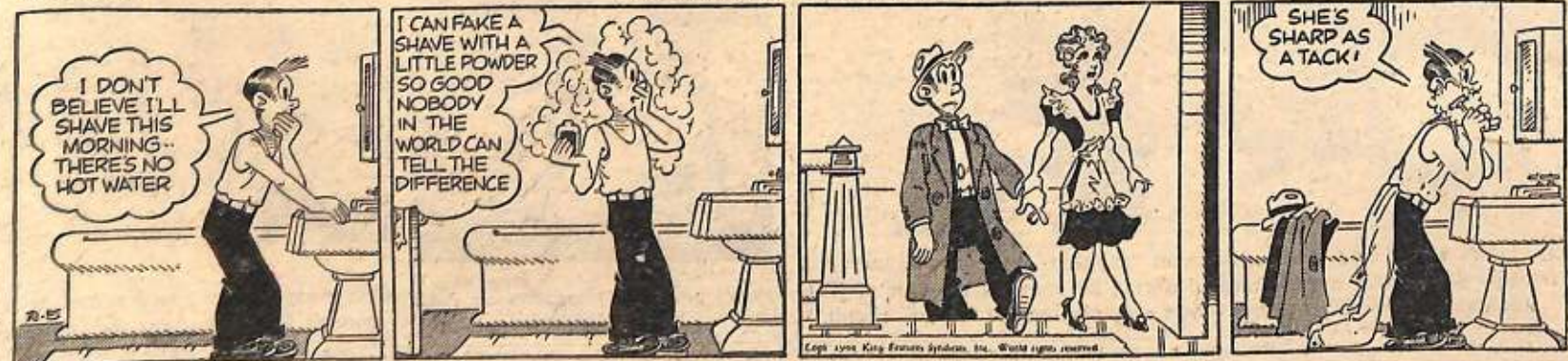
By Jean Baird

Male Call



By Milton Caniff

Blondie



By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate Inc.

By Chic Young

These Fliers Hoof It



Keystone Photo

Air force trainees at a camp high in the Rockies learn the business from the ground up. They master the intricacies of snowshoes first—planes later.

A Clean Sweep



Keystone Photo

Harry Glass, former Senator from Michigan, is a Pfc in N. Guinea

Wow!

South Sea Soap Opera



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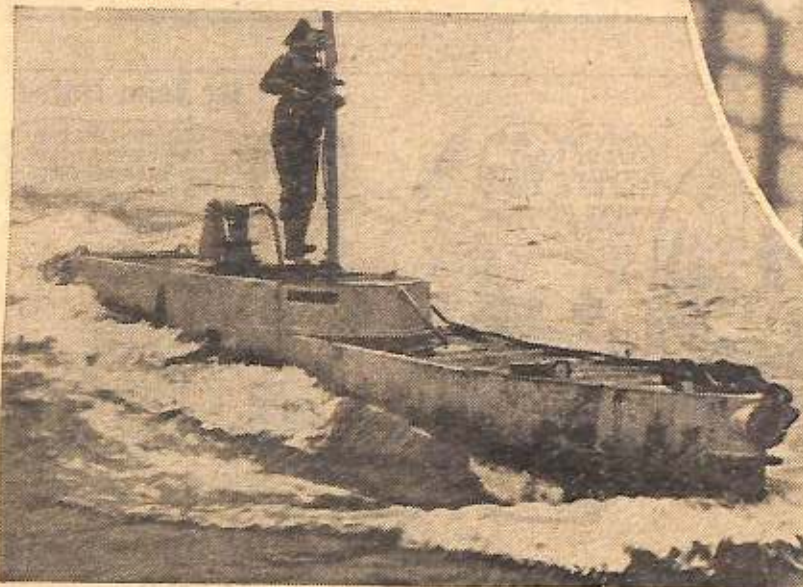
Lack of first-rate laundry facilities on Makin Island doesn't bother these GIs. Stripped for action, they waded right in and make wash-day look like a breeze.

The Fruits Of Victory



As a variation from dehydrated food, a transport plane lands in a Pacific combat zone with watermelons and pineapples.

Here's A Mighty Midget



This is one of Britain's famed "X-Boats," the tiny subs that torpedoed the Tirpitz anchored in the "safety" of a Norwegian fjord.

Looks Like Two Of A Kind



Lts. James Marsh and William Johnson "gang-up" on James Cagney in a "friendly game" at a station hospital during the movie star's tour of ETO installations with USO-Camp shows now playing the "Spam" circuit.



Evelyn Dall, Pin-Up Queen of an APO unit in the ETO.

S-t-r-e-t-c-h!



Planet Photo

Here's how Bill Dalziel met air cadet height requirements.

Cutting A Muddy Rug



Keystone Photos

Fifth Army GIs and Red Cross Clubmobile girls dance in a bivouac area while waiting for coffee and doughnuts.

This Journey's Necessary



Official U.S. Coast Guard Photo

With every inch of space crammed with men and supplies, a Coast Guard manned LST heads for the invasion of Cape Gloucester, New Britain.