

## U.S. Vessels Scouring Sea For Japanese

### Allies Masters in Air; Aussies, Yanks Join in New Guinea Drive

WASHINGTON, July 4—Armed with overwhelming supremacy of the air, American air forces pounded Japanese positions on New Georgia and New Guinea today, while United States naval units scoured the waters around the central Solomons in quest of new combat with Japanese warships.

The Americans maintained overwhelming air superiority. Japanese losses were reported to be four times as great as Allied, and on Wednesday the Japanese were so desperately in need of air defenses they sent up 20 obsolete single-engine float planes to participate in the battle, a United Press correspondent reported. Corsairs and Kittyhawks wiped out almost the complete formation in a few minutes.

In the first naval engagement since the American invasion of the central Solomons, United States ships routed a Japanese task force of three light cruisers and four destroyers which drew into position under cover of darkness and began to shell American positions on Rendova Island.

Before the Japanese unit could carry out its mission, American warships raced up at top speed and opened fire. The enemy vessels fled. No further details were received, and it was believed the American fleet units were seeking contact with the Japanese.

The quick action of the American ships averted a heavy assault on the Rendova Island positions from which American heavy artillery has been pounding the large Japanese airfield at Munda, on New Georgia Island, five miles away.

### Aussies, Yanks Join Hands

On New Guinea, meanwhile, American and Australian troops, having effected a juncture in the jungle, were reported to be converging on Salamaua, major Japanese base and apparently the first Allied objective in the intensified New Guinea fighting.

The Australians smashed their way from Mobo through the Jap jungle positions to join the Americans who landed at Nassau Bay as the offensive began. The combined forces were reported today to be within sight of Salamaua.

While these moves on land and sea have been in progress, Fortresses and Liberators, operating from bases in New Guinea, have continued their attacks on the three Japanese airfields at Rabaul—Vanakanau, Lakunai and Rapopo—with the aim of neutralizing the enemy air forces. On Friday night they dropped 33 tons of high-explosive, fragmentation, and incendiary bombs, and last night 21 tons. On both nights large fires and explosions were observed.

Gen. MacArthur, taking personal command of the offensive, disclosed he had paid special attention to the occupation of the tiny islands between the Solomons and New Guinea—Kiriwina, in the Trobriand Islands, and Woodlark Island. Leaving his New Guinea base, the Allied commander-in-chief impressed on members of the landing party the importance of occupying these two places. The reasons remained secret.

## Chennault Hints Yanks Will Bomb Japan Soon

U.S. 14TH AIR FORCE HQ, China, July 4 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Claire Chennault, commander of the USAAF in China, said today in an address commemorating the first anniversary of the United States Air Forces in China: "I sincerely hope that during next year you men will fly over Japan itself many times before the first fire-cracker explodes on July 4, 1944."

Gen. Chennault said that for each American plane lost in combat with the enemy, the Japanese lost eight planes, and that for each American airman lost the Japanese lost 22.

### Miners Flock Back to Work

WILKES BARRE, Pa., July 4 (AP)—The back-to-work movement became a stampede in the Pennsylvania anthracite field today, with prospects that most miners would work a holiday shift on Monday for the first time in the history of the United Mineworkers. Votes were still being taken at meetings, but nearly all the local branches which polled today gave a go-ahead signal for Monday.

## Armored Expert



Keystone Photo  
Maj. Gen. Alvin C. Gillem

## Army to Hurl Top Tank Units Into Invasion

### Armored Force Chief Says ETO Has Top Priority On Men, Equipment

The U.S. Army's most efficient armored units in America will be part of the Allied invasion force springing from the European Theater of Operations.

This was revealed yesterday following conferences between Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETOUSA commander, and Maj. Gen. Alvin C. Gillem, chief of the Army's armored forces, who arrived in Britain several days ago with ranking supply and operations officers attached to his staff.

"Priority No. 1 at Fort Knox, our armored force headquarters, will be to give Gen. Devers the most efficient armored units we can produce," said Gen. Gillem. "And, that is topflight priority."

Both Gen. Devers and Gen. Gillem are experts in armored warfare. The ETOUSA commander, who took part in the early phases of the Tunisian campaign, is one of the Army's foremost authorities on tank combat.

### Two Colonels Accompanied

Accompanying Gen. Gillem were Col. Edwin K. Wright, of Portland, Ore., supply officer, and Col. William L. Barringer, of Shelbyville, Ky., operations officer of the Armored Force.

"As key members of my staff it is best that they get the same picture I do," Gen. Gillem explained. "In that way we can see eye-to-eye on problems to be surmounted."

One of several recommendations resulting from the conferences was the assignment of an Armored Force officer to the British Army for the purpose of observing training procedure and coordinating Allied operations in armored warfare.

"There has been a closer trend in training between American and British armies," Gen. Gillem pointed out, "and it's definitely a good thing."

Of present training methods in America he said the training was sound but needed more emphasis on the execution of training in detail. The "desert training school" for armored troops in the U.S. would be continued despite the termination of the North African campaign, he said, because "training men over 20,000 square miles of blistering sand in the west will harden them for action anywhere and if they can take that kind of training they can take any kind of battle."

# U.S. Bombers Hit Nazi Targets In France on Anniversary Raid; RAF Smashes Again at Cologne

## 'Eve of St. Mark,' Soldier Play, Is Cheered at London Opening

### Cast of GIs and Red Cross Personnel Acclaimed With Six Curtain Calls for Acting In Maxwell Anderson Drama

By Philip Bucknell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The Eve of St. Mark, which was given to the Army by its author, Maxwell Anderson, was presented by a soldier and Red Cross cast at the Scala Theater, London, last night.

Until the last act of the Eve of St. Mark, there is no plot as such, but there is the cavalcade of every draftee's procession through barrack life, the juke joint in the barracks town and the people at home. There is the wise guy, the tough guy, the guy that likes to spout poetry and the guy just like the soldier in the next bunk.

But then there's a war and the theme moves west—to a tiny Jap-held island—or held but for the effort of one gun's crew. That is all. There is no end to this story because there never could be an end until this war is over.

For an indefinite period, the play will be shown free five nights a week at the Scala to uniformed members of the Allied forces. It is possible that after its run in London it will go out into the field, but no definite arrangements have yet been made.

Last night, the acting all the way through was good.

The cheering crowd brought the cast

back for six curtain calls at the completion of the play.

Pvt. Quizz West, played by S/Sgt. Thomas Palmer, is the ordinary American soldier, well played because Palmer is an ordinary American soldier. Red Cross girl Virgilia Chew, as the girl friend, was just the girl friend whose photograph is carried about in every soldier's pocket.

The theater was crowded with officers and EMs and their friends last night. There were no big names; there were just the soldiers seeing themselves portrayed. Whistles and cheers greeted the barrack wisecracks and groans, the top sergeant. Familiar noises came from the gallery at the love scenes. It was a big night for (Continued on page 2)

## British Strike Twice In Week at Reich's Third City

Eighth Air Force heavy bombers struck a three-pronged blow at U-boat bases and industrial areas in France yesterday on the anniversary of the first American air attack on Europe a year ago.

Striking across the channel a few hours after the RAF had pounded Cologne again at a cost of 32 bombers, the Americans hammered at factories in Le Mans, 110 miles southwest of Paris, and in Nantes on the French coast, and blasted U-boat pens at La Pallice on the Bay of Biscay.

Eight bombers are missing. All three formations reported excellent visibility and good bombing results. Fighter opposition was weak at Le Mans and La Pallice, but the formation which hit Nantes was attacked by enemy fighters after leaving the target and fought a running battle 50 miles out to sea.

### Spitfires Get Two FW190s

British Spitfires, acting as a rearguard for the bombers returning to their bases, shot down two FW190s without loss to themselves.

Le Mans, attacked less than a week ago, on June 29, has large railway yards and is the terminus of the electrified division from Paris to western France. The city is on the main lines from Paris to Brest, from Paris to Nantes and from Cherbourg to Tours.

It contains important armament factories, including a subsidiary of the Renault plant on the outskirts of Paris, which was successfully attacked April 4 by the Eighth Air Force. The factory at Le Mans was enlarged after RAF bombers attacked the main plant near Paris in the spring of 1942.

### Aircraft Engine Center

Le Mans also produces engines for the Luftwaffe, including power plants for the six-engine transports which were employed to carry troops in the North African campaign.

La Pallice is one of the key U-boat refitting and repair bases for the German navy and has been attacked twice before by the Eighth Air Force, on Nov. 18, 1942, and again on May 29 of this year by Liberators. The base assumes additional importance to the Germans because of the numerous attacks on St. Nazaire and Lorient.

Nantes is an important servicing and repair point for the Luftwaffe.

At dawn of Independence Day in 1942, just six twin-engined USAF Boston bombers joined six RAF Bostons and struck at Luftwaffe airfields at Hamstede, Alkmaar and Valkenburg in Holland.

Flying Fortresses were not officially in action in the theater until Aug. 17, 1942, when the target was railway yards at Rouen, France. That first attack by the now veteran B17s was led by Maj. Gen. (Continued on page 2)

## 254 New Awards Fourth of July

### Fighter Colonel, Ex-Eagle Pilot, Is Decorated With DSC

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ., July 4—Col. Chesley G. Peterson, 22-year-old veteran Eagle Squadron fighter pilot and now the leader of an Eighth Air Force Thunderbolt group, today received the Distinguished Service Cross, the U.S. Army's second highest award for valor.

The presentation was made by Brig. Gen. Frank O'D. Hunter, Fighter Command Chief, at a ceremony which included a review of troops in Col. Peterson's honor.

It also was announced that 253 other airmen of the Eighth Air Force have been awarded decorations for valor and exceptional achievement in action. Included in these awards were eight Silver Stars for gallantry, a Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving combat with the enemy, 139 Distinguished Flying Crosses for gallantry or exceptional achievement in aerial flight; six Oak Leaf Clusters for the DFC; ten Air Medals for exceptional achievement in aerial flight; 22 Oak Leaf Clusters for the Air Medal; 66 Purple Heart Medals for wounds received in combat; and one Oak Leaf Cluster for the Purple Heart.

The citation which accompanied the medal presented to Col. Peterson said that while leading a formation escorting bombers and after his wing man had dropped behind because of motor trouble, he sighted eight enemy planes about to attack the bomber formation.

"With utter disregard for his personal (Continued on page 2)

## ETO Program Stresses U.S. Friendship With United Nations

At picnics and at religious services, in English homes and at Army installations, American soldiers in the ETO yesterday joined United States citizens throughout the world in observing the 167th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The fourth Independence Day since World War II began was celebrated in Britain without the traditional fireworks and elaborate programs of peace-time in the States. Typical of the American attitude was a message to the troops by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, who said:

"In commemorating this day no American is looking backward. The 13 states which declared their independence in 1776 have grown into a nation of 48 states, the flag of which is now side by side with the Union Jack and the flags of other nations in a struggle for the freedom of the world."

The day's keynote was "Interdependence" rather than "independence."

American troops participated in a colorful Allied Nations ceremony at Western Base Section headquarters. Highlight of the day was the massing of the flags and the playing of the national anthems of the Allies.

Envisioning a friendship between Britain and America in peace as well as in war, Brig. Gen. Edmund W. Hill, com- (Continued on page 2)

## Natives Aided Marines Paving Way

By Walter Tyree

United Press War Correspondent

ADVANCED BASE, South Pacific, July 2 (delayed)—American Marines paved the way for the successful landing operations in New Georgia, it was disclosed today.

The "Leathernecks" landed several days ago and played a grim game of "hide-and-seek" with Japanese outposts until the main invasion forces could be landed some time later.

In the middle of the night this advance unit, which had one of the most dangerous tasks of the whole war in penetrating a Japanese-held island in the face of unknown strength, swept across the strait which separates Guadalcanal from New Georgia, and nosed inwards to a sandy lagoon almost entirely surrounded by a coral reef.

The Japanese apparently had sensed this impudent invasion for their planes

were up over the stretch of water between the two islands, searching everywhere for the ships somewhere on the dark waters beneath. They never found them.

### Natives Warring With Japs

As the ships came inshore light began to twinkle here and there along the dark beaches. The American forces had found allies—the natives of New Georgia who, after several months of Japanese rule, had decided that the only good Japs were dead Japs.

"When we got ashore and made contact with them," reports one of the two correspondents who accompanied this landing force, "we found that the natives had already been having a little private war with the Japanese without waiting for us to arrive."

"They came down to greet us wearing Japanese helmets and carrying Japanese rifles, silent but eloquent witnesses of the struggles that the Japanese had

already had on this tree-filled mountainous island.

"They eyed the splendid equipment of the marines with longing eyes, although they didn't seem to have done so badly against the Japanese with their primitive weapons they had had at their disposal."

The landing party was composed of specially picked men who could live on anything and fight on nothing.

They showed little worry about their task, dangerous as it was. In fact, on the ships coming from Guadalcanal, they had slept or sat around in groups, talking about baseball and the prospects of home leave.

The party had luck. The landing was not opposed, for the Japanese had failed to get men out to strategic points around the island. The first troops who landed at once turned right and left and ranged up and down the landing beach without (Continued on page 2)

## Glider Towed Across Atlantic

A Douglas C47 transport towing a CG 4A glider designed by Waco and built by a piano company has crossed the Atlantic, the British Air Ministry announced yesterday. It was the first "sky train" transoceanic flight in history.

Manned by RAF personnel the planes made the 3,500-mile trip from Montreal to Great Britain in 28 hours flying time. The tow rope was made of \$320 worth of nylon.

The glider, capable of carrying a ton and a half of cargo, brought vaccine for Russia and radio, aircraft and engine parts. It has a wing span of 84 feet and, for the ocean flight, carried rubber dinghies and regular ocean emergency equipment carried by bombers. Speeds of the "train" while on test flights have averaged as high as 150 miles an hour.

### British Soldier Weds WAC

NEW YORK, July 4 (UP)—Lance Cpl. Hubert Heckman, of Portsmouth, Hants, has married an American WAC named Melane, from Pennsylvania. It is believed to be the first wedding between a member of the U.S. Women's Services and a British soldier.

# Allies Intensify Aerial Assaults On Italy's Isles

## Sardinia and Sicily Feel Heaviest Raids Since Pantellaria

The heaviest combined attack by strategic and tactical air forces in North Africa since the fall of Pantellaria was launched over the weekend at airfields on Sardinia and Sicily, Allied headquarters disclosed yesterday.

Aircraft of all types joined in a general assault Saturday on seven airdromes, wireless stations and gun emplacements on the "invasion isles," and a few hours later unidentified Allied bombers gave Rome an air raid scare which prompted a full-scale ack-ack barrage from reinforced batteries.

The sweep over Rome, apparently intended merely to emphasize Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's statement last Wednesday that the Allies "would not hesitate to bomb Rome as heavily as possible" if it were deemed helpful to the war was, however, only a minor incident in the air war.

Hundreds of Allied bombers and fighters—Fortresses, Mitchells, Marauders, Lightnings and Warhawks—participated in the Sicily-Sardinia raids, officially described as "strong attacks." Allied headquarters said they caused "heavy damage to buildings and parked aircraft," and shot down ten enemy planes for the loss of nine Allied ships.

**Italians Destroy Own Docks**  
Reconnaissance pictures developed in North Africa revealed that the Italians apparently are blowing up the docks at Trapani, in northwest Sicily, to make them useless in case of invasion. The pictures showed a series of blast craters extending a third of the 5,000-foot quay line.

The docks were hit by North Africa Wellingtons Friday night, and Fortresses bombed Chilivani airdrome in northwest Sardinia Saturday. Mediums with fighter escort pounded Alghero airfield in northwest Sardinia, Milis in the south, and Capoterra in the west, and other mediums hit Milo, Sciacca and Comiso in Sicily.

The sortie over Rome was not included in the Allied listing of operations, but the Italian communique said that attacks were made both against Ostia and Fiumicino, just north of Ostia. Rome said only a few bombs were dropped and no one was killed.

## Raids

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Ira C. Eaker, Eighth Air Force commander. The RAF attack on Cologne—its second night blow at Germany's third largest city in less than a week—was "in great strength" and the bombing was "well concentrated" on the industrial districts of Kalk and Deutz on the east bank of the Rhine, the Air Ministry announced.

It was only last Monday night that the big British bombers pounded the city in another raid "in great strength"—a raid that left whole districts in flames and caused the Axis radio to wail for the rest of the week about the damage done to Cologne cathedral.

Besides Cologne, the RAF hit Saturday night at Hamburg and targets in the Ruhr, but no details were given of these operations. Mines were laid in enemy waters. Meanwhile the Air Ministry disclosed that since the beginning of the war the Axis has lost in all theaters of war nearly twice as many planes as the RAF—18,031 to 9,906.

In the first six months of 1943, the resume disclosed, the RAF lost over Europe 1,452 planes to 323 for the Axis—an index of the great strength with which the British have been able to stage concentrated raids on Germany's industrial cities night after night.

Only three RAF planes were lost over England in the same period, as compared with 213 for the Axis.

**Giraud Off to Washington**  
ALGIERS, July 4 (UP)—It was officially announced in Algiers last night that Gen. Henri Giraud had left for Washington in response to President Roosevelt's invitation.

# U.S. Forces' Radio Programs

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Monday, July 5		Tuesday, July 6	
5.45—Program Resumé.	5.45—Program Resumé	5.50—Larry Adler, the Harmonica King.	6.00—News (BBC).
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7.05—Fitch Band Wagon—Toby Reed and the Rys Morgan Orchestra.	7.30—Downbeat—Benny Carter and his swing group.	8.15—The Fred Waring Show.	8.30—Washington and Westminster—How the British Parliament and American Congress Cooperate.
7.30—Your Broadway and Mine—Benny Martin, Walter Gross Orchestra, The Reversers—Larry Adler, Lew Lehr.	8.00—News from Home—What's doing in the U.S.A.	8.30—Washington and Westminster—How the British Parliament and American Congress Cooperate.	9.00—News (BBC).
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## ETO Ribbon, Dog Tags Buried With 'Sir Spam'

CHELTENHAM, July 4—An American of Scots descent is buried in the rear of the Red Cross club here. The grave on the quiet grassy knoll is covered with flowers and carefully tended every day by soldiers and Red Cross personnel. On the cross is his name and the date of his death; below is a waterproof glass-topped box containing his ETO ribbon, his dog tags and the British Royal coat of arms.

The name on the cross is "Sir Spam." The "Spam" was given him by popular vote and he was unofficially knighted after he had had his picture taken with Queen Mother.

His death, at the age of five months, is a personal loss to the men here. Spam, a Scots terrier puppy, was the first and best loved mascot of the club.

## 1,031 Jap Ships Sunk, Damaged

### Toll Includes 3 Battleships, 34 Cruisers, Sent To Bottom

WASHINGTON, July 4—The Navy Department announced today that 1,031 Japanese ships have been sunk or damaged since Pearl Harbor by the Navy and the forces under Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the Southwest Pacific.

The record, from Dec. 7, 1941, to July 2, 1943, showed 101 American warships sunk or presumed lost in that period. Although the figures showed the number of Japanese non-combatant vessels successfully attacked, no figures for American non-combatant ships were included.

The tabulation:

Japanese Losses			
Combatant Ships			
	Sunk	Probably Sunk	Damaged
Battleships	3	0	10
Carriers	6	1	9
Cruisers	34	4	68
Destroyers	76	18	82
Submarines	16	1	8
Tenders	2	2	4
Torpedo boats	1	1	1
Gunboats	4	0	0
Non-Combatant Ships			
	Sunk	Probably Sunk	Damaged
Tankers	1	25	16
Transports	48	9	30
Cargo-Supply	124	12	51
Supply	0	6	16
Merchant	0	1	120
Unidentified by Gen. MacArthur	14	4	41
Others	0	0	0
Totals	303	35	274

Grand total (including 11 unidentified ships sunk and 12 damaged by Gen. MacArthur's forces)—1,031.

## United States Losses

(Includes Sunk, Overdue and Presumed Lost, and Sunk to Prevent Capture.)			
	Sunk	Overdue	Destroyed to Avoid Capture
Battleships	1	0	0
Carriers	4	0	0
Heavy Cruisers	5	1	0
Light Cruisers	2	0	0
Destroyers	23	4	1
Submarines	2	6	7
Others	40	4	7
Totals	77	15	9

## U.S. Stars Top BBC Broadcast

Eddie Anderson, "Rochester" of radio fame, will star in the BBC version of the all-Negro film "Cabin in the Sky," Friday at 10.05 PM.

Jimmy Dyrenforth will narrate the story, which features songs and scenes by Ethel Waters, Duke Ellington and his orchestra and the Hall-Johnson Choir. Friday is also the night for two top-flight comedians from opposite sides of the water, Tommy Trinder at 8.30 PM and Jack Benny at 9.20 PM.

## Back Stage at 'Eve of St. Mark'



Ann Newdick puts finishing touches on Cpl. Murray Sitzer, of Schenectady, N.Y., for the formal opening of the "Eve of St. Mark" last night in London. Cpl. Leo Kaye, who wears first sergeant stripes in his role in the play, watches.

## Natives Eager To Fight Japs

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finding trace of the enemy. The second wave brought supplies of ammunition.

They dug slit trenches against bombing by planes, and established a defensive ring of organized patrols to ensure against surprise attack from the land.

They found it useful to have the natives on their side, for a complete description of the nearest Japanese positions was given by them. The nearest Japanese position was only a few thousand yards away from the landing beach.

From the narrow sandy beach they stepped into dense jungle that rose suddenly to a height of 2,000 feet. Through jungle trails, the natives ran out into enemy territory, guarding the little piece of beach and waiting for the arrival of the main forces to secure the bridgehead.

On the beach men sat silently at their guns, listening for the slightest possible noise that would denote approaching Japanese.

By daylight the positions were still unattacked and in from the sea rolled the main attacking force. The first move was over, the landing was successful, and soon most of the force started moving across the island—looking for the Japanese.

## July Fourth

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mander of U.S. troops in Northern Ireland, declared that victory is near. "The peoples of the British Empire and of America are joined together with the peoples of all the United Nations in a mighty effort whose successful conclusion transcends the victory for which we are fighting," he said.

"This victory, which is our first objective, is being pursued with vigor and ever-increasing success. New evidence mounts daily that a successful conclusion is near at hand, but there is a second objective which lies behind the immediate one of victory over the Axis—our countries must and will work together in neighborly harmony during the years of peace to follow our victory."

Sharing the day with Americans were British civilians and military and political dignitaries.

Above the ancestral home of George Washington in the Northamptonshire village of Sulgrave, American and British flags were raised as representatives of both countries stood at attention on the terrace. Pfc Charles Frank, of Baltimore, raised the British flag.

Many soldiers observed the day by playing host to the British families who have entertained them during their stay in this country. Several Red Cross clubs, including the Liberty, Duchess and Princes Gardens, all located in London, entertained soldiers and their guests.

Red Cross clubs throughout the ETO marked the day by observances ranging from formal balls to hay rides and swimming parties.

At Eastern Base Section Headquarters, in response to a request of the commanding officer, Col. Ewart G. Plank, large numbers attended church services. A British Home Guard band played as all headquarters personnel attended a formal retreat.

That the Declaration of Independence is not merely a historical document but a statement of the aims of liberty-loving peoples today was emphasized in all rites. "These are the very things we are fighting for today," declared Col. Jack W. Hickman, of Tampa, Fla., commanding officer of an Eighth Air Force Fighter Station as he finished reading the Declaration.

## Eve of St. Mark Cheered by GIs

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the cast and the men who produced it.

Three weeks of hard rehearsing after duty hours has gone into this production, but, in the words of S/Sgt. Thomas Palmer, of New York, "it's more than worth it. To play in a big show in London is like a dream coming true."

The cash outlay has been "negligible." Reciprocal lend-lease provided the theater. ENSA, Britain's counterpart to the USO, made the scenery, and the show has been produced by Rusty Lane, of Madison, Wis., a Red Cross director, assisted by Maj. Ward J. Walker and Capt. William Sterns of the Special Service Section.

well Anderson, who combed Army personnel for men with acting experience. He found them, but he also found S/Sgt. Larry Roemer, of Brooklyn, who plays fast-talking Mulveroy, and Roemer had never appeared on a stage before.

Present plans call for a five nights a week showing to which members of all the uniformed services in Britain are invited free. EMs are allowed to take a guest. Tickets are available at Rainbow Corner.

The cast is: "Deckman West," Lindsay MacHarris, ARC; "Cy," Maj. R. B. Watson; "Nell West," Virginia Chew, ARC; "Zip West," Cpl. George Michels; "Neil West," Pvt. Abraham Knox; "Ralph West," T/Sgt. Frank Tebrugge; "Peter Feller," Pfc Thurston Stabeck; "Janet Feller," Margaret Hammerstein, ARC; "Quizz West," S/Sgt. Thomas Palmer; "Thomas Mulveroy," S/Sgt. Larry Roemer; "Shevlin," Lt. Edward Oram; "Tate," T/Sgt. Jordan Miller; "Francis Marion," Cpl. John Sweet; "Glinka," Cpl. Murray Sitzer; "Ruby," Cpl. Leo Kaye; "Kriven," Cpl. William McHale; "Lill Bird," Peggy Riley, ARC; "Sal Bird," Ann Newdick, ARC; a waiter, Cpl. Charles Garrison; "Flash," Lovia Denny, ARC, and "Pepita," Gwen Gabrielle, ARC.

On Saturday night a special performance was given in the presence of high-ranking servicemen and diplomats of the Allied Nations, and the cast was presented to Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander; Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, commanding SOSETO, and Ambassador Anthony J. Biddle.

Among those present were: Maj. Gens. Ira C. Eaker, J. K. Crain and Idwal H. Edwards; Brig. Gens. H. S. Hansell, P. E. Peabody, R. W. Barker, C. M. Thiele, N. D. Cota, F. O. D. Hunter, Pleas B. Rogers, Frank Armstrong, D. Noce, J. C. Crockett and O. A. Anderson. Mrs. John C. Winant was with Deputy Prime Minister and Mrs. Clement Attlee, and a group from the American Embassy. The British service contingent was headed by First Lord of the Admiralty A. V. Alexander and Admiral of the Fleet Sir A. Dudley Pound.

The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, headed a large diplomatic representation from the United Nations.

## Americans Ignore Pleas To Forgo Holiday Travel

NEW YORK, July 4 (AP)—Americans celebrating their first holiday weekend without gasoline gave railways the greatest July 4 weekend rush in history, despite an official request to stay at home.

The office of Defense Transportation strangled when the return rush home started.

Although railways were taxed to capacity during the past four days, the eastern highways which on other holidays carried endless lines of traffic, were by contrast virtually deserted.

# 8 Silver Stars In 254 Awards For U.S. Airmen

## Fighter Colonel, Ex-Eagle Pilot, Is Decorated With DSC

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safety, and without assistance, he immediately engaged the eight enemy aircraft, probably destroying one and damaging another. The vigor and fearlessness of his attack completely disrupted the enemy formation and routed the enemy attack, thereby contributing largely to the safety of the bomber aircraft and the successful completion of their mission," it said.

Flying with both the RAF and the USAAF, Col. Peterson has made more than 130 fighter sorties, shot down nine enemy planes, probably destroyed seven more and damaged five.

In October, 1941, as a flight leader of the Eagle Squadron, Col. Peterson was awarded the British Distinguished Flying Cross and in November received the British Distinguished Service Order from the King. Since transferring to the USAAF near the first of this year he has received the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart.

Silver Stars were presented to Col. John H. Hayden, New Rochelle, N.Y.; 1/Lt. Lewis P. Johnson, Crummes, Ky.; S/Sgt. Martin A. Bucholz, Milwaukee, Wis.; S/Sgt. Joseph C. Melau, Seagoon, Tex.; S/Sgt. Roslyn C. Richardson, Pasco, Wash.; Sgt. William W. Ferrelhold, McKees Rock, Pa.; Sgt. Harry E. Privett, Muncie, Ind., and Sgt. William J. Komorek, New York.

The Soldier's Medal went to Sgt. George R. McAbee, of Piedmont, S.C., for rescuing a drowning soldier from a flood-swollen river at night and attempted a second rescue.

Other awards:

**Oak Leaf Clusters to the DFC**  
Maj. Eugene A. Romig, Canton, Ohio; Capt. Robert W. Smith, Salt Lake City; Capt. John H. Murphy, San Diego, Cal.; Capt. Pervis E. Younce, Walters, Okla.; 1/Lt. Emmette W. Ford, Siloam Springs, Ark., and 1/Lt. Anthony C. Yenelavage, Kingston, Pa.

**Distinguished Flying Cross**  
Arizona  
1/Lt. Bruce A. Gardner, St. Johns.  
Arkansas  
S/Sgt. Paul W. Jenkins, West Helena.

California  
Capt. Gene B. Ferrow, Upland; Russell E. Schleich, San Francisco; Carl H. Morales, Los Angeles; 1/Lt. Morton Macks, Oakland; Kenton Dean McFarland, Galt; T/Sgt. Herbert H. Harvey, Parlier; Louis A. Webb, Palm City; Donald H. Yenners, 1st Sqn. Blenheim, 8th Afb., Alameda; 1st Lt. Stanley L. Farnworth, Bakersfield; Hudson Choice, Richmond; William E. Hull, Chico; John E. Hill, Los Angeles; Peter P. Nolasco, Carlistoga; Arthur R. Cressman, Glendale, and Amos B. Cornwell, Oakland.

Connecticut  
Capt. Charles F. Maas, Bridgeport; T/Sgt. Raymond L. Simons, New Haven, and Michael Krueger, Ansonia.

Florida  
1/Lt. Norman Bryant, Jacksonville; T/Sgt. Frank W. Gavin, Tampa; and S/Sgt. Dennis Weiskopf, Miami.

Georgia  
T/Sgt. Everett A. Dasher, Merlow.  
Idaho  
T/Sgt. William H. Gregg, Pocatello.

Illinois  
Capt. John W. Farrar, Matoon; 2/Lt. Donald I. Grant, Sullivan; S/Sgt. Harold W. Warner, Mt. Zion; Walter C. Budzisz, Chicago; Charles J. Davis, Chicago; Herbert W. Armstrong, Beardstown; Clark A. Ehrhardt, Beecher; Oliver Hackwith, Toulon, and Clarence H. Winchell, Oak Park.

Indiana  
S/Sgt. Roy J. Hively, Columbia City; S/Sgt. Robert H. Smith, Indianapolis, and Walter C. Pauer, Monroeville.

Iowa  
1/Lt. James T. Lundy, Cedar Rapids, and Delbert H. Hall, Arnold Park; S/Sgt. Arnold L. Burton, Des Moines.

Kansas  
S/Sgt. Dell A. Love, Lawrence.  
Kentucky  
1/Lt. John K. Hickey, Winchester; T/Sgt. Dennis Keleman, Cumberland, and Harold C. Greene, Cave City.

Louisiana  
1/Lt. Joseph C. H. Sanders, Shreveport; T/Sgt. Benjamin P. Hall, Haynesville; S/Sgt. Edward F. Bowden, Glenmore.

Maine  
T/Sgt. Leon L. Bamforth, Brunswick.  
Maryland  
Capt. John B. Carroll, Fredericktown; 2/Lts. George J. Kelley, Annapolis, and Kenneth A. Rechner, Hagerstown; P/O Leo R. Kismore, Cumberland; S/Sgt. Elvin E. Buckingham, Westminster; Ray W. Armstrong, Catonsville, and James F. Byrd, Baltimore.

Massachusetts  
T/Sgt. Roman Zaorski, Pittsfield; S/Sgt. Adolf E. Brzozowy, Turner Falls; Robert W. Cole, Beverly; John D. Gonsalves, West Bridgewater, and Lester B. Snook, Everett.

Michigan  
Capt. Charles B. Leighton, Lansing; 1/Lt. Alfred Asch, Beaverton; S/Sgt. John H. Sherman, Ann Arbor.

Minnesota  
1/Lt. Earl C. Kent, Minneapolis; T/Sgt. Marshall B. Hauger, Duluth; Vernon D. Myrin, Thief River Falls, and Earnest L. Piepho, Albert Lea.

Missouri  
2/Lt. James A. Moberly, Moberly; S/Sgt. Clifford C. Kimberling, Evenson; Jennings H. Palmer, Leeton, and Sidney L. Kohn, St. Louis.

Nebraska  
S/Sgt. Frank H. Hilsabeck, McCook.  
New Hampshire  
S/Sgt. Walter Pietrowski, Manchester.  
New Jersey  
Maj. Walter D. Brown, Orange; 1/Lt. Samuel H. Anderson, Cranford; S/Sgt. Howard T. Brown, Trenton.

New Mexico  
T/Sgt. Roy O. Smith, Tucumcari; S/Sgt. James M. Hobbs, Artesia.  
New York  
1/Lts. Alden T. Mann, Auburn, and Oscar R. Krebs, New York; T/Sgt. James E. Rodriguez, L.L.; William M. Beach, Lordsburg; Daniel Goldstein, Brooklyn, and Nicholas M. Sawicki, Moravia; S/Sgt. John F. Hill, Valhalla; Julian G. Nagle, Santa Fe; Henry A. Mitchell, New Lincoln T. O'Connell, New York.  
North Carolina  
Capt. Robert E. Morgan, Black Mountain; 1/Lt. James W. Gillespie, New River; Jessie C. Hall Jr., Metame, and Hugh G. Ashcraft, Charlotte; S/Sgt. Samuel P. Maxwell, Gerton.  
Ohio  
T/Sgt. Leland J. Kessler, Canton, and Robert J. Lammers, Toledo; S/Sgt. Richard A. Shumard, Steubenville, and Bruno C. Stanczyk, Cleveland.

(More awards will be printed in tomorrow's Stars and Stripes.)

# Devers, Winant Visit Red Cross Clubs in London

## Guests Fete Washington Anniversary, Eagle Club Reopening

The Washington club's first anniversary yesterday and the reopening of the renovated Eagle club were attended by all ranks—from privates to the commanding general of the ETO.

Features of the Washington's anniversary were a ball, dinner and tea. Among the distinguished guests at the tea were Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander; Ambassador John G. Winant, Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Eighth Air Force chief; Brig. Gen. Daniel Noce, Gen. Oscar Abbott, Rear Adm. George B. Wilson, the Earl of Cardigan and Edwin J. Beniecke, assistant commissioner of the American Red Cross in Great Britain.

Gen. Devers, Ambassador Winant and Gen. Eaker were among those who inspected the Eagle club, Charing Cross Road, London, yesterday, when it was officially reopened after being redecorated.

It was the same old Eagle club, visitors reported. Present were the same staff and Americans wearing the uniforms of all the United Nations.

### New Shrewsbury Club

SHREWSBURY, July 4—Shrewsbury's American Red Cross Service Club was opened today by a formal dedication ceremony. British authorities joined American military and Red Cross officials in dedicating the former Raven Hotel as a leave club for American service men.

The ceremony was followed by tea, and in the evening Billy Gibbons and his band played for a formal dedication ball. Ben Russak, of New York and Louisville, Ky., is director of the club, and Hermine Southoff, of Madison, Wis., is assistant director.

### Norwich

NORWICH, July 4—Program for the week at the Bishop's Palace Red Cross club here: Monday—Movie in lounge, 8 PM. Tuesday—"One Man Show," 9.15 PM. Wednesday—Illinois and Indiana state night, dinner in lounge, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Picnic, boating, swimming, 2.30-9 PM.

### Liberty Club

Program for the week at the Liberty club, 12 Upper Woburn Pl., London, WC2: Tuesday—Open house, 8.30-11 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8.30-11 PM. Thursday—Movies, 8 PM. Friday—Dancing instruction, 1.30-3.30 PM; open house, 8.30-11 PM. Saturday—Picnic party to Chessington Zoo, 10.30 AM. Sunday—Dancing instruction, 11.30-1.30 PM; open house, 8.30-11 PM.

### Peterborough

PETERBOROUGH, July 4—Program for the week: Monday—Movies, 9 PM. Tuesday—Barn dance. Wednesday—New York night, supper served in garden by hostesses, 7.45 PM.

### Rainbow Corner

Eddie Carr's band will play at a dance at 8 o'clock tonight in the Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Ave., London, W.1. Program for the week: Tuesday—Open house in Rainbow room, dates, 3-6 PM; Salute to the Signal Corps, 7 PM. Wednesday—Variety Show, Phyllis Dixey, 9 PM. Thursday—Eagle club broadcast to America, 3 PM; Western night in Rainbow Room, 8-10 PM. Friday—Dance in Rainbow Hall, Musical Engineers, 8 PM. Saturday—Open house in Rainbow room, dates, 3-6 PM; Movies, 3.30 PM and 6.30-10 PM. Sunday—Movies, 2-5 PM; Dance, Joe Crump's band, 8 PM.

### Milestone Club

A softball game in Kensington Gardens features today's program at the Milestone club, 2 Kensington Ct., London, W.8. Program for the week: Tuesday—Dancing instruction, 7.30 PM; Fishing party, 2 PM. Wednesday—Club dance in Panel Room, 8.30 PM. Thursday—Softball in Kensington Gardens, 10.30 AM. Friday—Swimming party, 2.30 PM. Saturday—Horseback riding party, 11 AM; Milestone Varieties, 11.30 PM. Sunday—Picnic and box lunch, 11 AM; Reception and open house, 6 PM.

### Belfast

BELFAST, N.I., July 4—The second of six scheduled dancing classes for beginners will be held tomorrow night at 7.30 at the Red Cross club here. Program for the week: Monday—Boxing and wrestling classes, 3-7 PM. Tuesday—Movies in library, 7 PM; Boxing and wrestling classes, 6-10 PM. Wednesday—Boxing and wrestling classes, 6-10 PM; Broadcast to the States, 6 PM. Thursday—Boxing and wrestling classes, 6-10 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8.30 PM. Sunday—Variety show, 8 PM.

### Manchester

MANCHESTER, July 4—An American Red Cross traveling show will play at the club here next Sunday at 7 PM. Program for the week: Monday—Basketball, 7 PM. Tuesday—Basketball, 7 PM; musical hour, recordings, 8.9 PM. Wednesday—Dinner dance, 7-10.30 PM. Thursday—Informal games, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 7-10.30 PM; baseball game, White Sox vs. Tigers, 7 PM. Sunday—Open house, 2.30-9.30 PM; tea dance, 4-6 PM; Football game, 3 PM.

### Duchess Club

A fun and games night will be held tomorrow night at 7.30 at the Duchess Club, 1 Duchess St., London, W.1. Program for the week: Wednesday—Theater party at club, 8 PM. Thursday—Hostess night party, 7.10-10.30 PM. Saturday—"Fiesta Extravaganza," 3-11 PM. Sunday—Musical tea hour, 4.30-5.30 PM.

### Cheltenham

CHELTHENHAM, July 4—A picnic at Graham will be held next Sunday by the Queens Red Cross club here. Program for the week: Monday—Camera club, 7.30 PM; dancing class, 7.45 PM; beginners' class in photography, 8 PM. Tuesday—American-British club, 7 PM; beginners' French class, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—French dinner, 6.15 PM; French class, 7 PM; German class, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—American-British musical group, 7.45 PM. Saturday—Movie, 8 PM. Sunday—Picnic, all day; transcribed concert hour, 2-3 PM; dance, jazz box, 8 PM.

### Victory Club

A German class for beginners will be held tonight at 7 o'clock at the Victory club, 15 Seymour St., London, W.1. Program for the week: Tuesday—"Stars in Battle Dress," 9 PM.

# Fourth Celebrations by London Clubs



Wednesday—Dance, Dominionaires, 8-10.30 PM. Thursday—Jack Maney at piano, 9-11.30 PM. Friday—"Good Neighbor" discussion meeting, 8 PM. Saturday—"Victory Varieties," 9 PM. Sunday—Picnic, 11 AM; tea dance, 3.30 PM; movie, 8 PM.

### Washington Club

Program for the week at Washington club, Curzon St., London, W.1: Tuesday—Individual dancing lessons, 2.30-5.30 PM; dance in cafeteria, 8.30-11 PM. Wednesday—French class, 7-9 PM; talk on current military situation by Ruth Cowan, American war correspondent, 8.30 PM. Thursday—Beginners' German class, 7-9 PM; shorthand dictation practice, 7-9 PM; mail call radio program in lounge, 9.25 PM. Friday—Spanish class, 7-8.30 PM; movie in cafeteria, 8.30 PM. Saturday—Dance in cafeteria, Eddie Carr's band, 8.30-11 PM. Sunday—All-day ramble in country, 9.30 AM.

### Kingston Club

KINGSTON, July 4—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here: Tuesday—Secretarial service, 7-9 PM. Thursday—Secretarial service, 7-9 PM. Friday—Dance, Rosato's band, 7.30-11 PM. Sunday—C.E.M.A. concert, 6 PM; movie, 7.30 PM.

### Columbia Club

An all-day picnic at Hampton Court will be held next Saturday by the Columbia club, 75, Seymour St., London, W.2. Program for the week: Tuesday—Workout in gym, 10-12 AM; swimming, 12-1 PM; office workers' workout in gym, 6-7.30 PM; dance, Dominionaires' orchestra, 8 PM. Wednesday—Workout in gym, 10-12 AM; swimming, 12-1 PM; baseball in Hyde Park, 6.30 PM; musical quiz, 8.30 PM. Thursday—Workout in gym, 10-12 AM; swimming, 12-1 PM; office workers' workout in gym, 6-7.30 PM; dancing classes, 8 PM. Friday—Workout in gym, 10-12 AM; baseball in Hyde Park, 6.30 PM; musical quiz, 8.30 PM. Saturday—Workout in gym, 10-12 AM; picnic, 11 AM; dance, Northolt band, 8 PM.

### Kettering

KETTERING, July 4—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here: Monday—House committee meeting, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 7.30 PM; Conversational French class, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Tennis, swimming, boxing. Thursday—Dance and floor show, 8-11 PM. Friday—Open night. Saturday—Movies, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Open house, 3-6 PM; Music hour, 5.40 PM; Sightseeing trip with picnic supper to Kirby Hall, 5.30 PM.

### Bristol

July 4—Program for the week at the Lyndale club here: Monday—Movies, 8 PM. Tuesday—"Long-haired" music by Cpl. Billy Achell and Sgt. Paul Kane, 6.45 PM; Date night dance, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—"Open House," 8-10 PM. Thursday—Movies, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Coffee Hour, 4 PM. Dance, 7.30 PM.

### Bournemouth

BOURNEMOUTH, July 4—Program at the Red Cross club here: Monday—Bicycle and picnic party, Marsham Court, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dance, Marsham Court, 8-11 PM. Wednesday—Dinner party for MFS, Marsham Court, 7 PM. Thursday—Dance, Marsham Court, 8-11 PM. Friday—Variety show, Marsham Court, 9.30 PM. Saturday—Highland Fling cabaret show, American Army band, Marsham Court, 8-11 PM. Sunday—U.S. Army band concert, Miramar, 3.30 PM; Ministry of Information film, Marsham Court, 10 PM.

### Mostyn Club

Men from nine States will gather at the Mostyn Club, Portman St., London, W.1, this week. Maryland and Delaware soldiers serving in the ETO will meet tonight at 7.15. Mississippi and Arkansas night will be held tomorrow, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont Wednesday and Kansas Thursday.

Program for the week: Tuesday—Movies, 6.15 and 8.15 PM; softball, 7 PM. Thursday—French class, 6.45 PM. Friday—Softball, 7 PM; Bingo, 9.30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8-11 PM. Sunday—Day's outing, 11.30 AM; tennis party, 12 AM; tea, 4 PM.

## Missing Pilots Reported Safe in German Prison

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, July 4—Capt. William P. Forsythe, of Parkridge, Ill., and 1/Lt. Robert W. Mansfield, of San Angelo, Tex., pilots of B17s which failed to return after recent raids, are safe in a German prison camp, airmen here have been informed by the International Red Cross. Lt. Mansfield's Fortress went down after the raid on Kiel May 14, and Capt. Forsythe, who was squadron commander, went down during the attack on Courtrai. The news came through the fliers' relatives.

### 'Derry Sailors Plan Show

LONDONDERRY, July 4—U.S. Navy personnel stationed at the operating base here are planning a variety show within the next few weeks. Les Gordon, Y3c, of Irvington, N.J., is casting the show from sailor talent. Acts already booked include singers, dancers, accordionists, impersonators and others.



AP and Stars and Stripes Photos  
One candle is blown out (top), marking the Fourth of July birthday of the Washington Club in London. Left to right: (front row) M/Sgt. William S. Ferrell, Raleigh, N.C.; RM/3c Ellsworth Harlow, Newbury, Mass.; Miss Edith Barbee, Kannapolis, N.C.; Pvt. Austin Ready, Point Pleasant, N.J.; and RM/1c Henry Wiegmann, Milwaukee. (Back row) M/Sgt. Paul Leister, Reading, Pa.; Cpl. Maurice Milder, Iowa City; and Sgt. John H. Clem, Rockwell, Tex. In picture below, Pvt. Paul Johnson, of Elyria, Ohio, and Josephine Mason, his English girl friend, talk over the phone.

## Urges Draft of Men at Home For Service in State Guards

The State Guard in the United States will never amount to much unless it follows the example of the British Home Guard, making service compulsory and placing all guard organizations under direct coordination of the War Department.

These are the views Brig. Gen. Dwight H. Mohr, of Baltimore, commander of the Maryland State Guard, who recently completed a tour of Home Guard units in England and Scotland, will bring back to America.

## New USO Show On Road Today

American soldiers in the Cheltenham area will be the first in the ETO to see the latest USO-Camp show, "Bally Laughs," recent arrival from the States, which is beginning its tour today.

In the cast are George Freems and the Three Nonchalants, comedy act; Maxine Martin, singer; "Tiny" Day, accordionist, and Del Ohrel, dancer and RKO beauty contest winner.

Bob Hope's show, one of the other eight playing at American camps this week, will appear in the Bedford and Reading areas. Adolphe Menjou and Grace Drysdale are playing the Colchester district with "Hollywood Time," and "Yvette and Her GI Gang" will visit points around Liverpool and Manchester.

Comedian Don Rice takes "Fun Marches On" to the London area and "Rudy Starlita and his Starlites" are near Birmingham and Derby. "Broadway Time," featuring Hal Le Roy, plays camps in the Bournemouth and Plymouth areas, Billy Guest's "Jive Time" is near Bedford, and Hank Ladd goes to Plymouth, Exeter and Taunton with "High Lights and Hilarity."

## New War Bond Office Is Opened in London

A new War Bond office has been opened in London, Col. J. H. Fulton, War Bond officer for ETO, announced. The office will handle Class B allotments—pay deductions for bonds—for officers as well as cash sales to all servicemen in the area.

A colonel and a first lieutenant gave the new office a fast start when they walked in and bought \$1,500 in bonds from 1/Lt. Irvey Owbney, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and 2/Lt. Donald Hart, of West Moreland, Kan., who run the office. Col. Luis Cianchini, of Rockville, Md., bought a \$500 bond and 1/Lt. Grady V. Duncan, of Durant, Okla., bought two.

# U.S. Now Bears Half of War's Cost to Allies

## Has Spent More in Fight Than All Expenditures Since Revolution

WASHINGTON, July 4 (UP)—The war will have cost the United States the staggering sum of \$112,300,000,000 by the end of next year, a compilation of statistics shows here. Britain's total expenditure will have reached \$58,200,000,000.

By December, 1944, the United Nations will have spent more than \$500,000,000,000 since Hitler rose to power in Germany—even if the present rate of war expenditure does not increase, according to the statistics.

At present the United States is bearing roughly half the total cost of the war for the Allies, because it is in a position to do so.

Some idea of the United States' colossal financial war effort may be gained from the fact that the amount appropriated for the war through the fiscal year which ended June 30 was \$4,000,000,000 greater than the U.S. Government spent from its founding in 1789 to the end of June, 1932.

### 280 Million a Day

Congress last week approved the appropriation of an additional \$100,000,000 for war purposes during the next fiscal year. Last month the United States spent an average of \$280,400,000 a day for carrying on the war.

Between 1940 and 1943 the United States' contribution of \$112,300,000,000 in the fight against the Axis compares with a total expenditure of about \$233,000,000,000 by the rest of the Allies, excluding China, between 1932 and 1943.

## Cited for Action In Convoy Fight

LONDONDERRY, N.I., July 2—Donald R. Doolittle, 29, RM2c, Sumner, Wash., has been commended by the Navy Department for devotion to duty during a terrific battle at sea in which his ship was attacked from air, sea and land.

Doolittle was a member of an armed guard crew aboard a merchant vessel during a recent voyage to the Mediterranean. Plying close to hostile shores, the ship was attacked by high-altitude bombers without success. The engagement attracted a group of E-boats who sped in, attempting to launch torpedoes. Heavy shore batteries also opened up, hurling shells around the freighter.

For 60 hours the gun crew stayed at battle stations and shot down two enemy aircraft and destroyed an E-boat before an explosion destroyed their ship and forced them into the water. Doolittle later was rescued by a British vessel.

The commendation, signed by James V. Forrestal, Under-Secretary of the Navy, read:

"The Department takes pleasure in commending you for your conduct as a member of the Armed Guard crew aboard the S.S. —, when that vessel was torpedoed by enemy forces. . . . Your courageous devotion to duty on the occasion was in keeping with the best traditions of the naval service."

Doolittle, who is married to a British girl, is assigned to the base here.

## Flier's Mother Aids Child Here

An American mother joined with two air force outfits, and ordnance company and a "Sea Bee" battalion in helping to bring The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund more than £700 nearer its goal last week.

The mother of an American airman who was killed over St. Nazaire last November sent \$10 to the — Bomber Squadron as a gift for "Sweet Pea," the little British girl her son had helped to sponsor. Intended as an Easter gift, but arriving too late, the money will be added to the £100 the men of the squadron gave in sponsoring her.

The — Fighter Squadron and the — Bomber Squadron each kicked in with £200. The fighters, who raised £40 through a stage show by enlisted men, have already chosen Dorothy and William H., brother and sister, while the bombers have asked for twins, no sex specified.

The "Sea Bees" of the Londonderry naval base sent in £100, hoping that their contribution would make it possible for the orphans "to have greater hopes for the future."

The — Ordnance Supply and Maintenance Co. is doing its sponsoring on the instalment plan, making an initial payment of £53.

### Port HQ Anniversary

PORT OF EMBARKATION, July 4—A port headquarters unit commanded by Col. C. C. Sibley, of Keene, N.H., will observe one year's overseas service with a special celebration July 16. The program is being arranged by 1/Lt. Harold Rice, of New York, and Sgt. Joseph Nairn, of Minneapolis, Minn., both of Special Services.

### Teen Age Killer Starts Term

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., July 4—Thirteen-year-old Edward Dow has started serving a 14 to 20-year sentence for the hammer murder of a 72-year-old spinster.

# Cardinals Increase Lead; Nats Close In on Yankees

## Redbirds Clip Bums, 4-3; Bombers Lose Twin Bill to Tigers

NEW YORK, July 4—The St. Louis Cardinals are hitting the top of the National League again after a successful week-end in which they edged the New York Giants, 4-3, on Friday, then went on to win the first contest of a crucial three-game series with the Brooklyn Dodgers, 5-3, at Ebbets Field yesterday.

In the American League the Washington Senators whittled the New York Yankees' lead to three percentage points as the Bombers dropped three games over the week-end while the Nats were picking up two victories.

Mort Cooper stopped the Dodgers for the Cardinals yesterday, although he gave up nine hits, including Augie Galan's home run with one aboard in the eighth to gain his tenth victory of the year. The Redbirds ran up a three-run lead on Rube Melton and added two more off Max Macon, who relieved Melton in the sixth. Meanwhile, Cooper coasted along, setting down the last five hitters in order.

In Friday's game with the Giants the Cards picked away at Carl Hubbell, giving the Giant veteran his second licking of the year. He has won three. Marty Marion homered for the Cards in the sixth.

### Two for Giants

While the Cards were doing so well on Friday, the Brooks looked miserable in their game with the Cincinnati Reds, the final score reading 8-0. The Bums couldn't touch Elmer Riddle, Red hurler, who yielded seven hits. Eddie Miller knocked out a four-master in the sixth.

The Reds took the place of the Cards at the Polo Grounds yesterday, and found themselves the victims of lusty New York hitting and air-tight pitching as the Giants swept both ends of a twin bill, 7-3 and 2-1.

Home runs by Sid Gordon and Mel Ott paced the 14-hit attack off starter Ray Starr and Clyde Shoun. Johnny Witing gained credit for the victory, although he needed help from Ace Adams in the eighth when the Reds had one run across and two men aboard. Eric Tipton greeted Adams with a single that scored another run before the Giant relief star bolted the door.

### Second Victory for Fischer

In the nightcap the Giants bunched two of their four hits in the second inning to tally both runs and hand Bucky Walters his eighth victory. A walk and a wild pitch accounted for the New York runs. Rube Fischer racked up his second decision despite being tagged for ten hits, but he spread them thinly.

Hank Wyse celebrated his first starting assignment by allowing the Phillies only six hits as the Chicago Cubs ran their winning streak to five straight yesterday, defeating the Phillies 6-1. Two errors by Pitcher Newt Kimball and one by Shortstop Charley Brewster paved the way for the Cub victory.

This triumph followed the Cubs' 7-1 victory over the Boston Braves on Friday. It was their eighth consecutive win over the Braves as they swept the four-game series.

Saturday's loss to the Cubs was the second in two days for the Phillies, the Pittsburgh Pirates having edged them out, 2-1, on Friday with Truett Sewell registering his 11th victory, making him the leading pitcher in games won in both leagues. Coaker Triplett homered for the Phils.

The Bucs made it two straight yesterday, taking up where the Cubs left off, by rapping three Boston pitchers for 17 hits which were good for ten runs and a final score of 10-1. Al Javery, starting hurler, couldn't get anyone out. Before Kirby Farrell could be rushed on the scene, the Pirates pushed across four runs on three doubles and a single.

Farrell pitched well until the eighth, when Vince DiMaggio connected for his eighth home run of the season. Johnny Gee, six-foot-nine southpaw, out of baseball for two years, made his first start for the Pirates. He was relieved in the third by Xavier Rescigno after issuing three walks. Rescigno got credit for the victory.



Xavier Rescigno

The New York Yankees looked anything but American League champions as they dropped their three games. At Cleveland, on Friday, the Indians handed the Bombers their worst beating of the year. The Tribe scored 12 runs in the fourth inning, whitewashing the League leaders, 12-0.

### Bengals Pull Two From Fire

Yesterday, at Detroit, the Tigers pulled two games out of the fire as they swept both ends of a double-header, winning, 6-5, in 11 innings, and 10-9 in the second. Rudy York blasted a home run off Johnny Murphy, reliever, in the 11th of the first to give Hal Newhouser his sixth victory. In the nightcap, the Bengals went into the last half of the ninth behind, 9-6. They filled the bases on two walks, a single and an error and Jimmy Bloodworth promptly blasted a double, scoring two runs.

One run ahead and with Tiger runners on second and third, the Yanks replaced Murphy with Bill Zuber. The Tigers sent in Rip Radcliff to pinch-hit and he came through with a single to drive in the tying run.

## No Decision Contest For Two-Ton Tony

ORANGE, N.J., July 4—Tony Galento, the former fighter—and now an actor by order of the NBA—fought a no decision bout in court here. He appeared on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest growing out of an argument with a cop over Galento's failure to deposit a nickel in a parking meter in front of his saloon.

Tony, his wife and several witnesses claimed the cop swung the first blow at Tony after calling him a nasty name. Tony said, "I never hit civilians, let alone cops. I never get mad."

The judge reserved decision.

## Haegg Easily Outruns Dodds

### Swedish Ace 20 Yards Ahead at Finish of 2-Mile Event

CHICAGO, July 4—Gunder Haegg, long-striding Swede, defeated Gil Dodds by 20 yards here Friday night, after the Boston minister had been on his heels for seven and one-half laps of their two-mile race. The time was nine minutes, two and eight-tenths seconds.

The event was strictly a two-man affair, with Haegg and Dodds running one-two most of the way, outdistancing three other runners by an eighth of a mile.

This was the Swedish star's second race on an American track. Two weeks ago he outran Greg Rice in the 5,000-meter special at the National AAU track and field championships. He holds seven world's running records, although his world mile record was lowered two seconds by Arne Anderson, fellow-Swede, who went the distance in four minutes, two and six-tenths seconds.

## CBS Blanks Zephyrs, 2-0

Allowing the — Fighter Group Zephyrs only two hits and striking out 14 batters, Lt. Charlie Eisenmann, of Superior, Wis., won his 21st victory when the CBS nine blanked the Zephyrs, 3-0, at Paddington Recreation Grounds yesterday.

The Zephyrs' only threat came in the third when Cpl. Elsworth Wade, of Middletown, Ohio, tripled to center for his team's first hit, but was out when he tried to stretch it to a homer. Pfc Mauro Duca, of Marlboro, Mass., who saw service with San Francisco in the Pacific Coast League, was the losing hurler. He allowed four hits, but had a bad third inning when two singles and a double accounted for the winners' three runs.

**Jack Sharkey Now a Referee**  
BOSTON, July 4—Jack Sharkey, former heavyweight champion, is working almost every night refereeing fights in New England, where the game is booming.

and winning runs. Murphy was charged with his second defeat of the day. Prince Oana, who relieved Roy Henshaw in the third, not only held the Yankees in check, but contributed to his own cause with a home run with two on in the eighth to put the Bengals back in the running.

After their successful day on Friday against the Yankees, the Indians had a sorry day with the Red Sox, losing, 12-4. Rookie outfielder Leon Culberson hit for the cycle, getting a homer, a triple, a double and a single. Leading, 5-1, going into the ninth, the Sox poured it on with a seven-run uprising during which 13 men paraded to the plate. Mike Ryba, who replaced Joe Dobson in the sixth, was credited with the victory, while Mike Nymick, who relieved Chubby Dean in the sixth, was charged with the defeat.

The Sox lost to the Bengals on Friday, 8-2.

The Senators made the American League race interesting again as they took two games, edging the White Sox, 3-2, in 11 innings on Friday, then rapping the St. Louis Browns, 6-4, last night. Trailing, 4-3, in the eighth of last night's game, Stan Spence and Bob Johnson homered, bringing three runs across. Mickey Hacfer, third Washington hurler, who entered the game in the seventh, was credited with the victory. Archie McKain was the victim of the three-run Nat rally.

On Friday, the Browns had taken the A's into camp, 8-7, winning with a garrison finish in the last three innings as they scored seven runs. Chartak homered for St. Louis in the seventh.

The A's loss to the Browns was followed by a 6-4 setback yesterday administered by the White Sox in atwilight game as Buck Ross scattered eight hits. Guy Curtright, whose 26-game hitting streak was stopped Friday, opened the Sox scoring in the first frame with a two-run homer. The Sox added four more off Roger Wolff in the fourth to come from behind and win.

# Finish of Combat Swimming, Life Saving Course



Associated Press Photos

Final tests in the ARC's course in combat swimming and life-saving instruction were given in the Serpentine, Hyde Park, London, Saturday, with the students going through the test with equipment. At right, Lt. Edward Saur, of Danvers, Mass., comes out grinning after the fun.



## Servicemen Complete Six-Day School in Combat Swimming

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

With the completion Saturday night of the first six-day water safety course given by the American Red Cross, 43 U.S. servicemen have been qualified as ARC water safety instructors and six as senior life savers and teachers of swimming under combat conditions.

The six-day course began last Monday at the Polytechnic Institute, Regent Street, London, where the swimmers were taught the basic fundamentals of swimming, the best way to enter the water, various strikes and kicks. The fundamentals of life saving, including approach and breaking of a fall by a drowning person, and artificial respiration. Instructions on swimming with combat equipment, crossing of water under combat conditions, and the approach to enemy territory from the water were given on the third and fourth days.

The class was then taken to the British Army PT Corps gymnasium and Commando course Friday night where they witnessed a demonstration on the use of various improvised equipment. The demonstration was given by men of the APTC, under the direction of Capt. Oliver, commandant of the physical training center. Later they were taught the use of this equipment, how to board and leave a ship by use of landing nets, and also jumping from a ship with combat equipment.

### Final Test in Serpentine

Saturday afternoon at the Serpentine in Hyde Park a large crowd watched the men take their final tests. Included in these tests were all the things learned during the previous instructions, along with the proper use of smaller boats in landing operations. Two instructors, P. Murray and E. J. Thompson, from the British APTC, completed the course, received instructors' certificates, and will return to their organization to teach the course.

The course was under the supervision

of Gerald Fitzgerald, ARC athletic director, with James Carnahan, ARC national field representative, and Tex Blaisdell, ARC assistant athletic director, as instructors.

This same course will be given to approximately 50 selected swimmers from the Eighth Air Force under the supervision of Lt. Col. William Bailey, Special Service Officer. Class will start Tuesday at 2 PM at Kingston, with Carnahan instructing and assisted by Sgt. Carl Pearson Jr., of Ft. Collins, Col., who was awarded the instructor's diploma Saturday night.

The men who were awarded the instructor's certificate were:

### Qualifiers Listed

T/4 G. E. Anderson, Ottawa, Kan.; Cpl. Charles Arnaud, Crowley, La.; T/5 Robert Asquith, Boston, Mass.; Sgt. Edgar Aucouin, Pride, La.; Sgt. Waldo Carrell, Wilmington, N.C.; 1/Lt. Roland Champagne, Houma, La.; T/5 Domenic, Codispoti, Jenner, Pa.; Cpl. Frank Dantzig, New York; Pfc Norman Davis, Ebensburg, Pa.; Sgt. Wallace Davis, Richmond, Va.; Pfc Raymond Dietz, Charleroi, Pa.; T/5 Benjamin Eleich, Elizabeth, N.J.; T/5 Ephrem Finnegan, Jamaica, N.Y.; Sgt. Earl Cowell, Lynn, Mass.; Sgt. Walter Gusicara, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; S/Sgt. M. C. Hamburger, Marshalltown, Iowa; T/5 Thomas Huth, Milwaukee; Sgt. Virgil Jones, Memphis, Tenn.; Pfc. Bishop Lawlor, Philadelphia; Sgt. Joseph Matrascia, Pittsburgh; 2/Lt. Billy May, Ballinger, Texas; Sgt. Robert Mohr, Detroit; Sgt./Inst. P. Murray, Harlesden, London; S/Sgt. M. D. McKendrick, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Sgt. Albert Nervo, Akron, Ohio; Sgt. Carl Pearson, Ft. Collins, Colorado; 1/Sgt. Orion Robichaux, Berwick, La.; Pfc. Arthur Rothenburg, Brooklyn; Lt. Edward Saur, Danvers, Mass.; Pvt. Erich Scholz, Roanoke, Va.; Pfc. Tom Singletary, Marthaville, La.; Sgt. Theodore Small, Wood Ridge, N.J.; Cpl. Alonzo Steelman, Camden, N.J.; Pvt. Myron Schwartz, New York; T/4 Walter Suckow, Chicago; Cpl. John Teisclair, Hudson, Mass.; CSM/Inst. E. J. Thompson, Mill Hill, London; S/Sgt. James Voorhees, Derby, Conn.; Pvt. Hoyt Wade, Washington; Sgt. James Warokowski, Detroit; Sgt. G. B. Wilson, Clearfield, Pa.; Cpl. Henry Zech, Rockford, Ill.; S/Sgt. Alex Zukowski, Iron River, Mich.

Those receiving certificates as senior life savers and swimming instructors were:

T/5 Daniel Buller, Chicago; T/4 A. E. Carnevale, New Haven, Conn.; T/5 John Feczko, Whiting, Ind.; Cpl. James Lumbard, Foley, Minn.; Sgt. Wilbur Leasher, Connelville, Pa., and Pvt. Myron Schwartz, New York.

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## Rickey Failing With Dodgers

### The Brain Unable to Fill Ebbets Field as MacPhail Did

By Dick McCann

New York Daily News Sports Writer  
NEW YORK, July 4—The war brought a lucky windfall to Branch Rickey. If there had been no war, The Brain couldn't have stepped into Larry MacPhail's place after leaving St. Louis and, if it had been ordinary times, The Brain couldn't survive very long in Brooklyn. MacPhail, as president and general manager, accustomed the fans to a winning and colorful team and got the director's habit of enjoying profitable seasons. The Brain has not been keeping up Larry's fast pace, either in the box scores or the box office.

The Brain certainly is like the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker and can fall back on the war as an excuse for inferior quality. The player shortage is a good alibi for the team's poor performances, but the Phillies, Braves, Reds, Senators and others have had no trouble in getting a shortstop this year from the minors or trading with other major league clubs. Crackerjack shortstops, too—and all of them were available to Brooklyn last fall.

### Trouble With Press

The war, however, is no excuse for the fact that Ebbets Field attendance has slumped this year. That never happened under MacPhail. It's our impression that the humorless Rickey has shaken public confidence in the team and the team's confidence in itself. He lacks Mac's knack of getting publicity in vast quantity and exciting quality. MacPhail was available to the press at all hours and on the dullest days they could get a newsy yarn. Rickey is reachable only on Tuesday and his interviews have less meat than restaurant menus on those days.

Rickey is unfair with the Dodgers, too. Busy talking about baseball morale and its value in war-time, The Brain completely overlooked his own team's morale when he fussed all winter long without declaring himself in favor of Durocher's managerial talents. At least three players at spring camp were ballyhooed as possible successors to The Lip. This would cause an uproar in a church choir, to say nothing of a ball club. Nor has Rickey helped matters, failing to come out with a strong and immediate denial of reports that Durocher would not last the season. Leo either needs a vote of confidence—or a boot in the pants. We favor the former.

### Hounds Nip Wolves, 6-5

NEWPORT, July 4—Before an estimated crowd of 5,000, the — Signal Hounds edged the — Port Wolves, 6-5, in a charity exhibition baseball game. This was the first of a series of BCP league games. Perkins, winning pitcher, struck out seven.

### Robinson Outpoints Zanelli

BOSTON, July 4—Cpl. Ray Robinson easily outpointed Ralph Zanelli, taking every round in the ten-round bout.



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Eve of St. Mark

Eve of St. Mark . . . Maxwell Anderson's hit play of the 1942-43 season opened auspiciously in London yesterday before an enthusiastic audience of Allied soldiers who packed the Scala Theater as the curtain rose on the first act.

For two short hours that audience laughed and cried, chuckled and cheered as the comedy and breezy chatter of barracks and battle vied with the heartaches of war-torn homes. But we'll make no attempt to describe this splendid play which we urge every soldier to see, for we think you'll enjoy every one of the eleven short scenes that tell the story of America's preparation for war and the tests faced by every man plunged into battle.

Eve of St. Mark is a great play. Written especially for the National Theater Conference, experts considered it so excellent that it has been widely produced. Following its success on Broadway, Hollywood paid a record figure for movie rights, and Maxwell Anderson, visiting in London, then gave the Army the right to produce it here.

The GI and Red Cross cast selected for this purpose have proved worthy of their great opportunity and we feel sure that those lucky enough to see Eve of St. Mark will join with us in saying to all those responsible for the London success . . . Well done.

English University Courses

Opportunity seldom knocks twice on the same door we have been told; but for GI Joes in this theater the rule fails to operate, for once again comes the offer of short courses at famous British Universities.

This time Oxford, London and Edinburgh Universities offer American officers, nurses and enlisted men an opportunity to spend leave or furlough attending a short course lasting one week.

Outstanding instructors from these world-famous institutions, supplemented by men high in the public service, will lecture on government, science, art, religion, education, international relations and other topics of interest to students from the U.S. Armed Forces.

Morning classes will be supplemented by afternoon tours to spots of historic interest. Special programs, including concerts, plays and dances, will round out the weekly program of study.

Short courses will begin today at Oxford University. New groups will enter each week during the summer months with the exception of August 2. Short courses at London University will open on July 19 and 26, August 2 and 9. Courses at the University of Edinburgh will begin on July 19 and 26 and August 2.

Attending students will be housed without cost, but will pay for food and service £3 12s. in the case of officers and £1 12s. if an enlisted man. Applications for entrance should be mailed at once through channels to the Chief of Special Services SOS in this theater.

This generous offer should be carefully considered by those planning a leave or furlough, for it represents the educational opportunity of a lifetime.

Hit Kits Arrive

Hit Kits are now being distributed in this theater and monthly distribution will follow for the duration. Present plans call for every company or equivalent unit of approximately 200 men to receive 50 copies of the Hit Kit pamphlet every month. This three-fold single sheet pamphlet contains the words of six hit songs of the month, selected by a jury comprising many of the best known personalities in the field of popular music.

In the same envelope with the 50 pamphlets is packed one copy of Hit Kit sheet music, containing the words and music of all six songs.

The Army considers musical activities of the highest importance in building and maintaining morale. Through the Hit Kit it is making available musical facilities and material of all kinds. Men in the ranks have indicated a desire to sing the hit songs they hear on the air, and after a close examination of the first Hit Kit it would appear the army has hit on a happy solution to this need.

Barber Shop quartets get set . . . a singing army is on the way.

Hash Marks

It's an old saying that doctors must have patience as well as patients. A former patient called at the office of Dr. E. F. Wyatt, of Easley, S.C., to pay his account. Dr. Wyatt couldn't find the record immediately, but after thumbing through many ledgers, he finally did—the bill was dated 1906.

Two more nominations for the Royal Order of GIs: 1/Lt. G. I. Shore, of Lewiston, Idaho, and Sgt. G. I. Cordova, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Way out in Idaho, Chief of Detectives C. C. Evans was asked to locate a stolen car. Officers located the



machine and ordered the occupants out. To their surprise, 12 Indians, including three squaws, emerged. Taken to the station, all twelve denied the theft. Officers returned for the car but it was gone. They overlooked a 13th guy who escaped with the car while the dozen were being questioned.

We've noted with interest the number of soldiers in ETO who have been blood donors. It pays dividends, too, just ask Frank Sustek, of Schenectady, N.Y. As a patriotic gesture, Sustek donated a pint of blood to the Red Cross. The other day his physician appealed to the public for three or four pints of blood for Sustek, who was suffering from a stomach ailment.

Tip to the War Bond officer: Rumors still have it that there is a lieutenant in a base censor's office who is speculating on paying £250 for a greyhound racer.

Latest victim of rationing: William A. Timberlake, who was held up by three men in Goulds, Florida. The bandits took only Timberlake's shoes.

The younger generation catches on fast. When someone telephoned a housewife in New Brunswick, N.J., and offered to



sell her tuna fish for 5 cents a can, it sounded so unbelievable she called out: police. Two "black marketeers"—ages seven and nine—were picked up quickly. They were selling goods from their mamma's pantries.

Most surprised GI anywhere around last week was Pvt. Sam Buchieri of Aberdeen proving grounds. Pvt. Sam was inspecting a captured Italian truck. On one side he found "greetings" signed by his brother, Cpl. Pat Buchieri, stationed in that war zone.

J. C. W.

13 Miles of Bombs Supply Forts

Repair Crews Figure They Can Kick HE Around

A USAAF BOMB DEPOT, July 4—Stowed away along 13 miles of winding U.S. Army-built roads here are enough tons of steel-cased TNT to gouge the Ruhr deeper than the Grand Canyon. It is a huge block-buster dump, which supplies many of the B17 stations in England with bombs.

The ordnance unit that handles the flow of bombs coming in and going out of the depot is commanded by Capt. Gay V. Piercy. Capt. Piercy's father, a major at the Delaware Ordnance Depot, is at the other end of the Piercy-to-Piercy-to-Hiffer combination.

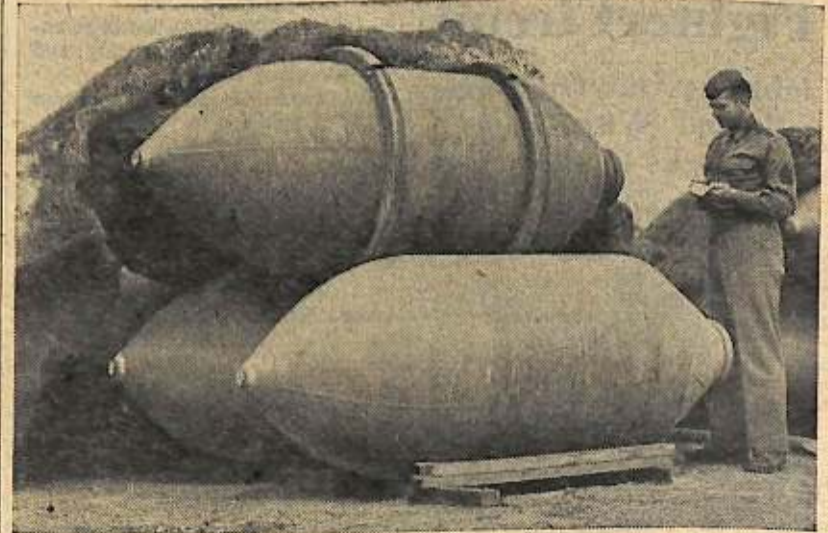
The depot handles everything from tons of .50-caliber shells to tons of the super 4,000-pounders. The men who handle them are careful but casual about their job. The unit is divided. Some of the men truck the bombs from other depots to their own dump and out again to the bomber stations. One small crew repairs bombs which are damaged in transit or are in any way imperfect, and another section is in charge of salvage.

T/Sgt. Robert Zelus, of Chicago, is in charge of the bomb repair work.

"They're harmless as all hell," Zelus says as he gives a 1,000-pounder a healthy kick with the toe of his shoe. "Just handle them according to the books and you're OK."

Zelus isn't sure, but he figures the list price of a good 1,000-pounder runs around \$300.

He and his crew save the government a good sum by either repairing damaged



Stars and Stripes Photo

Four thousand-pound blockbusters are now nestled in huge supply dumps at Eighth Air Service Command depots. Here T/Sgt. Clarence Eaton, of Muskogee, Okla., checks over several of the huge American-built bombs besides giving their relative size to an average man.

bombs or emasculating the ones that can't be used and making salvage material out of their ingredients.

In every lot there are a few bombs that have had their fin-securing rings battered, or the threads on the nose plugs jammed. Zelus fixes them, and if any man in the Army thinks he has a dangerous job he is invited out to watch Zelus hammer a damaged plug out of a 1,000-pounder—or even a little one, a 500-pounder.

None have exploded on him, so far, Zelus said.

The .50-caliber shells come in hermetically sealed metal cans. The bomb toters carry a load of live ammunition to the bomber stations and load up with a truck

full of these empty shell cases for the return trip.

Back at the depot here, T/Sgt. James M. Norris, of Mansfield, La., takes over the returned metal cans. Norris, known here as The Salvage King, estimates that he has about 700,000 pounds of empty shell cases on hand.

Every empty case represents 350 .50-caliber shells.

Although the bombs are well spread over the area that is threaded together by the 13 miles of road, authorities take no chances. The living quarters and mess halls for the unit that handles them are miles from the nearest bombs—just in case.

Seamen Find New Homes in Far Ports Clubs Give Men 'on the Beach' Place to Sleep, Eat, Drink

By Philip Bucknell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A BRITISH PORT, July 4—They used to call it being "on the beach," the merchant seamen who were ashore, waiting for a ship. In this town they now call it "stopping over at the club."

The American Merchant Seamen's Club, directed by Leo A. Wiener, of Brooklyn, is in what was formerly one of the best hotels in town. Right now it is still a first-rate hotel, but it is also a club where merchant seamen, for the first time, are being taken care of in the same manner that the American Red Cross looks after the interests of men in the armed forces.

It is one of a list of clubs set up in friendly ports all over the world by the United Seamen's Service and the government for the men who carry food and gasoline and munitions to the men behind the guns.

Home for Seamen

They provide the seamen with a place to sleep ashore, and they also provide food and drink—the clubs have bars where only beer is served. They cable messages back home to tell wives and mothers that their boys are well, they provide entertainment, and they look after the men when they are sick—and sometimes the boys arrive mighty sick.

Right now, there is only one merchant seaman over here who is a torpedo casualty, thanks to recent protective

measures, but the clubs have had to provide for a number of guys who have spent days clinging to rafts in Arctic seas, who have had cargoes of HE or gasoline blow up under them.

Kirk McAlpine is the one survivor now over here. He is 52 years old, and he left Edinburgh, Scotland, as a boy for Passaic, N.J., and he doesn't give a damn for anybody or anything—least of all the U-boat that sunk him on New Year's Eve, 50 miles out of New York.

"We spent New Year's Day in a life-boat," he tells, "and we had no time to celebrate. Waves 40 foot high were breaking over us, and continued to break over us, for four days. Then a British destroyer picked us up just off the eastern seaboard and brought us all the way over to Britain. God bless the Royal Navy. Have a drink to the Royal Navy."

"Now," he continued, "all I want to do is to go back to sea, you understand? And what else do I want to do? What else I want to do is to give 200 bucks to the USO or the Red Cross so that I can do what I can for our army, you understand. God bless our flag, you understand. Have a drink to our flag."

Ed Stoughton, of Philadelphia, second mate off a Liberty ship, who has done two trips to North Africa and a trip to Murmansk, and is just getting over a bout with pneumonia, is another guest of the club, waiting in the seamen's pool for another ship.

"When a guy has been on the beach, bumming around," he says, "it surely is a good thing to find a place where a guy can eat right and sleep decent."

'Off the Beach'

For the guys who have been "bumming around on the beach" the club provides a good billiards room and a library. The library is much like the Red Cross club reading rooms except that nautical literature goes alongside the New Yorker and Colliers and Saturday Evening Post.

The only American girl on the club staff is Marcella S. Norins, of Boston, wife of T/4 Hanley Norins, who is now sweating out an OCS course in this country to become an Air Force Control Officer. Marcella's official title is welfare and entertainments director of the club.

The third American at the club is Roger R. Sharpe, who is recruitment and manning officer for the United Kingdom.

Sharpe has been connected with the merchant marine from the civil service end of the game for many years and he has a lot of respect for the modern breed of seamen.

For instance, take Leo Sherman, of Sturgis, S.D. If one rates a man by the amount of danger he has gone through Sherman is quite a guy. After the Spanish civil war broke out he flew seven months with the Republican forces.

When Republican resistance collapsed, Sherman flew airplanes over the Burma Road. Then the United States came into

the war. It was not so easy to enlist with the American forces then, so Sherman joined the RAF. With the British fliers he completed a tour of operations in bombers and then transferred to fighters. From the single engine jobs he was grounded. "Careless flying" was the reason and Sherman does not contest the verdict.

Soldiers stationed locally and sailors off convoy duty drop into the club a lot for a drink and a yarn. There is no other club for the forces in this part of the world, but it is probable that if there were half a dozen they would still drop in for a yarn. They like talking with the merchant seamen, and they like the way the seamen talk.

They do not indulge in heroics, these merchant seamen. A guy who travels around over a shipload of gasoline and sees other craft in his convoy blown sky high hasn't got much time for cheap talk. He knows he is doing a job and that without him the fighting men would be helpless. That is a good thing to think upon.



Ode to LA Union Station

Ah! What a motley congregation Was Lockheed leaving Union Station. That night in June a year ago, Ten thousand relatives, or so, Came down to see us on the train, And sing "Until we meet again." Ah! There were bitter partings there, Amid the hubbub in the air; Mother and son in farewell clutch; Sweethearts in corners, not saying much; Brave wives with faces sorely grieved (And others looking much relieved); And there were sighs, and sobs, and blubbers, And cries of "Don't forget your rubbers";

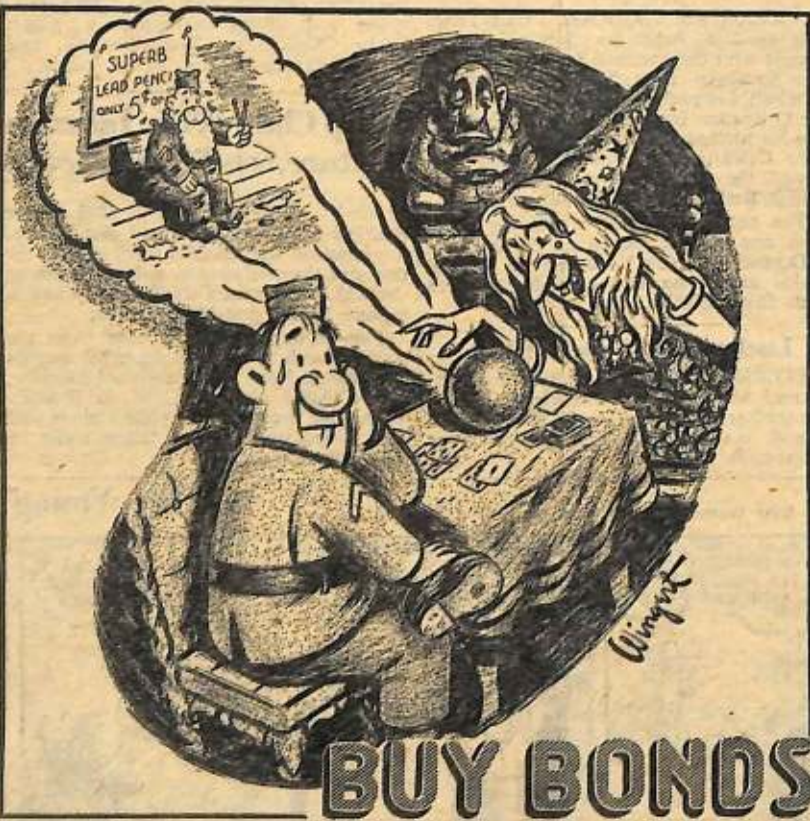
Teardrops, lipstick, liquor, flowing, Whistles tooting, noses blowing, While we, a vicious-looking band, Were standing ready, grip in hand, Our pockets filled, commando-wise, With trusty jack-knives (medium size) Waiting the fateful hour when we Were off to save democracy.

But, as we climbed aboard the car, And battled forward to the bar, Our hopes were high, our hearts grew light;

A high adventure lay in sight: A four-day train ride—Hotel Penns, A final fling with New York friends, We had to cross the damn Atlantic, But Ireland sounded so romantic—The Emerald Isle where all the while The suit would smile on us (oh, brother!), Where roses bloomed and airplanes zoomed, And colleens roomed with one another.

Such thoughts we had, in our elation, When we, from good ol' Union Station, Departed of our own volition, And so became a "Yank technician."

Kenneth E. Harper, L.A.



NEWS FROM HOME

# Food Subsidies Stay; FDR Wins Tiff in Congress

## House Fails to Override Veto of 'High Cost Of Living' Bill

WASHINGTON, July 4—President Roosevelt's policy of paying subsidies to food producers and processors to reduce retail prices continued today as a result of the House's failure Friday to override the President's veto of the anti-administration Commodity Credit Corporation bill. The bill would have banned such subsidies.

The House, voting 228 to 154 to override, failed to garner the necessary two-thirds vote to repass the act, and were defeated in their attempt to prevent the payment of subsidies to roll back prices.

The President described the bill as an "inflation bill, a high cost of living bill and a food shortage bill," and declared that it would hamstring the government's program to stabilize the cost of living.

### Yards Launch 168 Ships

WASHINGTON, July 4—American shipyards delivered 168 cargo vessels totaling 1,676,500 tons in June, the Maritime Commission announced yesterday. Since Pearl Harbor 1,689 ships have been launched.

### Shapely Miss Grable

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 4—Former movie actress June Knight testified yesterday in her husband's divorce suit that she once pinched him on the knee in a restaurant for being too attentive to Betty

# U.S. Drops Fancy Trimmings, Shortens Matches to Cut Waste

WASHINGTON, July 4 (UP)—Luxury-loving Americans did not take long to learn the economic way of living when they entered the war, although there are still many luxuries in the country which have disappeared in Britain.

By instituting such ingenious saving methods as reducing the length of matches and thereby saving more than 7,000,000 feet of valuable timber a year, the United States is now conserving war material in countless ways.

Before the end of this year, it was estimated here, about 500 luxuries used daily in the United States will have been reduced or eliminated to save man-power, materials and machines needed for more vital purposes.

The War Production Board began its steel saving program by clamping down upon the items that affected the man-in-the-street.

Mothers now are wheeling their babies in carriages limited in weight to nine

pounds of iron and steel. Coffins must be no longer than six foot three inches.

The War Production Board predicts the steel saved through these economy methods by the end of the year will be equal to the production of more than 5,000,000 tons.

Besides completely stopping the manufacture of such articles as aluminum goods, electric refrigerators and silk stockings, the Government has placed limits on the style, color and decoration of some 200 articles still in everyday use.

Clothing has not escaped this vigorous curtailment. Shirt tails have practically disappeared, decorative ruffles on women's nightdresses and other clothing have been stopped, and in many cases excessive stitching on clothing has gone.

In addition to the huge amount of material saved as a result of this simplification program, more than 15,000,000 man-hours of labor have been released for war work.

Grable, seated next to him. She said, "Miss Grable was very attractive and shapely in a black, low cut gown."

### Robert, Hoover to Confer

WASHINGTON, July 4—Vice Adm. John H. Hoover, commander of the Caribbean Sea frontier, will confer with Adm. Georges Robert, governor of Vichy-controlled Martinique, on Robert's proposal for a change of authority on the island. Robert's request is believed to be the result of anti-Vichy demonstrations on Martinique.

### U.S. to Arm Hemisphere

SANTIAGO, Cal., July 4—Josh Lee, member of the United States Civil Aeronautics Board and former Senator from Oklahoma, said that the American nations will soon have a plentiful

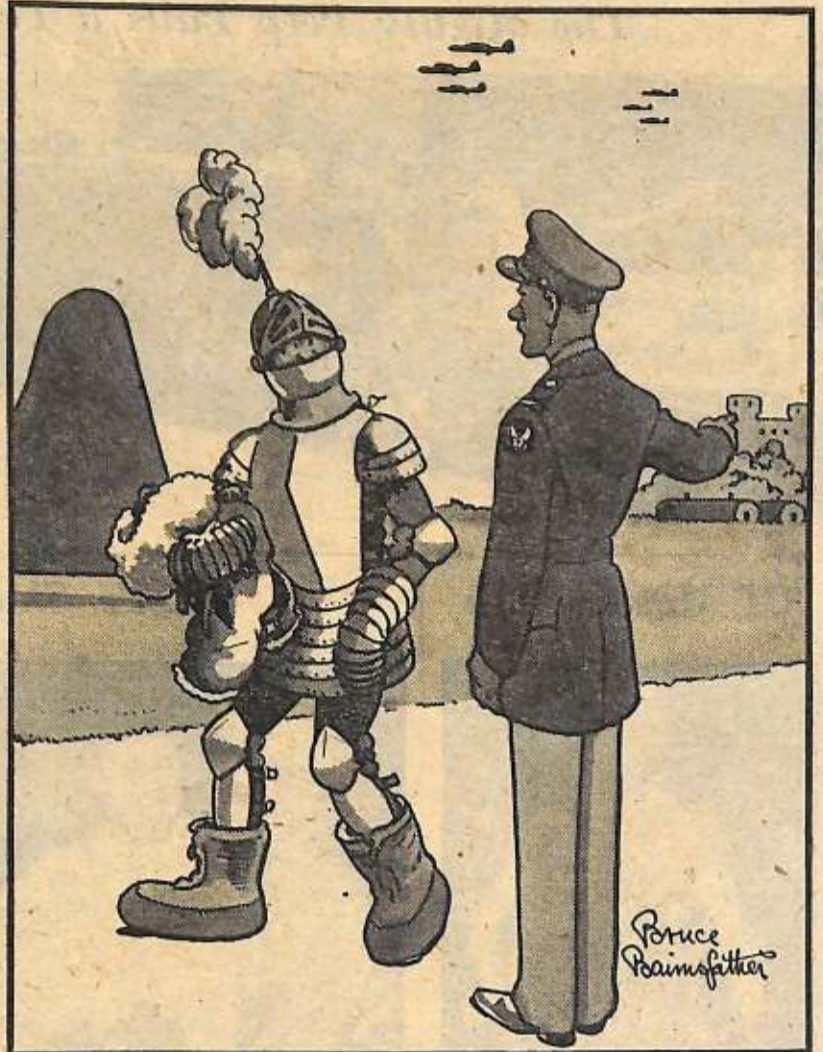
supply of military planes manufactured in the United States. Plane production, he said, has reached the point where it meets the hemisphere's demands.

### Spellman Greets Relatives

NEW YORK, July 4—The National Catholic Community Service of New York has announced that 14,000 messages have been relayed by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman to the relatives of servicemen he interviewed on his tour of overseas installations.

### Nominations For U.S. Ministers

WASHINGTON, July 4 (AP)—President Roosevelt has sent to the Senate nominations of Ray Atherton as U.S. Minister to Canada, William Burdett as Minister to New Zealand and Loy Henderson as Minister to Iraq.



"You must put all that back in the castle immediately, lieutenant! I can't possibly have you seen over Kiel like that!"

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### The Mighty Peep Pulls a Freight Car



Substituting for a switch engine, a tiny peep pulls a freight car to a loading pier on Dakar's bustling waterfront. Engineer is Sgt. Joseph Stein, of Hollywood, and member of a quartermaster unit stationed at the West African port.

Associated Press Photo.

### A 'Hangover' After Munda Attack



Keystone Photo

This is the scene on an American warship the morning after a night attack several weeks ago on Munda, New Georgia island in the Solomons, where today American marines are driving to capture the Jap headquarters. Scores of shell casings litter the deck and already crews are gathering them up to be returned in port for live shells.

### GI Muscle Man



Keystone Photo

Pvt. Harry Michael, Chicago's best-built man and holder of a world's weight-lifting record, comes out of a "shell hole" with a 112-pound .50-caliber machine-gun under each arm while training in Maryland.

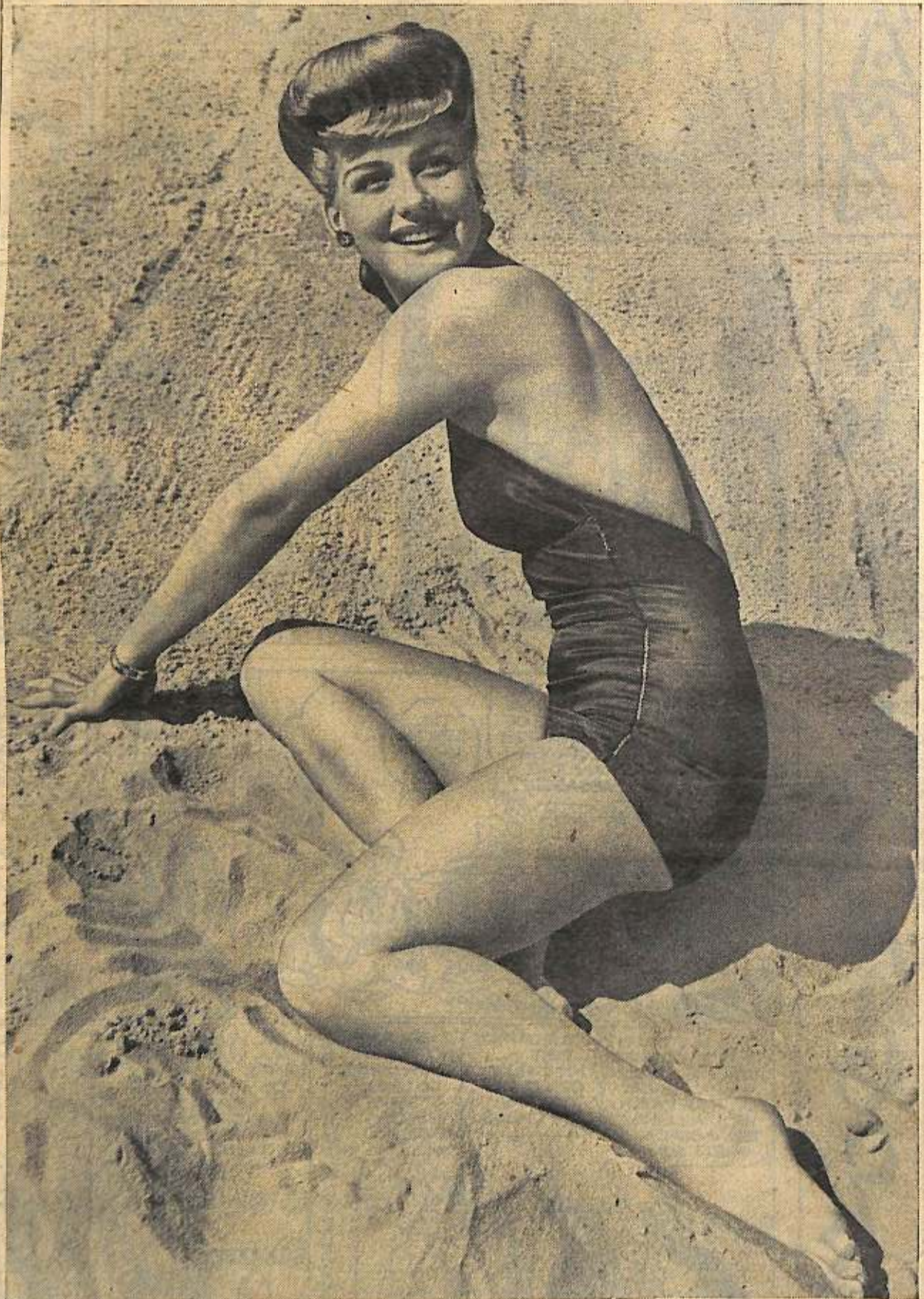
### 'Let's Shake On It'



Keystone Photo

Cpl. Matthew McGettrick, in Dickson City, Pa., on a short furlough, has handshakes for coalminers Floyd Tylemda, John Glenn and Charles Wozniak as they joyfully accepted the news of John L. Lewis' recent "back-to-work" order. Servicemen's feelings, regarding the strike, were beginning to run high.

### A Big Sandpile But No One to Play With



Ann Savage isn't waiting for the next bus but is looking for a playmate to share the sunny sandpile on the beach near her home in Hollywood.

### WAAC Cops Learn to Fight Rough



Associated Press Photo

WAAC military police learn judo at the Army Air Forces' school of Applied Tactics at Orlando, Fla. Here, Aux. Ruth Trutna, of Wahoo, Neb., is on top ready to deal a paralyzing blow to the midriff of Aux. Helen Miller, who is held in an escape-proof leg strangle.

### She'll Be Fit for Duty after Repairs



Keystone Photo

Sgt. V. M. Gemelli heads for his camp with "Gertie" after bombs had made the Bizerta department store dummy homeless.