

Axis Thrust In Tunisia Is Thwarted

French Artillery, Allied Bombers Knock Out Tank Column

By the United Press
A serious German threat to the Allies' southern flank in the northern sector of Tunis has been stopped by combined action of French troops and Allied bombers.

The German High Command planned to throw a large force against the Allied flank. Large troop movements apparently explain the very heavy Allied bombardment of the roads round Soussa recently, in which motorized infantry were often the target.

The Germans thrust forward with 30 tanks and infantry on Monday towards the town of Fondouck, in the southern sector, overran the defenses round the town and surrounded it.

While French infantry and artillery, using new anti-tank equipment, attacked the tanks on the ground, medium bombers dived down and unloaded bombs on the German panzers. When the Germans left 10 disabled tanks remained behind them and the threat to Fondouck and the whole flank was beaten off.

Sandstorms on Desert

On the Tripoli front there was little to report. Severe sandstorms over the desert prevented even air operations. Last reports placed the Rommel rearguard in the Zemzem area, where contact has been made by British patrols and armored columns.

The French armored column which is moving from the south in the Fezzan area of Tripoli was silent today, but a significant indication was contained in the Italian communique, which said: "In the desert region of south Libya pressure on our advanced positions increased."

Arab 'Chutists Caught

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan. 5 (AP)—French GHQ announced today that German aircraft had been dropping Arabs behind the Allied lines by parachute, but they had been rounded up and shot with their accomplices.

German aircraft released some Arabs behind our lines by parachutes, but they only met a few accomplices," the communique stated. "Both the Arabs and their accomplices were caught, court-martialed and shot.

Military and police authorities contributed to the arrest of these enemy agents. Big reward was given to all those who helped by their information in capturing the parachutists."

Tank Attack Repulsed

There have been other instances of the Germans dropping men by glider and parachute in Southern Tunisia.

French military sources said that some 30 to 40 German tanks took part in the attack on French positions at Fondouck, southeast of Pichon, yesterday. The attack was repulsed and the situation restored after the Germans had gained some initial success.

The French war communique stated: "During the combat reported yesterday the enemy left in our hands 10 heavy tanks destroyed either by Allied aircraft or by our anti-tank guns. Nothing new to report today."

U.S. Air Support

The American Air Force struck in support of French and American ground forces in southern Tunisia yesterday, bombing the railway yards at Kairouan and targets at Cherichera, six miles northeast of Fondouck. The bombers and escorting fighters shot down four German planes for the loss of one Boston bomber and one fighter.

In the north bad weather continued to hold up all activity. In fighter sweeps over the southern front, P40s destroyed one Ju88 and one Me109.

Two New Fighter Planes Being Used by Japanese

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Maj. David Hill, squadron leader of the China Air Task Force, said today that the Japanese were using two new and improved fighters, a single-engine fighter with a considerable edge in speed over the Zero and a twin-engine high-altitude plane.

Maj. Hill added that the United States still led Japan in equipment and tactics. He declared that the United States and China, with new equipment and larger quantities, could destroy the Japanese air force from bases in China.

Eagle Squadron Veteran Weds Film Star



Capt. and Mrs. Thomas C. Wallace (she was Carole Landis until 2 PM yesterday) laugh happily as they leave a London church after their marriage. (Story on Page Four.)

Soldiers Pack Club to Cheer First Stars and Stripes Bouts

Soldier fight fans jammed International Hall of the Rainbow Club in London last night to roar approval for the opening bouts of The Stars and Stripes boxing tournament which aims to produce the service ring champions of the Second AEF.

In a typically American fight club scene, more than 500 soldiers filled every seat and packed the aisles as full as fire regulations would allow to cheer fights that would have kept any American ring crowd in an uproar.

The bouts, which are the initial step in an all-inclusive sports program for the ETO, were the first of a series of elimination fights scheduled for every Tuesday.

Along with the elimination bouts, which produced the first winners of Stars and Stripes belts, outstanding English ringmen staged exhibition matches last night.

TKO in First Round

Scoring a technical knockout in 1:10 of the first round, Pvt. Lawrence Drullard, Duluth, Minn., infantryman, became the first winner in the elimination tourney. Weighing 147, Drullard gave away eight pounds to Pvt. John Osmun, Boston, Mass., but still was too good for the New Englander, and Maj. Richards Vidmer, former N.Y. Herald Tribune sports writer, halted the bout.

Officials for the tourney's opener, in addition to Maj. Vidmer, were Capt. Edward Corcoran and Lt. Herbert Stribling, judges, and Col. Theodore Arter, timekeeper.

Following the exhibition bouts, a pair of GI 160-pounders tangled in three terrific rounds that wound up with S/Sgt.

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Brooklyn Pvt. Bayonets His First Nazis

WITH AMERICAN FORCES, Tunisia, Jan. 5 (AP)—How U.S. infantrymen bayoneted 25 of 60 attacking Germans during the famous battle of Long Stop Hill and forced the rest to surrender was told today by a skinny young Jewish private from Brooklyn, who speared two big Nazis himself in his first clash with blades.

His story was one of many just coming to light of the epic encounters during the recent fierce see-saw struggle for the heights six miles north of Medjez el Bab.

"We had taken the hill the night before and were on the defensive," said Pvt. Leonard Aaronson, 1938 72nd Street, Brooklyn. "A German patrol set out to see how far they could penetrate our lines.

"It was dark and there were about 60 of them. They were in our lines before the outpost could give the alarm.

'Like a Fencing Duel'

"They opened fire on us, but we were afraid to return it for fear our bullets would kill our own men, scattered all about. Instead we attacked with bayonets.

"It was like a fencing duel. If you could dodge and block fast enough and

get your blade in first you were the victor.

"I caught my first man with the butt of my rifle, and as he went under I gave him the bayonet. He fell over dead.

"We went on and met a few more, one of whom came at me. He was even bigger than the first one and didn't bother to try to stab me. He swung his rifle butt at me horizontally. The object of this is to disable your opponent and if you miss a stroke you are supposed to retain control of the rifle and swing back on guard.

'He Was Wide Open'

"Unfortunately for him he lunged with such fury it swung him around and left him wide open for whatever I wanted to give him.

"I didn't have to tell my hands what to do. I followed instinctively the principles the army drilled in me and gave it to him in the throat at an angle. After I pulled out the weapon he dropped to the ground, coughed, groaned once and was still.

"The remaining Germans by then had had enough and gave up. Those who knew English dropped their guns, held out crossed hands and tried to surrender.

Reds Take Nalchik, Key City in Nazis' Caucasus Defenses

Ssshhh! Russian War Is Secret in Germany

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 5 (UP)—No detailed reports of the fighting in Russia are to be given by the Germans for some time so as not to give the Russians any information, declared German military quarters in Berlin, according to the Stockholm Svenska Dagbladet.

"The next report may be expected when the Russian offensives have been defeated," one source was quoted as saying.

The Germans admitted, however, that mobile warfare was in progress on the southern front.

German Forces Face Danger of Being Cut in Two

Recapture of Nalchik, key city in the Nazi Caucasus defense line, was reported in a special communique broadcast from Moscow last night.

The city, 100 miles west of Mozdok, which was taken last week, places the Soviet forces in an even more advantageous position in their drive to cut the enemy forces in the Caucasus area. It fell in an onslaught on Monday, the radio said.

Nalchik was one of a large number of towns and villages reported in the communique to have been recaptured. These included the railway junctions of Prakh-ladraya and Kotliarevsky and the town of Malsky.

Rescue Force Repulsed

MOSCOW, Jan. 5 (AP)—The Red Army pressed its offensive on the Middle Don today, widening the ring around the great German group before Stalingrad despite efforts of the Nazi command to rescue one smaller isolated garrison.

The Germans sent a powerful force of tanks and infantry yesterday for the relief of the garrison, which was understood not to be the main group of 21 divisions surrounded between the Don and the Volga, but they were repulsed by Red Army artillery with the loss of 1,000 men and 24 tanks.

The Russians meanwhile occupied the town of Chernyshkovsky, 60 miles southwest of the encircled Stalingrad garrison, the nearest point held by the Germans outside the ring.

Fresh Nazi Troops

The Red Army's Middle Don drive today encountered fresh German forces which were brought up from reserve. The reinforcements at first pressed back the Russian units, but later the Germans themselves were thrown into a new retreat by Red Army tank attacks which destroyed 49 enemy armored machines.

The Russians continued to drive forward on another sector of the Middle Don front, occupying several more settlements.

The Germans have already tried twice to relieve their Stalingrad force, which dwindled from 22 to 21 divisions, enclosed in an area of 300 square miles west of the Volga, living on scant rations of horseflesh and bread and with scarcely enough ammunition for defense.

First the Germans tried to force their way out from inside the ring northwest of Stalingrad, but were driven back.

The Red Army push south of Stalingrad passed the snowline from the Volga steppes covered with heavy snow drifts into the flat, arid snowless Kalmuk region, where dry cold prevailed. The campaign there is being conducted under the most difficult conditions with few inhabited points, and wells as far as 40 miles apart.

Red Army tank forces bore the main burden of the offensive there, supported by motorized infantry. They approached the Kalmuk Republic through Obilnoye Kiseliovsk, reached the border at Nikol'sky, and have now pushed south beyond the capital, Elista.

Roll On In South

At the southern end of the front in the Caucasus, where Mozdok has fallen to the Red Army's offensive, another German defense line is reported to have been broken and occupied in the mountain passes. Three villages, on which the Ger-

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Axis Peace Campaign Is Expected by Halifax

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, predicted today an Axis effort to propose peace in order to avoid defeat, but as for the United Nations "we shall make no peace until the forces of the Axis east and west, north and south, have suffered the final, unmistakable, irrevocable defeat."

"I am convinced that as the dream of Axis victory fades . . . we shall receive from some quarter, in some shape, proposals for peace," he said in an address. "But we have no intention of allowing Germany the opportunity once again to bring disaster upon the world and so to any such proposals we can forecast our answer now."

Sub Saves 29 Fleeing Enemy On Pacific Isle

Civilians Were Hiding From Foe in Solomons; New Gains Listed

WITH U.S. SOUTH PACIFIC FLEET, Jan. 5 (AP)—A daring submarine operation under cover of darkness resulted in the rescue of 29 men, women and children from a Japanese-held island in the Solomons group, Adm. William Halsey disclosed today.

Adm. Halsey said that 17 of those rescued were white women known to have been in imminent danger of ill-treatment and death. Three were children.

The operation involved detaching a submarine from the task of sinking Japanese shipping and sending her to shallow waters to effect the evacuation. The daring coup was carried out under the very noses of the Japs.

In Danger of Capture

The Americans learned that missionaries and a party of whites not evacuated prior to enemy occupation of the Solomons last spring were in danger of capture by a Jap raiding party.

The whites scurried to the bush for safety when the Japs neared, but it was learned that the Japs planned to send a special force to capture the refugees, and it became a race against time.

The submarine commander was given orders while at sea, and he stood off shore and took the refugees aboard at night just 24 hours before the Japs landed.

Take Guadalcanal Position

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—The Navy Department announced today that U.S. troops had captured a new Japanese

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Wanders Toward Enemy

In the same series of battles for possession of Long Stop Hill—which is named for a British position in cricket—an odd accident saved the life of another infantryman, Cpl. Peter di Capua, 214A Prospect Avenue, Brooklyn.

Temporarily dazed by a 10-foot fall from a rock after a mortar exploded in front of him, he wandered toward the German lines, thinking they were his own. A German soldier rose up to hurl a grenade at him, but unexpectedly it burst in his own hand.

"An English soldier, who helped me and one of his own injured soldiers to safety, told me the explosion blew off the German's arm and ripped open his side," said di Capua. "He laid there in the mud and cried in German. They took him away to one of our hospitals and I don't know whether he lived or died. I only am grateful the grenade didn't reach me."

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Hush Marks

We met some members of a rough and ready outfit the other night. They are plenty tough and when the action gets hot they will be right in the middle of it—it's that type unit. One guy quipped, "Instead of crossed rifles or crossed sabres, we're petitioning the War Department to let us wear crossed fingers!"

Latest claim on the "One Man Mail Monopoly" comes from W/O Charles E.



Vogan of a quartermaster battalion somewhere in the British Isles. On New Year's Eve Vogan received 15 packages and 108 (count 'em—108) letters.

The latest GI story making the rounds concerns Joe and Bill—two buddies who enlisted together, trained together and eventually found themselves about to fight the Japs together. Before entering the front lines they were given a pep talk by their commanding officer who, as an incentive, promised each man a dollar for each dead Jap. Bill went on guard the first night in the zone of action. His first tour of duty was quiet and he kept having visions of those good ole dollar bills. On his second round things started happening. He dashed back to his pal whispering, "Wake up, Joe, grab your gun and follow me. Now's our chance. Don't wake the others, but there are thousands of those little yellow b—s coming over the hill!"

Cpl. Norman Goldblatt of Kansas City, Missouri, now overseas, furnishes us with the perfect capsule criticism of a movie. His remark upon leaving "George Washington Slept Here," "I did too."

Overheard in a que: "Mother is always having trouble with father or the



furnace. Every time she watches one the other goes out."

Here's the home front as seen through the eyes of Bob Hope. He quips: "Have the prices gone up! I went to the market and asked the butcher for a ten-pound turkey. He said, O.K., how do you want it financed?"

J. C. W.

Axis Determined to Hold Tunisia



Keystone Photo

The Nazis, determined to keep Tunisia out of the hands of the Allies, who might use it as a jumping off place for an invasion of Europe, are rushing the fortifications of strategic positions. Photo shows them installing heavy gun in defense line outside Tebourba.

Rain Threat Delays Tank War Till Next Month

By Wes Gallagher

Associated Press War Correspondent

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan. 5—Hitler's determination to keep the Mediterranean cut has turned the Tunisia war into a major effort with thousands of German and Italian troops employed from Bizerta to the Tripolitanian border together with part of the first-line strength of the Luftwaffe.

This conclusion is purely personal, based on a 2,100-mile trip of the war front by jeep together with another 700 miles travel in a Flying Fortress, much of it on a bombing mission over Tunis.

Here are the main impressions I got:

- 1. Rain and the constant threat of rain make Allied tank warfare impossible in northern Tunisia until late in February. There are five main roads leading into Tunis and Bizerta and the ground between is nothing but muck which would bog the lightest tank.
2. The Germans, with short lines of communication, perimeter defenses of the two ports and a great concentration of artillery and Luftwaffe protection from Sardinia and Sicily could halt any infantry assault with murderous losses.
3. In the north, land warfare is stagnant, with neither side able to take a definite initiative.
4. Despite the advantage of established

bases within easy reach of the front from Sicily and Sardinia, the Luftwaffe is losing its punch in the face of Allied opposition and is only a shadow of the terrible weapon it was in Greece and France.

5. Lack of airfields is handicapping the Allied air effort but military punishment is being dealt out by the RAF, Flying Fortresses and P38 fighters, which is nine to 10 times as effective from the military point as the Luftwaffe blows.

6. French troops, with a total disregard for politics and antiquated equipment, are fighting with great gallantry, particularly at Pont de Fahs and in the south in a winding irregular line through the mountains towards Gafsa.

7. The Germans are making great preparations for the defense of Tunisia.

One hindrance to the Allied drive is the terrain which, next to the weather, is the key to the situation.

There are great plateaus in central Tunisia where the roads run for 50 to 60 miles without a turning, often skirting the ruins of old Roman cities. Along these roads war chariots raced hundreds of years ago. Today, fighters skim over them.

No Line in South

In the north where Allied troops are facing veteran German troops there are wet trenches along the ridges.

In the south there is no line, but just a series of strong points held by French troops, the RAF, parachutists, and scattered American troops.

The Germans use gliders to drop their patrols behind strong points for guerrilla raids, while British, American and French patrols often penetrate deep into the enemy lines on similar raids.

Despite the fact the Luftwaffe is losing its punch in the face of Allied air strength, Allied troops have been dive-bombed and strafed dozens of times. It is still true that the Germans can raid the Allied lines making daylight travel on the few roads dangerous and can even gain control of the air for short periods.

But where 100 Stukas once appeared, 15 now appear. Where 40 fighters flew over, four now fly—and, when challenged by the RAF or American fighters, quickly disappear, as the Luftwaffe is obviously husbanding its strength.

It is impossible to keep every plane off every Allied soldier. The Germans, with long-prepared fields in Sardinia and Sicily, hold every advantage, but have been unable to exploit it to the extent they did in Greece, Crete and Norway.

In dry weather the great Tunisian plateaus will provide hundreds of flying fields for the asking, but now these fields must be created with thousands of tons of wire netting brought hundreds of miles by lorry. Even with these I have seen Spitfires land in six inches of water which sprayed two feet high over the cockpit as the plane came in.

On the other hand, the Allied bomber attack has been one of the most consistent of the war. Able to pick and choose from fields well behind the lines, RAF and American bombers smash down on the Germans in Bizerta, Tunis, Sfax, Gabes and Sousse by day and Middle East bombers by night with increasing intensity far exceeding the best that the Luftwaffe has so far put up.

For every four bombs dropped by the Germans on Bone or behind the Allied lines, RAF Bisleys, American Flying Fortresses, Bostons, B-25s, B-26s or long-range craft from Middle East bases drop 40.

This ratio is increasing and when it can be coordinated with tank attack it will be the deciding factor.

Nehring Conserves Aircraft

Gen. Nehring, commander of the Axis troops in Tunisia, recognizes this and is conserving his aircraft which I estimate at about 1,000 planes in the "bowl of the Mediterranean" including Tunisia, Southern Italy, Sardinia and Sicily.

Any attack will be preceded by a violent air battle as the Luftwaffe goes all out.

Any doubt that Hitler intends to hold the "bottleneck" of the Mediterranean between Tunisia and Sicily has been dispelled by the quality of prisoners being captured. They are crack airmen from Western Europe, Norway and the Russian front, some of whom wear the insignia for 100 operational flights. The first scratch troops are being replaced by veteran German crews and their numbers are increasing each day.

Divide and Conquer

Divide and conquer has been a cardinal principle of Axis foreign policy. This policy was used with marked success in many of the European countries now occupied by Axis armies.

Divide and conquer was followed by the policy of "keep 'em divided and rule." This policy has worked in some of the occupied countries; but is failing in others, including Yugoslavia.

A recent bit of proof comes from Croatia. Recently the Quisling ustash Commander Sholtz spoke over radio Rakovitzia in an attempt to explain away the fighting that is now taking place in that country. Said this enemy announcer: "The rebels began their activities in the State of Croatia immediately after the defeat of the Yugoslav army. These rebel gangs were, and partly still are, under the command of the Serbian Colonel Drazha Mihailovitch. It is manifest that this is not civil war in Croatia; but a part of the world war. The fact that it is part of the world war entitles us to expect help from 'our allies.' There are people who think it is an internal problem which we ourselves must solve. This opinion is bad and dangerous, because its inferences are bad.

There are many people in Croatia who object that all this would not have happened, that it could have been prevented if the Croat Government had behaved in a proper way. This is quite wrong: People foolishly spread these objections which ill-meaning people have launched. No matter how the Croat Government had acted, it would have been unable to forestall the attacks on our villages, the destruction of our factories, the smashing of our railway lines. The attackers and plunderers in Herzegovina, Bosnia, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia and Montenegro are under one High Command with an agreed goal, tactics and strategy. This is best proved by the fact that these gangs of criminals behave in the same way outside the Croat borders in Serbia and the other provinces."

In this propaganda speech the (Quisling) Croatian official recognizes the general Yugoslav leadership of Mihailovitch. They admit he commands in Croatia as well as in Serbia, and that all who serve him serve in a common cause.

The truth is that resistance everywhere in Yugoslavia is Yugoslav resistance based on opposition of all the people to Axis rule. The frankness of the broadcaster indicates the success and extent of this resistance. Divide and Rule in Yugoslavia has failed.

Military Disaster

"The German defenses on the Russian front are crumbling. With the fall of Veliki Luki the Russians can now advance on this sector with practically no opposition."

This estimate of the situation, given by a military adviser in London, sounds unbelievably optimistic; but is based on all the facts available for study and analysis.

Already the Red Army has passed several miles beyond Veliki Luki and is moving steadily west, driving hard for the Latvian border and towards the Baltic port of Riga, now less than 160 miles away. This thrust if it succeeds will bag some six hundred thousand German troops to the north that are now fighting on the Leningrad and Finnish fronts. It would eliminate Finland as an active Axis partner.

In the south the German position is not much brighter. With the capture of Kotelnikovo, German armies in the Don theater are faced with a disaster of the first magnitude, for each mile the Russians advance increases the danger to all the troops operating in the Caucasus.

As these Russian offensives develop we can see the master plan unfold, outlining a picture of Axis armies on the Eastern front cut into three separate parts . . . parts which in turn can be cut up and destroyed piecemeal.

Opposing the Russians on each front, however, are two tremendous and still powerful forces . . . the German army and the Russian winter. Both can be counted upon to contest the progress of every Russian column.



"Well, how do yer feel this mornin' Joe?" "Don't know yet. Wait till I'm awake and I'll tell yer."

We Lift a Story from a Rival: Jerry's Paper Tells of Woes

CAIRO, Jan. 5 (AP)—Evidence of the trouble Germans are having on the "Bosnian Front" is contained in a dispatch by a Nazi war correspondent, Karl Otto Zottman, published in the German soldiers' newspaper, Deutsche Zeitung Kroatien, on Dec. 8.

A copy of the newspaper, which is printed at Zagreb, Yugoslavia, has just reached Cairo through secret channels and furnishes a graphic account from the enemy side of the terror struck by Mihailovitch's patriots.

Zottman writes of a battle in the mountain forest which was still continuing (apparently) when his story was published:

"For two days we have been lying in thick moss. For two days insurgent bands tried to capture our positions, using their best forces. Like wolves, who are afraid of daylight, they approach noiselessly by night.

"Brigands try to destroy our communications with rearguard in the distant

valleys of Bosnia. They attack us from cliffs and mountain tops as our convoys climb chetnik-infested passes.

"Nights are cold and bright. Our sentries shiver under the hail but they remain incessantly alert, for in these dangerous regions death may strike at any minute—a cold knife through your heart.

"This morning we found the body of a young Croatian Oustachi (member of the Croatian Terrorist organization fighting on the German side). He had been strangled and then stabbed through the heart. Our sentries now bear in mind this episode and many others which have taken place in a short space of time in this dangerous country."

Zottman continues, "Every bush, every tree, every rock, each shadow may turn in an instant into a killer."

The war correspondent continued to describe the hardships of the terrain. "Bold expedition" which he is covering is "one of many hundred of such enterprises by German soldiers."

# No Doubt Now About Power of Southern Teams

## All Bowl Games Were Won By Teams From The South

NEW YORK, Jan. 5—There's no longer any shadow of doubt about the power and class of current Southern football. Winners in every bowl game were—you guessed it—Southern teams.

If a sportwriters' poll were to be taken now to settle final standings of nation's teams, Ohio State, Georgia, and Wisconsin would still probably be ranked one, two, three, but there would be a big shakeup among the rest of the first 10.

Tennessee or Texas would get No. 4 spot, followed by Alabama, Tulsa, Georgia Tech, Michigan, Notre Dame. UCLA would surely head the second 10.

### Bowl's Only Flop

The only bowl game flop was Boston College, who lost to Alabama, 35-21 in the Orange bowl classic. Despite the Holy Cross debacle, the Eagles proved they lacked stuff to win those tough ones. Frank Thomas, Alabama coach, didn't expect to win, since his boys had been fine defensively all season long but lacked offense due to lightweight backs. The Crimson Tide could only score one touchdown against Georgia and none against Georgia Tech.

Imagine Thomas' astonishment when the Tide spotted the Eagles two touchdowns then scored five. Alabama's 35 points added to Holy Cross' 55 makes 90 points scored against BC in two games. This just isn't done against a team that really has spirit, speed, power and experience it's supposed to have.

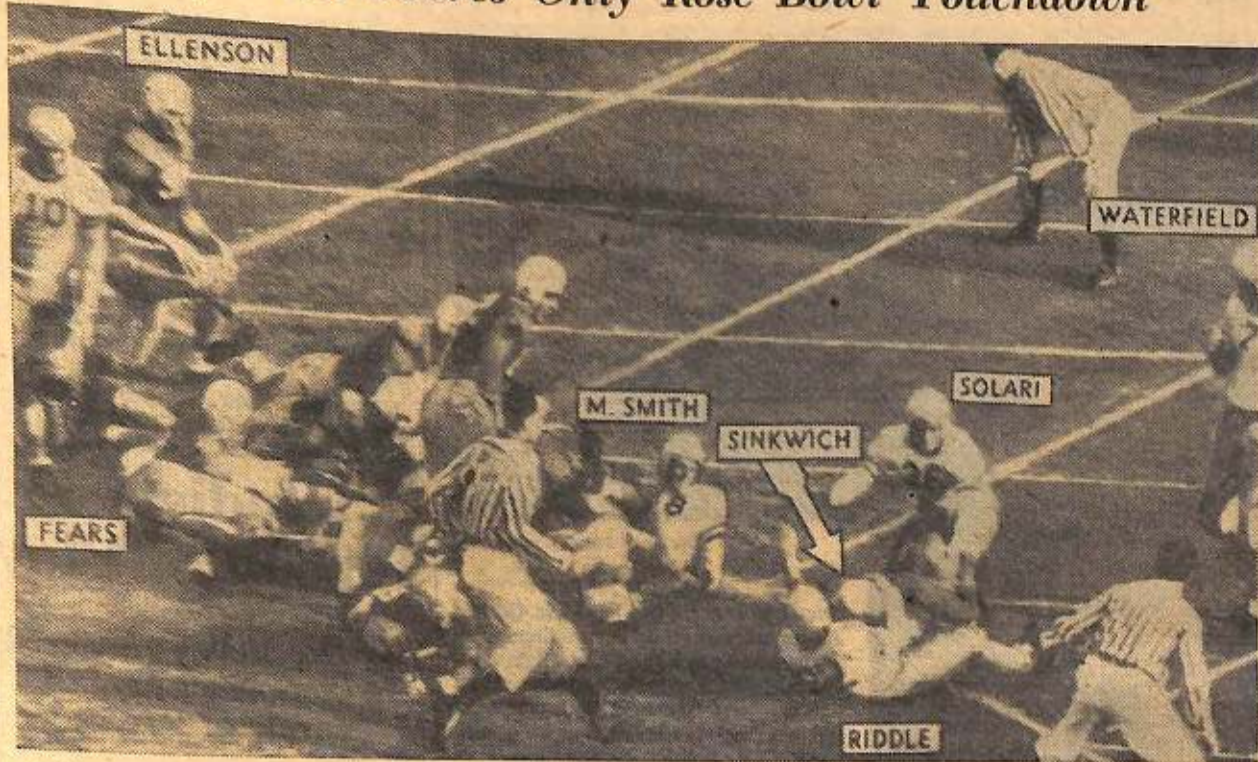
### Power From Texas

Alabama for its spirit, Texas for its power in beating Georgia Tech, contributed the best winning bowl performance. Texas, in fact, would have been an even bet against anybody—Georgia, Alabama or Tennessee—for the Longhorns played better than UCLA and Tulsa and vastly better than Boston College.

Unfeared highlight of the Rose Bowl was the record Leo Costa, Georgia placement kicker, made during the game. Up to the bowl tilt Costa had scored in every Georgia game since coming into college—34 altogether. Georgia scored only once during the New Year's Day game so Leo got his only chance. Incredibly he missed, but UCLA was penalized and Costa got credit for extra point and kept his record intact.

Frankie Sinkwich, on the bench during most of the game with an injured ankle, scored the Bulldogs' only score in the third quarter when he plunged over from the one-yard line.

# Sinkwich Scores Only Rose Bowl Touchdown



This picture radioed to The Stars and Stripes from New York shows Frankie Sinkwich, All-American halfback from Georgia, going over for the only touchdown made in this year's Rose Bowl game. Playing despite injured ankles, Sinkwich plunged over from the one yard line.

## 'Three Men on Base!' 'Which Base?' He Asks

NEW YORK, Jan. 5—Fresco Thompson, who played for the Brooklyn Dodgers when they were at their daffiest, tells the following:

A taxi driver parked outside Ebbs Field awaiting the game's end was curious about the crowd's excited roar. It was before the days when cabbies had auto radios keeping them posted, so he called to a patron in a back row seat.

"What's the score, buddy?"

The fan replied: "The Dodgers are one run behind in the ninth and have three men on base."

The cabby regarded him coldly, and snapped: "Which base?"

## Expert Scouting Accounts For Low Rose Bowl Score

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 5—The logical reason yet produced for the low scoring Rose Bowl game which was supposed to be track meet is the expert scouting on both sides.

Georgia seemed to know all about the Bruins' plays. Georgia fancy stuff seemed not to bother the UCLANS—but Charley Trippis' hard running did.

# All-America Water Boy Choice Goes to Texas U. Towel-Tosser

By Oscar Fraley

United Press Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 5—The football season ended irrevocably today when Billy "Rooster" Andrews, All-American water boy, stowed away his bucket and turned his attention to the Texas basketball team.

Rooster is an institution at this seat of football, basketball, baseball and learning. He's not only an athlete in his own rights but he has toted water more places than any other towel-tosser in history. He hasn't missed a Texas road trip in his two years as an undergraduate. But to clinch his position as number one water toter he followed end Mal Kutner to the 1942 East-West All-Star game, trekked to Chicago and became student-manager of the College All-Stars in their charity game with the Chicago Bears last summer and, of course, he swung the sponge at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas last Friday.

# Jack to Box Armstrong

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 5—Hammering Henry Armstrong has agreed to fight Beau Jack, Georgia, world lightweight title-holder in a non-title bout at Madison Square Garden on Jan. 29.

Armstrong, former world featherweight, lightweight and welterweight title-holder, will weigh in around 142 pounds. In his pre-fight physical examination Armstrong must satisfy the New York boxing commission that his eyes are perfectly okay.

# 'Big Bill' Edwards Dies, Former Tiger Grid Star

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 5—William Hanford "Big Bill" Edwards, 65, Princeton's most fabulous footballer, died yesterday.

As the scourge of Yale and Harvard in the late '90s, Big Bill weighed 300 pounds. He captained Princeton in 1899 and was Walter Camp's selection for All-American guard.

# Barney Ross, Marine Hero, Lauded by Sportswriters

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 5—Spokane athletic roundtable disclosed Cpl. Barney Ross made the outstanding contribution to sports during 1942, according to its nation-wide poll of sportswriters.

Ross, former world welterweight and lightweight title-holder, contributed by his courage under fire in the Solomons recently.

### MacDonald Gets New Job

NEW YORK, Jan. 5—John MacDonald, for five years secretary of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has been appointed vice-president and general manager of the Montreal Royals, a Brooklyn farm club.

### New Ski Record

WINTER PARK, Colo., Jan. 5—Barney McLean set new course record of one minute 40 and 4/5 seconds, winning the downhill race in the opening Army civilian ski meet. He clipped 22 seconds off the old record.

# U.S. Builds Four Ships Daily, Will Raise It to Five by May

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5—Adm. Emory S. Land, chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission and War-Shipping Administrator, told his Press conference today that the goal of merchant ships for 1943 will be raised, and that American shipbuilders exceeded the quota for 1942.

The quotas set by President Roosevelt a year ago asked for 8,000,000 tons of merchant shipping to be built in 1942 and 16,000,000 in 1943.

American shipbuilders not only met the President's wartime directive but exceeded it, by putting into service 746 ships, totalling 8,090,800 deadweight tons in the 12 months just concluded. This total does not include the number of vessels built for the armed forces and 800 small craft, Adm. Land said.

"As the year closed production was at the rate of four ships daily—a rate reached one month in advance of schedule. We are now building ships at the rate of 14,400,000 tons annually, and should reach our peak in May, when we begin to turn out ships at the rate of five daily.

"The ships built during 1942 meant we were able to hold our own in the never-ending battle against Axis submarines and take the offensive against our enemies. This steady stream of new ships, better and larger than the many which were sunk, help to carry supplies to fighting forces all over the world."

"traveling around the country helping to avert labor difficulties and raising morale in war plants" and were participating in the moral rearmament revue "You Can Defend America," shown in war plants in the U.S. and Canada.

### Tyrone Power With Marines

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 5 (AP)—Tyrone Power, now a private in the marines, today began a seven-week camp training course. Power enlisted in August but was granted leave to complete a film dealing with the Navy. He holds a pilot's licence and hopes to have glider training with the Marines.

### Crosby Finds \$20,000 in Shoe

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 5 (AP)—Searching through the ruins of his home, destroyed by fire, Bing Crosby walked over to a pile of clothing yesterday and picked up a black and white sports shoe. Reaching into it he pulled out \$20,000 and grinned. All his losses were covered by insurance.

### U.S. Buys Up Materials

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (UP)—The United States is paying between 10 and 20 times normal market price for some strategic materials which it wishes to keep out of Axis hands, Jesse Jones, Secretary of Commerce, has disclosed.

# 'One Man Army' is Prisoner

DETROIT, Jan. 5 (AP)—The wife of Capt. Arthur W. Wermuth, "one man army" of the Bataan campaign, who was credited with killing 16 Japanese single-handed, has been notified by the War Department that her husband is alive and a prisoner in Japanese hands.

# Buchmanites Seek Deferment

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP)—Twenty-five British members of the Moral Rearmament Group, Dr. Frank Buchman's movement, are attempting to obtain deferment from draft on the grounds their work is of "moral building nature and essential to the war effort," records of the Draft Board showed.

The members have sought deferment for at least six months because they were

# Lou Zamperini Helps Deliver Gifts to Japs

## Track Star Is Bombardier In Fort During Wake Island Visit

NEW YORK, Jan. 5—Evidently Lou Zamperini, former USC miler, wasn't kidding when he talked last summer about going back to Berlin to settle an old score. U.S. newspapers say he's gotten as far as Wake Island and made the Japs know he was there.

Zamperini, 25, of Torrance, Cal., is an Army Air Corps lieutenant, and a bombardier in a Flying Fortress which delivered its share of 78,000 pounds of Christmas greetings to Japs on Wake Island on Christmas Eve.

Lou described raid, "I saw a Jap plane taking off as we came over. I dropped some bombs on runway, blasting a big hole. I saved rest of my load for other objectives. Those Japs apparently were asleep when the raid started.

**Weak Fire**

"They spouted some ack-ack fire but none of the Forts was damaged. My biggest thrill was seeing my bombs blast a target, and the thrill that I got was sure worth the chance you take."

Lou said he felt the same tenseness before the raid he used to feel before a big race. "But I wasn't half as scared when we screamed down over Wake as when I had to get set for the starting gun in a race against Cunningham or Fenske."

Old score Lou has to settle in Berlin dates back to 1936 Olympics. That was the year you remember that the U.S. track and field team ran Hitler's Aryan start into the ground and the Nazis refused to dip the Stars and Stripes when passing the heiling review stand. As the climax, Lou stole Nazi flag off Hitler's palace. In the subsequent chase Lou was shot at and captured and beaten up but he kept the flag. He's not kidding when he says he's heading for Berlin with a slight stopoff in Tokyo.

# Rolfe Will Stay As Yale Mentor

NEW YORK, Jan. 5—Red Rolfe, New York Yankee third baseman who has become Yale basketball coach, denies he'll return to the diamond next summer.

"The Yankees knew I was through when the World Series ended, and I haven't changed my decision. I'm perfectly satisfied with New Haven. I'm learning a lot about coaching and I think it's better for my health."

For the last two seasons Rolfe was seriously hampered by colitis (intestinal trouble). Rolfe is going to coach the Yale baseball squad this coming summer.

# Wrist in Cast for 6 Weeks, Redwings' Star Still Plays

DETROIT, Jan. 5—Don Grosso, Detroit Redwings' star, has been playing with the Wings for six weeks and will continue to play three more weeks with his left wrist in a cast.

A bone separation was sustained when he collided with Tod Blake of the Montreal Maple Leafs on Nov. 14. The injury has resulted in some impairment in Grosso's efficiency. Since the accident, he has scored four goals and five assists for nine points in 15 games, whereas last season he established a club scoring record of 53 points in 54 games.

# Sternweiss, Now a Yankee, Was Best Base Stealer

NEW YORK, Jan. 5—George Sternweiss of the Newark Bears led the International League in base stealing according to the figures just released. Sternweiss stole successfully 73 times and he was caught only nine times for .890.

The Yankees, who bought Sternweiss as an infield replacement, may readjust their 1943 base running strategy accordingly.

**Nice Guy!**

NEW YORK, Jan. 5—Red Garrett, ever-grinning New York Ranger defense man who has captured the popularity once reserved exclusively for Ching Johnson, always says "pardon me" as he knocks down opposing hockey players.

# News on the Air

News is broadcast on both the Home and Forces programs at 7 AM, 8 AM, 1 PM, 6 PM and 9 PM. An additional broadcast is on the Home Service at Midnight. Sports news from America is presented by The Stars and Stripes on the Forces at 7 PM every day.



# Soldiers Crowd Club to Cheer First Fight Card

## British Champions Head Stars and Stripes Initial Bouts

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R. J. (Chink) Broussard, New Iberia, La., the second Stars and Stripes winner. Broussard took a clean decision from Pvt. Thomas Picnetti, Boston, Mass., but the fight was not settled until the last minute of the third and final round, when the former Louisiana Golden Glover almost floored his opponent in a neutral corner.

Broussard, who was Golden Gloves winner in his class at Jacksonville, Fla., in 1941, and runner-up this year in Charleston, S.C., trailed through the first round, with Picnetti's crouching style puzzling the southerner.

In the second frame, Broussard evened up the score, battering the other's head with both hands from long range, and then went on to hurt Picnetti with hard rights that took the match in the final round.

Broussard was seconded by his pal, Sgt. Ellis LaGrange, a rangy southpaw, who then went into the ring to win the last bout of the night from Pvt. George Moulton, another New Iberian. They were featherweights.

### Southpaw Style

LaGrange's southpaw style was too much for Moulton and the three-time Golden Gloves winner was an easy victor all the way. Broussard seconded LaGrange.

Harvey Gibson, American Red Cross commissioner to Great Britain, gave away the last two Stars and Stripes belts on the card, to Broussard and LaGrange.

The exhibition bouts, between English fighters, were tame compared to the slogging between the Yanks. Eric Boon, British lightweight champion, was far too clever—even in an exhibition—for Bunny Saunders, and it was a slow affair, impressive only for Boon's obvious ring skill.

Wally May, trainer at the Rainbow Corner, and his assistant, Johnny Boyce, staged an exhibition of boxing styles, and then big Freddie Mills, British Empire light heavyweight champion, boxed three rounds with Don McCorkindale, former heavy title-holder of South Africa.

### No-Decision Bout

In the opening bout of the card, a no-decision affair between a professional and an amateur, the crowd saw Pfc. Jack Fanazzo, Baltimore, Md., pro lightweight, rally from a second-round knockdown to earn an unofficial draw with Pvt. Garner Buttrum, also from Baltimore. Both men weighed 130 pounds.

The first real punch of the night was a hard, high right by Buttrum which staggered Fanazzo in the first round. Fanazzo got in a couple of blows to the face before the bell, and Buttrum had a bloody nose as they went to their corners.

In the second round, Buttrum dropped Fanazzo for eight with a right to the jaw, but Fanazzo came up from the floor to rally. He kept up the rally in the third, storming all over his opponent with both hands and dumping Buttrum to the canvas for six counts. The round and fight ended with both battlers swinging wildly.

### One-Sided Battle

The Osmun-Druillard battle comprised one minute and 10 seconds of one-sided slugging.

The first official bout for a Stars and Stripes championship, it was over before the crowd's initial roar had died away.

Druillard raced into his opponent and floored him for no count within the first 15 seconds. Osmun was game and got right up, but he never could get his attack under way, and Referee Vidmer stopped the battle in 1:10 of the first, awarding Druillard a technical knockout.

The winner automatically collected the first Stars and Stripes belt. The loser, as did other losers of bouts which count in the tourney, was given a book, "The Sporting Queensberrys," by the tenth Marquess, whose illustrious ancestor designed the rules of modern boxing.

# Soldiers Against Red Cross Is Rainbow Quiz Program

An innovation to the weekly "Cabaret Nite" show at the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner tonight will be a "Battle of the Sexes" quiz program with four soldiers vying against a quartet of Red Cross voluntary workers.

The program stars at 8:30 PM, and will be followed by the professional entertainment show featuring George Latour and Vivien, comedy and juggling team; Rawitz and Landauer, piano duet; and Carter and Evans.

Tomorrow night the Rainbow Corner inaugurates a motion picture program with a 7:30 showing in the Rainbow Lounge of "Meet the Stewarts," starring Frances Dee.

The weekly Friday night dance is from 7 PM to 10.

### Service for the Services

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP)—A special department for servicemen has been opened in a New York store, with a staff of 60 WVS girls to assist them. While shopping the men get free cakes, cigars, newspapers, use of a lounge and buying advice. Singing waitresses serve them coffee and apple pie at a long snack bar.

# First Stars and Stripes Tourney Bout



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Pfc. Jack Fanazzo (left) and Pfc. Garner Buttrum, square off during the first round of the initial Stars and Stripes fight card last night in London's Rainbow Club. Fanazzo and Buttrum, both featherweights from Baltimore, fought a no-decision bout.

# Carole Landis Weds U.S. Pilot

## Eighth Air Force Fliers At Eagle Veteran's Marriage

By Charles F. Kiley

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Carole Landis, film actress, and Capt. Thomas C. Wallace, Eighth Air Force Fighter Command, were married yesterday afternoon in the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St. Gregory, Warwick St., W.I. London.

The simple ceremony, lasting only 12 minutes, was performed by Rev. J. P. Waterkeyn and attended only by friends of the bride and groom and a handful of people who were in the church when the ceremony began.

Miss Landis was given away in marriage by Lt. Col. Rudolph Schullinger, New York City, chief surgeon at a U.S. Army station hospital in Britain, who attended the film star during her recent appendectomy.

### Mitzi Mayfair Bridesmaid

Mitzi Mayfair, who co-starred with the bride, Kay Francis and Martha Raye, in the USO Camp Shows, Inc., that toured Army establishments in Britain for two months, was bridesmaid. Best man was Maj. Richard Ellis, San Francisco, Cal., a fellow pilot of the groom in Fighter Command. Capt. Wallace, whose home is in Pasadena, Cal., and Maj. Ellis were schoolboy chums.

The bride was attended by Miss Francis, and wore an ivory satin wedding gown in Grecian lines, tulle veil with orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white carnations and orchids. Miss Mayfair wore an applique organdie dress and carried a spray of carnations and orchids.

The few guests present included Bebe Daniels and Martha Raye, five nurses who attended Miss Landis while she was at the station hospital, several officers from the Eighth Air Force and Theatrical and Cinema Division, Special Service Section.

### Army Nurses Present

The nurses were Lts. Loulie Hampton, Pulaski, Va.; Anne Strambi, Park Ridge, N.J.; Emily Schweitzer, Floral Park, L.I.; Jean Smith, Boston, Mass., and Arnot Todd, New York City.

Eighth Air Force officers present included Col. Robert Landry, Lt. Col. Harry Stovall, Lt. Col. Jack Taylor, Lt. Col. Winston Kraatz, Capt. Duane Cutting, Capt. Donald Ferris and Chaplain E. J. Graebner. S/Sgt. Robert Carson, Port Huron, Mich., a close friend of Capt. Wallace, was also present.

The Theatrical and Cinema Division, Special Service, which conducted the Hollywood stars' tour of the British Isles, was represented by Lt. Col. Robert H. Holmes, Maj. Walter Currie, Maj. T. R. Phalen, Capt. Clifton G. Holmgren and Lt. Joseph G. Dixon.

The plans of Miss Landis and Capt. Wallace include only a brief honeymoon before he resumes his work with Fighter Command and she her Hollywood career.

# Axis is Warned On Plundering

## Nazi Levies on Occupied Nations Will Be Prosecuted

Systematic plundering of occupied countries by Axis nations and the transfer of "stolen" property to other parties in neutral countries will be severely prosecuted after the war and every effort made to return the property to its rightful owners, a joint statement by 18 Allied Governments warned yesterday.

Since the advances in Russia and Africa, Axis attempts to transfer more and more property to "fences" in neutral countries have increased, the statement said. Methods used by the Axis to rob occupied territory range from heavy taxation to outright looting. Examples cited include:

A German levy of \$540,000,000 on Belgium for annual war contribution and billeting of German troops, which exceeds the ordinary State budget by \$100,000,000; Japan's seizure of Chinese banks, rubber plantations, tin and zinc works; forced payment by the French of war costs exceeding Great Britain's war expenditures; confiscation of art collections in the Netherlands and the reduction of 50 per cent. in the national wealth; the German decree that Norwegians must pay for damage done by the RAF and commando raids; confiscation of homes and possessions of 1,500,000 Poles who were forcibly deported.

# British General Thanks Yanks for Xmas Parties

Lt. Gen. H. C. Loyd, Headquarters, British Southern Command, has thanked American servicemen for their hospitality to British children at Christmas in a letter received by Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle, in command of the U.S. forces in the British Isles during the absence of Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Lt. Gen. Loyd's letter: "I feel I must write and thank you and your officers and men for the hospitality you have extended to us this Christmas by providing Christmas parties for children and for hospitals. These kindnesses have been very much appreciated and I find it very difficult to thank your officers and men enough for their generosity."

# Manchester Red Cross Holds Post-Xmas Party

MANCHESTER, Jan. 5—Servicemen who participated in holiday activities at the American Red Cross club here will take part in a "burning of the greens" ceremony tonight when Christmas decorations will be removed, according to Louise M. Suechting, program director. The affair will last from 7 to 9 PM. Special music and singing will be provided.

The club will stage a dinner-dance Friday night from 7 to 11 o'clock and a tea dance Jan. 10 from 2.30 to 5.30 PM.

# Blondie

(By courtesy of King Features Syndicate and the London Daily Sketch)



# When Scrap Is Over Troops Collect Scrap

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 5 (AP)—Maj. Charles Miller, of the Army Salvage Department, announced today that specially trained work battalions on various fronts where U.S. troops are fighting hoped to provide scrap metal for ships returning to the United States after delivering war materials.

Maj. Miller said there was no shortage of shipping space on the return journeys, but the army was sometimes forced to use its ingenuity in loading heavy battlefield salvage—for example, abandoned German tanks—into cargo ships at small ports.

# U.S. Indicts 33 In Sedition Plot

## Viereck, Pelley Accused In Conspiracy Against Morale of Forces

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5—Thirty-three individuals and the New York Enquirer, a Sunday afternoon paper, were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury yesterday on charges of wartime sedition. They were accused of conspiracy to undermine the morale of the nation's armed forces and promote insubordination and mutiny.

Forty-one organizations also were named, and quotations from their literature cited in evidence. One said: "Churchill despises the people of the United States," and another asserted: "Britain is planning to reconquer Eire under the guise of military necessity, and to this end United States troops and armaments will be used." The indictment said the conspiracy began in 1933 and continued to the present.

Among the 33 accused were: George Sylvester Viereck, American citizen of German birth, described as Hitler's chief propaganda agent in the United States and a leading German propagandist in the States during the last war. (Viereck was sentenced to two to six years in Washington last March for concealing his activities as a German propaganda agent.)

William Dudley Pelley, founder and leader of the anti-Semitic, semi-Fascist Silver Shirts, who was once reported to be planning a march on Washington to make himself the "White King" of America. (Pelley was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for sedition last August.)

Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, author of "Red Network," in which she accused many leading Americans of being Communists. (Mrs. Dilling was accused last July of being concerned in a conspiracy to interfere with the war effort.)

William Griffin, publisher of the Enquirer and a frequent critic of Britain, whose removal to Washington was ordered yesterday by a Federal Commissioner in New York.

# Pacific - - - -

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position on Guadalcanal island in the Solomons.

"Our troops on Guadalcanal attacked and gained high ground positions in the vicinity of Mount Austen, capturing an enemy field," the communique said.

"Six enemy counter-attacks were repulsed with 150 Japanese killed. Patrols in other sectors killed 20 additional Japanese and captured a howitzer, mortars and light machine-guns."

The occupation of new positions southwest of the airfield constituted what appeared to be the first important advance of the American ground forces on the island for weeks.

The immediate purpose of the advance in the vicinity of Mount Austen, a 1,514-foot peak, four miles southwest of the airfield, undoubtedly was to prevent the Japanese from bombarding the field from the heights.

### Prepare Buna Drive

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HQ, Australia, Jan. 5 (AP)—The Allied forces in New Guinea are preparing for their last push in the Buna area, it was announced here today.

The Allied forces are regrouping for their drive on Sanananda Point, the last salient held by the Japanese in the Buna area, the headquarters communique said.

Allied attack planes and medium bombers raided the airdrome at Lae and nearby installations, destroying three grounded aircraft and starting fires in the hangar and building area, the communique said.

# Tunisia Caves Shelter Yanks From the Rain

## 'Job for Navy,' Snorts One Wet Doughboy, But Morale Is High

By Hal Boyle

Associated Press War Correspondent

WITH THE U.S. ARMY, Tunisia, Jan. 5—Caves have become home sweet home to some of the American soldiers who are holding the line near Medez el Bab like a ribbon of unbending steel.

A fortunate few have been able to find comfortable bivouacs in these abandoned caves, which sometimes run 75 feet into the Tunisian hillside. Others are forced to seek what shelter they can find from the rainy wintry weather and some slept for weeks with only one blanket to keep them warm.

A tour at the front today with a colonel from Gainesville, Fla., commander of a combat team, disclosed the morale of troops is at a peak despite weather, which one soldier said, "Damn near makes this a navy job."

### 'Mud Made for Doughboy'

I stood with the colonel atop an American outpost hill and gazed across three miles of rolling No Man's Land to the edge of German territory. American 105s had just finished shelling a farmhouse in the enemy lines at which vehicles were seen converging and no sign of Nazis was now visible.

During the morning United States soldiers found the bodies of two Germans apparently killed in one of the numerous patrol clashes, which nightly turn the battlefield into a series of border forays. The country has little natural cover and resembles the foothills of Eastern Colorado.

To storm these bare slopes against a strong resourceful enemy is an expensive proposition. Nevertheless, one officer said, "Hell, this mud was made for a doughboy. Never mind waiting for a weather slackup so the rolling stuff can get underway. Give us enough good old-fashioned infantry and we'll push Heinie right through the mud to Tunis."

### Use Camouflage Well

The Americans are making highly effective use of camouflage, and their forward positions are so well disguised one could pass within a few feet without noticing them.

Little movement by heavy equipment of either side is apparent. Slippery slopes offer little traction, and even all-weather Jeep cars slide around on the roads like water-bugs when the going gets sticky.

In one tent, so well hidden it looks like a section of the hillside, I came across a group of officers discussing patrol plans. Among them were a lieutenant-colonel from Lake Village, Ark.; Capt. Arch Cameron, Cranford, N.J.; Capt. Robert Stockton, Princeton, N.J.; Capt. John F. Zimmerman, Danbury, Conn.; Lt. Sheldon Ellowitz, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; and Lt. David C. Haight, Jenkintown, Pa.

All said they found patrol warfare highly exciting, but expressed a preference for larger-scale action. The group was still angry at the German occupation of Long Stop Hill after the seesaw battle of Christmas week.

"You know, they only took a short-term lease on that hill," said Capt. Cameron.

# RAF Bombers Batter Ruhr Second Successive Night

RAF bombers smashed at the Ruhr in their second successive raid Monday night, the Air Ministry announced yesterday.

Two aircraft are missing from the raid, which German radio said caused "minor damage" to buildings. The Nazi report claimed four bombers were shot down.

An enemy fighter, one of three which swept in over a town on the southeast coast of England and dropped bombs, was destroyed, the Ministry said. Some damage was done but no one was injured in the raid.

# Russia - - - -

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mans had based their defenses, were recaptured.

Nazi infantry, with 40 tanks, counter-attacked, forcing their way back into one settlement, but were finally reported to have been driven out.

In another sector of the Caucasus, southeast of Nalchik, where the Red Army is on the offensive, the Germans hastily threw up new fortifications and attempted to consolidate their line, but were reported to be losing one position after another.

The difficulties of the Caucasus campaign are indicated by the fact that it was estimated that 40,000 landmines planted by the Germans were removed by the Russian sappers around the single village of Chikola.

The Germans also "feinted" with bursts of heavy artillery fire, as though preparing a powerful counter-attack.

On the central front the Red Army followed up the occupation of Veliki Luki with fresh assaults, particularly southwest of the city, but encountered increasing enemy resistance.

by Chic Young