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## Red Forces Edge Closer To Rostov

### Seize Numerous Villages In Sweep to Within 75 Miles of City

MOSCOW, Jan. 7 (UP)—The Russians tonight were threatening to envelop Nazi forces retreating along the Stalingrad-Krasnodar railway, less than 75 miles northeast of Rostov and 63 miles due north of Salsk, the vital railway town east of Rostov.

Their latest known point of advance is Bolshaya Orlovka, which the Red Armies reached by pushing a sharp wedge beyond the south arm of the Don bend. Numerous villages were taken in their stride.

The Russians advanced nearly 50 miles to take this point. Their advance, judging by latest reports, has since been speeded up, in spite of very stubborn German resistance.

From Bolshaya Orlovka they may either strike directly toward Rostov or toward Salsk, where the German retreat would be cut, or toward both.

#### Don Grip Tightens

Bolshaya Orlovka is the nearest point to Rostov the Russians have yet reached. On the other Don fronts Gen. Golikov's forces still are maintaining pressure on the Germans northwest of Millerovo, while Gen. Vatutin's men are closing in toward the Stalingrad-Likhnyaya railway.

From the southeast the threat to the Germans is great as the Russians continue their push northwest along the Rostov-Baku railway. Here fast-moving Soviet columns are pushing along both sides of the railway following the capture of Soldatskaya and Appolonskaya.

The latter lies 25 miles west of Prokhladny, and considerable territory both east and west of the railway has been recaptured.

#### Advance on Other Fronts

Throughout today, according to last-minute reports, the Russians continued their push successfully, smashing back the German resistance. In the fighting for one large town the Germans lost about 600 men killed, 28 tanks, seven armored cars and a number of food and supply dumps.

Inside Stalingrad the Russian position is much the same. To the northwest, where 22 German divisions are still trapped, the enemy made a number of attempts to move forward, but were beaten back. They lost 200 men in the process.

West of Rzhev, on the central front, the Russians sent forward an assault group of ski troops against the German garrison of one town. They took the town, wiping out a company of enemy infantry.

A counter-attack west of Rzhev was smashed back with the loss of about 200 German dead.

## German Families to Lose Last Sons to Conscription

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7 (UP)—Last sons of German families, hitherto free from call-up, are now to be conscripted for military service following the annulment of the former decree exempting them, says the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm Svenska Dagbladet.

This is one sign of the increased German efforts to compensate for their heavy losses on the Russian front. Another is the intensive winter training of all fit Germans still not called up, which is planned for January, February and March.

## Jap Armada at Rabaul Biggest Yet In Pacific

MELBOURNE, Dec. 7 (AP)—Air reconnaissance over Rabaul has revealed that the concentration of Japanese shipping actually has been supplemented since Tuesday when it was disclosed by the official spokesman.

The amount of shipping now at Rabaul exceeds even the forces gathered for the first counter-attack on the Solomons. The vessels are protected by warships, it was stated.

#### 'U-Boat in Mississippi'

German radio, in a broadcast to the United States yesterday, said that a U-boat sailed 90 miles up the Mississippi "to within a few miles of New Orleans" in the hope of destroying a bridge. The U-boat was detected and forced to return to the Gulf of Mexico, the radio said. (New Orleans is more than 100 miles up the river from the lower tip of the Mississippi delta.)

## Nazis Admit Russia Has Air Superiority

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7 (UP)—Germany and Italy are now using every available plane they can spare in their operations on the eastern front, but the Russians are still able to throw in greater numbers of planes against them, Nazi Air-General Quade asserted today in the Boersen Zeitung, quoted by the Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau, a German-controlled agency.

This superiority, the general said, is the reason for the recent Russian successes, just as it was at the beginning of the winter campaign last year.

## Nazis Retake Mateur Heights After 24 Hours

### British Infantry Driven To Original Positions At Foot of Hills

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan. 7 (UP)—A powerful German counter-attack yesterday drove British infantry from their newly-won hilltop positions 15 miles west of Mateur and forced them to withdraw last night to their original positions at the foot of the hills.

The Germans now hold Djebel Azzag, a 1,200-foot hill north of Mateur road and another hill at the extreme north of the positions. These two positions were in British hands approximately 24 hours.

German infantry attacked in daylight yesterday, their advance leaving some British troops in such an exposed situation that they were ordered to withdraw after dark last night. The withdrawal was carried out.

#### To Fight Every Inch

The quick nature of the German counter-attacks indicate that the Germans have decided to fight the Allies inch for inch in the battle of positions now in progress. The hill positions west of Mateur are of great importance in controlling the southwest approaches to Bizerta.

Germans evidently are determined to defend the area with every power at disposal of the well-balanced force they now have in the area.

The British attack before dawn on Tuesday was carried out during a rain-storm. There is nothing available yet concerning the weather during yesterday's engagement. On other sectors there was no real fighting of note.

(German-controlled Paris radio said yesterday that engagements were taking place southwest of Bizerta and more to the south, in the region of Medjez el Bab.)

#### Greater Air Activity

Fighter planes on both sides swept over the battleground and Hurricanes successfully attacked German gun positions. During the day three enemy aircraft were destroyed by the RAF, while two RAF planes are missing.

Allied bombers hammered Kairouan camp yesterday for the fourth consecutive day. The attacks were centered against enemy transport lines, troop concentrations and the airdromes.

Two forces of Boston bombers, escorted by Lockheed Lightnings and Warhawks, attacked a military camp south of Kairouan with good results.

## Tunisia's 'Sissy Hills' Made For Forays by a Sioux Indian

WITH AMERICAN FORCES, Tunisia, Jan. 7 (AP)—Leading scorer in a race by American commandos to see who can kill the most Germans is a young south Dakota lumbermill worker of Sioux Indian descent who has 10 notches on his garand rifle—and whose big worry is that he may be bitten by an African centipede.

Sgt. Kenneth Scissons, Rapid City, S.D., now is engaged in patrol work in what he calls the "sissy size" Tunisian hills—and doing as good a job as could his trailwise Indian granddaddy—but his record string was chalked up in less than four minutes during a sortie by British-trained commandos near Bizerta last month.

This daring engagement behind the enemy lines was one of the bloodiest in which American commandos have yet participated.

Scissons, who is one-fourth Indian, one-fourth English and half Norwegian, landed before dawn with other commandos on the coast so close to Bizerta they could make out the airport. The object was chiefly to harass the enemy

# Allies Will Hit Hard in Europe This Year, Roosevelt Pledges; Worldwide Initiative Now Ours

## Roosevelt Address Highlights

Following are excerpts from President Roosevelt's message yesterday to the 78th Congress:

"The past year was perhaps the most crucial for modern civilization; the coming year will be filled with violent conflict—yet with high promise of better things."

"First in importance in the American scene has been the inspiring proof of the great qualities of our fighting men. They have demonstrated these qualities in adversity as well as in victory."

"By far the largest and most important developments of the whole strategic picture were the events in Russia—first the implacable defense of Stalingrad and second the offensives of the Russian armies."

"The Axis powers knew that they must win in 1942 or eventually lose everything. I have no need to tell you they did not win in 1942."

"Japanese strength in ships and planes is going down, and American strength is going up. The outcome can be put on a mathematical basis that will become evident to the Japanese people when we strike against their home islands and bomb them constantly from the air."

"Few Americans realize the amazing growth of our air strength, though I am sure our enemy does. . . . In Africa we are shooting down two enemy planes to every one we lose, and in the Pacific and in the southwest Pacific we are shooting them down four to one."

## Movie Attendance in East Cut Two-thirds by Gas Rationing

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (UP)—Last night in the 17 Eastern States scores of moving picture theaters reported that their attendances had dropped by two-thirds.

That was the first effect of the drastic gasoline rationing ordered by the Office of Price Administration.

All New York police were mobilized today to enforce the orders by which no motorist in these States can drive his car for any pleasure purpose.

All drivers of cars found parked near theaters and racecourses are being questioned by the police, and, if they can't give a good excuse for being there, they stand a good chance of losing all their gasoline rations, for business or for pleasure.

Another development of modern American civilization is striking back—heating by oil fuel.

Thousands of cinemas, theaters, churches and schools face the possibility of closing down owing to lack of fuel oil for heating, since their allowances have been cut to 45 per cent. of the normal.

Nine out of ten of all houses and apartments in cities in eastern America are centrally heated and most modern ones by oil furnaces. Most houses and flats have no fireplaces.

Those heated by coal furnaces are in a good position since plenty of coal is available.

But the oil-heaters face a hard time, and temperatures in New York recently dropped to 10 degrees below zero, while the Hudson River is frozen over solidly.

It looks like a hard winter.

## Stimson Calls Outlook Favorable on All Fronts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (UP)—The German position in Russia is precarious and the German withdrawal appears to have begun in the Caucasus. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, asserted today.

Allied forces have virtually completed the ejection of the Japanese from New Guinea, and in the Solomons, U.S. forces have been reinforced and their position strengthened, he said.

"On all fronts," Mr. Stimson said, "the outlook is favorable. The Germans and Japanese, however, have suffered few major reverses and we must not underestimate their offensive capability."

## New 'Slow-Falling' Bomb Used By RAF Against Ruhr

A new "slow-falling" bomb, weighing 2,000 pounds and which produces a terrific blast on impact, is being used by the RAF, it was announced yesterday by the Air Ministry.

The bomb, which has been used in raids on the Ruhr Valley, falls at a slower rate than an ordinary bomb because of a metal cap on one end that acts as a drag.

According to the RAF the term "parachute bomb" is not a strictly accurate one inasmuch as it does not float down but merely falls at a reduced speed. This gives the bomb less penetrating power and a greater blast effect over the area on which it lands.

## 'Production Miracle' Speeds Victory, He Tells Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7—"I do not prophesy when this war will end, but I do believe this year of 1943 will give to the United Nations a very substantial advance along roads that lead to Berlin and Rome and Tokyo," President Roosevelt asserted in his message on "the state of the union" to the joint session of the new 78th Congress here today.

"We are going to strike and strike hard in Europe," the President declared. "I can't tell you whether we are going to hit them in Norway or through the low countries or in France or through Sardinia or Sicily or through the Balkans or through Poland or at several points simultaneously."

"But I can tell you that no matter where and when we strike by land we and the British and the Russians will hit them from the air heavily and relentlessly. Day in and day out we shall heap tons upon tons of explosives on their war factories and utilities and seaports."

#### Congress May See Peace

Delivering his annual message to legislators personally, President Roosevelt called upon them to put aside bickering over economic measures and to strive to contribute to national unity.

"I tell you it is within the realm of possibility that this 78th Congress may have the historic privilege of helping greatly to save the world from future fear. Therefore let us, all of us, have confidence. Let us redouble our efforts," he said.

Not only would victory be attained in war but it would be maintained in peace, both for the nations of the world and for the common man who wanted a job, security and happiness, the President's message promised.

By inference his speech challenged the Republicans and the Conservative Democrats to do their worst to stop his Liberal program. And he threatened to appeal to the nation if they tried to do so.

#### 1,500,000 Men Abroad

The President disclosed that the armed forces had grown from 2,000,000 a year ago to 7,000,000 today, of whom 1,500,000 now were serving overseas.

Describing America's output of war materials in 1942 as a "production miracle," he gave astonishing figures of planes, tanks, guns and other munitions that had come from American factories.

"Our 1942 airplane production and tank production fell short numerically of the goals set a year ago. Nevertheless, we have plenty of reason to be proud of our record for 1942. We produced about 48,000 military planes—more than the airplane production of Germany, Italy and Japan put together. Last month, December, we produced 5,500 military planes and the rate is rapidly rising."

"In tank production, we revised our schedule—and for good and sufficient reasons. As the result of hard experience in battle we have diverted a portion of our tank producing capacity to stepped-up production of new, deadly field weapons, especially self-propelled artillery."

#### 56,000 Combat Vehicles

Other 1942 production figures given by the President were: 56,000 combat vehicles, such as tanks and self-propelled artillery; 670,000 machine-guns and 21,000 anti-tank guns, six times greater than in 1941; 10,250,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, five times the 1941 figures, and 181,000,000 rounds of artillery ammunition, 12 times greater than

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## Unusual Precautions To Safeguard F.D.R.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—The Capitol was the scene of unusual precautions to safeguard the President. Hours before his arrival police, G-men and soldiers threw a cordon around Capitol Hill on which the Congress building stands.

Congressmen greeted F.D.R. with an uproarious ovation when he commenced to speak and it was some minutes before he could commence.

The President's first words were lost in a renewed burst of cheering.

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# Tunisia, Key to the Continent

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## Hash Marks

If you've heard this one, just try and stop us. Cpl. Jack Melcher of North Adams, Mass. showed up for work the other day with a rueful expression on his face. He had written home for money. On the bottom of the reply was this inscription: "Would have sent you the 10 dollars but have already sealed the envelope."

Before Johnny Doughboy landed in Africa he was given a little booklet filled with practical advice. Among other



things he was told, in no uncertain terms, to keep away from Moslem women. He was told that the most innocent word addressed to a Moslem woman is an insult bitterly resented by all Moslem men. This, says Ruth Millett in her column, "We the Women," gave Mrs. America an idea. A wife asked, "How about Uncle Sam's getting out a pamphlet for the girls of countries in which our men are stationed warning them of the jealousy of American women?" Mrs. America would have the pamphlet say, "American women are jealous and highly possessive. Therefore stay away from men with American wives and fiancées as they would far rather have their men lonely than having a wonderful time that is shared, however innocently, with another woman." It's just an idea of Mrs. America—who is sure that no Moslem man is more jealous of his woman than an American woman is of her man. Sounds like sabotage to us.

Our draft-board spy wires us that it's come to this now—If you can see lightning, hear thunder and have two teeth, you're in!

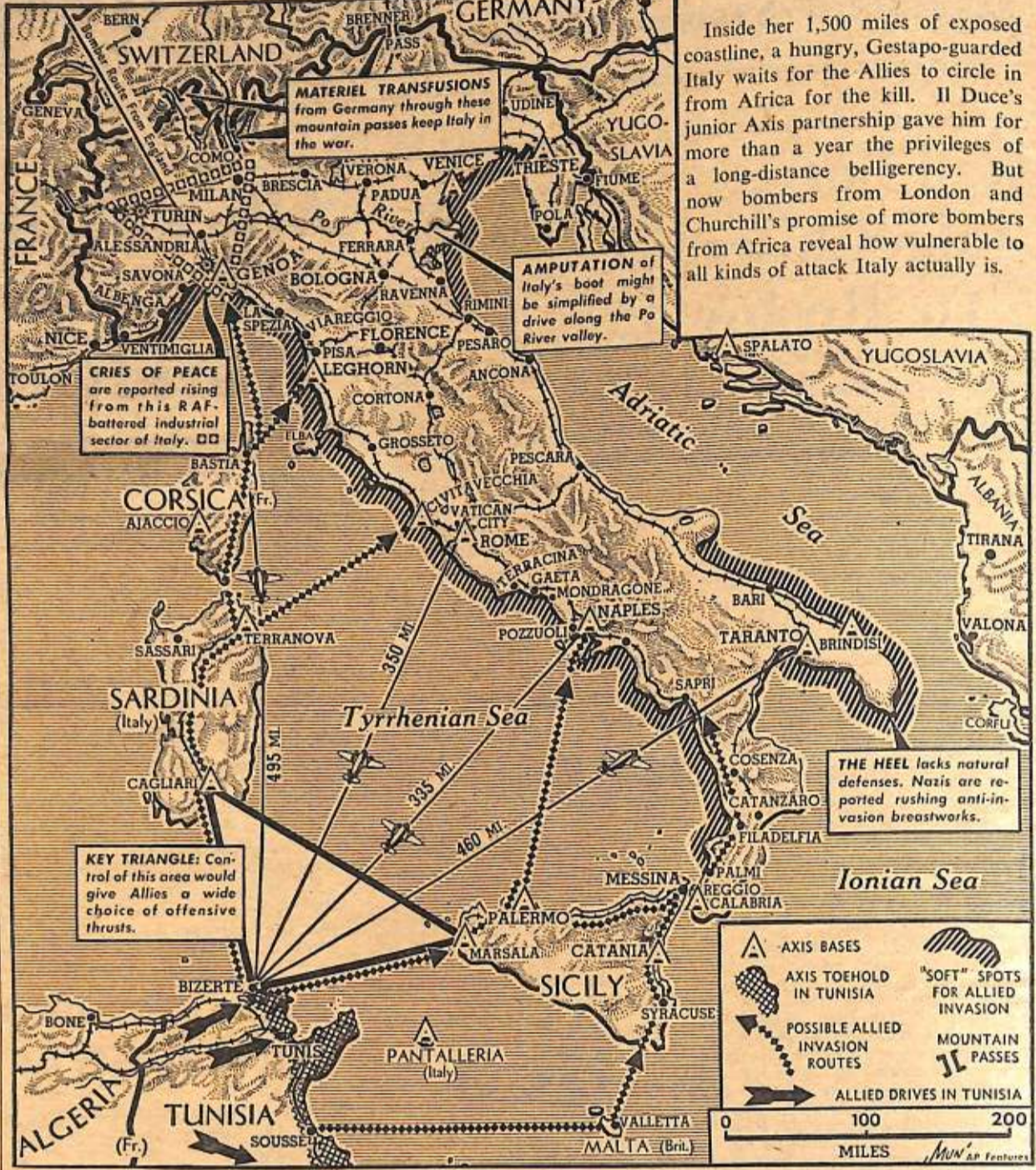
Captain Troy Thigpen, Georgia's gift to a certain armored reconnaissance unit overseas, is always good for a story. Here's his latest. The Army Air Corps is noted for its rapid promotion of young officers. A sign over the officers' club bar in a (censored) camp reads: "No lieutenant-colonels of the Army Air Forces allowed at the bar unless accompanied by their parents."

Barmaids, hitherto practically unknown in the United States, are making their appearance in Boston bars and clubs—



much to the indignation of the bartenders. Most surprising development of the whole issue was the "protest" registered by the head of the bartenders' union. He squawked on the grounds that "women will get ugly fingernails from the malt in the beer and unsightly muscles from shaking cocktails."

J. C. W.



## Seventy-Eighth Session

The Congress of the United States is now in session. This is a new Congress, elected since war began, and its activities will be followed with the keenest of interest by service men now stationed throughout the world.

The new session is already being compared by the British Press to the one which repudiated the leadership of President Wilson following the cessation of hostilities in 1918. In some respects this comparison is a fair one, for the Democratic party holds only a slender majority in the House and this majority may well become a minority on some issues.

There is one important difference however between the Wilson Congress and the present one. The Senate, that body dealing with the foreign affairs of the United States, and the group that ratifies all treaties, is still predominantly Democratic. This fact may affect the future of the world.

Of immediate interest to service men are a number of bills that will be proposed to the present Congress. One calls for longevity pay for National Guard and Reserve officer service, both active and inactive. As the bill is expected to be presented it will include a provision giving longevity credit for enlisted service to all officers commissioned from the ranks, the pay to be based on the length of all service.

Another bill calls for six months' to a year's pay for all service men following discharge from the Army to enable them to be gradually absorbed by industry. Other bills call for legislation that relates to rehabilitation work and job priority for service men after the war.

The progress of all legislation will be carefully reported in the columns of this publication so that you can keep informed as to the decisions affecting you personally and the welfare of your country in general.

At the present time, every indication points to generous consideration of all your problems by both Republicans and Democrats.

## Boxing

A sports program which we hope in time will uncover boxers of the Gene Tunney type is now under way in the European Theater of Operations. The Special Service Section of the Army, working in close cooperation with the American Red Cross, has taken the first halting step in the right direction.

The program will be expanded and developed as rapidly as proper facilities can be located and installed.

In London, at the Rainbow Corner Gym, servicemen now have both the facilities and the capable trainers needed to condition boxers to meet all comers properly. Wally May, famous trainer of champions, is working the boys out daily.

Rainbow Corner facilities will be duplicated soon, near other troop centers, and in time we confidently expect to have gym facilities available for every soldier who wishes to get in first-class physical condition or wishes to learn more about the art of self defense.

As new centers for training and conditioning are opened, and interest in the sport mounts, new talent will be uncovered and developed worthy of representing the American Army in competition against boxers representing the other United Nations.

When that day arrives, the United States Army will be able to challenge the best in the British Isles. On that day, and it will not be many months in the future, Albert Hall or some other great arena will be needed to hold the crowd that will gather to watch a Golden Gloves Tournament worthy of the name.

In the meantime you are invited to watch our boys gain ring experience in weekly contests presented at Rainbow Corner. These bouts are training contests only; but they are also the ambitious beginning of a program designed to grow

This is what Tunisia means to the Allies—and this is why the Germans and the Italians are frantically rushing preparations to prevent Anglo-American forces from gaining control of the little French North African country.

Tunisia is an ideal jumping-off place for the long-awaited Allied assault on Europe.

From airdromes behind Tunis and Bizerta, Allied planes can bomb Italy with virtually the same ease that Liberators, Flying Fortresses and the big RAF bombers now bomb Nazi-occupied territory across the English Channel.

And from North African ports, once Tunisia is in Allied hands, an invasion force could strike at the weakest link in the Axis chain—Italy.

That is why the Allies are determined to win Tunisia—and why the Axis is equally determined they shall not.

Aside from the fact that Italy's morale is already dangerously low—and dropping still further as the Allies con-

tinue to bomb her from both England and North Africa—the country itself is strategically weak.

Mountain ranges buttress Italian defenses in many places, forming natural barriers that rise from the sea to impede a landing force. But from the French border to Trieste, clear around the Italian boot, there are many landing spots that lead to Italian vitals.

Several river passes lead through the northwest coastal mountains into the upper reaches of the Po valley, where Italian heavy industry is centered. Once across the hump, invading forces would have a downhill pull to the Adriatic, severing Italy from the Axis.

From Viareggio south to Terracina, 250 miles of west Italian coast offers no insurmountable obstacles to invasion. Broad beaches invite a wide-front landing

attempt. Likewise, from Taranto around the heel of the Italian boot, the beaches are anything but forbidding to invasion.

Italy has more than 1,500 miles of coastline to defend. Her fleet has repeatedly been battered in brushes with the British. Not once have they come to grips willingly for a gun-to-gun slugging match.

The peninsula averages between 100 and 150 miles in width. It has a mountainous spine, but the short distances across lay Italy open to severance more easily than any other major power.

Add the physical handicap of inviting terrain to the dissatisfaction of the people—analysts say the country could be conquered with two square meals—and the prospects of a successful defense of Italy against a fresh, powerful invasion force are dim indeed.

## ARMY POETS



### "The Engineers"

O, some of us are whiskey men and some of us drink gin,  
 We don't know where we're going, but we've liked it where we've been.  
 O, some of us drink Spanish rum and some drink beer and ale,  
 And every time we see a tank we set it on its tail.  
 It's not so much the ornaments that make us what we are,  
 We all could wear crossed guns or wings and most could wear a star.  
 It's the way we stand and the way we spit and the way we cut the air,  
 O, it's really the men who are underneath the uniforms we wear.  
 We lay down all their rolling roads and cut down all their trees,  
 And if the orders ever came we'd ford the raging seas.  
 Whenever they want to sleep awhile we put them up a town,  
 And we build the blasted bridges so the Infantry won't drown.  
 We get them over rivers and across the mountain streams,  
 Do everything but tuck them in and wish them pleasant dreams.  
 And when the going's really tough and shells burst in their ears,  
 A whole division's apt to pray, "God, send four Engineers."  
 It's rumored about the Navy, which has a love for sport,  
 That every single sailor has a girl in every port.  
 But every Combat Engineer, who doesn't need to boast,  
 Has a wife in every village that isn't on the coast.

The women faint by dozens when they see us marching by,  
 We pick them up and dust them off and set them out to dry.  
 We've got a line the Signal Corps and Cavalry can't beat,  
 For you can't talk love and radio, and horses don't smell sweet.  
 You can trace our fighting history through a hundred thousand years,  
 For whenever they needed barricades they sent for Engineers.  
 It was a very hairy early rating of the Corps  
 Who discovered bows and arrows and learned what rocks were for.  
 We built the horse that got Troy giggled when Homer was a pup,  
 And we ran ahead at Marathon and tripped the Persians up.  
 When Caesar passed the Rubicon as he was going home,  
 We put a bridge across the stream and changed the course of Rome.  
 Napoleon at Waterloo might still have held the field  
 If he had had ten Engineers to keep old Blucher heeled.  
 Or Wellington, had we been there instead of his array,  
 Would have taken half an hour to win instead of half a day.  
 O, some of us are Bourbon men and some of us drink wine,  
 And there's more than meat in front of us when we sit down to dine.  
 O when the average cannoner goes down to Hell in tears,  
 He'll find that Styx and Phlegathon were bridged by Engineers.  
 "The Duck-Board."



"When I Joined Your Bluddy Outfit I Naturally Assumed I'd Drive a Station Wagon like the Rest of the Girls!"



# America Rules Its Own Skiing For First Time

## Syracuse Senior Takes Over Torger Togle's Top Position

LAKE PLACID, N.Y., Jan. 7—For the first time in history a native son rules American ski jumping. He is Arthur Devlin, 20, Syracuse University senior who is taking up where Torger Togle, the Norwegian-born jumping wizard, left off in favor of Army life.

But even if Togle were still jumping, it would be a tossup for honors. Last January Torger beat Art regularly, but by March Devlin had Torger's number and in the nationals was second only to Ola of the Norwegian Air Force in Canada. He beat Ola in a return match here last week to become the undisputed national leader.

Devlin began jumping at four and grew up with other aerial-minded kids around Lake Placid. He studied painstakingly, although he has never taken a lesson from a professional. He provides the national skiing ego with a most satisfactory boost since he is a stylist as well as a long jumper. Other Americans have soared as far as the Norwegians, but haven't approached them in style. Devlin's form is almost perfect.

He is an all-round skier, besides. He took the national four-event (jumping, cross-country, downhill and slalom) title last winter.

# Gas Ban May Close Tracks

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7—The OPA edict prohibiting pleasure driving makes the continuance of horse racing on the Eastern seaboard and in Florida questionable. Herbert Bayard Swope, chairman of the New York State Racing Commission and the Turf Committee of America, has promised, "If racing can continue legitimately, it will do so—if not, it will cease." However, it was suggested that the racegoers might revert to the use of the horse-drawn vehicles of bygone days to reach the tracks.

From Hialeah Park, Florida, where the winter racing season is scheduled to begin next week, John Clark, president of the track, announced, "Hialeah will fit into the war pattern by suspending racing until such time as there is full approval of the continuance of racing."

## NEWS FROM HOME

# New Victory Fund Drive Due As First Goes Far Over Goal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—Another huge war fund drive is expected in April following the Treasury's greatest money-raising drive in history. No financial goal has yet been mentioned for the new campaign.

In the Victory loan campaign in December, the Treasury aimed at nine billion dollars and actually collected about 13 billion, shattering all previous financial records for the United States or any other country.

The nearest approach was the fourth Liberty loan of the world war, when nearly seven billion dollars was raised in three weeks.

## High Wages but Little Saving

TRENTON, N.J., Jan. 7 (AP)—Many thousands of persons are earning more money than they ever dreamed of, yet many were still not far removed from public relief, Charles Erdman, State Director of State Relief, asserted.

Reporting to Governor Edison and the Legislature, Erdman said few war workers were saving their earnings and many of them would be unable to pay their income-tax next March without borrowing.

If the war should end suddenly and they found themselves jobless, Mr. Erdman said, some now prosperous war workers would be unable to support themselves for two weeks and "in no time at all they will be back right where they started—on relief."

## Hart's Ranch To Go To State

NEWHALL, Cal., Jan. 7 (AP)—William S. Hart, quick-shooting star of the cowboy silent films, said he intended to bequeath his 300-acre, \$300,000 ranch to the public when he dies. Hart, who is 72, recently recovered from pleurisy following an eye operation.

Hart suggested that the 16-room ranch house, already filled with old firearms, saddles and trophies, would make an ideal museum for relics of the old west. His collection would be included in the bequest.

## Chinese Dissatisfied

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—There is dissatisfaction in Chungking regarding the amount of Allied aid reaching China, according to Chinese authorities in Wash-

# DiMaggio Says Paper Misinterpreted Him

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7—Joe DiMaggio has indignantly indicated that the San Francisco Examiner misinterpreted him by implying that he was going to quit baseball.

However, Joe, whose dependent wife, Dorothy, is residing in Reno before divorce proceedings, does not deny that he expects to be reclassified some day if the divorce materializes.

# Fourteenth Win For Armstrong

## Outpoints Jim McDaniels In Last Fight Before Operation

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7—Although outweighed by seven pounds, Henry Armstrong won a unanimous decision over Jimmy McDaniels, 147 pounds, in their ten round bout here last night.

McDaniels fought courageously, damaging Armstrong about the face with uppercuts, but he wilted before Hammering Henry's whirlwind blows which seemed to fall nearly as rapidly as in years past. The bell saved Jimmy in the ninth and weary Armstrong lacked the strength to apply the finisher in the tenth. After the fight, Henry remarked, "I chopped and chopped. I wonder why that old tree didn't fall down?"

The decision was Armstrong's 14th victory in 15 starts since commencing his comeback last summer.

Armstrong's face was puffed up as he prepared to undergo a tonsilectomy which will prevent him from fighting Beau Jack on Jan. 29 as scheduled.

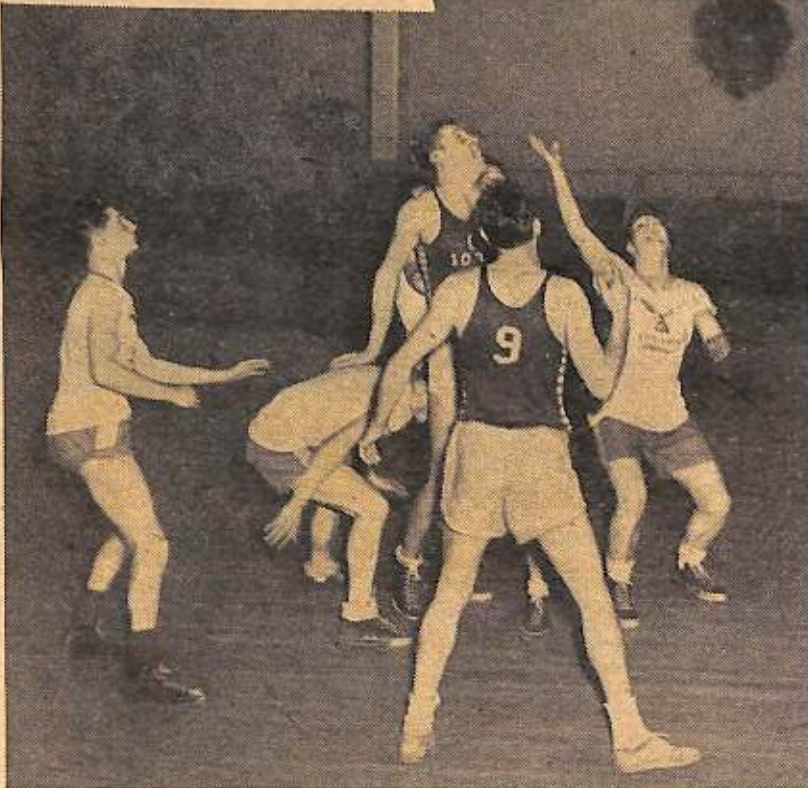
## Cubs, White Sox Save 240,000 Travel Miles

CHICAGO, Jan. 7—Sports writers have figured out that the two Chicago baseball clubs, the Cubs and the White Sox, will together save 240,000 man miles of travel as the result of moving their Spring training camps nearer to home.

Last year the clubs, carrying a total of 80 men, travelled a total of 3,200 miles home from their Los Angeles training grounds. This Spring 60 players will travel only 278 miles homeward from their training site at French Lick Springs, Indiana.

# Amertex Five Wins Another

Waiting for a rebound during the game between the Amertex-Creevagh quintets at the Belfast Red Cross Club are: PhM 3c Mike Daily, Baltimore (left); PhM 3c Jimmy Dye, Terre Haute, Ind. (under basket), both of the Navy five; Bill Hall (facing camera), and Jack Lippert, both of Los Angeles. The Amertex five won, 59-42.



# 18-Year-Old Defense Star's 'Do-or-Die' Spurs Rangers

NEW YORK, Jan. 7—Last November an 18-year-old redhead became the youngest hockey player ever to skate on to Madison Square Garden ice. He was Dudley (Red) Garret, freshman defenseman. Last year, after being graduated from high school, Red was a stenographer with a Canada malting company. This winter he has become the most popular Ranger since the days of Defenseman Ching Johnson.

His enthusiasm, sincerity, energy and do-or-die high school spirit have revitalized the Rangers, who still have not recovered from the shock of having a 'teen-ager playing alongside them.

Red is built like a football end. Beside hockey, he likes table tennis and tennis—and he hangs around the YMCA when nothing else is doing.

Raised in Sudbury, Canada, he has hopes for an eventual hockey career, but is planning to join the Navy in July. To the protests of Coach Frank Boucher, Red rejoins, "You better start looking for 12-year-olds."

## Rickey Is Going West To Confer With Camilli

NEW YORK, Jan. 7—Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has disclosed that he is going to San Francisco on Jan. 23 to confer with Dolph Camilli.

Camilli, Dodgers' popular first baseman, has stated that he is not going to play major league baseball this year due to the difficulty of operating his California ranch while he is away in the East playing ball.

## Hugh Casey of Dodgers Expecting Call to Duty

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 7—Hugh Casey, right hander for the Brooklyn Dodgers, expects to report for active duty with the Coast Guard within the next week.

Casey, second most used pitcher in the National League last season, participated in 50 games, winning six and losing three. He hopes to return to baseball after the war.

## Mrs. Joe Louis Expects A Baby During Month

CHICAGO, Jan. 7—Prospective fathers would do well to adopt the philosophy of Heavyweight Champ Sgt. Joe Louis. Joe's wife Marva is expecting a baby at the end of this month.

Joe doesn't "much care whether it's a boy or a girl. Marva's the mother and that makes her boss. If the baby is a boy and she doesn't want him to be a prize fighter, that's all right by me."

## Tigers Choose Training Site

DETROIT, Jan. 7—General Manager Jack Zeller has announced that the Detroit Tigers have chosen Evansville, Ind., as their Spring training site for a month, starting March 15.

## Dimout Doesn't Affect Florida's Dog Racing

MIAMI, Jan. 7—Greyhounds still are coursing nightly around Miami Beach Kennel Club oval, a stone's throw from the beach, despite the wartime blackout restrictions.

The operators satisfied the military security officers by replacing the 1,000-watt track floodlights with screened 40-watt, substituting seven 20-watt lights for the scores of 150-watt grandstand lights, using fluorescent paint on results board, making the finish photos with newly developed infra-red speed photography instead of the 800-foot candlepower floodlights.

The dogs still are able to see the "rabbit."

## Basketball Results

- St. Francis 57, Geneva 44.
- Fordham 62, Holy Cross 44.
- South Carolina 37, Presbyterian 36.
- Richmond 38, Randolph-Macon 35.
- Wichita 42, Emporia State 35.
- Missouri Teachers 44, Blytheville Army Air Force 21.
- Eau Claire Teachers 42, Stevens Point 24.
- Camp Grant 59, Augustana 43.
- Akron 52, Ken State 38.
- Toledo Naval 46, Camp Perry 36.
- Western Michigan 57, Hope 42.
- Calvin 52, Grand Rapids Jr. Col. 36.
- Washburn 44, Baker 29.
- Nebraska 41, Kansas State 32.
- Dayton 59, Wilmington 38.
- Montana State Univ. 42, Idaho 30.
- Montana State Col. 42, Utah State 39.
- Santa Clara 44, St. Marys 42.
- Pasco Naval 57, Central Washington 47.
- California 49, San Francisco 28.
- Brigham Young 72, Carbon Jr. Col. 20.
- College of Idaho 41, Boise Jr. Col. 16.

# NYU Five Spills Lions, 49-40, Stays Unbeaten

## St. Johns Whips CCNY In Second Game Of Garden Bill

NEW YORK, Jan. 7—The New York University Violets remained undefeated in the current basketball season, topping the Nittany Lions of Penn State, 49-40, in the opener of the Madison Square Garden double-header here last night. St. Johns whipped CCNY, 50-42, in the second game.

As expected, Penn State played slowly and deliberately, stressing possession within a tight-knit zone defense through a dull first half.

The Violets, however, were able to split the zone enough to lead 22-17 at the half. Jerry Fleischman, Violet forward and high scorer in the contest with 19 points, opened the second period by caging three field goals in four minutes. Dave Hornstein, Lion center, passed and shot accurately until he was ejected with four personal fouls.

In the nightcap, the Redmen from St. Johns led throughout. They opened like a house afire, controlling both baskets so successfully that City College got only a few shots and trailed at the half, 29-13.

The Beavers roared back after the intermission, acting like a different team. Flashing their best basketball of the season, Nat Holman's boys scored 29 points to come within nine points of victory.

# Nats Get Auker, Deant to Browns

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 7—The St. Louis Browns have announced the acquisition of Paul Dean, right hander and younger brother of Dizzy Dean and cash from the Washington Senators in exchange for Eldon Auker, veteran submarine ball hurler.

Auker won 14 and lost 13 for the Browns in 1942. Previously he played with Detroit and Boston. Dean, who with his brother Dizzy pitched the St. Louis Cardinals to a pennant and a world championship in 1934, developed arm trouble in 1936. He has been staging a comeback with Dallas of the Texas League, where he won 19 and lost seven last season. It was from Dallas that he was drafted by the Senators.

There is one hitch in the deal. The Associated Press reports that Auker is unwilling to report to the Senators and is determined to remain at his job at a Detroit war plant.

## Watson Returns to Ice Against Red Wings

DETROIT, Jan. 7—New York Ranger Forward Phil Watson will face the Detroit Red Wings tonight only 13 days after he fractured his right hand.

Watson will wear a special cast for the game. The shortage of Ranger forwards impelled the action which the team physician okayed due to the amazingly rapid healing of the wrist.

## Ohio State Penitentiary Releases Star Hurler

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 7—Professional baseball may find a new recruit in Keither Crosswhite, lifer at Oregon State penitentiary, whose sentence was commuted by Governor Charles Sprague.

Crosswhite was the ace pitcher on the prison baseball team and was released this week.

## French to Receive Commission

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7—Larry French, veteran right hander of the Brooklyn Dodgers, will be sworn into the Navy tomorrow as either a lieutenant, junior grade, or senior grade.

## 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.





# President Sees Allies Holding Initiative Now

## Promises Powerful Blow At Nazis in Europe This Year

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1941 and 10 times greater than the entire production for the first World War.

"The arsenal of democracy," he asserted, "is making good."

Despite the withdrawal of 5,000,000 young men from the labor and farm forces for the armed services, the farmers "have contributed their share to the common effort by producing the greatest quantity of food ever made available during a single year in all our history," he pointed out.

This production, the President explained, is going not only to America's own fighting forces, but to those of her Allies, including China. "Today we are flying as much lend-lease material to China as ever traversed the Burma Road," he said.

"We must not forget our production achievements are relatively not greater than those of the Russians, British and Chinese who developed war industries under incredible difficulties of battle conditions," he counseled. "They have never quit. We Americans are in good brave company."

Reviewing the progress of the war in 1942, the President said that by far the largest and most important developments were "the events on the long fronts in Russia," namely, the defense of Stalingrad and the offensives which now "roll on with great force and effectiveness."

Other major events he listed as the series of Japanese advances in the East Indies, the Malaya and Burma; stopping of the Japanese in the Mid-Pacific, the South Pacific and the Indian Oceans; the successful defense of the Near East by the British; the American and British occupation of North Africa; the unending and bitterly contested battles of the convoys routes and "the gradual passing of air superiority from the Axis to the United Nations."

### Axis Hope Ended

"The Axis powers knew that they must win the war in 1942—or eventually lose everything," the President said. "I do not need to tell you that our enemies did not win this war in 1942."

Concerning the situation in the Pacific, Mr. Roosevelt said that the period of "United States' attrition there was passing, and added: "Now our aim is to force the Japanese to fight. Last year we stopped them. This year we intend to advance."

The eventual outcome of the Pacific fighting, the President said, could be put on a mathematical basis, since it was known that Japanese strength in ships and planes declines daily and American strength rises. He said this would become evident to the Japanese people "when we strike at their own home islands and bomb them constantly from the air."

"Few Americans realize the amazing growth of our air strength, though I am sure our enemy does. Day in and day out our forces are bombing the enemy and meeting him in combat on many different fronts over the world. And for those who question the quality of our aircraft and the ability of our fliers, I point to the fact that in Africa we are shooting down two enemy planes to every one we lose, and in the Pacific and in the southwest Pacific we are shooting them down four to one."

### The Second Front

"In the European theater of the war," the President said, "during this past year it was clear that our first task was to lessen the concerted pressure concentrated on the Russian front by compelling Germany to divert part of her manpower and equipment to another theater of war."

The occupation of French North Africa accomplished this, said the President, and opened to attack the "underbelly" of the Axis and removed the threat of an Axis attack through West Africa and perhaps across the South Atlantic against South America.

"The well timed and splendidly executed offensive from Egypt by the British Eighth Army was a part of the same major strategy of the United Nations," he said. "Great rains and appalling mud and very limited communications have delayed the final battles of Tunis. The Axis is reinforcing its strong positions. But I am confident that, though fighting will be tough when the final Allied assault is made, the last vestige of Axis power will be driven from the south shores of the Mediterranean."

Mr. Roosevelt gave no particulars on any new social security legislation. He said he had been told it was no time to speak of a better America after the war and that it was a grave error for him to do so.

"I dissent," he declared flatly. Referring to the four freedoms, he said: "People at home and at the front are wondering about the third freedom, freedom from want. They expect the opportunity to work, run their farms and stores, to earn decent wages."

"They are eager to face risks inherent in our system of free enterprise. They do not want a post-war America which suffers from undernourishment or from slums or the dole. They want no get-rich-quick era of bogus prosperity which will end in selling apples on street-corners, as happened after the boom of 1929."

# Russian Verbs Headache for Censor

## U.S. Soldiers Write Home in Any Language

By Russell Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BASE CENSOR'S STATION IN ENGLAND, Jan. 7.—Chere Mama, Liebe Mutter, Dorcha Mamo, Amamdo Madre, Kedves Anyan, Agapite Mou Matera, Querido Mai—they all mean the same thing, "Dear Mom," words American soldiers in the ETO are writing every day.

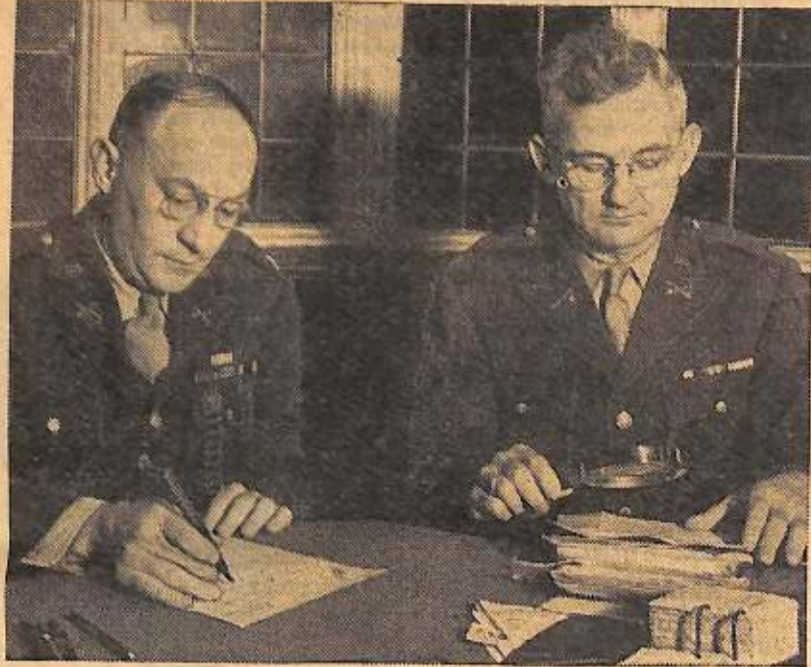
Hundreds of letters daily go through this office headed by the mothers—and, of course, the fathers and wives and sweethearts—of soldiers who find it easier to write in a foreign language than in English. In spite of the immense work entailed for the censors, the American soldiers who are foreign-born and do not yet speak English fluently are encouraged to write in their mother tongues. U.S. Army officials believe that this is one of the fundamental rights of American democracy.

The letters receive even better care than ordinary mail. They are censored personally by the base censor for ETO, Lt. Col. Ferdinand A. Hirzy, or one of his staff.

### Speaks Six Languages

There was nothing of the haphazard in the choice of Col. Hirzy for this vital job. He was hand-picked by highest authorities. Hungarian-born and married to the German-born grand daughter of Mme. Schumann-Heink, the opera star, he speaks half-a-dozen languages fluently and has a working knowledge of several more.

His staff, which can handle more than a score of languages with ease, is spread over the British Isles and Africa. With him, at his base office, are 1st Lt. Daniel Lee McCarthy, Chicago, Ill., who, with an eye on a diplomatic career, majored in languages while attending North-



The ETO base censor, Lt. Col. Ferdinand A. Hirzy, Stevens Point, Wis. (left), and Maj. Jack Dews, Mineral Wells, Tex., censor soldiers' home-ward-bound mail.

western University, and W.O. Bronson Scruby, who specializes in the Romance languages.

Foreign language letters are, oddly enough, usually less suspect than others. Men with alien backgrounds are particularly careful not to offend any security regulations. They speak of personal matters—their life in the army and how things are going at home and leave the war to the experts.

### All Carefully Checked

But every letter written in any language other than English is carefully read as check on morale. If numbers of men are writing complaints about the food, no furloughs, late pay, relations with their

allies, or health conditions, you can bet that something will be done to remedy the situation. Closer attention is paid to these letters than those of an average soldier because these men are less likely to gripe for the fun of griping.

The letters usually read the same way: "Dear Mom, getting along fine. I like the people here and the Army life isn't too bad"—the simple things that sons the world over write to their mothers.

But occasionally Col. Hirzy runs into trouble as he did when a soldier, determined on continuing his education, in spite of the army, took a correspondence course in Russian.

The colonel had to wade through page after page of declensions.

# Gen. Lee Gives Medals to Two

## Lieutenant, Sergeant Get Soldiers' Medals for Saving Englishman

A U.S. ENGINEER STATION, England, Jan. 7.—For heroism displayed in rescuing a British soldier from suffocation by explosive fumes last Sept. 8, 1st Lt. Vernon G. Adams, Kittinging, Pa., and Sgt. Ernest Johnson, Kunningham, Ala., today were awarded Soldiers' Medals.

The presentations were made by Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, Commanding General, Services of Supply, European Theater of Operations.

"Adams and Johnson are old American names, rich with tradition," Gen. Lee said during his presentation address. "And it is fitting that they should be fighting side by side with the British, on whose foundations American traditions have grown."

"There will be times," Gen. Lee added, "when we can help them and there will be times when they can help us."

The heroic action of Lt. Adams and Sgt. Johnson occurred when three land mines exploded in a brick building, injuring three British soldiers who were working in the building. Two of the injured soldiers escaped. The third was removed by Lt. Adams and Sgt. Johnson who entered the building, despite deadly explosive fumes.

The citation accompanying the awards read:

"Without regard to personal safety these men saved the life of a soldier. Their heroism reflects great credit on themselves and on the military service."

Gen. Lee's visit was the first stop on an extended tour of inspection of the Southern Base Command.

# Red Cross Volunteers Beat MPs on 'Quiz' Program

A quartet of MPs finished on the short end of the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner's first "Quiz" Program when four of the club's women volunteer workers proved themselves to be better "quiz kids" during the weekly "Cabaret Nite" entertainment show.

The soldiers were Cpl. Wilfred G. Tank, Sheboygan, Wis.; Pfc Charles Noel, Green Bay, Wis.; Pvt. Clifford Muellner, Oconomowoc, Wis.; and Pvt. John K. Biskupics, Baltimore, Md.

# A Russian Girl Led Men Into Veliki Luki

A Russian girl, leader of a guerrilla detachment, led Russian troops into Veliki Luki when it was stormed, says Moscow radio, quoting eye-witness reports of the fighting.

"Tall and smiling," says the account, "Tamara Sumchakova stood in the doorway of what used to be the German staff headquarters at Veliki Luki, greeting the Soviet officers and men as they passed. Every one seemed to know her.

"Tamara brought the Russian Army information about the German positions, and it was her guerrilla detachment which guided the Russian units to the attacking positions."

# London Clubs To Show Films

Motion pictures are to be shown at one American Red Cross club in London every night in the week, it was announced today.

The films, distributed and operated by personnel traveling in "Cinemobiles," will be shown according to the following schedule:

On Sundays at the newly-opened Jules Club, Mondays at the Hans Crescent, Tuesdays at the Mostyn Club, Wednesdays at the Duchess Club, Thursdays at the Rainbow Corner, Fridays at the Washington Club and Saturdays at the Milestone Club.

The Duchess Club's pictures start at 7:30 PM; the rest begin at 8 PM.

This week's pictures are "Meet the Stewarts," starring Frances Dee, and "Talk of the Town," with Cary Grant, Jean Arthur and Ronald Colman.

The "Cinemobiles" are equipped with 16 mm. projector, speaker, transformer, 10 by 8 screen and accessories. When additional vehicles and equipment are available, the Red Cross plans to dispatch the "Cinemobiles" to units throughout England.

### Clark Gable Gets His Wings

TYNDALL FIELD, Fla., Jan. 6 (AP)—1st Lt. Clark Gable was graduated today from the army's air force gunnery school and received his silver wings.

# Pops Germans Like Squirrels

## 'But Never Before Got Four in 10 Minutes,' Says Tunisia Vet

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stayed behind when our other two fellows started back down the hill, hitting the ground about every 10 feet like a jack-rabbit. Some Arabs, or Germans dressed like Arabs, shouted and began pointing. Hidden German soldiers then raised up to fire.

"That was the first good glimpse of them we got and we really went to town on them. Wright, whose buddy had been killed only a few minutes before, threw a hand grenade at the nearest German. It landed right at his feet and he went in a dozen different directions at once. I had begun to clear off our section of the ridge. It was like popping off squirrels—only I was never able to get anywhere near that many squirrels in anything like that time. You can't fool 10 squirrels in four minutes.

"That M-1 Garand rifle! Boy, it's perfect! Every time I pulled the trigger, over went a German. We were behind a knoll. They couldn't see us and they were just too damn stubborn to quit trying to get our two boys.

"The Germans were about 150 yards away, except for the one Wright picked off with his grenade. The whole thing was over in less than four minutes and, you know, they never even scratched our decoys.

### 'Swarming With Germans'

"We met the other two fellows at the bottom of the hill and decided to beat it back to headquarters. The whole country was swarming with groups of Germans. Only a short distance away we ran into more fire and escaped by crawling under a rock shelf, where we lay for seven and a half hours until darkness, when we got out and managed to join up with the British Commando unit.

"We patrolled with them four more days and eventually returned to our lines after five days in enemy territory.

"I had lost everything but the shirt on my back, but missed most the pictures of my wife and three-year-old daughter Ruth."

He added: "I feel much safer on patrol than in billets in town. You're not a bomb target. Only thing I don't like about it is these centipedes. I have seen more centipedes than Germans."

# 'Quiet Birdmen' Throw No Rank At Gatherings

## International Air Group Organizes London Hangar

By Andrew A. Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

"Hey Stinky," the lieutenant yelled at the colonel at the end of the table, "wasn't that you who got bogged down in Newfoundland and had to get home after in a kayak?"

"Hell, no," the colonel answered, as if the birds on his shoulders had been clay pigeons. "Never been over Newfoundland, you're thinking of Fitz. And it was a dogsled, not kayak."

Quiet Birdmen are convened.

There is no rank among Quiet Birdmen, although when the London "Hangar"—each unit is called a Hangar—meets, there is usually at least one general, an admiral, four or five colonels and a lot of majors, captains and lieutenants in attendance. They go by such names as "Slim" Lindsay, Frank Crowley, "Tiny" Riiser-Larsen, Larry Hickam, Jack Griffiths, Paul Youngs, Glynn Jones, "Bill" Skall, Milton Turner, "Fitz" Fitzmaurice, "Flick" Flickenger, "Tilly" Tillinghast.

### Started 22 Years Ago

It all started down in Martha's, near Washington Square, New York, in 1920. Every two weeks a small group of fliers, some veterans of the war, some commercial pilots, would gather, swap stories, drink, and generally enjoy the warmth of good fellowship.

Everyone liked the idea so much that they decided to give their get-together a name. So, for very little reason at all, they decided to call themselves Quiet Birdmen, or QBs for short.

QB's have no president, no vice-president, and no chairman. "Robert's Rules of Order" never saw the inside of a Quiet Birdmen hangar. No speech that lasts longer than it takes to propose a toast is tolerated at a meeting.

### Only Two Requirements

As a matter of fact there is nothing very definite about the organization. Yet, with no national or international headquarters, Quiet Birdmen have migrated from their original nest in Martha's until today they have established hangars in every large city in the world.

To be invited to join the select group a man must be (1) a flier, and (2) a goodfellow. Those are the only two prerequisites for membership.

Although the organization of Birdmen was hatched in New York City, it thrives most vigorously today on the West Coast, where there is a great interest in flying.

All QB's are proud of their organization and will boast that it has absolutely no purpose at all. Quiet Birdmen, as such, do not try to accomplish anything. They do not sponsor a home for broken down actors, fliers who overshot the field, or anyone else. They do not even pick an All-American football team. But when the mood strikes the QB's they are apt to do anything.

### London Hangar Party

A few months ago the mood struck the London Hangar of Quiet Birdmen, and they gave one of war-time London's gayest parties for the heroes of the Battle of Britain.

While QB legend has it that all members are directly descended from a long and illustrious line of bachelors, it boasts many of the most prominent citizens in the world.

Mayor LaGuardia of New York City is a loyal QB. Although he belongs to countless organizations, it is always the little wing pin that denotes membership in the Quiet Birdmen that goes to some of New York's best fires, in the lapel of The Little Flower's coat.

Jimmy Doolittle, better known today as General Doolittle, was one of the original QB's, at the first Hangar at Martha's.

All good QB's were a little sad one morning when they read that Ernst Udet, one of the great figures in German aviation was dead. Ernst had spent many years in America and had gained the respect of the Quiet Birdmen, and was taken in as a member.

### Mysterious Deaths

Now, whenever the case of Ernst Udet comes up, Quiet Birdmen nod knowingly at each other. Details of the death of Ernst are vague and they are convinced that he went in one of the Nazi purges.

And Balbo, the Italian airman, was a QB. It is common knowledge that he died, not by accident, but when Mussolini gave the nod to one of his more humble henchmen.

The London Hangar of Quiet Birdmen have not decided on a permanent meeting but since last April they have been active, meeting regularly every two weeks.

It is a heterogeneous collection. At the last meeting of the London Hangar, there was an American general, a full admiral in the Norwegian Navy, and many civilian officials representing the great airplane manufacturers here and in America. They were telling tall tales and enjoying real comradeship.

"Hey, Stinky," the lieutenant yelled at the colonel, "tell 'em about the time you flew blind into 'Frisco." And the colonel told about the time he flew blind into 'Frisco, as if the birds on his shoulders had been clay pigeons.

### Blondie

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

by Chic Young

