

Russians Smash Deeper Into Ukraine

Darlan Shot, Gen. Giraud Takes Over

French Pick New Leader As Admiral's Killer Is Executed

Gen. Henri Giraud has been unanimously chosen by the Imperial French Council as High Commissioner in French Africa with full military and civil powers, succeeding Adm. Jean Darlan, who was assassinated Christmas Eve, it was announced yesterday in Algiers.

Darlan was shot to death at 3.30 PM Thursday by a 22-year-old man, identified only as a Frenchman who entered an Algiers university a year ago and whose mother is now living in Italy.

At dawn Saturday the assassin was executed by a firing squad.

The assassination occurred outside Darlan's office in the palace of the former Beys of Algeria. Commandant Hourcad, the only aide with Darlan at the time, was wounded in trying to capture the assassin. The latter leaped over Darlan's body in his fight but was quickly caught by the admiral's chauffeur, Adjutant Andre Vuichard.

Solves a Big Problem

Assassination of Darlan may have settled in one stroke the most difficult diplomatic problem which confronted the Allies since the beginning of the war.

Death of the ex-collaborationist wrote a bloody new chapter in unfortunate France's participation in the present war, which reached one sensational climax after another.

Elimination of Darlan came at a moment when Allied leaders in London and Algiers were reliably reported exerting all efforts to obtain unity of French forces in opposition to the Axis. It was reported a short time before that the Fighting French were sending a commission to North Africa to investigate the situation with a view to uniting with other French patriots, though preferably not under the leadership of Darlan. British and American leaders had been in some conflict over cooperation with the Admiral.

Presumably with the death of Darlan British, American and Fighting French leaders all would attempt to find a man upon whom every faction of Free France can agree, and in Giraud it was believed this had been accomplished.

Assassin Made Two Visits

Early Thursday morning the assassin visited the white stone palace, surrounded by extensive gardens and high walls with massive iron gates, but left when he was unable to see Darlan.

Returning in the afternoon, he was in a waiting room adjoining Darlan's office, with the door open, when Darlan arrived. He fired five shots from a .25 caliber revolver. One bullet hit the admiral in the mouth and another in the lungs, fatally wounding him.

Darlan fell to the floor across the doorway at the first burst. The assassin continued firing at him and then emptied his revolver at Hourcad when the aide leaped at his throat. One bullet ripped through Hourcad's thigh. Hearing the shots, Darlan's chauffeur ran into the building and hit the assassin on the jaw with his fist.

Did Not Try to Flee

"I surrender. My revolver is empty," said the assassin, making no attempt to defend himself or escape.

Palace guards armed with swords rushed in and tried to kill the man but were stopped by officials who arrived on the scene after hearing the shots. The killer was then turned over to the police.

Darlan died before reaching a hospital. He was unable to speak, though he tried. The last sacraments were administered by a chaplain, and the body remained

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Sleep by Officers and Snore Is New Way to Quit Army

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27 (AP)—Leonard Williams, 44, is back at his home after snoring himself out of the Army.

In his first night of Army life his snoring kept all the barracks awake. He was sent to hospital, where the patients complained. He was heard even in the isolation ward, so they transferred him to a room next to the officers' quarters. Next morning sleepy officers gave him an honorable discharge.

Nazis Ignore Red Cross, Bomb Train



Keystone Photo

U.S. paratroops (left) and French guards inspect the wreck of Red Cross train in Tunisia left in ruins after bombing from the Luftwaffe.

U.S. Pilots Blast Planes, Vessels In Africa Raids

British Take Medjez Hill In 14-Hour Christmas Battle

ALLIED HQ., NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 27 (AP)—United States bombers and fighters renewed their blitz of German-held Tunisian areas today, sinking at least three ships and destroying two Italian planes, two German planes and two locomotives, and strafing enemy troops and vehicles over a wide area.

P-10 fighters were disclosed for the first time to be in action in the North African theater of war in the resumption of widespread air warfare, following the lull due to bad weather.

B-17s carried the main burden of the assault, bombing docks and shipping at Bizerta and Sfax. At Bizerta the raiders were escorted by P-38s and left great fires burning in the docks. Two Fortresses were lost.

P-40s escorted the bombers which raided Sfax and sank one small and two large ships, damaged a medium-sized vessel and hit the docks.

14-Hour Christmas Battle

On Christmas Day, according to delayed dispatches, British guardsmen in a 14-hour battle drove the enemy from the vital lower heights commanding the road from Medjez el Bab to Tebourba, but the enemy continued to hold the highest ridge in that area.

Wading through the mud resulting from 30 hours of nearly continuous rainfall,

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Excitement Helps to Kill Pain Of Wound, Injured Yanks Say

WITH ALLIED FORCES, North Africa, Dec. 27 (AP)—How does it feel to be wounded during battle action? Not as bad as one might expect judging from what American soldiers in a base hospital here say. Excitement helps cancel out the pain.

"It was just like someone had poked me hard with his finger," said a corporal in a reconnaissance platoon whose shoulder was pierced by a machine-gun bullet fired from a German plane.

"Did you ever have anybody brush against your hand with a lighted cigarette? That's the way it is when a bullet clips your finger off," said a corporal in an anti-aircraft unit.

"It was like a bee-sting—not quite as bad as one of these dive-bombing African mosquitoes," said a tank sergeant whose back bore a shrapnel wound.

"It's like when 'Doc' jabs you with a needle to give you a typhoid shot," said a private shot through the arm.

"You blokes had it easy," snorted a ruddy-faced British private. "Just playing with slivers you were. Wait'll you have experienced bomb concussion. Whoof! It lets you have it like someone picked up a stone wall and chucked it at you from head to foot. When you don't know what hit you—that's concussion."

Great Allied Counterblows Expected by Jap Premier

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—Oddly and realistically, Tojo, in his capacity as War Minister, warned the Japanese people that the United Nations were preparing to deliver counterblows of "great importance."

He added that the signs were "of the real war starting from now."

U.S. to Extend Food Rationing

Canned Fruits, Vegetables To Be Cut Feb. 1, Wickard Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Claude Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture, announced today that he had directed the office of price administration to ration all canned, dried and frozen fruits and vegetables as soon as ration machinery could be established.

"The increased requirements of canned foods, fruits and dried fruits for military purposes make it essential that our stocks be conserved," Mr. Wickard said in a statement.

"While our total supplies of canned fruits and dried fruits are the largest in history they are among the foods most urgently needed by the fighting men of this nation and the other united nations."

Rationing was expected to start about Feb. 1.

"This year nearly one-third of our production of canned and dried fruits and

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American As She Is Spoke in English

The American soldier who greets a girl with "Hiyah, babe," isn't being fresh; that's just like hearing "Lovely day, isn't it?" from an Englishman.

Such is the assurance given to girls employed in the NAAFI, the British institution similar to the American PX, in a pamphlet now being distributed in order that they may better understand these crazy Americans and their apparently silly talk.

The pamphlet describes U.S. customs, language and currency, reproduces all U.S. insignia, and gives other data that may be useful to the British canteen worker. A full page is devoted to "When Miss NAAFI Meets the Americans."

'Fresh' Americans

"The first time that an American soldier approaches the counter and says, 'How 'ya, baby,' you will probably think he is being impudent. By the time several dozen men have said it, you may have come to the conclusion that all Americans are 'fresh.' Yet, to them, it will be merely the normal conversational opening, just as you might say 'lovely day, isn't it.' Remember that most Americans think that English people are 'standoffish.' If

you snub them you will merely confirm this impression.

"Under that breezy manner most of them are a little shy, and they will show their appreciation of your kindness if you take them for what they are—pleasant young American boys.

'Don't be Shocked'

"Try not to appear 'shocked,'" the pamphlet says, "at some of their expressions. Many of these may sound remarkably like swearing to you, but in fact they are words in everyday use in America. It will not occur to the lad from Ohio that you are not accustomed to hearing them used in front of girls."

American food terms are explained. "When they first arrive over here the Americans will want such snacks as Hot Dogs (fried sausages in split rolls) and Hamburgers (savory rissoles in split rolls or between slices of bread). In a surprisingly short time, however, they can be heard asking for the typically English dishes to which the British boys are accustomed."

Cookies, candy and crackers are explained in an interesting paragraph: "You will inevitably come across

strange words in their language. America is a vast country, with many more dialects than Britain has, and the influx of many nationalities into the U.S.A. has caused new words to be introduced. When you are discussing food with them, for instance, you will notice that they call a biscuit a 'cooky' or 'cracker' (a biscuit to them is a scone or tea cake); grilled meat is 'broiled'; chocolate and sweets are 'candy'; chipped potatoes are 'French fried' (to them chips are potato crisps); porridge is known as 'oatmeal'; a kipper is a 'smoked herring' and vegetable marrow is known as 'squash.' What we call beer or bitter they call 'ale,' beer to them means 'lager,' while if they ask for their change in 'bills' they mean in notes."

Household Phrases

Details of U.S. currency are given. The pamphlet points out that all U.S. money may be accepted, excepting five cent pieces, or "nickels."

"Many of their ordinary household words are different. . . . A tap is a 'faucet' or 'spigot,' braces are 'sight-seeing.'"

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56,000 Men Are Seized In 11 Days

812 Villages Are Captured In Middle Don Offensive

Russian armies driving forward in the Middle Don are penetrating farther into the Ukraine, killing and capturing thousands of Germans, liberating hundreds of towns long held by the Nazis and seizing or destroying huge quantities of airplanes, tanks, guns and other materials.

The Red forces were reported to be 10 to 20 miles inside the Ukraine, whose 25th anniversary as a member of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics was observed on Saturday.

812 Towns Freed

In 11 days, according to a special communique released in Moscow, the Germans have been driven back 125 miles and 812 inhabited places have been recaptured. On Saturday 6,300 officers and men were captured by the Russians, raising the total number of prisoners

the brief but bitter struggle over the three hundred German soldiers seized on one airdrome and a captured train, the communique said.

Between Dec. 16 and 25, Moscow said, Russian troops seized 172 tanks, guns, 54,000 rifles, 1,177 motorcycles, 1,115 carts, and 97 dumps of war materials, arms and supplies. In addition, 117 German aircraft, 133 tanks, and in guns were destroyed.

Deep Into Ukraine

The triumphant Russian re-entry into the Ukraine was made by tanks and infantry which crossed the border from Voronezh to Voroshilovgrad province. A front line dispatch from Pravda estimated that armored forces now covered several dozen kilometers of Ukrainian territory.

Ukrainians themselves are taking part in the reoccupation. Pravda described one Ukrainian lieutenant who was twice wounded but continued to stumble forward until he died in his own homeland.

A bitter east wind whipped across the Don steppes, driving snow in great drifts and bending Russians and Germans alike under its blast. Russians, with the wind at their backs, marched relentlessly forward, while columns of German prisoners with drooping heads and swollen hands passed the other way toward the rear.

Division's Staff Flees

Izvestia reported virtually all survivors of one German division surrendered after their general fled with his staff. The division is estimated to have lost 60 per cent of its personnel the first day of the Battle of the Middle Don. Prisoners were quoted as saying the offensive spread confusion in their lines of communications between staffs and troops.

The German High Command appeared to be making a general reorganization of its forces on the wide Middle Don Front in an effort to meet the Red Army advance.

Nazis Fight to Delay

Rearguard forces are being left in populated points to conduct delaying action while the main forces withdraw and reserves of cavalry, motorized infantry, and tanks are being concentrated from other sectors.

The Germans attempted to make one stand at Tatsinskaya, where strong defenses were set up around the Likhaya

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Yanks Arrive Quietly At Dakar, Begin Work

DAKAR, Dec. 27 (AP)—American soldiers are in Dakar, nerve center of French West Africa and the city which repulsed the British attack in September, 1940.

Khaki-clad Yanks arrived quietly without fanfare and went to work by the side of their new French Allies without waste of time. They came by plane, ship and even by jeep. There was little cheering, possibly because there was no marching or other suitable opportunity.

"Americans have come just to work," government-controlled newspapers in Dakar commented. "And they have not very much time to waste in the city sight-seeing."

U.S. Servicemen Observe Second Christmas in War

American Leaders Send Greetings to Forces Overseas

It was literally the most widely celebrated Christmas in American history.

With holiday observation at home touching a wartime high, U.S. troops the world over—east, west, north and south—took time off for celebrations that made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in material things.

Underlying it all was the good feeling that America, at last, is getting somewhere with the business of winning this war, so Yanks in England, in North Africa, in Australia, in Alaska were back on the job today, everybody taken care of in the way of food, drink, presents, parties and things with a healthy determination to keep on passing the ammunition.

Thousands of Parties

There were literally thousands of parties in the British Isles complete with Santa Claus, presents, chocolate and candy—most of it saved up from soldiers' rations and most of it going to "blitz babies" who haven't had such a glad chance to sing and shout and grab goodies for all the months since the war began.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bull, traditionally reclusive, nevertheless threw wide the doors, fetched out the flowing bowl and did everything they could for American visitors who they thought might be "a bit lonesome, y'know." There were so many invitations that, according to American Red Cross figures, 50 men were invited to eat British Christmas dinners—despite rationing, coupons and all—for every one soldier who could go.

Churches Christmas Eve and morning were filled with American soldiers who were surprisingly reverent despite their liking for good times.

From the President of the United States came this message to ill and wounded fighters:

On this another wartime Christmas, I send you a personal message. We shall need your help when the war is won in the hard task of building a better and freer world. It is fitting, therefore, that at Christmas time we who are older pledge that you who are younger shall be given the opportunity to fight for a better world in time of peace, as you have fought to save this lesser world in time of war. God bless you and keep you, for you belong to us and to the future of America."

Message from President

Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, relayed the following message to troops in the theater from the President:

"The White House, Washington
"Christmas, 1942.
"To the men and women of the Armed Forces:

"Happily, the Star of Christmas again shines brightly in a world black with fear and hate. Never has mankind yearned more for what that Star signifies—for peace and honor to men of good will. The way we must travel is yet long.

"As you go hopefully forward into the New Year you can be sustained by the thought that you have the most precious gift which is in the power of your countrymen to bestow—their affection and deep gratitude. To this I can only add my very warmest personal greetings to every one of you.

(signed) "Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Secretary Stimson

From Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War:

"To the men and women of the Army:
"In the year now drawing to a close your efforts have brought new honor to American arms. You have met the enemy on many fronts. He has tested not only your courage but your military skill, and your conduct in battle has been an inspiration to a grateful nation.

"All this I have in mind as I send you my Christmas greeting. Because of your example we may approach this Christmas season with a firm confidence in final victory. Through your fortitude we may believe that the Star of Christmas will once more shine hopefully over a peaceful world."

From Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower:
"I extend heartiest Christmas and New Year greetings to all members of the European Theater of Operations. My admiration for your accomplishments during the past six months is equalled only by my complete confidence that you will meet every test of the future with the same fortitude and determination. My profound thanks and best wishes go to all ranks in the Ground Forces, the Navy, the Air Force, the Nurse Corps and to all civilian services associated with the European Theater of Operations."

The Governor of Northern Ireland was greeted by Brig. Gen. Leroy P. Collins, Commanding U.S.A.F.N.I.:

"On behalf of the officers and men of this command I wish to extend to the Government and people of Northern Ireland a merry Christmas and a happy new year. It is also appropriate on this occasion to express our sincere appreciation for the cordial hospitality which has been shown us while serving the common cause in your midst. These months of association with you have brought about an understanding and love of Ireland and its people which will never be forgotten.
"May a lasting victory crown our

This Sounds Too Good To Be True, But It Is

Anything can happen now. British Tommies of a regiment somewhere in the county of Berkshire were awakened at 6 AM Christmas Day by (s'elp us!) the regimental sergeant major, all the company sergeant majors and the sergeants, who handed each enlisted man his morning cup of tea and a biscuit in bed.

united fight in this common cause, and in days of peace may we remain united as we are in war."

Christmas Eve, Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle, Deputy Commander of the U.S. Forces in the United Kingdom, called upon Prime Minister Churchill at No. 10, Downing St., in order to present him with a globe, the gift of the U.S. War Department. A similar one has been presented to the President. It is 50 inches in diameter, and with its base weighs nearly half a ton. Gen. Hartle was accompanied by Brig. Gen. Everett Hughes, Col. Sumner Waite, Maj. Kraschel, Maj. Walker, and Capt. Davenport.

Prime Minister Churchill sent a reply message to President Roosevelt: "I have received the stirring message sent by you, Mr. President, at this season from Congress and on behalf of the people of the United States and have arranged for its transmission to the armed forces of Great Britain on land and sea and in the air, in all parts of the Empire or in enemy territory. I know it would be their wish that I should cordially reciprocate these greetings. During the past year we have welcomed ever-growing forces from America in our ports and camps and on our airfields. In all theaters of operations men of America and men of Britain have fought side by side under each other's command as circumstances required. Bonds of respect, comprehension and comradeship have been forged which will, I pray, far outlive this war and be a lasting support in the labors of peace, when, after we have won the victory, we strive to build together a better and happier world."

Secretary of Navy

From Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox came the following: "On this holiday season I add to my sincere greetings a full measure of gratitude for your courage, your willingness to sacrifice and your rock-like determination to preserve, through the force of your arms, the honor of our flag. Your loyalty and devotion to duty have known no bounds.

"I am confident that your achievements of the past year will cause 1942 to enter our history as the prologue to victory. I am just as confident that the hardships and dark periods ahead will serve only to remind you that you carry forward in battle the banner on which is inscribed honor, peace and goodwill towards men. To each of you and to your families I send warmest Christmas greetings and best wishes for a victorious New Year."

One of the most heartening Christmas messages was given by a group of British children at a bomber station "kid party" in England, described by S/Sgt. Perry H. Burnham, of the unit: "After the distribution was completed the school teacher asked that we Americans be allowed to hear a good British cheer. Our ears nearly popped from three of the loudest and most genuine cheers you ever did hear... it took the Vicar to quiet the children."

Piccadilly Circus, London, on Christmas Eve was such a place as Piccadilly or perhaps even Times Square, New York, never has been before. There was a spectacular outburst of jollity as Americans mingled with civilians and soldiers of a score of nations to ring in Christmas.

Typical example was a lanky doughboy parading down London's great thoroughfare with a white Scotty dog in his arms and a pretty girl on each elbow—a Canadian wearing a shiny pink top-hat and tooting merrily on his Christmas whistle—a group of Polish refugees singing strange, rhythmic carols on a main corner, "M.P.s" everywhere were "understanding" and had a lot of fun themselves.

Celebrated Everywhere

In New Delhi, India, U.S. soldiers festooned with bright necklaces of flowers snake-danced through the streets behind an impromptu Indian band before they sat down to a Christmas dinner of goose and all the trimmings. They were 12,000 miles from home, and it was their first Christmas away, but Merry Christmas just the same.

In North Africa Gen. Eisenhower returned to Allied headquarters after spending Christmas Eve in the front lines. He cut short his Christmas visit on account of problems connected with Admiral Darlan's death. In Tunisia, Christmas Day meant just another fighting day with camel steaks to some American troops in the front lines, while to others it meant a feast of roast wild baby boar.

Santa Claus, arriving in a GI truck, instead of his traditional sleigh, brought toys, candy and happiness to 4,150 needy children of Northern Ireland at five giant Christmas parties, sponsored by American aircraft technicians.

Donations by Americans of one pound for Christmas Kids Inc., directed by Dr. Norman E. Nygaard, Los Angeles, Cal., a technician chaplain, made these parties possible.

He's a Bra' Bra' Yankee Piper



The first U.S. Marine ever to don officially the kilts and sporran an' a' of a Highland piper is Pfc James R. Mallin, Staten Island, N.Y., attached to the Marine Corps unit at Londonderry. In regulation uniform, and wearing a not-quite-sure-about-it expression, is Pfc James F. Finn, New York City.

Reds Capture 56,000 Nazis

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railroad. Russians outflanked the station, cut the railway on two sides, and forced the enemy to retreat toward the south, where they were encountered by other Red Army units.

Germans also left garrisons in such towns as Kashary, Krivorozhi, North Tatsinskaya, and East Millerovo only to have them encircled and exterminated.

The Red Army offensive continued southwest of Stalingrad at a pace second only to the Middle Don drive. An ever-widening barrier has been erected between German units encircled between the Don and Volga and outside forces.

German tank and infantry concentration northeast of Kotelnikovo, reported Red Star, is suffering increasingly heavy blows after their own offensive effort to relieve the surrounded divisions had been broken.

Germans laid an anti-tank mine ambush along one road over which the Russians advanced, but the Red Army artillery blasted the enemy out of their hiding places.

Inside the ring of the Stalingrad encirclement, Red Army defenders of the city continue to batter at the besiegers who are now besieged themselves on all sides. The Russians have recaptured more than 20 pill-boxes in the factory section.

German resistance stiffened in the North Caucasus, where the Russians pressed a lesser offensive.

Red Star said the enemy, after suffering a sharp setback, consolidated their positions on the hill and around a small populated point southeast of Nalchik.

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British infantry with artillery support launched the first attack along a 1,200-yard front against strong German forces holding commanding heights to the left of the road about six miles north east of Medjez el Bab.

The Nazis, determined to hold on to the important positions which form the key to their defenses in the Tebourba area, and are vital for the maintenance of the whole route to Tunis, brought up reinforcements.

The British guardsmen launched a second attack and regained the same heights, but were thrown back again when the Germans once more flung fresh reinforcements into the struggle.

Renew Assault at Night

The British then brought up another Guards unit for the final and most successful assault after having suffered what a headquarters spokesman described as "some casualties" in fierce night fighting.

The British, reinforced with fresh troops, smashed their way up the hill against the Germans, gaining and holding all the heights except the topmost ridge.

This final assault was made at 7 AM on Christmas Day. The headquarters spokesman said that

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throughout the night in the hospital chapel with a guard of French Marine officers. The admiral's wife arrived at the hospital soon after her husband's death. His son was believed to be in Rabat, French Morocco.

The assassin at first believed he had failed in his mission, merely wounding the admiral. When informed in his cell that Darlan was dead, he commented: "So much the better. You may kill me now."

A court martial passed the death sentence.

Allied forces accorded Darlan full military honors after the requiem mass was said in Algiers Cathedral Saturday. The body then was taken to a small church near the Governor's summer palace.

Meanwhile French leaders assembled to choose Darlan's successor. Gen. Giraud, who was visiting French troops in the field, hastened to Algiers. Other members of the Imperial Council who met today to decide on Darlan's successor, were Gen. Nogues, French Resident-General in Morocco; Gen. Bergeret, Deputy High Commissioner in North Africa; Yves Chatel, Governor General of Algeria, and Pierre Boisson, Governor General of French West Africa. They selected Giraud a few hours after Darlan's funeral ceremony.

The selection of Giraud met with unqualified approval of Fighting French officials in Washington.

"Gen. Giraud is the only member of Darlan's Imperial Council with whom the Fighting French could possibly open discussions on French unity," their statement said.

some armored forces may have been engaged, but the whole action, easily the most important engagement for nearly three weeks in the all-important Medjez el Bab sector—was primarily an infantry battle.

The previous day a mixed British and United States force occupied a position six miles north east of Medjez el Bab, beating off sharp enemy counter-attacks. In the same area Allied air patrols shot up ground targets, but bad weather curtailed flying.

8th Army West of Sirte

CAIRO, Dec. 27—The Eighth Army today continued its advance well to the west of Sirte. Air activity over the battle area yesterday was confined to fighter patrols around Sirte and Tamet.

Tunis, La Goulette and Sousse were bombed during the night of Dec. 25-26 and airdromes in Sicily were ground-strafed. Considerable damage was done to grounded aircraft at Castel Vetrano. One Allied plane did not return, but its crew is safe.

A Suit for Gypsy

NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 27—Gypsy Rose Lee is being sued by Dorothy Wheelock, associate editor of Harper's Bazaar, for renouncing an oral agreement to share proceeds from Gypsy's best seller, "The G-String Murders." Miss Wheelock maintains she collaborated on the book and was to receive 50-50 split on the book sales and movie rights.

Fort's Gunner Gets Nazi In Death Plunge

Hurling Earthward, Yank Airman Blasts Down Pursuing Fighter

The top turret gunner of a Flying Fortress, hurtling to death during the Romilly-sur-Seine raid Dec. 20, nevertheless managed to destroy one Focke-Wulf 190 as he went.

S/Sgt. Jack D. Snell, Sedalia, Mo., witnessed the heroic feat, according to Eighth Air Force headquarters.

"Four Forts were flying in close formation under incessant attack," he said. "Finally the rear plane started down in its final steep dive. Closing in to make sure of the kill came an enemy FW 190.

"I saw the top turret gunner spin his guns into position and open fire on the FW," Sgt. Snell said. "All of a sudden the Hun came apart in the air. I guess it was the last gun the Fort fired."

The Fortress was one of six missing. More than 44 enemy fighters were destroyed.

Singles were credited Bombardier 1st Lt. John Hawkins, Houston, Tex.; T/Sgt. Jarvis Hall, Dallas, Tex.; T/Sgt. Daniel Goldstein, Brooklyn; Sgt. Vito Pugliese, Cooperstown, N.Y., and Sgt. Delbert Staffans, Stockton, Ill., of the Fortress "Rose-O-Day," which got five FW190s in the fight. Her companion, "Chief Sly," got six and was so riddled she had to make a forced landing at a strange airport in South England.

Chief's "top gunner, T/Sgt. Richard L. Hare, Grand Falls, Tex., was credited with two FW190s.

The other four victims were credited to 2/Lt. Paul C. Burnett, Marshall, Tex.; S/Sgt. Myron C. Larsen, Cleveland, O.; S/Sgt. J. H. Mitchell, Mahafey, Pa., and Sgt. Lester Snook, Everett, Mass.

"Rose-O-Day" and "Chief Sly," attacked by swarms of FW190s, fought in close cooperation; both crews returned safely.

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penders' and sock suspenders are 'garters.' We post a letter, they 'mail' it, and when they go to catch a train they go to a 'depot,' not station.

"If they want a trunk call they ask for 'long distance,' while a pack of cards is a 'deck.' A dust bin is an 'ash or garbage can' and if they want to buy a collar stud they ask for a 'collar button.' "The next time an American asks you for a 'five and ten' direct him to Woolworths; if he wants a 'drug store' he means a chemist."

A complete glossary of terms is given—each with American English translated into "King's English."

Interesting to American readers is the NAAFI description of U.S. troops, as they have seen us.

Heading the paragraph are printed these words in bold letters: "Americans are Men's Men."

"American troops are tough," the writer says, "but with a toughness tempered by a strong sense of humour; they think the British nation pretty tough too, after the way in which we stood up to the bombing."

Some don'ts: "Don't talk about Chicago gangsters as if they represented 90% of the population of America. The films may have fostered this impression, but the vast majority of American people live very much as we do; they have the same religions and much the same politics. That is why the U.S. boys have come thousands of miles to help us to win this war."

"Most important of all, remember that every time you lose your temper with an American, or refuse to understand his point of view, you are fighting Hitler's battles for him."

"Germany's propaganda at the moment is directed mainly to the task of separating Britain from America. "Don't help Hitler."

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vegetables is being used by the armed services; during the coming year nearly half our production will be needed for military purposes," Mr. Wickard continued.

"On an average 33 pounds of canned, frozen, or dried fruit and vegetables are expected to be available for each person in 1943, compared with an average of about 46 pounds a year from 1937 to 1941.

"With respect to the total food situation, I would like to stress the fact that despite the heavy need for food on the fighting fronts our total output is so large that more than enough food remains to give civilians a well-balanced and healthful diet.

"To get this well-balanced and healthful diet to our people our food must be fairly and equitably distributed. Rationing is a means to that end."

'1918' Is New V-Sign

"Colonel" Britton, BBC broadcaster who led the V-sign campaign which nettled the Germans, has come up with a new one—"1918." These figures, he said, are appearing on the walls in many occupied countries as a "reminder to the Germans of their tradition of defeat."

'All Quiet On Tunisian Front' Is Misleading

Plenty of Peril in 'Patrol Activity' Referred to in Communiques

By Wes Gallagher

Associated Press War Correspondent
 WITH AMERICAN-BRITISH ARMY, Northeast of Medjez El Bab, Dec. 27 (AP)—The trouble with the "cops and robbers" war on this front at the moment is it's too rough. Communiques currently read, "There is nothing but patrol activity," but up here some one is always trying to bounce a bullet off of your skull. Within a half-hour of this "quiet" front a couple of Me 109s with homicidal tendencies tried to play a machine-gun tattoo up the spines of a jeep driver and myself, while a battery of German 88-mm. guns churned up the plowed field behind our galloping jeep. An American tank unit, led by 1st Lt. Cyrus Overman, Wynnewood, Pa., along with Britain's most famous infantry and a mixed group of Senegalese French hold this sector as one fighting unit in name.

Nightly Guerrilla Raids

Warfare consists of nightly guerrilla raids by infantry of both sides in American "cops and robbers" style, with furious night battles lighting the sky for few brief moments, then both sides withdrawing into the darkness of the mountain gulleys. "Those Tommies and Frenchies, real tough guys, get along with our boys like ham and eggs," Overman said. He told the story about one of the British units, scheduled to attack a German strong point the following night, sent a note to the Allied artillery which had been shelling the place: "Point is definitely occupied by enemy. Leave severely alone today." The British wanted to make sure there was someone there to fight that night.

At While He Fought

The British had nothing on nonchalant American tankmen. There was Pvt. Robert Burkett, Miami, driver of a medium American tank in a recent engagement with Germany's famed 88-mm. guns. Gunner Cpl. William H. Chase, 24 Jefferson, Mass., in the same tank said: "Shells were bursting all around and Burkett never stopped eating his rations during the whole battle. He just sat up there watching the fighting, eating with one hand and shifting gear with the other." Chase's tank got credit for knocking out two famed 88-mm. guns and possibly an M-3 tank. As tank crews prepared their noon-day meal from blow-torch fires, paying no attention to bursting 88-mm. shells in a field they just left about 300 yards away, they presented a peculiar sight. Because they rushed to the front to hold the German onslaught on short notice, their regular uniforms ripped and torn from battle were unusable and many were wearing field uniforms borrowed from British units.

News From Home

Americans, despite presence of war at their elbows, still are more interested in the affairs in home states. There was the four-foot 11-inch assistant gunner, Pfc Dennis O'Connor, 24, New York City, a former page boy in the Manhattan hotel: "Say," he said, "when have you been back in New York? I hear a girl got my place as page boy in that hotel and I sure would like to know what that babe looks like. If you know of anyone going back, get them to write to me and tell me. If she is good looking I'll never get that job back." Taking advice, some tankmen go up to see British infantry who are doing some real fighting. They set out over the field in search of the front line in a jeep, picking up a Scottish major en route, who said he knew "just where we wanted to go."

'Lines? Back of You!'

But apparently he wanted to ride to a hidden outpost. After driving about two miles along the side of a mountain, he replied to a question of where the Allied lines were located in a nonchalant, disconcerting answer by pointing backwards and saying, "About a mile and a half back there. You are in front of the lines now. I want to get off up here. I've got to go to our advanced patrol post." Having gone so far, they decided to crawl up with the major to the look-out where they found a battle-grimed sergeant with his eye glued to the field glasses mumbled, "It's just like a bloody movie and better than a news reel." He had been watching Germans all day moving about their lines—trenches around a farmhouse some distance away. "You know, sir, I can see everything they do and know every time their bloody brigadier spits without them knowing I am watching them—I hope." Germans are located on a great plain leading from mountains direct to Tunis. Each night Allied patrols creep out of the mountains to the plain in forced marches and stage raids, shooting up Nazi outposts and taking prisoners. The major had come up with a plan of such a raid.

Yank in RCAF Decorated

Flying Officer Robert J. Campbell, 24-year-old New Yorker serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Ministry has announced.

Weather Is Key to Bombing Raids

Split-Second Raid Timing Rests On Forecasts

By Andrew A. Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
 A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Dec. 27—Offhand, you'd figure that the weather 21,500 feet above an English town of slightly more than 4,000 population wouldn't make much difference to a Nazi U-boat commander at the St. Nazaire docks in France.

It does, though. It may even be the difference to him between life and death, or between heading out to sea again and watching his submarine shattered and broken by the bombs of American Flying Fortresses and Liberators.

And the reason the weather at 21,500 feet above that English town is important is the same one that won't let you write home to the folks and say "It's a nice day today" or the other way around.

On the weather—good, bad or indifferent—hinges much of the success of the American air offensive against Nazi Europe.

Temperature Is Clue

The temperature above England can give our weather experts some small clue toward predicting the weather over St. Nazaire. It may make the difference as to whether that U-boat, up for repairs, will ever fight again or whether she will be smashed in the dry dock where she lies.

The letter home. Germany has weather experts too. That little tip as to what the weather was on any given Tuesday might be the odd piece the Germans were looking for to complete the picture puzzle of a weather trend over the British Isles.

Each field of the Eighth Air Force has its own weather office collecting data 24 hours a day. Much of this data is forwarded to a higher headquarters where it is compiled, together with similar information from every other field in England. Every weather office is equipped with a teletype machine and is in constant communication with Bomber Command weather office.

There are a hundred details a Fort pilot has to know before he takes off with a lethal load in the belly of his bomber.

He Knows the Answers

How cold will it be at 20,000 feet? The weather office can tell him. Visibility? Wind velocity? Ceiling? The weather office knows all the answers, and the 10-minute talk that the weather officer gives is an important part of the last minute briefing that takes place before every mission. Pilots scribble hasty notes as he talks, and every bit of information is absorbed for use in the air. The job of the weather men is a tough one. They can't afford to make mistakes. Maybe it is cloudy and wet over England. That doesn't mean that the sun



Stars and Stripes Photo

When the bombs come down depends on how the balloon goes up. Here three U.S. Air Force weather experts use the theodolite to collect valuable data for weather prediction. Left to right: 1st Lt. Stanley J. Krowka, Northampton, Mass., Pfc Arthur Lynch, New Haven, Conn., and Sgt. John Carson, Rossville, Ind.

isn't shining down on some German factory in occupied France.

Or maybe the sun isn't shining on that factory in France right now. That doesn't mean it won't be shining there in a few hours—the few hours it takes the big babies to get over there with their bomb racks full.

'Holes in the Weather'

The weather man has to "pick holes in the weather" over France and Germany. He has to pick holes in the clouds so accurately that the Forts can hum over and find that hole over their target. It must be so delicately timed that a matter of minutes may mean that the clouds have obscured the target from the high altitude bombers, and not even the famed Norden bomb sight can guide a 2,000 pound bomb through the clouds to the target.

1st Lt. Stanley Krowka, Northampton, Mass., is typical of the men who are predicting the traditionally unpredictable English weather for the Eighth Air Force. He majored in physics at college, and then went on to M.I.T. to get his M.A. in "Weather." For six months before he applied for his commission in the Army he was doing research work at the M.I.T. laboratories, which are among the best equipped in the world.

With Lt. Krowka in the weather office at the station is 1st Lt. Jeter Pruitt, and

both agree that weather forecasting here in England is plenty tough.

Lt. Pruitt studied engineering near his home in Stephens, Ark., at Arkansas State University. When the Army saw his background and found he was interested as an amateur in weather predicting, they shipped him off to the Weather School of California Tech in Pasadena, Cal.

Both agree that it is a good job, even here in England, where it is much tougher than in the States. The only drawback is that they find themselves the butt of all conversational jokes—not that it bothers them, but year in and year out it begins to get tiresome.

A Matter of Masses

"Weather is all a matter of masses," Lt. Pruitt explains. "Generally speaking, the weather is good where there is a high pressure area and poor where there is a low pressure area. Wet weather moves into the low pressure area."

One glance around the weather office would convince anyone that it was not as simple as that to predict the weather. There are slide rules, pressure area and contour maps, hundreds of them, and a half-dozen mechanical contrivances that would puzzle Rube Goldberg. They all mean something, and they are all part of the all-important task of telling the men who fly what kind of weather they are going to fly in.

The Barefooted Infantry Again

"A Pair of Shoes for Every Soldier."

Through thin and thick 13Ees and 3's—onward and upward with The Stars and Stripes shoe department.

Latest contributor of a pair of bare feet and a willing, outstretched hand is Cpl. Paul Kazinak. He belongs, poor devil, to the Infantry, where, according to rumor, they do quite a lot of walking.

"I myself don't mind standing reveille, retreat, and other formations barefooted," writes the Corporal, who needs 13Bs, "because I have been accustomed to walking without shoes back on the farm in Connecticut. The only difficulty which bothers me is that my company commander doesn't like the idea." Therefore, please, &c.

The number of such requests having doubled lately, we can only bid the Corporal cheer up, chin up, and wait. (The Shoes department is beginning to get discouraged, too, having lost a pair of 8Bs last week.)

At any rate, does anyone have a pair of 13Bs hidden away?—as if you could hide them!

Violin Bow Helps Save Wounded Yank Airman

SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA,

Dec. 27 (AP)—When Lt. Michael Menza, Buffalo, N.Y., plastic surgeon at an American Army station hospital, needed horsehair to sew up the shattered lower jaw of an injured United States airman he turned to an assistant and said: "You play a violin, don't you? The bow is made of horsehair. Get it."

Menza said, "We sterilized the violin bow for 20 minutes and sewed the skin with horsehair. The scars now are scarcely visible."

"The only thing we couldn't do was restore the flier's power of whistling, but he said cheerfully he would find another way of attracting attention of the girls."

Flu Spreads in Budapest

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 27 (AP)—The danger of an influenza epidemic like that which swept the world at the end of the last war has appeared in Budapest. The official Hungarian news agency has reported a considerable increase.

Sgt. Sam Schwartzberg Is Yardbird's Friend

A U.S. AIR FORCE STATION, England, Dec. 27—S/Sgt. Sam Schwartzberg, St. Louis, Mo., is the yardbird's friend. As hut chief in this headquarters unit he's got the non-coms cleaning up the hut. Privates are busy elsewhere.

It was because of the fact that lowly ranks in his hut had too much regular work to do that Schwartzberg, who also is unit chief clerk, put the sergeants on the roster. Privates make their beds and walk off whistling. Why not?

Dutifully acting as orderlies on their designated days are S/Sgts. William A. (Lucky) Resler of Muncie, Ind.; John J. Simony of Pueblo, Colo.; and Frank W. Jeandell Jr., Newark, Del.

Admiral Stark 'In States' For Naval Conferences

Admiral Harold R. Stark, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, has arrived in the United States for conference in Washington after having served at his post in Britain continuously for the last eight months. He was accompanied by several members of his personal staff.

Until Admiral Stark's return, Rear Admiral Alan G. Kirk, U.S. Navy, Chief of Staff and Naval Attache, will direct the functions of the command, it was announced today at U.S. Naval Headquarters in London.

Prior to his departure, Admiral Stark recorded a Christmas greeting to all of the American Forces serving in the European Theater of Operations.

Stage, Screen, Radio Stars Present Servicemen's Show

The Allied forces' holiday entertainment program in London was climaxed yesterday when over 2,500 servicemen and women packed the Palladium Theater to see the show featuring Kay Francis, Martha Raye, Carole Landis, Mitzi Mayfair, Ben Lyon, Bebe Daniels, Vic Oliver and Teddy Brown.

£100 Fund Gift Is Anonymous

An anonymous contribution of £100—the largest donation yet made by an individual—was made to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund over Christmas.

The £100, together with year's end contributions expected from scattered American service units in the British Isles, gives the fund a chance of going over the £10,000 mark by Jan. 1. The total now stands at £9,638 19s. 6d.

The contribution came anonymously from an American Army officer who had tried in vain to send money to the children of a French friend now in France. He had sought to send funds to the children through the International Red Cross at Geneva, but had failed.

As the next best choice, he said in making the contribution, he wanted to turn over £100—enough to help care for a blizzed war orphan for five years—to The Stars and Stripes Fund. The officer specified that the money was to help "a French boy, if possible."

The request has been handed over to the American Red Cross, which administers, without cost, the fund for the orphans. Although British war orphans predominate in the roster of youngsters helped by the fund, all needy children of all the United Nations are eligible.

A total of 48 orphans thus far have been assigned to units which raised £100. Six other children are being helped out of a general fund made up of contributions in a fractional amount of £100.

U.S. Officers Are Invited To Visit Merton College

OXFORD, Dec. 27—American officers—two each weekend—are invited to visit Oxford University as guests of Merton College here.

The officers are asked to notify the Domestic Bursar at Merton College by Thursday of any week that they will accept the invitation for the following Saturday.

According to Maj. William B. Nixon, Special Services, the officers will sleep in college guest rooms and have meals in the Hall or Senior Common room with the college Fellows.

Veteran Pilots Of RAF Attend U.S. Refresher

Transferred Airmen Back In States With Navy

By Tom Bernard

Stars and Stripes Navy Editor

Forty fighter and bomber pilots of the RAF and RCAF who transferred to the US Navy in London during the past few months have arrived safely in the United States where they will begin a refresher course at Jacksonville, Fla., before going on active duty with the fleet.

With hundreds of operational flights and thousands of hours of flying time to their credit, the fliers, many of whom have been working from RAF bases in Malta, Africa, England and Scotland, will learn the difference between fighting from ground and carrier based planes.

The pilots, from all sections of the States, flew all types of British and American aircraft used by the RAF.

Spitfire pilot Joseph L. Lowrey, now a lieutenant (jg), Memphis, Tenn., is typical of the Americans who will soon fight under their own flag. Lowrey had been flying Spits for one and a half years with the RAF before transferring to the Navy.

Two Nazis Downed

He trained in Bakersfield, Cal., after having worked as a training instructor for the RCAF. His experience includes five months in Malta, where he had two confirmed (and one probable) enemy planes to his credit. In all he made 50 to 60 operational flights including sweeps over Sicily "when things got dull over Malta." He also flew from bases in Scotland.

Lt. Lowrey is a brother of Lt. W. W. Lowrey, regular Navy pilot, who, in April, 1941, saved a Marine Corps pilot whose parachute shrouds caught on his plane as he made a jump over San Diego, Cal. The elder Lowrey took up a training plane, slashed the shrouds with his propeller and neatly dumped the Marine in the rear cockpit of his ship. For this he was awarded the Navy Cross.

In 31 operational flights over enemy territory in big Stirling bombers, Lt. (jg) Leonard A. Johnson, Corpus Christi, Tex., and his crew bagged four enemy fighters. Johnson won the Distinguished Flying Cross.

"I had some good gunners," Johnson explained. Lt. Johnson had been on active duty with the RAF since 1940. He trained in Canada.

Bombed Afrika Korps

Lt. (jg) Norman Hahn, Eau Claire, Wis., knows what the might of Rommel's Afrika Korps was when the British were fighting for their lives in Egypt before the present drive. Hahn, an RCAF pilot, bombed Rommel's columns several times in Wellingtons. He served in Malta for two months and nine months in Egypt. He had also seen action from bases in the British Isles.

Other members of the party who returned to the United States for additional training were:

- Ens. Winston G. Baggett Jr., Houston, Tex.;
- Ens. Alvie Blessing, Downey, Cal.;
- Ens. Harold V. Bryant, Edmonton, Alberta, Can.;
- Lt. (jg) Samuel G. Burtis, Woodmere, N.Y.;
- Ens. James E. Dittus, Cincinnati, Ohio.;
- Ens. Maxwell K. Corpening, Chicago, Ill.;
- Lt. (jg) Emerson K. Fisher, Warren, Penn.;
- Ens. Harry T. Gillis, Seattle, Wash.;
- Ens. Chalmers H. Goodlin, Derry, Penn.;
- John H. Henson, APIC, Roscoe, Tex.;
- William H. Cuffel, APIC, Anchorage, Alaska.;
- Lt. (jg) Charles M. Hinn, Hollywood, Cal.;
- Ens. Sam. A. Howard, Waycross, Ga.;
- Lt. (jg) Leonard A. Johnson, St. Paul, Minn.;
- Lt. (jg) Arthur D. Jones, Flemington, N.J.;
- Ens. John R. Kretsch, St. Paul, Minn.;
- Ens. Paul S. Kuhns, Lisbon, Ohio.;
- Ens. William H. Lang, Glendale, Cal.;
- Homer W. Lewis, APIC, Montgomery, Ala.;
- Archibald T. MacDonald, APIC, Ossining, N.Y.;
- Ens. Robert J. Mc Carthy, Dakota, Iowa.;
- Ens. Luther N. McKinnon, Clarksville, Tenn.;
- John F. Marquardt, Moorhead, Minn.;
- Ens. Frank B. Moore, Middlebury, Vermont.;
- Ens. Robert W. Murphy, Glendale, Calif.;
- Ens. Vernon R. Poertner, Kirkwood, Miss.;
- Ens. George D. Riffe, Tyrone, Ok.;
- Everett R. Robinett, APIC, Cleveland, Ohio.;
- Ens. Joseph P. Seymour, Independence, Kan.;
- Ens. Charles E. Sharp, Muskogee, Ok.;
- Ens. Carl E. Swanson, Excelsior, Minn.;
- Ens. Harry L. Smith, Mount Vernon, Ga.;
- Ens. George D. Terry, Long Island, N.Y.;
- Ens. David L. Thomson, Fairmont, W. Va.;
- Ens. William J. White, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.;
- Ens. Don Carlos Wier, Tucson, Ariz.;
- Ens. Watson E. Wordsworth, Housatonic, Mass.

Bomber Crews Saved By Draining Tanks

ALGIERS, Dec. 27—(UP)—Crews of three A20s forced down deep in the desert near an oasis containing a French garrison, where they were fed and watered meagerly, were rescued after a dangerous flight in a Douglas transport carrying extra gasoline tanks and a spare engine for one Douglas light bomber. The return flight was made possible by draining the tanks of the A20s.

The crew included transport pilot Lt. William Messingale, Ada, Okla., co-pilot Lt. Gerald B. Davis, Sioux Falls, S.D.; navigator, Lt. Adolph Brose, of Winstonsboro, S.C.; radio operator, S/Sgt. William Ambrose, of Sausalito, Cal., and crew chief technician S/Sgt. Leon Bills, of Dassaway, W. Va.

Ambassador Winant Home

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—John G. Winant, American Ambassador to Great Britain, has arrived here in a brief visit, during which he will see President Roosevelt and consult with other officials. During Mr. Winant's absence from London, H. Freeman Matthews is American Charge d'Affaires.

Sugar Robinson Named '42's Outstanding Fighter

Marines' Ross Did Most For Ring in Year

'Ring' Releases Rankings In Each Division Of Boxing

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Ray (Sugar) Robinson has been named the outstanding fighter of 1942 and Cpl. Barney Ross, U.S. Marines, has been dubbed the man who did the most for boxing this year in the annual ratings issued by Ring Magazine.

Welterweight contender Robinson was designated the fighter of the year because of his 1942 record, superior to that of any other active boxer throughout the world.

Ross is said to have shed the greatest lustre on boxing by his heroic conduct on Guadalcanal, where, although wounded, he protected three other wounded Marines, killing an estimated dozen Japs.

Other top-ranking fighters in each division, according to Ring's ratings, are as follows:

Heavyweights—Joe Louis, Bob Pastor, Billy Conn, Melio Bettina, Jimmy Bivins (of the light heavyweights), Tami Mauriello, Turkey Thompson, Roscoe Toles, Pat Valentino, Harry Bobo.

Light heavyweights—Jimmy Bivins, Gus Lesnevich, Ezzard Charles, Anton Christofordis, Ken Overlin.

Middleweights—Tony Zale, George Abrams, Eddie Booker, Charley Burley, Ernie Vigh.

Welterweights—Ray Robinson, Henry Armstrong, California Jackie Wilson, Cocoa Kid, Marty Servo, Freddie Cochrane.

Lightweights—Sammy Angott, Beau Jack, Willie Joyce, Allie Stolz, Tippy Larkin.

Featherweights—Willie Pep, Chalky Wright, Lulu Constantino, Sal Bartola, Mike Ruffa.

Bantamweights—Manuel Ortiz, Lou Salica, David Kui Young, Jim Brady, Ham Wiloby.

Flyweights—Peter Kane, Jackie Paterson, Joe Curran, Little Dado, Sammy Reynolds.

Christofordis Outpoints Bolden; Constantino Wins

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 27—Anton Christofordis, Cleveland, outpointed Negro Nate Bolden in a close, 10-round bout at the start of the elimination tournament to select an interim light-heavyweight champion.

The early rounds were tame and cautious. In the last, however, both boys stood toe to toe in a terrific slug fest. Hard left hooks were landed by both fighters, and Christo appeared in distress several times. The crowd thought the fight was a draw and hooted the decision unanimously.

On the same card, Lulu Constantino, New York, outpointed Joey Pirrone, Cleveland featherweight, in an eight-rounder, during which the slugging Pirrone floored Lulu for the count of the seven in the first round and no count in the seventh. He couldn't, however, match Lulu's ring lore and experience. Constantino closed Joey's left eye and battered his chest.

Jenkins No Opposition As Thomas Scores Kayo

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27—John Thomas, Los Angeles, scored a technical knockout over Lew Jenkins, Sweetwater, Texas, former world lightweight title holder in the seventh round of their scheduled ten-rounder here.

Jenkins was not floored, but suffered badly from a cut over his left eye early in the second round and couldn't touch Thomas.

Simmington Has Heart Attack

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27—Milt Simmington, Pittsburgh Steeler guard, who was scheduled to start for the professional All-Stars in their game with the Washington Red Skins today, has recovered from a heart attack suffered during a work out Friday, but has announced that he is through with football.

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.

Benny Leonard Joins Maritime Service



Benny Leonard, former lightweight boxing champion, takes the oath of U.S. Maritime Service in New York. Leonard, who was commissioned lieutenant junior grade, will be assigned to Hoffman Island training base as welfare director.

Armstrong Must Crack Runner Borican Dies

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Henry Armstrong, former featherweight, welterweight and lightweight champion, will not be permitted to box in New York unless he passes a complete physical examination, including an eye test, John J. Phelan, New York Boxing Commissioner has announced.

Phelan's statement was made after George Moore, Armstrong's manager, announced in Los Angeles that Hammering Hank will take another hop along the comeback trail when he takes on Al Tribuani at Philadelphia on Jan. 16.

If Hank wins, he hopes to meet Ray (Sugar) Robinson at Madison Square Garden on January 29. But Phelan said, "If an examination shows that Armstrong is suffering from eye trouble, he will not be permitted to fight. That's final."

Eye injuries were a big factor in Armstrong's dropping three championships. He then underwent treatment for them and reentered the ring and has staged a successful comeback.

Cagle's Death Caused By Fall On Subway Stairs

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Police here have attributed the death of Chris Cagle, famous Army football ace, last week to a fall down a subway stairs. An unnamed witness claims to have seen Cagle trip and fall three-quarters of a flight and land on the base of his skull.

Two other witnesses attest to finding Cagle groggy on a subway platform and tending him for several hours. After two hours they got him into a subway car, then accompanied him to Queens and took him home. They thought he was drunk so did not bother to summon a doctor to investigate him thoroughly.

U.S. All-Star High School Eleven Spills Mexican Team

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27—An underdog All-Star Dallas, Texas, high school 11 outclassed Mexican Polytechnic Institute, Mexican champions, 21-0 in an international football clash here.

The Dallas squad, totalling only 16 men, dominated the game from the start, despite the rarified atmosphere to which they were not accustomed. Americans officiated in the first half and Mexicans in the second.

Camp Lee Boxing Coach Wants Crack at Joe Louis

CAMP LEE, Va., Dec. 27—Cpl. Billy Conn has been named boxing instructor here and is pointing his recruits for a match with Sgt. Joe Louis' Fort Riley, Kan., team and wants another crack at Louis personally.

Conn tips the scales at 198 pounds, 24 more than he weighed last year when he battled Joe Louis even for the first 12 rounds. Louis kayoed Conn in the 13th.

Nation's Number 1 Jockey Gives Answer to Success

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—What makes a good jockey? If you want a complicated answer, don't ask Johnny Adams, the nation's-number one jockey. Adams, who has scored 237 victories in the past year, says the formula is, "Good horses and lots of luck."

Picard Will Retire As Golf Professional

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 27—Henry Picard, one of America's outstanding competitive professional golfers and winner of 40 major tournaments, will retire as a professional on Feb. 1.

"The game has been good to me," Picard remarked, "but I have passed my peak. I'm quitting with many happy memories."

Picard came to his present job at the Twin Hills Club here after many years as a professional at Hershey, Pa. Picard is planning to retire to his farm at Walterboro, South Carolina.

Sinkwich Has Injured Ankle

Practices Passing in Hope That He'll be Ready For Bowl Tilt

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27—An ankle injury has slowed down All-American Frankie Sinkwich as Georgia prepares for its Rose Bowl game with UCLA on New Year's Day. Unable to run or kick, Sinkwich is concentrating on passing, firing continuous bullseye passes to Van Davis, George Poschner and Lamar Davis.

Wallace Butts, Georgia coach, compared his stars with Dixie Howell and Don Hutson whom he coached when they were at Alabama and who are remembered for their 1935 performances when they helped beat Stanford in the Rose Bowl.

"There is no receiver like Hutson," Butts stated. "Poschner sometimes drops passes, but Hutson never did. However, I like Sinkwich over Howell. Frankie is a better thrower. As to teams, I think the current football is better than the '35 brand."

Meanwhile, UCLA substitutes Noah Curti and Leo Cantor impersonated Sinkwich and Charley Trippi as the Uclans practiced their defense against Georgia scrimmage formations.

Kieran to Write For N.Y. Sun

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—New Yorkers, used to the daily sports column of John Kieran in The New York Times, are asking for "Information Please" on the disappearance of Kieran's column from The Times.

The answer is that Kieran has left The Times for the New York Sun, where he will write a column for the editorial page five days a week.

Kieran's first daily column appeared in The Times in 1927. Since then he has gained national fame for his inexhaustible store of knowledge as displayed on the radio program "Information Please." One of the few times he was stumped came when his college-student son submitted a question.

He is also noted for his knowledge of ornithology and is well known as a reviewer of bird books for The Times' Sunday book section.

It is expected that his successor will be Arthur Daley, who substituted for Kieran yesterday.

Track Cards Still Good With Former Stars Gone

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Even without Leslie MacMitchell, who is a naval lieutenant, Madison Square Garden mile races this winter should pack plenty of thrills.

Gil Dodds, Boston divinity student, Walter Mehl, formerly of Wisconsin, and Don Burnham, Dartmouth, will uphold the traditions of Cunningham, Bonthron, Lash, San Romani and Fenske.

Two-Ton Galento is Willing To Fight Joe Louis—For Free

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Two-Ton Tony Galento, the beer barrel that walks like a man, officially launched his comeback campaign, working out 12 fast rounds at Stillman's Gymnasium here.

The spectators were sceptical, but Tony was emphatic. "I ain't kidding, boys. I'm coming back. I can lick any heavyweight in the business, including Louis, after a couple of weeks' trainin'. I'll mow those bums down and fight Louis for nothing just to get the title."

Tony gave a businesslike impression of rope skipping with elephantine grace, murdering the punching bag, to the amazement of naive onlookers who forgot that Galento is the most expert bag-puncher in the heavyweight division. He

also skipped rope like an artist, although he was 20 pounds over his normal fighting weight of 235.

After the workout Galento assured reporters, "I'm in pretty good shape right now. Me and my left hook could lick most heavies around. But I ain't gonna fight until I train six more weeks."

"When did I think about coming back?—When I seen that Mauriello-Nova fight a couple of weeks ago. I says to myself I could knock out both them bums on the same night with a couple fast left hooks."

"I'm not interested in this interim title. I want to fight Louis for nothing in a benefit bout. I almost kayoed him in '39. I'll finish the job this time."

Desk Set Gift Led to New Dodger Office

MacPhail Changed All Furnishings to Match Employees' Gift

By Whitney Martin
Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—We have just noted a headline reading: Dodger offices miss MacPhail," and as touching as these words are we don't think they are as truthful as those saying that MacPhail misses the Dodger offices.

His personal office, that is, as anyone who has stepped through the portal to stand with his feet bedded to the ankles in lush carpeting and his eyes gazing in unblinking wonder can appreciate.

Something right out of a Hollywood movie set is this glorified cubbyhole the muted voice of Brooklyn has bequeathed to his successor. From the rich tapestries and mirrored wall panels to the softly lighted tanks of tropical fish and the leather divans and chairs into which an unsuspecting visitor sinks to his eyebrows the place reeks of luxury. You just feel like saying nothing very loudly in such surroundings, which made it an ideal place for The Great Man, who did that quite frequently.

It Started Like This

Anyway, this dump has quite a history, and after learning of it we are convinced that the gent who found a doorknob, then built a door to go with it, and then built a house to go with the door, must have been taking lessons in thrift from Brooklyn's former man of the hour. Any hour.

About three years ago his office staff decided to show its appreciation of the boss by chipping in and buying him a Christmas present. After much debate of the "Let's get him a necktie; naw, he's got a necktie" variety, the employees finally settled on a desk set.

It wasn't an ordinary desk set. It was a super-de luxe affair, one of these onyx, triple-threat gadgets, complete with pen, inkwell, pad, and whatnot.

The great man was duly appreciative, and humped his thanks and vowed there never was a better office staff anywhere.

For several days thereafter Mr. MacPhail periodically would lean back in his swivel chair and gaze proudly at his new possession. It was a beauty all right.

But something was wrong, and Mr. MacPhail suddenly discovered what it was. The shining gadget was just too nice for the desk, which was just an ordinary desk at the best.

What to Do?

Under such circumstances there was just one thing to do—buy a new desk. And while he was at it, he might as well get an entire new set of office furniture.

In due time the new furniture arrived and was set up. Something still was wrong. The Great Man snapped his fingers. That was it. The furniture was too large and slick for the office, which was just an ordinary office at best.

What could be done but enlarge the office? And when you enlarge an office you have to do a little revising all around. Consequently, Mr. MacPhail found it necessary to revamp the whole suite.

And with that shining gadget, and the fine new furniture, and the space to move around, it was only fitting that the new office be fitted out in a manner in keeping with the artistic sensibilities of a great man, and particularly to match that shining desk set.

So the decorators were summoned, and the results were little short of astounding.

And gleaming richly on the polished top of the billiard-table size desk—behind which The Great Man pondered the momentous questions of whether Dolph Camilli was worth what he was asking and whether Buck Newsom was worth \$25,000 on the hoof—perched an onyx desk set, the innocent cause of it all.

Colgate's Four-Letter Man Is First in a Decade

HAMILTON, N.Y., Dec. 27 (AP)—Colgate University's John Batorski is the first four-letter man here in a decade. The six-foot-three-inch 209-pounder got letters in football, basketball, baseball and track as a sophomore, setting the school record in the process.

Eastern Stars Begin Practice

EVANSTOWN, Ill., Dec. 27—The Eastern All-Star football team have assembled here to begin training for their annual New Year's Day clash with the Western All-Stars at San Francisco.

Monk Gafford Stars as North Overwhelms South

It's Alsab by a Photo Finish



Alsab, on the rail, wins the \$30,200 New York Handicap by a nose from Obash, 70-to-1 shot, at Belmont Park, N.Y., with the heavily favored Whirlaway third. The winning colt earned \$21,450, boosting his total to \$332,814, from a modest beginning as a \$700 yearling.

22 AL Records Broken or Tied During Season

Yanks Crack Three Homer Marks, New League Double Play Record

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Twenty-two records were broken or tied in the American League last season, seven of which were accounted for by the New York Yankees.

The Yankees cracked three of their own home-run records, which were tops in both leagues; most years leading the League in homers—23; most years with a 100 or more homers—21; most consecutive years with 100 or more homers—18. By winning 103 games the Yanks also broke their own record for the most years winning a 100 or more games, running their string to eight.

Charlie Keller, Yankee outfielder, equalled the League mark for the fewest times hitting into double plays in 150 or more games with only five slip ups. Boston tied the League record for the same performance by a club with 94. Joe Gordon, Yankee second baseman, had the most, grounding into 22.

Cramer at Plate 603 Times

The Yankees also set a new major league mark for double plays in a single game when they chalked up seven against the Athletics at Philadelphia on Aug. 14. In the same game Buddy Hassett and Phil Rizzuto recorded five double plays at first and short, Hassett tying the American League record and Rizzuto tying the major league record. Les Fleming, of the Cleveland Indians, also took part in five double killings at first.

Roger Cramer, Detroit Tigers, at bat 603 times, equalled the major league mark since it was the eighth season in which he's been at the plate 600 or more times.

Rudy York, Detroit first baseman, broke the League record for assists at first base with 146, bettering by three the record set by Chick Gandil, Washington Senators, in 1914. York equalled the record for the most runs scored in a single game, racking up five against Chicago.

Crosetti Liked By Pitchers

The White Sox tied their own League record for the fewest games played with 148, the same number they played in 1938. They also broke the League mark for the fewest putouts with 3,943, one less than Washington made in 1906.

Frankie Crosetti, of the Yankees, hung up a new mark for being hit by the pitchers. Crosetti was hit nine times in 74 games to give him the lead in six of the last seven years. He was followed by Les Fleming, Phil Rizzuto and Don DiMaggio, Boston outfielder.

Wilbur Butland tied the major league record for most putouts made by a pitcher in a single game with five, while Ray Mack, Cleveland Indians, also equalled the record of participating in the most double plays at second base in a single game with five.

Williams Sweeps Batting Titles

Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox outfielder, completed his sweep of the American League batting titles, winning the runs batted in crown with 137 in 150 games, 23 better than runner-up Joe DiMaggio, Yankee outfielder. Yankees Charley Keller and Joe Gordon followed with 108 and 103.

Williams easily led in bases on balls with 145 to runner-up Keller's 114.

Gordon whiffed the most, 95 times. Chet Laabs, St. Louis outfielder, was a victim 88 times.

The Yankees led the clubs in the runs batted in, 744, with the Red Sox second with 699. Yankee players were hit most by pitched balls, 29 times. The Yanks and the Red Sox were tied for the most walks with 591.

Newark's Henry Majeski Leads Minor Loop Batting

NEW YORK—Henry Majeski, third baseman for the Newark Bears, led the International League in batting average, runs batted in and hits.

His batting average was .345, 30 points above Gene Moore, Montreal outfielder. Third place went to Johnny Welaj, Buffalo, who hit .309.

Majeski batted in 131, and beat Eddie Robinson, Baltimore, by 17. He had 198 hits, 14 above Moore.

Camilli Willing to Play "If it's Right Thing to Do"

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has received a letter from Dolph Camilli, first baseman, in which Camilli confessed wavering on his decision to quit baseball. Camilli wrote, "I'd gladly return if I thought sincerely it was the right thing to do."

Suggests Majors Train at Home

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Ed Barrow, president of the New York Yankees, has made public a letter he has written to American League President Will Harridge containing the most drastic spring training proposal yet made.

Barrow has suggested that the clubs eliminate the spring trip entirely, saying that the Yankees are prepared to train at the Yankee Stadium starting April 1 if the other clubs will train at their home grounds. Barrow added that the proposal would necessitate the postponing of the season's opening to the end of April.

Ford Frick, National League prexy, commenting on Barrow's suggestion said, "Naturally I can't speak for the club owners, but personally I think what Barrow suggests will be done. . . . I think all the clubs in both leagues will train either right at home or nearby."

Landis Forbids Training In 3 Southern States

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis has virtually outlawed the Southeastern military zone States of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina as major league Spring training grounds.

The Giants, Athletics, and Dodgers are already planning to train further North. The Yankees and Indians have also announced similar intentions.

Now many clubs are hoping to lease local indoor facilities like college field houses, if any such are not being used for military purposes. Others are contemplating Virginia and North Carolina camps.

Ford Frick, National League president, has announced that the League has every expectation of starting the season on April 13.

The Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, Pittsburgh Pirates and St. Louis Browns have all formally renounced their West Coast training camps.

Briggs Announces Tigers Will Not Train in Florida

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 27—Detroit Tigers' owner Briggs has stated that the Tigers will join the growing list of major league clubs who will not train in Florida camps this year as a war time travel saving measure.

Briggs said that the Tigers will train at a site nearer home, as yet unselected.

Scott Accidentally Killed

NEWTON, Ga., Dec. 27—Trammell Scott, former president of the American Baseball Association, was accidentally killed when he shot himself while hunting near here.

Blondie

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



by Chic Young

Oregon State, St. Johns Victors In Garden's Twin Cage Bill

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Oregon State trimmed City College of New York, 45—34 and St. Johns tripped Tennessee, 52—41 in the inaugural twin bill of the holiday basketball program at Madison Square Garden last night. The fast, shifty Oregonians passed all around the green CCNY Beavers. The Westerners could have won by a much larger margin. In the early stages the lead see-sawed back and forth. Then Oregon State Guard

Carnival Opens In Sugar Bowl

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 27—The annual mid-winter sports carnival here has started with the first round of the Sugar Bowl tennis tournament. Ted Schroeder, the nation's top ranking amateur and seeded first, has not yet appeared due to travel difficulties, but is expected here today.

Meanwhile Francisco (Pancho) Segura, the colorful Ecuadorean who is seeded second, entertained a festive gallery with his two-handed shots as he easily dominated Glen Gardner, New Orleans, 6—1, 6—0. Third-seeded Billy Talbert, Cincinnati, ranked seventh nationally, had the battle of a lifetime edging out courageous Jack Tuero, Memphis, Tenn., former Southern boys' champion, 3—6, 10—8, 6—4.

Rolfe's Coaching Duties Prevent His Playing

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Red Rolfe, third baseman for the New York Yankees who is now coach of basketball and baseball at Yale University, expects that his duties as baseball coach at New Haven during the accelerated summer program will prevent his returning to the major leagues in 1943.

The Yankees, however, are still hoping that he will be available by the middle of June.

Basketball Results

- Oregon State 45, CCNY 34.
- St. Johns 52, Tennessee 41.
- Oklahoma 52, Bradley 27.
- Great Lakes 59, Butler 34.
- Kansas 53, St. Bonaventure 22.
- Wyoming 56, La Salle 32.
- DePaul 49, Toledo 40.
- Southern California 42, Canisius 25.
- Temple 40, Washington State 39.
- Montana 49, Utah 42.
- San Francisco 38, Olympic Club 31.

Football Trains For Army

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Dec. 27—Howie Odell, Yale football coach, addressing a banquet at Pebble Hill School here, said that Yale is planning to continue football in 1943 "because we feel it serves a fine purpose in preparing men both for the Army and for life."

Lewis Beck dropped two field goals from midcourt, giving his team mates a 16—11 lead. City did not challenge thereafter as Beck continued on a scoring spree, pacing the visitors with 14 points.

Trailing 24—15 at halftime, the Beavers came back full of fight, but the boys from Oregon promptly caged four field goals before the New Yorkers got their bearings.

In the second game, St. Johns defended the metropolitan prestige despite a startling early Tennessee lead. Clicking with mechanical precision, the Volunteers bagged a 21—12 lead in the first ten minutes with Dick Mehen, sensational Vol center, accounting for 16.

Capitalizing on St. Johns' initial bewilderment, the Vols continued sharp shooting, leading 35—22 at the halftime.

The Redmen roared back after the intermission like a miniature hurricane. They throttled the Volunteer attack, allowing only six points in the whole second half, keeping the ball away from the Vol guards and scoring virtually at will. Within 10 minutes after the intermission, the Redmen evened the score, 37—all, due principally to the great team playing of six-foot, nine-inch center Harry Boycoff. Forwards Any Levane, with 13 points, and Lionel Baxter, with 14, carried on from there, dazzling the visitors with difficult angle shots.

Curiosity Killed the Cat—Squirrels Aren't Different

LINDEN, Tenn., Dec. 27 (AP)—A Perry County outdoorsman has developed a unique and successful technique for hunting squirrels.

Watt Rainey, hunting and fishing guide, dons thin trousers that won't rattle when branches strike them and wears light tennis shoes. When he hears squirrels feeding, Rainey takes ten or 12 steps and then jumps on the ground to produce a thudding sound with both feet.

After remaining quiet for a few seconds, he moves his foot in a semi-circle in the leaves, creating rattling noises. Then quiet again. Rainey explains that the combination of thumps and rattling of the leaves "just gets the animals—from plain curiosity."

The squirrels come out of hiding and Rainey picks them off with his rifle. He bagged five that way on his last hunt.

Hunter Gets Kanaly Award

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 27—Ollie Hunter, Notre Dame cross-country captain and national cross-country champion, has been awarded the Byron Kanaly prize as the "Most exemplary Notre Dame student and leader of men."

Winners Get 28-0 Margin by Speed, Trickery

Jones-to-Gafford Passes Top Plays of Annual Grid Classic

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 27—The All-South football team overwhelmed the North, 28—0, here yesterday, completely stifling the Northerners' offense, while showing irresistible speed and trickery.

After a first period punting duel, Monk Gafford, Auburn, the South's left half-back, started the ball rolling in the second quarter. He quick-kicked from his own 38 dead on the North seven. Bezemes, Holy Cross, North left half-back, attempted to kick out of danger, but was swarmed under on the one-inch line. His next try was good, but Gafford took the punt and slithered back to the North 14. He fumbled on the next play, giving the North a reprieve. But when the North kicked poorly to its own 44, the South struck decisively.

Thomas' Fancywork

Casey Jones, Union College, the South's right halfback mite, swept around end 11 yards and then passed to Gafford for 16 more. Four line plungers reached the North three from where Fullback Harvey Johnson, VMI, went through right guard for the South's first tally.

Lou Thomas, Tulane, Gafford's substitute, engineered the second South score. He intercepted a pass on his 45, returning it to the North 40. After line plunges pushed the pigskin up to the North 27, Thomas took the ball inside left tackle, cut back through the entire North secondary, wriggled out of the grasp of Ray Wolfe, Dartmouth, North safetyman, and crossed the goal line.

Statistics Show Up North

A pass set up the third score for the South in the third period. Jones passed to Fullback Blondie Ryan, Mississippi State, on the North 17, then to Quarterback Walter MacDonald, Tulane, who made a leaping, falling catch on the North one-inch line. The North held twice, but Black bowled across on the third try.

Jones-to-Gafford passes netted the final South score in the fourth period, with Gafford out-running the North secondary to score standing up on the edge of the field.

The impotence of the North attack is illustrated statistically. While the South made 13 first downs, gaining 145 yards by rushing and 168 by passing, the North got only four first downs, picking up 45 yards by rushing and 27 by passing.

He'll Fight for Army In and Out of the Ring

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass., Dec. 27 (AP)—Pvt. Don Eddy, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., is still a rookie, and has not yet appeared in the fight ring here, but he is considered an outstanding candidate for the camp boxing team.

Camp boxing coaches feel that any man who has had seven years' experience as a professional boxer and fought two former lightweight champs is solid material for any boxing team.

Pvt. Eddy was a Golden Glove champ in 1935. Since turning professional he won and lost 10 round decisions with Lew Jenkins, former lightweight champ, and lost a 10-round decision to Sammy Angott, former NBA lightweight champ.

Agase's Grid Feats Topped 1942 Sports Oddities

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—The nation's sports writers have picked the performance of Alex Agase, Illinois guard, in Illinois' upset victory over the Minnesota, as the top sports' oddity in 1942, according to the Associated Press' poll of the scribes.

Agase made two touchdowns, first stealing the ball from a Gopher halfback and later falling on a fumble over the goal line for another score.

War Hits Gym Teams As Coaches are Drafted

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 27 (AP)—Gymnastics is being hard hit this year by loss of coaches to the armed services. A roundup of games scheduled a year ago by Minnesota showed Ralph Piper, Gophers' coach, that Iowa is the only opponent sure of having a team for the scheduled contest. Illinois, Indiana and Chicago meets will probably have to be cancelled.

Tracks Give 3 Million

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—War relief organizations have received a total of \$3,000,000 in cash from Racing's National Emergency effort for 1942, according to Herbert Bayard Swope, chairman of the Turf Committee of America.

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Admiral Darlan

"Judge not lest ye be judged." Sound advice when first spoken... still sound today... and applicable to the political career of Admiral Darlan.

Admiral Darlan can no longer speak for himself; but his last words of a public nature, spoken over Morocco radio were: "The hour has struck when all Frenchmen must unite, whoever they be, Frenchmen of all ages, of all beliefs, from right and left, workers and employers... all must come together in the common struggle. Then once again, victory for France will be a victory for all humanity." To those words we can all subscribe.

But Darlan, "collaborationist" or "shrewd politician," gave the Allies more reason to be grateful than "many" are willing to grant.

His arrangement with General Eisenhower unquestionably saved many British and American lives. It may have meant the difference between success and failure for the whole African campaign. And when Darlan did come over to the Allied side, he came all the way, bringing with him the French military and civilian authorities of North and West Africa. He also tried without success to secure for the Allies the French fleet at Toulon.

We feel, therefore, that we can safely let history evaluate his character... when all the facts are known... and the bitterness and suspicions of war have subsided. It is enough for us now to know that Darlan died while working to build a United France... a brave, free France that most likely would have made his future a short and a most unhappy one.

Giraud Leads

General Giraud, Commander-in-Chief of the French land and air forces in North Africa, has succeeded the late Admiral Darlan as High Commissioner for French North and West Africa.

Elected by the French Imperial Council at Algiers, Giraud already has accepted the formidable task and as his first goal seeks to unite all Frenchmen in a supreme effort to free France. To achieve this end his present plans call for cooperation with General de Gaulle and the United Nations, on land, on the sea and in the air.

In General Giraud, both the Axis and the Allies recognize a leader of merit. He is a man the Fighting French can trust, whose record they respect. He is a man who has faith in America and in the promises America has made to all Frenchmen.

In his first message to America, General Giraud was brief and to the point: "I want to tell the people of America that France has the fullest confidence that America will provide us as quickly as possible with the most modern arms that we so desperately need."

"Americans will be shown that with the French Army using these weapons, the day of victory will be more rapidly achieved."

"France has the fullest confidence in America. I pray America to have the same confidence in France."

Brave New Order

How the WA men and Nazi Storm Troopers bully their compatriots was described by their paper De Zwarte Soldaat, reporting on Oct. 22 a march by a troop of WA men through Roosendaal, near the Belgian frontier.

The marchers discovered a shop window dressed with the red, white and blue colors. "Apparently an Anglophile shopkeeper," the paper wrote. "He also seemed to love the Jews, because the window showed pins with the Jewish Star on them. Because the police are slack in such cases, the WA took matters in hand and confiscated various red, white and blue and pro-Jewish articles."

After marching on for some distance the troop halted again, as they discovered a shop for fishing tackle where the floats were arranged in a W shape. Some WA men left the ranks to remove the "offensive" sign, for the "W" could have stood for Winston.

A third halt was caused by a barber's traditional star-spangled pole. "You know," the paper wrote, "one of those which carries the colors of the tyrant of tyrants... the stars and stripes of the New World." The WA men scraped the paint off, giving the pole an "honest German appearance."

The writer finished braggingly, "So the WA stands in defence of the people, and in the breach against the deceivers of our nation."

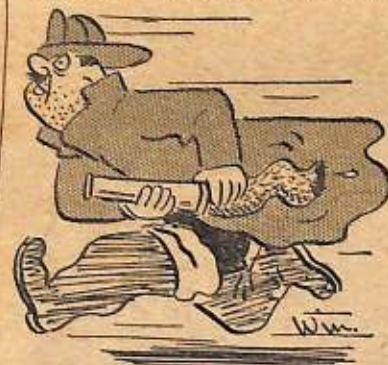
We presume the WA men will continue to march "from victory to daring victory."

Hush Marks

From Jazbo of Old Dubuque—his poems are his monument—comes this quickie:

It could never be said
She had high I.Q.
But she got him to where
She could answer, "I do!"

Even fires can be funny. Firemen in Boise, Idaho, were fighting a blaze in



the city's railroad district. They flung 1,600 feet of hose across the rails and failed to notice an oncoming train. The fire department now has the same amount of hose but in shorter lengths.

From Virginia H. Glasgow, of New Jersey, comes the following message: "The Class of '37, Lakewood, New Jersey, extends season's best greetings to the Boys in the Service." She explains, "the stay-at-homes of the class wish to extend greetings to every classmate in the service. Will you help us by extending greetings through your column?" So we pass on the greetings from the Class of '37 to any Jersey man who might see this. And to it all we add our own Happy New Year.

Who says the horse hasn't made a comeback? In Philadelphia, Buck, a milkwagon horse, threw a shoe smack in front of the snooty Warwick hotel and caused a traffic jam in Rittenhouse Square while hundreds watched the milk company blacksmith reshoe him. The wagon driver, who's mighty fond of Buck, refused to move the horse another step until the blacksmith had done his job. Even the uniformed Warwick doorman abandoned his dignity long enough to give the Smithy a helping hand.

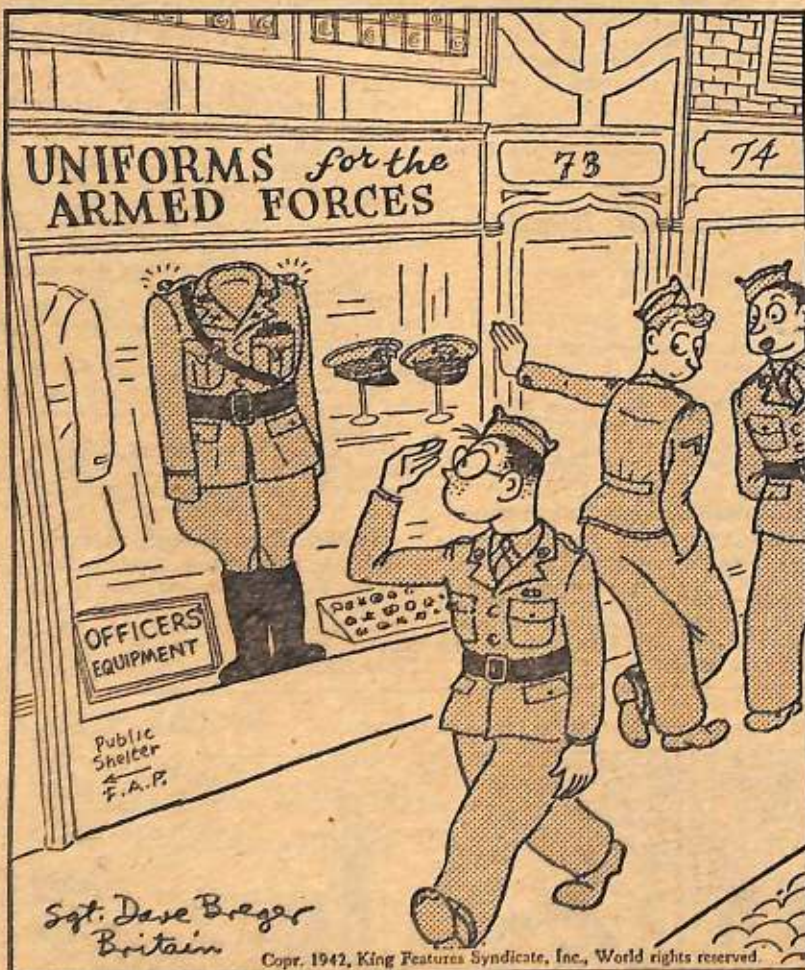
Cats jumped into the limelight on the home front this week. First, the Navy



issued a hurry call for 30 cats (preferably tomcats) to volunteer immediate service at naval training school—reason: mice were rifling Christmas boxes sent to sailors. As a follow-up on this Ernie Brown, of Rochester, Washington, began advocating cats as blackout guides. He put the idea to the test one night, letting a cat lead him through a lonely wooded area. The cat got away—Brown groped in the darkness—grabbed a waving tail, and continued his journey for two steps—behind a skunk.

J. C. W.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Ever since they told him you salute the uniform, not the person!"

'The Bloodiest Battle of the War'



Planet Photo

Through blazing and debris-covered streets women carry supplies to the heroic defenders of Stalingrad during the early October Nazi offensive. Today few Stalingrad buildings are not marked by the destruction of German bombs or shell fire.

Defender of Stalingrad Tells Tale of Horror And Heroism

By Henry Shapiro

United Press War Correspondent

AT THE STALINGRAD FRONT—Gen. Vassili Ivanovich Chuikov, the 42-year-old peasant-born general who held Stalingrad against the Germans for four months, has told for the first time his own story of the epic fighting there.

"When I was at the front," he said, "the military council entrusted me with the defense of Stalingrad. I fully understood the great responsibility and seriousness of this task. The city was a flaming volcano; German bombs had transformed it into one great fire. Our men were tired. There were many whining pessimists in the army."

"First of all we had to create the proper spirit of firmness. We were told we could not retreat beyond the Volga, and we could see for ourselves that there was no road back."

"Hitler threw the best he had against Stalingrad, sparing neither quantity nor quality."

"This was a battle of life and death. We were continuously attacked by great masses of infantry, tanks, planes and artillery. Our forces were not equal—the enemy had superiority at all points, all the time."

"The German command used its

favorite method all the time. They intended to smash us, and because they thought we hadn't enough guts, hoped to push over into the Volga with one blow. They didn't carry out any methodical offensive.

One Nazi Mistake

"The German command made one obvious mistake. Large columns and groups of German soldiers made wonderful targets for our artillery and infantry, and we destroyed them in great numbers."

"I believe that nowhere in this war has there been such bloody hand to hand fighting; nowhere were bayonets and hand grenades so widely used as in Stalingrad."

"The main characteristic of the battle of Stalingrad is close-distance fighting, and I don't mean the kind of fighting that we study at military academies where enemies meet, engage in battle and then separate. Here, we hold each other in a deadly grip."

"The history of war knows no precedents for such fighting. Naturally we had to work out new methods."

"Our ability to maneuver is extremely limited by the narrow territory and by enemy aviation and artillery. The Germans usually attacked in daytime, when their planes and tanks were active and when they could have precise artillery and trench-mortar fire. We counter-attacked usually at night."

"At the end of every 24 hours we had to count up the results of the battle. This, however, is an extremely difficult task."

Mass Self-Sacrifice

"Our army grew firmer daily, and yet it became obvious that one could only hold Stalingrad by destroying the Germans."

"The heroism of our men took the form of mass self-sacrifice. When an enemy group 10 or 15 times larger than our unit attacked, our soldiers would send a signal to our batteries to order fire upon themselves and perish together with the enemy."

"Our units, after they crossed the right bank of the Volga, seemed to be reborn. Their love for their country would take the form of hate for the Germans and our spirit allowed us victoriously to counter-attack against the enemy with inferior forces."

"The German infantry was brave only when supported by planes, tanks and artillery, but if their infantry had to fight our infantry unaided, then their attacks would fail invariably."

"Our infantry is invincible under proper command and with clearly defined tasks. We knew no retreat in the battle of Stalingrad."

"Lt. Gen. Rodimtzev's division was the first to arrive in Stalingrad and receive the fierce German blow. Rodimtzev told me: 'We will fight to the last man but we shall not leave the city.'"

'Most Awful Battle'

"The most awful battle took place on Oct. 14, after Hitler made his speech in which he ordered the occupation of Stalingrad regardless of the cost."

"I honestly never saw anything comparable to it. I wouldn't have believed that such an inferno could open up on earth."

"That day you could not see beyond five yards; fire and smoke screened the view. It was a serious day for the defenders of Stalingrad."

"Gen. Zholudev's division received a

tremendous blow. The Germans attacked this division, which had already lost many men, with two tank divisions. Zholudev's men were frequently encircled and each man had literally killed dozens of Germans.

"Men died, but never retreated. I believe that those who died and those who remained alive were all heroes."

'No Other Army—'

"I am convinced that if the military machines used against us had been used against any other army, including the Germans, it could not have endured one-tenth of what we endured."

"The war has proved that all our weapons from rifles to cannon are very good provided they are properly used. In the Battle of Stalingrad, the Russian hand grenade won general respect. It is much better than the German hand grenade."

"Extremely unpopular with the Germans is our 'Katousha,' which the enemy calls 'Stalin's Machine-'. All living objects are destroyed wherever its shells burst."

"However, all these weapons would have been of no value if they were not in the hands of men willing to die for freedom."

Two Battle Lessons

"The experience of the Battle of Stalingrad allows us to draw some conclusions:

"Each city, each building can become a fortress if quickly and skillfully adapted for defense, and if the soldiers don't fear encirclement and are not afraid to get into the houses and stay there."

"A battle inside a city is a fight at close quarters in which light weapons—rifles and bayonets, light machine-guns—are used."

"This fighting requires the greatest initiative from every officer and man. One should not be afraid to take a position in the immediate neighborhood of the enemy, the nearer the enemy the smaller the losses, and artillery and aviation invariably hit their own troops if the distance between trenches and positions is small."

"It is impossible to maneuver in the city in daylight, but at night we carry out all troop movements successfully with small losses, no matter how many rockets the Germans send up."

"Now, winter has come: winter is our element and we are well adapted to fight no matter what preparations the Germans have made for winter."



Then—And Now

Those dreadful days—thank God—have gone through which we—battered—stood alone;

With weakened armour—back against the wall— While all the watching world foretold our fall;

The end of Britain—slaughter of her brood Alone—throughout it all—we stood.

Not quite alone—for ever on our ears There came the rousing Transatlantic cheers

Of splendid friends—backing our will to stand; Boosting our effort—giving with open hand

To men and women who, to foil the threat, Offered "their blood and tears—their toil and sweat."

Not now alone, since you—a friend in need— Now march with us, a friend in very deed. Dunscombe Allen.

NEWS FROM HOME Paratroop Unit Of Canadians Trains in U.S.

Own Camp Occupied by Yanks, They Go to Fort Benning

FORT BENNING, Ga., Dec. 27—Canada's first parachute group has set up for training here, where former members of the Dominion's crack units will train as jumpers along American lines. Their own school at Camp Shilo, Manitoba, now is being used by U.S. groups for cold-weather tests of all types of equipment.

The Canadians are headed by Lt. Col. G. F. P. Bradbrooke. All are volunteers, as are American paratroopers, and represent the best of Canada's fighting men. They include French-Canadians, Canadian Scottish—some still wearing the kilt—and officers and men from every branch of the Canadian Army. One of them, Capt. D. J. Wilkins, participated in the Dieppe raid.

The Canadian paratroopers will wear the beret of the British airborne troops and the jump-boots of the American paratroopers. Col. Bradbrooke, though not comparing British and American jump training methods, said the Canadians would use parts of both.

Spain, Portugal to Stay Neutral

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP)—"There is every reason to believe that Spain and Portugal will remain neutral," Elmer Davis, director of the Office of War Information, said here.

The formation of an Iberian bloc was announced last Sunday by General Jordana, Spanish Foreign Minister, during a visit to Portugal at which he met Dr. Salazar, the Portuguese Premier.

Know Any Safe-Crackers?

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27—Brig. Gen. Joseph E. Barzyski, commanding officer of the QM depot here, is seeking a few first-class safe-crackers—and no questions asked. The Army recently appealed for donations of old safes, even if combinations had been lost or forgotten. Experts will be hired to open them.

Anne Rutherford Married

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27 (AP)—Anne Rutherford, 23-year-old screen "sweet-

British Sailor Finds U.S. Beer Tough Stuff

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—A British sailor, a veteran of several naval actions against enemy U-boats, walked into a New York bar and ordered a glass of beer. A short time later he was lying on the floor, groaning with agony.

An ambulance rushed him to hospital, where doctors and nurses thoroughly examined him for several hours.

Finally, they decided that the sailor's stomach, accustomed to Britain's war-time beverage, had been "knocked out" by the American icy lager.

heart" of Mickey Rooney, and David May, 30, Vice-President of a chain of department stores, were honeymooning today after a quiet wedding last night. The ceremony was performed by a Rabbi with only close relatives present. The couple planned to visit Arizona and New York.

Pact Helps U.S. Rubber Source

Brazil Will Rush 50,000 Men to Wild Rubber Fields of Amazon

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 27 (AP)—The United States and Brazil have signed an agreement for a further increase of rubber production by rushing thousands of workers to the interior of the Amazon using all means of transport.

The program provides for the transport of 50,000 workers to the interior of the Amazon where wild rubber is abundant by May 1. A hundred thousand will follow by Dec. 30. The 2,000-mile transportation will be by plane, train, canoe, lorry, steamer and marches on foot.

The new agreement calls for the export in 1943 of 50,000 tons of Brazilian rubber for U.S. war production. The production is based on an estimate of two workers to each ton of rubber produced annually.

U.S. Navy Studies RAF Data On Flyers' Physical Condition

Every scrap of medical data on the relatively long experience of the RAF is being studied carefully by the U.S. Navy. Flight Surgeon Capt. John J. Poppen, USN, is now in London to expedite the flow of RAF data to American experts on aviation medicine.

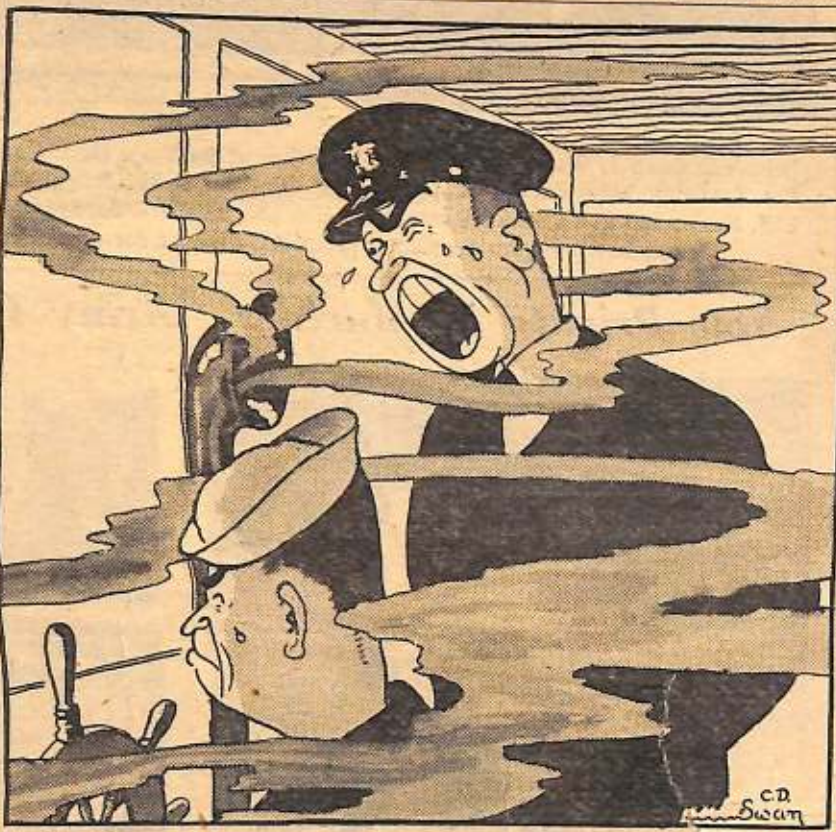
Air Force medical officers, according to Capt. Poppen, are exacting friends of pilots. The instant a pilot shows a loss of weight, loss of appetite, absent mindedness, or a change in attitude towards his associates, the Surgeon examines him like a Dutch uncle. He knows what it takes to fly. If the pilot appears to need a rest, then he gets it whether he wants it or not.

Flight surgeons have to protect flyers against their own enthusiasm for returning to the battle.

Capt. Poppen should know. In his 49 years he has had 25 years of active service as a naval medical officer. Twenty of these years he has served as a flight surgeon, the longest consecutive service in aviation medicine. He has had over 1,300 hours of flying.



U.S. Marine Corps Photo
Capt. John J. Poppen



"Stevens! Must you cook?"



"A room with a large private bath, please!"

TERRY & THE PIRATES



JOE PALOOKA



Eight Ounces of Chiffon—Here and There



The low-budget costume Hedy Lamarr models in "White Cargo" is said by style experts to consist of approximately eight ounces of chiffon here and there. Such a tropical evening gown—and morning too—is called a lurong in Hollywood this year.

Leathernecks Lay It on the Line



Under the hot Guadalcanal sun, U.S. Marines lay down a barrage from .75 mm. pack howitzer at Japanese positions on the Matanikou river section, forcing a Nipponese retreat.

British Visitors Share Holiday Feast in New York



Associated Press Photo

British Seaman J. Webb (left) carves the turkey at the Stage Door Canteen in New York as (left to right) Pvt. Sam Fox, New York, N.Y.; Seaman P. Gimblen, British Royal Navy; Seaman Henry War, Omaha, Neb., U.S. Navy; and Pvt. Chester Rzezniczek, Chicago, Ill., U.S. Army, wait for their helpings. During the Christmas holidays, the canteen held special dinners for all Allied forces on duty in the States.

Now Private in Marines



Associated Press Photo

Paul Smith, former editor of San Francisco Chronicle, resigned his lieutenant commander's commission in the Navy Reserve and enlisted as a private in the Marines. Smith stated there was nothing "haywire" about the change.

Army Pay Goes Into Bonds



Associated Press Photo

Pvt. Mathias Brantner, Portland, Ore., student of Chanute Field, Ill., Army Air Force technical training command school, sorts over War Bond certificates that he purchases each month with all of the money the Army pays him.

Good Going Over



Stars and Stripes Photo

"Keeping 'em flying" is the job of M/Sgt. Joe Desrocher, Springfield, Mo., a mechanic at a U.S. Aviation repair station somewhere in England. Here, he gives an engine of an air-cooled American bomber a good going over.

Gets Highest U.S. Award



Daniel J. Callaghan receives from President Roosevelt the highest U.S. award, the Congressional Medal of Honor and citation for his father, Rear Adm. Callaghan, task force commander, who was killed during the Battle of Savo Island.