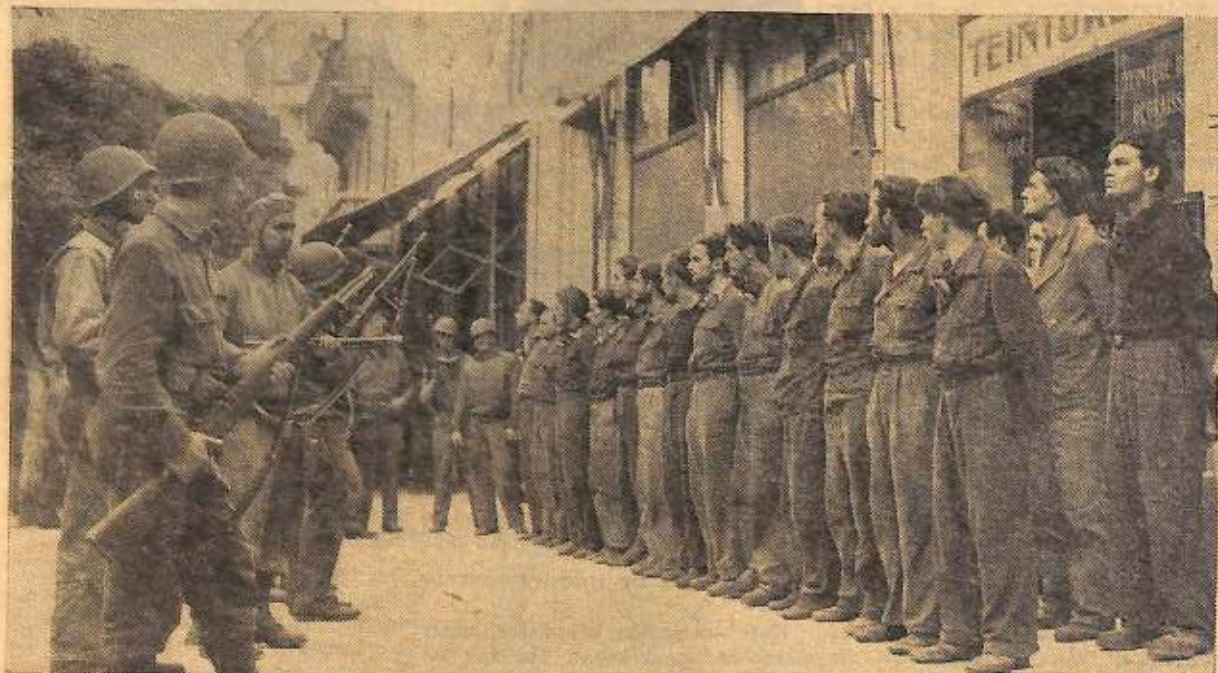


Americans in Algeria Guard U-Boat Crew



Associated Press Photo

Under the watchful eyes of heavily armed American guards in Algeria, an entire crew of a captured U-Boat awaits shipment to an internment camp. The Germans beached their submarine—badly damaged by depth bombs—on the African coast.

'We Will Turn Mareth Flank,' General Vows

Rommel Will Make Stand There, But Not Long, Alexander Says

The Germans have been driven out of Egypt, Libya, Cyrenaica and Tripolitania, Gen. Sir Harold Alexander said in Cairo yesterday, and now will probably try to make a stand behind the Mareth Line in Tunisia.

He was confident, the British Commander in Chief for the Middle East declared, that the Eighth Army could turn the flank of the old French fortified line and complete the rout of Rommel's force.

(Berlin and Vichy radio bulletins hinted that the Eighth Army was already attempting the flanking movement—reporting a clash with British motorized units at the Southern tip of the desert defense zone.)

Communiques from Allied Headquarters in North Africa, from Cairo Headquarters and from the Germans and Italians all agreed that there was little to report from the land forces on the Tunisian border apart from patrol activities.

Allies Strike from Air

There was more activity by the Allied air forces, however, and Flying Fortresses struck hard at the German air base near Kairouan and returned without loss. The Italians said that "many casualties among the population" were caused by this raid. Spitfires and Airacobras raked the southern Tunisian front with cannon and machine-gun fire, killing at least 100 Germans, it was reported from Allied headquarters.

German controlled Vichy radio said that "considerable detachments" of the Eighth Army tried to pierce Rommel's line near the Tunisian border, but were compelled to retire. The German communique claimed that Nazi dive-bombers made a successful attack on an "enemy" battery in the Tunisian highlands.

Well up in the scoring over North Africa is an RAF Spitfire squadron which has already accounted for at least 31 enemy planes in this theater. The squadron has accounted for 361 enemy aircraft since its formation.

Gen. Alexander, in the first conference given war correspondents in the Middle East since the "dark days" of Rommel's drive into Egypt, said he expected

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Adolf Hitler Mittel Now Theodore Roosevelt Mittel

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 (UP)—Yesterday Mrs. Mittel's baby became the most talked-about child in the United States—his father had had him christened Adolf Hitler Mittel.

Today little Adolf Hitler Mittel became Theodore Roosevelt Mittel.

His mother walked into the registrar's office today and stormed: "Well, we are going to call him after one of the Roosevelts, but not the Democratic Roosevelts."

Father Mittel could not accompany his wife. He was busy burning thousands of indignant letters that poured in this morning.

Fewer Parcels, Shorter War Reason for Mail Restriction

The fewer bundles a soldier receives from the folks at home, the quicker he'll be back home with them. The shipping space is needed to win the war. That, briefly, is the explanation given by the War Department in Washington, in a statement received here yesterday, for the recent ban on shipments of parcels to soldiers except on written request of the soldier and with the approval of his commanding officer.

57 Letters One Day, And 45 More the Next

A U.S. SIGNAL CORPS STATION, England, Feb. 10—Fifty-seven letters in one day and 45 letters and two packages the next day comprise the grounds for Cpl. Charles Pope's boast of being the Army's champion mail getter.

Pope, who used to be a Scoutmaster in Baltimore, has been in England for several months, getting just about his share of letters and no more. Last week, however, he hit the jackpot.

Fifty-seven different Boy Scouts from his old troop sent him letters and they arrived in one bunch; the following day, 45 more, along with two packages which just beat the ban on shipping parcels overseas.

48-Hour Week For War Cities

Roosevelt Orders Longer Working Time in 31 Munitions Centers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10—President Roosevelt today ordered workers in 31 defense manufacturing areas of the United States to put in 48 hours a week—and the executive order made it clear that employers on non-defense work were expected to follow suit.

James F. Byrnes, Director of Economic Stabilization, explaining the order in a broadcast, said it was made necessary by the enlistment of additional millions into the American armed forces, a very substantial increase in war production, the pooling of U.S. supplies with other of the United Nations and the sharing of American food with the peoples of the countries soon to be freed from German domination.

War Production Cities

He listed the areas affected as Bath, Me.; Bridgeport, Waterbury, Hartford and New Britain, Conn.; Portsmouth, N.H.; Springfield, Mass.; Buffalo, N.Y.; Somerville, N.J.; Baltimore and Elkton, Md.; Hampton Roads, Va.; Washington, D.C.; Akron and Dayton, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; Manitowoc, Wis.; Sterling, Ill.; Brunswick and Macon, Ga.; Charleston, S.C.; Mobile, Ala.; Panama City, Fla.; Pascagoula, Miss.; Wichita, Kas.; Beaumont, Tex.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Ogden, U.; Portland, Ore.; San Diego, Cal.; and Seattle, Wash.

Those are the zones from which an ever-increasing stream of guns, tanks,

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The ruling went into effect Jan. 15, and parcels now being received by men in the European Theater of Operations were mailed before that date in the last-minute rush to get under the deadline back in the States.

The War Department disclosed in its statement that eight times as much cargo space per man was utilized in November, 1942, for mail than in November, 1918. That was not eight times the total amount, but eight times the amount per man.

Three Shiploads

Mail forwarded in November consumed cargo space equivalent to the capacity of three 11,000-ton "Liberty" class ships—"ships that are vitally needed to provide food, ammunition, and the countless items of supply that are the raw materials of victory," the War Department said. The steady expansion presents a problem of ever-growing importance, it added.

Letters to soldiers from their families and personal friends have been "welcomed by the Army," the War Department said, but "the enormous amount of space consumed by packages, and the fact they so frequently contain objects that are supplied by the Army in compact bulk shipments have impelled the War Department, in cooperation with the Post Office Department, to issue new regulations."

No package may be sent to a soldier overseas now unless it contains an article specifically requested by the soldier. The package will not be accepted at the post office unless a written request, bearing the commanding officer's approval, is presented.

In addition, packages are limited in weight to five pounds, and may not be

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Failure to File Formal Papers Delays Payment of Allowance

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10—Neglect of many soldiers to file formal application for the family allowance under the Servicemen's Dependents' Allowance Act, confirming their informal declarations of intent submitted last summer before application blanks were available, has delayed payment to many dependents, the War Department announced today.

Soldiers who have failed to file such applications thus have deprived their dependents of money they are entitled to. Any enlisted man below the first three grades is entitled to assign \$22 of his pay to his wife or dependent, to which the Government will add \$28. Additional allowances are provided for other dependents.

Soldiers in the field were permitted to file with their organization commanders a preliminary declaration of intent to apply for this benefit in order to establish an earlier filing date for their allowance than would otherwise have been possible.

But in each case, before the allowance can be approved for payment, the soldier must file with his organization com-

Two Soviet Columns Encircling Kharkov, Major Ukraine City

U.S. Forces Still Fight In Philippines, Japs Say

An admission that some American and Filipino forces were still fighting on from the hills of the Philippines was made by Tokyo yesterday. More than 400 members of "enemy bands" were captured during January, the report said.

Over 800 rebels were said to have been killed on Luzon, according to the Manila newspaper Manishi, and machine-guns and other arms were captured from them.

No Opposition As Forces Near Last Jap Base

Enemy Destroyers Sunk As Fresh Troops Landed On Guadalcanal

While U.S. planes were sinking two Jap destroyers and damaging six others, American reinforcements were landed on Guadalcanal island during last week's air and sea battles for the final clean-up of any remaining Jap forces.

Consolidating their grip on the island, U.S. troops have advanced without opposition to within a mile of Cape Esperance, the main Jap base on the island.

Other forces have advanced along the northwest coast and are now only seven and a half miles from the cape, thus tightening the grip round the few remaining enemy soldiers.

Estimated Japanese losses in the Guadalcanal campaign are 30,000 to 50,000 troops, more than 1,100 planes, 71 ships sunk and 11 probably sunk. The Army, Navy and marines are credited with an equal share in the victory.

Adm. William F. Halsey, commander of the naval forces in the South Pacific, congratulated Maj. Gen. Alexander Patch, commander of the troops on Guadalcanal, for the work of the U.S. forces.

Maj. Gen. Patch yesterday reported officially that "Guadalcanal has been taken completely and there is no longer any vestige of any Japanese organized forces on the island."

The sea-air battles which permitted the landing of the reinforcements began when 20 Jap destroyers started toward Guadalcanal from the Buin area and encountered U.S. air groups. The American planes sank one destroyer and left three others burning fiercely after bombing attacks. That ended the first Jap threat to the American positions on the island.

On Feb. 4, a second group of enemy destroyers moved southward but were caught by long-range U.S. bombers which

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Orel, Important Nazi Defense Center, Also Menaced

By the United Press

Kharkov, biggest bastion of Germany's defenses in the Ukraine, now awaits the Russian attack.

Since taking Kursk, the Russians have built up a semi-circular ring round Kharkov, cutting lateral communications as they moved forward.

Farther to the north Gen. Golikov is throwing in forces to protect the advancing Russians against any strong German counter-move from the direction of Orel, where it is known that the enemy had very strong forces.

The speed of the Russian advance continues to be remarkable. They moved so quickly in one part of the Donetz Basin that they captured an airdrome with 30 German bombers sitting out on the field which the Germans had not had time to get away.

Ice Floes Block Don

In the Rostov area there is still no indication that the Russians advancing from the south have crossed the Don. According to reports reaching the capital, the Don is now uncrossable near Rostov owing to floating ice.

A veritable wall of tanks, men and guns is being drawn round the city of Kharkov.

With the capture of Shebekhino and Byelgorod it has already been stretched in a semi-circular line half-way round the city from the east, where the Russians are holding positions at various points on the semi-circle about 40 miles from the city.

The northern spoke of this half-wheel is at Byelgorod, 50 miles away, and the southern is at Balakleya, only 39 miles away. Gen. Vatutin's armies are moving in on the city from the south, but their progress is not yet known.

'Hold at All Costs'

If the German retreat is a strategic one, as Berlin has claimed, there is no sign of it in the way the Germans fought for Byelgorod. Orders to the German troops were found telling them to hold their position at Byelgorod at all costs. Most of them paid for their resistance with their lives when the Russians finally swept into the town and fought them from street to street.

The Russians cut off the junction and town to the northwest, north and northeast and, finally, from the south before they attacked. They found the town itself strongly defended by German tanks, infantry and tommy-gunners, so that they could only advance after the fiercest fighting from one end of the town to the other.

House after house was cleared in bloody hand-to-hand fighting in the Stalingrad manner.

Escaped—Then Died

When everything seemed lost the Germans gathered a battalion of infantry, supported by tanks and tommy-gunners, fought their way west through the Russian encircling force, got out of the town and occupied an adjacent field. There they were cut to pieces by Russian guns and machine-guns.

Next morning every German tank had been destroyed and only a few infantrymen had survived the slaughter.

One Russian column has taken Pomir, 40 miles to the north of Kursk and 40 miles from Orel, on the Kursk-Orel railway. In his speech last November Stalin mentioned that strong German forces were at Orel, which is one of the main defensive bastions of the whole German line.

At the same time Gen. Golikov has flung another column 30 miles south from Kursk and has cut the Kursk-Kharkov highway at Medvenka, an advance of 30 miles from the Kursk-Kharkov railway, so that the Germans have lost both rail

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Brazil Uncovers Plot To Aid Axis Invasion

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 10 (AP)—The Porto Alegre authorities announced the discovery today of a Nazi inspired conspiracy centering in Ruzaltia City in the State of Rio Grand Do Sul in which Brazilian Army officers, enlisted men, civilians, church officials and women were involved.

The authorities said, "All elements in the conspiracy had been jailed," but they did not announce the number involved, although they indicated it was large.

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Mussolini

Recently, newspapers in America and Great Britain have been filled with accounts of a Peace Plot against the Duce, in which Ciano took the lead. These reports should be accepted with caution, for they do not ring true. Ciano, it must be remembered, is "in the family," and, as the husband of Mussolini's favorite daughter, he has been rapidly advanced in "party circles" and has attained "high office" the easy way.

Mussolini, on the other hand, is a politician and a very clever one. Like all politicians, he knows the trick of providing a scapegoat to cover every disaster. You can be sure he knew his son-in-law was not popular with the Italian public, for at one time he ordered him to the front to gain military glamor. Ciano was also despised by the Nazis, and Ribbentrop in particular disliked and mistrusted him. Stories of his personal enrichment at public expense were also common gossip, and these facts all combine to make him logical candidate for scapegoat number one in the Mussolini purge.

Rumor has had it for some time that Germany has been urging a strong Italian leadership. What more logical therefore than to kill two birds with one stone. By assuming in name the duties of a few henchmen Mussolini aimed to impress his own people and silence demands of the Nazis. After all, you cannot easily claim the dictator of an ally is incapable of administering his own government.

It is safe to say this move will fail to achieve its aim. Mussolini cannot shift the blame for the sequence of recent events so easily on to other shoulders. Mussolini is due for a rude awakening. The fall of the second Roman Empire is proceeding rapidly. The time is approaching for the final reckoning.

China's Supply Shortage

Hints of the possibility of a Chinese military collapse because of the shortage of supplies are commented on in Chungking's English language newspaper, the National Herald. Remarking that such fears have been widely expressed (particularly in the United States recently), the paper reports that the situation is far from being as critical as the more extreme commentators describe it, though shortages are serious.

Noting that there has been concern in the United States over the possible effect on the Chinese Army's fighting power and the Allies' outlook in Asia generally because of China's failure to receive sufficient Lend-Lease supplies, the National Herald declares that the Chinese people are confident that U.S. supplies will reach them in greater quantities in the not far distant future. With this assurance, the armed forces will fight on with even stronger determination for the triumph of the Allied cause which is their own.

The only serious question now, the paper urges, is to devise ways and means to get urgently needed supplies and equipment into China without further delay. Two of the things which must be given serious consideration are the provision of a greater number of transport aircraft for bringing in supplies, and the reopening of the Burma road.

Well Earned

American seamen in British ports are now enjoying food from home, including real American coffee, following an arrangement worked out between the War Shipping Administration and the United States Army.

The Army has agreed to supply foods from its European stores to the various seamen's clubs which are being set up in United Kingdom ports by the War Shipping Administration and the United States Army. This means that seamen, many of whom are run down after arduous voyages under dangerous and difficult conditions, can have some of their usual American brands in building up their strength again with good, nourishing, well-balanced menus.

The tea-drinking British do not think coffee as important an item on the menu as we do, and our seamen all say that their prime disappointment in port is not being able to find a cup of good old Java like "Mother Used to Make."

The coffee used in the European Theater by the Army is roasted and ground daily by American soldiers, and the Army has issued its own special instructions as to its preparation. As a result, cooks at the WSA clubs are now serving coffee "American Style" to merchant seamen who properly appreciate the aroma and flavor.

Hash Marks

Cpl. Wilson Davis, sentry guarding a gate at an army post, claims to be able to tell the time of night by the alibis soldiers give when returning late. Between 11 and 11.15, they missed the bus; between 11.15 and 11.30, had flat tire; after 11.30, unable to get taxi.

Never say the Army isn't enterprising. Pvt. Ernie Whitney, of Camp Grant, Ill.,



won a Chicago department store contest which offered a prize of any article in the store, up to a certain price limit. Whitney shopped all day without success, then asked the manager if a date with a sales girl was included. The store president offered to pay expenses for the evening if Whitney could persuade a sales girl. P.S.—He did.

Another guy who has his troubles is Lt. Erwin P. Marquardt of the Army Pictorial Service. He worked for weeks developing a top-notch photo team to send on special assignments—but may have to break up the combine because of their names. The photo-taking duet consists of Pvt. Arthur B. Bacon, of New York, and Sgt. Richard T. Ham, of California. They have trouble at hostels when they try to register a room for "Bacon and Ham" and trouble when they report to army personnel that "Bacon and Ham" need assistance. Everybody thinks it's a gag. So, to whom it may concern, we hereby certify that the photo team of Bacon and Ham is on the up and up—all reports of rationing notwithstanding.

We guess that every unit has its champion "chow hound," but we think Cpl. Leroy Gross, a New York City lad, is right in there fighting for top honors in this line. Gross is serving with a unit on the North African front. The other day Jerry came over during mess time and sent the boys scattering for slit trenches. Gross dived in, mess kit and all, saying, "Just because I'm scared doesn't mean I'm not hungry."

The bugler is never right! At Gowen Field, Ill., the boy who causes all the

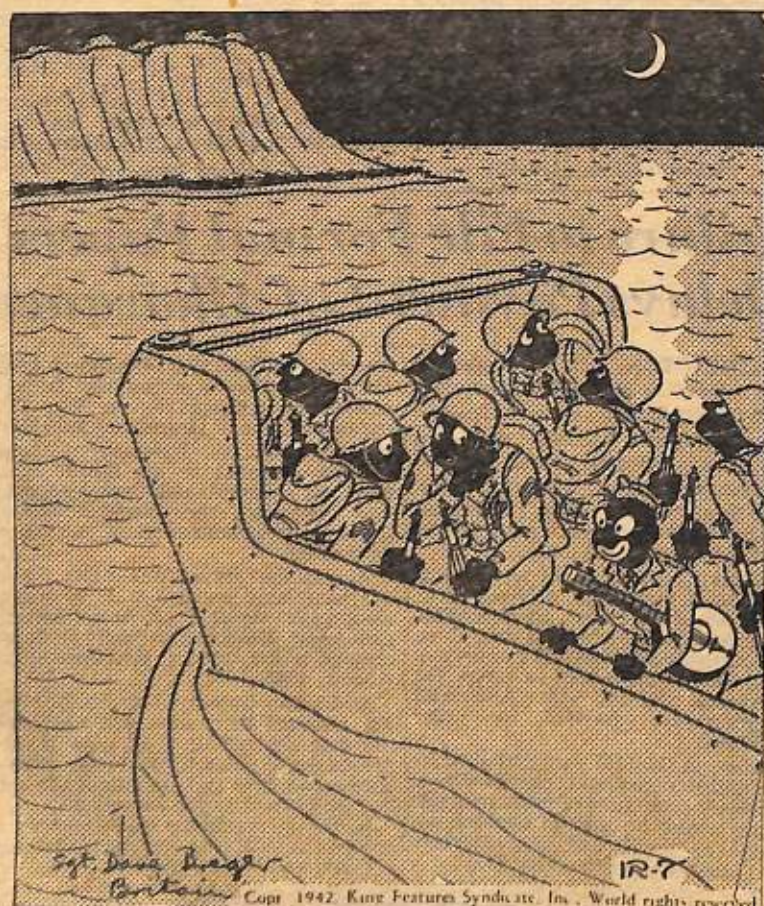


misery with the horn pursed his lips at 11 PM for taps, blew the wrong call and sent some 5,000 men scrambling for the mess hall.

In Chicago, Gin Moy was convicted of pinching a couple of show girls. He caught sight of them in court, ran over and pinched them again, went off to jail laughing happily.

J. C. W.

PRIVATE BREGER



"He thinks we're putting on a minstrel show!"

Stalingrad a 'Heap of Rubble'

Hitler Kept Word: Recaptured Towns Would be Ruins

By Henry Shapiro

United Press War Correspondent

STALINGRAD, Feb. 10—Here, over the smashed brick and tumbled steel of a once proud city, Hitler has kept one of his many promises.

It was made a year ago when he boasted that when the Russians recaptured their towns they would not be towns—but ruins. In Stalingrad, now wrested from German hands, the destruction probably exceeds anything that has ever happened since Genghis Khan swept down from the Mongolian plains to lay waste the great cities of Central Asia.

After viewing the ruins of the recaptured city—and talking with both German and Soviet officers—I am confident that the name of Stalingrad will live eternally as a symbol of the superiority of men over metal.

Now the city is nothing but a heap of ruins and rubble. There are no streets, no parks, no avenues. Millions of shell-pocked bricks, mountains of metal fragments are all that remain of the famous Dzerzhinsky Tractor Works, the Red October factory and the Red Barricade Metalurgical Works. Not even the houses of the factory workers are habitable at Stalingrad now.

Typical of this destruction is the former Central Square, "Heroes of The Revolution," where was situated the Univermag department store, in the cellar of which Von Paulus had his last headquarters.

I last visited this city in 1938. I was not able to recognize the imposing square, with its grand, five-story buildings and small park. The buildings had been razed. The trees in the park had been chopped down for fuel.

Corpses Litter Streets

The adjoining streets were criss-crossed with trenches and tunnels connecting what remained of the houses. The few remaining house walls bore thousands of shell and bullet marks.

The streets are still littered with hundreds of frozen corpses, in the most grotesque positions—and parts of corpses beyond telling.

In a cellar opposite the Univermag in Stalingrad I saw the last remaining German prisoners in the city.

Some hundred thousand prisoners had been removed beyond the Volga, but here was an underground hospital where 200 frost-bitten Nazis, in the most advanced stages of gangrene, suffered their last agonies under the care of Russian doctors.

Opposite the cellar's ruins stands the Museum of the Defense of Tsaritsin, which once contained exhibits of Stalin's role in the battle of Tsaritsin in 1918.

An enormous statue of Stalin still stands outside the building with the head apparently deliberately chopped off, since the bullet-ridden body is still erect.

Hundreds of bloodstained Nazi Iron Crosses, staff maps and documents as well



Field Marshal Frederich von Paulus (right), commander of Germany's liquidated army at Stalingrad, is questioned at Soviet headquarters shortly after he and 15 other Axis generals were captured following weeks of suffering with their encircled armies in Stalingrad.

as photographs are strewn around the statue.

There was nothing left of dead horses except the bare skeletons. The flesh had all been carved off and eaten by the starving German armies as their supplies ran out.

Nazi Discipline Lauded

As pitiful as the captured German Generals and men appeared when I and other Allied war correspondents saw them, Soviet Generals expressed the highest appreciation of their ability, skill and discipline in the fight they carried on after they were cut off from the main German armies. Major General Mikhail Malinyn, Russian chief of staff on the Don front, General Vassili Chuikov and Major General Alexander Rodimtsev, all agreed that the Germans had fought extremely well and usually to the last man.

According to Chuikov, however, the Nazi Generals suffered from too much mechanical discipline. He believes that through this mechanical subservience, many of the German Generals have lost the power of individual initiative. For instance, when Field Marshal von Paulus was asked during the campaign if he thought his flanks were sufficiently well protected, he is said to have replied: "I have orders to march on and I will do it."

Both General Chuikov and Major General Rodimtsev agreed that, although the turning point of the war has been reached, the German Armies are still strong enough to resume the offensive in the spring.

"Much of course depends on a second front," Chuikov commented.

German Order Seized

General Ivan Krylov, Chief of Staff of the sixth Army, who had also been at Odessa and Sevastopol and was the last Soviet officer to leave those cities, said the Russians seized an order of the day signed by Von Paulus early in November in which he ordered the removal of the civilian population to Germany. It is stated that the Soviet atrocity commission is investigating the matter and may hold Von Paulus responsible.

The German Generals are held in a snow-swept hamlet not far from Stalingrad awaiting removal to prison camps. When I saw them they were still wearing their dress uniforms with all their medals.

but they were unkempt and unshaven. They looked like caricatures of German officers. When the correspondents entered some of the Generals adjusted their uniforms and stood at attention but with a few exceptions they almost barked at us. The only one to appear polite and cheerful was Major General Moritz von Drebbler. When I asked him to explain the reasons for the German catastrophe at Stalingrad, he shrugged and said:

"We were cut off from the North and South and here we are."

I asked him why they did not attempt to break out and he replied that only Von Paulus could answer that and that he was a mere Divisional Commander.

"But I know the Fuehrer would not permit us to surrender. We had orders to resist to the last man," he added.

At this point Brigadier General Dinetriu, the Rumanian General who commanded the 20th Infantry Division, wanted to say something but he was brushed aside by Lieutenant General Schlemmer, Commander of the 14th Panzer Corps.

Nazis Spurn Ally

Chuikov, told me that another Rumanian officer, General Bratescu who commanded the First Cavalry Division, was billeted separately because the Germans refused to live with him. Bratescu had toasted the Red Army in the presence of the German Generals who promptly denounced him as "a Rumanian Swine" and demanded separate quarters. Von Paulus himself is housed with his Aide-de-Camp and another General in a separate hut.

Chuikov estimated that the Germans lost at least 500,000 men killed and taken prisoner and at least 1,000,000 men wounded in the battle of Stalingrad. They were the flower of the German Army.

Chuikov said that during the most critical battle in October the Soviet losses did not exceed one-third of the enemy's.

The survivors of the bloodiest assault in history appear cheerful, normal and extremely optimistic about the future.

When we saw Von Paulus outside his hut he was sullen but apparently in good health. He faced Allied correspondents for two minutes but he refused to answer any questions except to give his name and age, which is 52. Most of the other generals displayed undisguised hostility.



Dreaming

Most all my life, my plans, my dreams Have proven just air castle schemes; But this fact matters not, for I Still build air castles in the sky.

Tall buildings, uncrowned, through the haze; Bright beacons, through the darker days To beckon me, to urge my best To reach those castles ere I rest.

And when I think that I have won I find that I have just begun Or that I'm grounded on some shoal That lies between me and my goal.

And I must plan anew, that I Can reach those castles in the sky. They represent the promised land That waits, because I dreamed and planned.

Captain Tedd.

That Fireplace

The march of time cannot erase My mem'ries of the fireplace That cast such cheery, warming rays Throughout the coldest winter days.

The friendly glow of embers there Reflecting on the easy chair Where mother sat to mend and darn While grandpa told we boys some yarn.

Of pioneers or far Cathay Of long ago and far away. Where conjured scenes would come and go In crackling flames and after-glow.

The hearthstone is the heart of home. And tho' this whole wide world I roam My path of life you can retrace Directly to that fireplace.

Captain Tedd.

League Takes Control of Phils In Stock Deal

Terry Rumored as Buyer With Jack Kelly; Nugent Ousted

NEW YORK, Feb. 10—Ford Frick, president of the National League, has announced that the League has taken over the Philadelphia Phillies, chronic baseball headache, and is offering the club for sale. The League has ousted Gerry Nugent from the presidency of the club, a position he has held since 1931, by purchasing all but a fraction of the 5,000 club shares.

The League, now acting as a broker, expects to announce a buyer within four or five days. Bill Terry, who resigned the general managership of the New York Giants, and Jack Kelly, Philadelphia politician and sportsman, are rumored as possible purchasers, although Frick would not comment on it.

The purchase price of the stock is undisclosed, but it is believed to represent Nugent's \$292,000 indebtedness to the League. Operating under an annual deficit, the Phillies have been baseball's biggest financial headache. The club kept going through recent years solely through the sale of key players and repeated financial assistance from the League. Since 1931 the club has finished in the cellar six times, seventh four times, sixth once—and fourth but once. Since Philadelphia is a notoriously poor baseball city anyway, the fans virtually had to be dragged to the ball park.

The new ownerships won't relieve the problem unless the club plays the quality ball to attract the fans or unless the franchise is moved to a better city, possibly in the Southwest or the West Coast.

Pill Rollers Top Ulster League

BELFAST, Feb. 10—Leadership changed hands again in the ladder basketball tournament at the Red Cross club here when the Pill Rollers, a medics quintet, turned the tables on the Nightsticks, 20-18. The MPs previously were on top by virtue of their surprise victory over the Amertex, crack technician team.

Cpl. Wilbur Strauss, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, scored eight points for the Pill Rollers, followed by Sgt. Orley Fiscus, of Waterloo, Iowa, who tallied six. Pfc Leonard Rowe, of Brooklyn, N.Y., collected nine points and Cpl. John Kurinsky, of Bridgeport, Conn., eight for the Nightsticks.

In another League game, the Redbirds, an Ordnance group, nosed out the GIs, Quartermaster and Engineer players, 19-17. Pfc Pete Price, of New Orleans, La., led the Redbirds with six points. Best point-maker for the GIs was Sgt. Joe Durkin, of South Bend, Ind.

Play in the ladder tournament will come to a close this week. The top three teams will then play a round robin to decide the club champion. The Amertex will have a chance to regain first place if they can topple the Pill Rollers.

NEWS FROM HOME

Big Air Force to Police World After War Pictured by Wallace

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 (AP)—"A United Nations peace force" and air arm, with the dual job of policing the world and providing commercial transport, is visualized for the post-war period by Vice-President Henry L. Wallace in a magazine article.

Vice-President Wallace said a mechanism to disarm and keep disarmed aggressor nations must be the United Nations' covenant, which would provide the machinery for international peace law, international peace court, and international peace force.

"If any aggressor nations take the first step towards disarmament they must be served with a 'cease and desist order,' and be warned of the consequences," he went on. "If economic quarantine does not suffice, the United Nations' peace force at once must bomb the aggressor nation mercilessly."

Vice-President Wallace predicted that world-wide reconstruction would probably be undertaken by a United Nations' investment corporation, and this project would prevent widespread unemployment.

The first post-war project should be the establishment of a network of globe-encircling airways, he added, and said a purely military air force would be extremely expensive to maintain.

Censorship Consolidates Rules

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—The Office of Censorship has consolidated the regulations governing all international communications in a step which replaced with a single code the prescribed separate rules for postal, cable and telephone censorship.

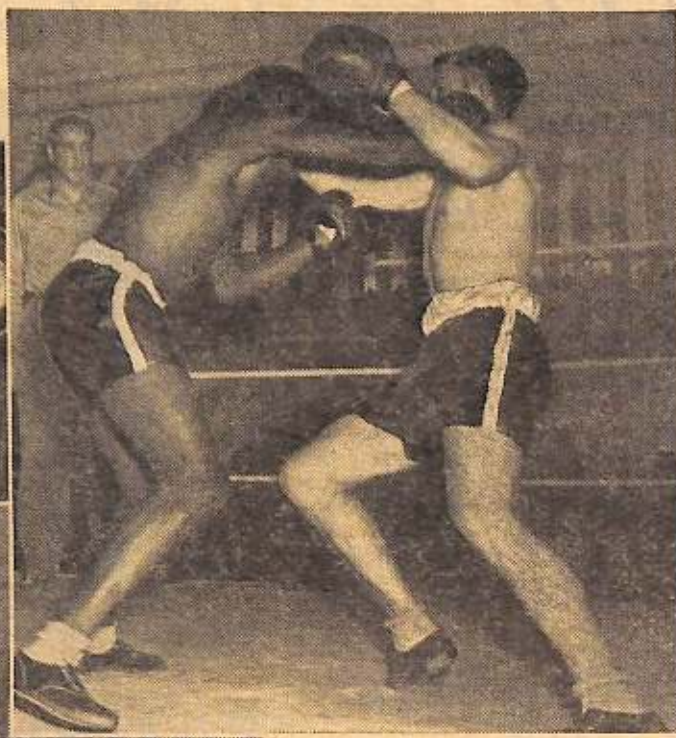
A new single set of regulations covers all press dispatches, periodicals, books and private business letters, cablegrams, radiograms, telephone messages and other communications from the U.S. It in-

Fight Night Highlights



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Hard rights such as Pvt. Rand Daviss, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is landing on the chin of Pvt. Kenneth Taylor, Lexington, S.C. (upper right), won him a TKO in the first round in Tuesday night's fight at the Rainbow Corner. Standing toe-to-toe, slugging it out, are two professionals, Cpl. Ed Ferguson, left, and Sgt. Charles Sanza, both from Philadelphia. Presentation of the winners' belts this week was made by Stanton Griffis, chairman of Madison Square Garden. S/Sgt. John H. Wooten, of Roanoke Rapids, N.C., is hoping he'll see Griffis in the Garden some day.



Cavaliers Lose To AGs, 26-23

1,500 Watch Final Tilt Of Special Services Tournament

By M. M. Robins

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

SOS HEADQUARTERS, Feb. 10—In the finals of the Special Service basketball tournament here, the Headquarters AG five beat the Cavalry Cavaliers, 26-23, in a slam-bang battle played before a crowd of 1,500.

The Cavaliers led at the half, 11-9, and were still out in front at the end of the third quarter, 21-18, only to lose out in the final period by a scant three points.

In a preliminary game, the Renegades, coached by 1st Lt. Stuart Hoskins, of Fredericksburg, Va., trimmed the Headquarters Yellowjackets, 43-21.

AGs				Cavaliers			
G	F	P		G	F	P	
Gelrod, lf	1	0	2	Jones, rf	2	1	5
Orentlicherman, lf	1	0	2	O'Connell, lf	2	1	5
Carter, rf	1	0	2	Wilbert, c	2	0	4
Maloney, c	1	4	6	Scott, lg	0	1	1
Wolansky, lg	2	1	5	Johnson, rf	2	0	4
Golinoss, rf	2	0	4	Kelley, c	1	0	2
Wroblewski, rf	2	1	5	Meyer, rf	1	0	2
Total .. 10 6 26				Total .. 10 3 23			

Johnson and Mergo Lead Company C to Victory

—DIVISION BASE, England, Feb. 10—Paced by Pfc Bernard Johnson, of Los Angeles, and S/Sgt. Peter Mergo, of Plymouth, Pa., who scored 11 points, Company C of an Infantry unit walloped Headquarters Company, 40-22, in a semi-finals game of the Regimental basketball tournament.

Pfc Frederick Morris, of Worcester, Mass., led the losing team in the scoring as he hung up ten points on five field goals, all of which were scored in the first half.

Company C was never behind, opening the scoring with Sgt. William Douglas, of Baltimore, dropping in a doubleheader after two minutes of the first quarter.

Co. C (40)				Headquarters (22)			
G	F	P		G	F	P	
Johnson, lf	4	3	11	Hershman, rf	3	2	8
Reynolds, lf	1	0	2	Rich, rf	0	1	1
Campbell, lf	0	0	0	DeLami, lf	1	1	3
Douglas, c	3	1	7	Morris, c	5	0	10
Mergo, rf	5	1	11	Freidel, rf	0	0	0
Missichisin, lg	4	1	9	Denny, lg	0	0	0
Totals 17 6 40				Totals 9 4 22			

Bruins Paw Wings, 3-1

BOSTON, Feb. 10—Bill Cowley, Boston Bruin center and leading point-getter in the National Hockey League, scored twice in the third period to lead the Boston Bruins to a crucial 3-1 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs. This victory gives the Bruins a six-point League lead over the Detroit Red Wings.

Penn Relays to be Held

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10—The athletic department of the University of Pennsylvania has announced that the historic early Spring Penn relays will be scheduled as usual.

Baseball To Continue, Landis Tells Scribes

NEW YORK, Feb. 10—At the annual New York Baseball Writers' dinner, Kenesaw Mountain Landis, baseball commissioner, promised the writers "that we'll have baseball as long as we can put teams of nine men on two sides of the diamond."

"We haven't a Washington lobby to plead baseball's case because we do not want to seek special favors for baseball in war time," Landis indicated the majors will endeavour to continue even if the War Manpower Commission classes baseball as a non-deferable activity.

Basketball Standings

Eastern					
W	L	W	L		
Pennsylvania	3	0	Columbia	1	2
Princeton	2	0	Harvard	0	3
Dartmouth	2	1	Yale	0	4
Cornell	2	2			

Southeastern					
W	L	W	L		
Kentucky	6	1	Vanderbilt	5	6
Tennessee	4	1	Mississippi	4	5
Louisiana State	7	2	Tulane	3	4
Georgia Tech	5	2	Auburn	1	10
Mississippi State	9	4	Georgia	0	4
Davidson	3	2	Virginia Tech	2	4
N. Carolina State	4	3	Florida	0	6
VMI	3	3			

Southern					
W	L	W	L		
George Washn	4	0	Maryland	2	3
Duke	6	1	Richmond	2	3
South Carolina	4	1	Washn. and Lee	2	3
Ciadel	3	1	North Carolina	5	6
Wm. and Mary	3	2	Virginia Tech	2	4
Davidson	3	2	Wake Forest	1	6
N. Carolina State	4	3	Clemson	0	6
VMI	3	3			

Big Six					
W	L	W	L		
Kansas	4	0	Nebraska	2	2
Oklahoma	4	0	Iowa State	2	3
Missouri	2	2	Kansas State	0	5

Missouri Valley					
W	L	W	L		
Creighton	5	0	St. Louis	2	3
Washington	4	1	Drake	1	3
Oklahoma Aggies	2	2	Tulsa	0	4

Southwest					
W	L	W	L		
Texas	5	0	Texas Aggies	2	4
Arkansas	4	1	S. Methodist	2	4
Rice	3	3	Baylor	1	6
Texas Christian	3	3			

Mountain					
W	L	W	L		
Wyoming	2	0	Colorado	0	2

Western Division					
W	L	W	L		
Brigham Young	3	1	Utah	1	5
Utah State	4	2			

Pacific Coast					
W	L	W	L		
Wash. State	5	2	Oregon State	4	4
Washington	5	3	Idaho	1	6
Oregon	4	4			

Southern Division					
W	L	W	L		
So. Cal.	5	0	UCLA	1	2
Stanford	1	2	California	1	4

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Army Rejects Muscular Man

BROOKLYN, Feb. 10—"Mr. America of 1942," alias "America's Most Muscular Man," was rejected by the Army because of a slight heart murmur.

Dan Lurie, 19, took first prize last year for the best-developed arms, legs, back, abdomen and chest.

Fellow students at Samuel J. Tilden High School voted Lurie the school's best athlete after he had excelled in swimming, track and weight lifting.

In his spare time Lurie was a piano mover, and a physical instructor at the local Adonis Athletic Club.

Victor Mature Divorce

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Feb. 10 (AP)—Mrs. Martha Stephenson Kemp Mature was divorced from the actor Victor Mature today.

Willis Leads Bombers, 20-17

A BOMBER STATION, England, Feb. 10—Led by S/Sgt. Willis with six points, the Bomb Squadron hoopsters defeated the Headquarters Squadron, Bomb Wing quintet, 20-17. Cpl. Werner led the losers with six tallies.



Cobras, Spits A Good Team Over Tunisia

But Luftwaffe Retains Edge Until More Fields Available

A new flying combination of American-flown Spitfires with Airacobras is raking the southern Tunisian front with cannon and machine-gun fire, the Allied Air Force Headquarters in North Africa revealed yesterday.

"The P39s teamed up with American Spitfires in numerous battle-sweeps and shot up enemy machine-gun posts, troops and lorries," the spokesman said. The planes are operating for the first time on this front.

In the most widespread sweep for many weeks Spitfires and Airacobras attacked machine-gun nests and killed at least 100 troops on the Gafsa-Maknassi road, setting several trucks on fire and killing 200 more enemy troops near Mezzouna in the vicinity of Maknassi.

Nazis Have Air Edge

Allied authorities freely admit the Luftwaffe probably is still able to throw a slight preponderance of fighters and bombers into the air over virtually any small sector of the front, and particularly in central and southern Tunisia.

Two months ago the Luftwaffe clearly dominated the skies in Tunisia, but the position has gradually been reversing itself, and the last month has seen the Germans gradually losing the initiative where the battle area as a whole is considered.

These are considered the best planes, according to Ned Russell, United Press correspondent at Allied headquarters:

British Wellingtons and Halifaxes, which are doing a brilliantly effective job in night attacks on Tunisian targets from bases in Malta and the Middle East.

American Flying Fortresses, which are doing an equally effective job of pounding the Tunis and Bizerta docks and airdromes and other airdromes as far south as Gabes by daylight.

The Axis has nothing to compare with these day and night bombers.

Me109C Best Fighter

The Luftwaffe's Messerschmitt 109C is regarded by Allied officials as the best fighter in use in the North African theater, and even crack RAF Spitfire pilots who flew hundreds of hours over the Channel and western Europe agree with them. RAF reports show that British pilots have been able so far to outscore the 109s, but they indicate this is due primarily to the superiority of the British pilots.

The American Lightning is regarded as the best long-range fighter escort plane in this theater, particularly for escorting high-flying bombers such as the Fortresses, but it is not comparable to the Spitfire in rough-and-tumble dogfights at medium altitude, where most air battles in North Africa are being fought.

In light bombing and strafing of forward areas the Luftwaffe probably has a slight advantage with the Junkers 88 and 87 and Messerschmitt 109Gs and 110s.

While much of the German air superiority has already been overcome, Allied air experts are eagerly awaiting the completion of new Allied airdromes nearer the front, which will then enable them to launch a great air offensive against Axis targets in southern Europe, especially Italy.

Work Week -

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planes and munitions, ships for the Navy and automotive equipment for all the United Nations has been flowing for more than a year.

The new order supplants older regulations establishing the 40-hour week in contract industries.

Byrnes said it was part of a national plan to halt the upward spiral of inflation—pointing out that at the present time war plant wages had raised the average weekly earnings of all American factory workers by more than 40 per cent over January, 1941, and more than 60 per cent over the levels of September, 1939. In addition, he declared, most families now have from two to three or more pay envelopes coming each week as against one—or none—a few years ago.

"Higher prices and higher wages," the Director of Economic Stabilization said, "will not enable us to buy more canned goods or sugar. These items are rationed. They won't enable us to buy automobiles or electric refrigerators because these articles are not for sale. They will increase income—but the government will be forced to recapture excess income in higher taxes.

"We must not retreat in the fight to stabilize the cost of living. An Act of Congress provided that prices, wages and salaries affecting the cost of living should be stabilized at the basis levels existing on Sept. 15, 1942. We must hold to that line."

For the present, the Presidential 48-hour order applies only to the manufacturing districts named, but Byrnes' words—particularly the emphasis he placed on living costs and the inflation danger—indicated that it might be extended wherever labor shortages and high wages threatened production, on the one hand, and the maintenance of normal price levels, on the other.

GI Gunsmith Makes Own Firearms

Ordnance Gets Right Man For Job in Gun Collector

A U.S. ORDNANCE DEPOT, Feb. 10—When Pvt. James Leaming goes to work on a busted revolver on his bench at this station, he really knows what he's doing.

In civilian life, Leaming is a collector of old firearms, even builds his own flint lock pistols when he can't find just what he wants on the antique market; and once worked with the head of Purdue University's chemical engineering laboratory on armor-piercing, high-velocity ammunition. Just to round it off, he also was an aircraft engine inspector.

At his job in the army, Leaming is getting all of the guns anyone could want; his assignment is the repair of small arms, up to and including .50 cal. machine-guns, and it's duck soup for the gunsmith from Romney, Ind.

Leaming started collecting firearms and ammunition "way back when" and classified as his most prized possession a 1787 converted flint-lock Kentucky rifle. However, just a couple of weeks ago he got his hands on a new collector's item. It's a French nobleman's pistol, highly embellished with sterling silver inlay, which he purchased for approximately \$25 in a small town near his station.

The newcomer to the Leaming collection, he points out, is a flint-lock pistol that has no markings on it whatsoever except for a "six pointed star" which denotes the maximum quality of the maker. Outside of that distinction mark, the weapon offers no clue to the maker. Leaming says "It's a steal," for the gun is worth much more than the money he paid.

Not only does he collect shooting irons, Leaming makes his own. Back in his workshop he used to take all the surplus parts hanging around, add them to a bit



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Inspecting the latest addition to his firearm collection, Pvt. James Leaming (left), Romney, Ind., tells about a French nobleman's sterling silver inlay pistol to Pvt. Edward Volz, New York, and how its flint-lock works.

from this weapon and a bit from that, and wind up with an entirely new creation.

"And," he maintains, "they used to work, too."

He made his own ammunition for the home-made guns.

Leaming did serious research with the late Dr. A. Pfeiffer, former head of the chemical engineering laboratory at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., on armor-

piercing ammunition of extra high velocity.

Leaming graduated from Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Indiana, and took a post-graduate course at Indiana University. After a short spell of school teaching at Crawfordsville High School, he worked for the Allison Engineering Co., Indianapolis, Ind., where he was an inspector of aircraft engines for 18 months.

Navy Baker Challenges Army Cooks With Recipe for Cake

LONDONDERRY, Feb. 10—Here's a recipe for coffee cake that's a real favorite at the U.S. Naval base here, and its originator passes it along.

The recipe is different from the usual run of coffee cakes. Ordinarily, coffee cake is made with yeast and sweet dough. Bkr. lc R. K. Rhoads, of San Francisco, Cal., thought up a new way of making the morning delicacy, with cake dough and a special topping.

Rhoads takes 10lb. of sugar, 7½lb. of lard and 5oz. of salt, and creams the ingredients. Then he adds 3½lb. of flour, 1½lb. of baking powder and two gallons

of milk. No eggs are used, although they can be if they are available. Rhoads does not use powdered eggs because they spoil the taste of the cake. The topping, or "strusel," is made as follows: Cream 2½lb. of sugar, 2½lb. of lard, 5oz. of cinnamon, and lemon extract to taste. Then add 5lb. of flour.

Other bakers who have used Rhoads' recipe and found it successful include Bkr. 3c Fred Malzan, Withee, Wis.; Bkr. 3c L. R. Brown, Los Angeles; Bkr. 3c F. M. Chamarak, Syracuse, N.Y.; Bkr. 3c Bill O'Hara, Boston, and Bkr. 3c D. R. Donovan, Boston, Mass.

No Opposition On Guadalcanal

Jap Destroyers Smashed As Fresh Troops Landed On Guadalcanal

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sank one of the Jap vessels. The American fliers scored hits on three other destroyers.

Tokyo yesterday said that the last Jap units on Guadalcanal were withdrawn on Feb. 7 and have not been transferred to other points.

The Japanese previously evacuated an unknown number of high-ranking officers by destroyers and submarines, but there was no indication of the mass removal of troops.

The Jap base at Kendari in the Celebes was attacked by Liberators yesterday. Buildings, grounded aircraft and harbor installations were attacked and a large Jap merchant ship in the harbor was bombed. The results of the attack on the harbor area were not observed.

The Allied force was intercepted by Jap fighters north of Timor. The Japs broke off the engagement after losing one plane. There were no Allied losses.

On Feb. 9 Airacobra fighters strafed and sank an enemy barge off Hooier Bay in the Northern Russell Islands. A number of floating drums of fuel oil were destroyed in the same vicinity.

During the evening a force of Marauder Medium bombers with Airacobra and Lightning escort bombed Jap New Georgia.

During the evening Dauntless dive bombers with Lightning and Wildcat escort attacked Japanese positions at Munda on New Georgia island.

One hundred Japs have been killed in renewed fighting around Wau below Salamaua, New Guinea, according to late communique.

SOS Headquarters Choir Seeking Trained Singers

SOS HEADQUARTERS, England, Feb. 10—A newly organized choir under the direction of T/5 Louis Ferraro, of Teaneck, N.J., a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, is seeking members according to an announcement by Capt. George W. Smoot, Special Service.

Singers who have choir or vocal experience can contact Ferraro by writing to him through this headquarters. Rehearsals are held Wednesday nights at the Red Cross. In addition to enlisted men, officers and women war workers are included in the choir.

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more than 15 inches long and 36 inches in length and girth combined.

Under the new regulations, single copies of newspapers and magazines no longer may be mailed to soldiers. However, magazines and newspapers may be mailed to a soldier by the publisher if the soldier is a subscriber. The soldier will be free to subscribe to any newspaper or magazine he wishes and will not require special permission to do so.

The War Department said that "it should be borne in mind that copies of many current publications are provided by the Special Service Division and are available to the soldiers."

One exception to the new rules was listed: Soldiers sent abroad while packages addressed to them at a U.S. station were in transit will be forwarded overseas.

"Experience indicates that the new restrictions on packages will work no hardship," the War Department said. "In the main these rules will operate merely to prevent the duplication of items of food-stuffs, clothing and other articles already adequately supplied by the Army.

"There is an obvious necessity for conserving the cargo space of airplanes as well as ships, and the V-mail system was devised to meet this problem. V-mail represents a saving of 98 per cent in cargo space as opposed to ordinary mail."

Rainbow Jamboree Today

The American Red Cross Rainbow Corner will stage another juke box jamboree with informal dancing from 3 to 5:30 PM today. A Bingo contest with prizes will be held in the Rainbow Room at 8 PM.

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and road communications here now. Golikov has also cut the Kursk-Kharkov railway at Solitzevo, 40 miles south of Kursk.

To the south, the Germans staged a major tank attack against some of Gen. Vatutin's columns which were moving southwards into the Donetz basin. After a giant tank battle, the German opposition crushed and a new Russian advance made towards Konsantinovka. The Germans lost many tanks, two armored cars and 1,600 men.

The Caucasus, where the Germans have been split by the Russian advance to the sea of Azov, heavy fighting is reported only in the Rostov area, but there is still no indication the Russians have tried to cross the Don south of Rostov.

The Russian advance on Rostov is coming along the northern bank from the east. Russian forces crossed the Donetz some time ago and since then nothing has been heard of their progress. These operations on the north bank are not connected, except in a general way, with those which led to the Russians reaching the banks of the river south of Rostov.

Rosato's Band Will Play At Hans Crescent Tonight

Rosato's London Base Command band will play at 7:30 tonight at the American Red Cross Hans Crescent club. A floor show will feature Patricia Burke and comedians Jack and Eddie Eden.

Friday night Rosato's band will broadcast from the club to America on the weekly "Johnny Doughboy Reporting" program.

Blondie

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



by Chic Young

Former Scouts In Forces Here Mark Birthday

U.S., British Soldiers, Now In Different Sort of Uniform, Meet

Former Boy Scouts and Scoutmasters now in the U.S. forces here met British Scouts and officials at a reception at the American Red Cross Mostyn Club in London last night.

Observing National Boy Scout Week at a dinner sponsored by Red Cross Director Bill Cruise, of Passaic, N.J., the men from the American organization now wearing GI uniforms swapped tall tales and merit badges with members of the brother organization in the British Isles.

The "get acquainted" meeting was organized by S/Sgt. Richard S. Griffith, of Norfolk, Va., a scoutmaster for 16 years.

The British group was headed by C. Allen Bixby, International Boy Scout Commissioner of Great Britain, and F. Haydn Dimmock, editor of The Scout, official publication corresponding to Boys' Life in the U.S.

Guest of honor at the meeting, which was in celebration of the birth of the Scout movement, was King's Scout Stanley Newton, leader of the "British Blitz Scouts." The "King's Scout" rating is comparable to the Eagle Scout in the American organization.

Other Americans at the anniversary dinner were: Pvt. George Michals, scoutmaster, Troop 82, Rochester, N.Y.; Cpl. Charles Garrison, assistant scoutmaster, Troop 35, Cambridge, Ill.; Pvt. Robert Garrison, scoutmaster, Troop 71, Atlanta, Ga.; 2nd Lt. Clark Craig, Eagle scout, Troop 6, Minneapolis, Minn.; Cpl. Melvin L. McGee, scoutmaster, Troop 34, Spottsville, N.J.

Many Were Scoutmasters

Pfc Leslie Tichenell, assistant scoutmaster, Troop 38, Oceanbeach, Cal.; Sgt. Kenneth Ross, assistant scoutmaster, Troop 20, New York City; Pvt. Larry Rueb, first class scout, Chicago, Ill.; Pfc William Erickson, first class scout, Troop 2, McAlester, Okla.; Pvt. John Davis, first class scout, Troop 1, Austin, Tex.; Pfc Ted Rothstein, assistant scoutmaster, New York; Cpl. Isadore Abrams, scoutmaster, Troop 40, Syracuse, N.Y.; Pvt. William Okrent, first class scout, Troop 118, Cincinnati, O.; Cpl. Carl Merryman, scoutmaster, Troop 1, Corvallis, Ore.; Sgt. James Kos, assistant scoutmaster, Troop 3, Winna, Minn.

Sgt. Leonard E. Anderson, first class scout, Troop 6, Batavia, Ill.; Pvt. Charles C. McKassall, scoutmaster, Troop 8, Macon, Miss.; Cpl. John S. Teixeira, assistant scoutmaster, Troop 2, Hudson, Mass.; Pvt. Dan Baum, skipper, Sea Scout ship Raveu, Chillicothe, O.

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Rommel to pull his forces in behind the Mareth Line to make a determined stand to hold off the Eighth Army drive as long as possible.

"I think he will stand at the Mareth Line as long as there is no danger of his being isolated," Gen. Alexander said.

He thought the Germans were very unhappy about the situation. He added that he expected them to consolidate their forces under one unified command, and that with the narrowing theater in Tunisia the entire battle in North Africa would develop into one front instead of two, as had been the case since the Eighth Army attacked in the east and the British and American armies drove from the west.

As long as the enemy was able to hang on to Africa, Allied operations would be hamstrung, he explained, and that was one important reason for driving the enemy out of Tunisia.

Apparently the Mareth Line was the only position behind which Rommel could stand, as there was no evidence of any new fortifications having been prepared north of that position.

Gen. Alexander said that he was confident that the line could be turned on the flank by sufficiently strong forces, since it extended only about 40 miles inland from the coast.

When the French built the line, Gen. Alexander said, they were not thinking in terms of highly mobile armored forces, but of throwing up barriers against infantry attack.

He considered the fortifications much too short to be an effective barrier to mobile forces which could swing around the defences over passable hill country very much like that which the Eighth Army traversed in the drive on Tripoli.

If driven out of the Mareth Line, Rommel's next best position for a stand would be near Gabes, where the land forms a bottleneck between two lakes.

"The enemy stand in North Africa depends mainly on supply lines," Gen. Alexander said.

He explained that the Allies were getting their air forces into position to hit heavier blows. He said that if they got airfields near Bizerta and Tunis they could hit the enemy day and night with bombers attacking with fighter escort.

Magic at Washington Club

1st Lt. Herbert Stribling, of Macon, Ga., will attempt to prove that the hand is quicker than the eye when he entertains guests in the lounge of the American Red Cross Washington Club with his magician act tonight at 8 PM.