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U.S. Planes Hit Tripoli From West

Deliver Their First Blow From Tunisia Bases; 8th Army Advances

American bombers struck Tripoli from Tunisia bases for the first time yesterday, bombing an airfield 10 miles west of Tripoli and scoring direct hits, Allied headquarters in North Africa announced last night. No further details were immediately available.

There were signs of a new British offensive in Tripolitania, where the front has been static for more than a week. Morocco radio spoke of "pursuit operations," and Berlin radio told of attacks against British tank and other vehicle concentrations on the Tripoli front. Berlin also said that Spitfires were shot down.

Allied aircraft continued to hammer Axis transport on Rommel's road of retreat towards Tripoli, suggesting that heavy transport movements by the enemy were continuing. Road junctions, significantly, were also being attacked.

In the Tunis area bad weather stopped all land operations.

Operations in North Africa, except for attacks against Italian garrisons by the French camel corps, have been almost entirely confined to the air during the last 48 hours.

Tunis, the coastal road in Tripolitania, Pantellaria, Sicily, Sfax, Lampedusa Island, railways in the Tunisian interior, Gabes, Kairouan and Bizerta all were bombed or strafed by Allied aircraft, and tons of bombs have been poured on strategic points among the Axis positions.

Eighth Army in Pursuit

Retreat of part of the Axis forces in Tripolitania continued yesterday, according to Morocco radio, quoting Cairo reports.

"Following this," said the Morocco station, "the Eighth Army started pursuit operations. Meanwhile the time spent at Buerat has allowed Gen. Montgomery to regroup his land forces."

There was no confirmation of this from any Allied source, but Berlin radio issued claims which look like a partial confirmation of the reports that war of movement has again started in Tripolitania.

"Several tank formations preparing for action were smashed and destroyed by our bombers," said Berlin radio. "The number of destroyed vehicles amounts to more than 150, a large number of which blew up after being hit." This is presumably a suggestion that they were ammunition lorries.

Intruder Patrols

RAF planes from Malta again carried out intruder patrols over Pantellaria, Sicily and Tunis. This involves sitting over enemy airdromes waiting for enemy machines to take off and land, when they are specially vulnerable. Transport on the road between Sfax and Gabes in Tunis was also attacked.

The enemy returned the compliment by sending over planes to Benghazi, now a British supply base, on Friday night. There they met our night fighters and two of them, a Messerschmitt 111 and a Junkers 88, were shot down.

(The Messerschmitt 111 is a new type of aircraft. This is its first reported appearance on any front.)

Operations in Tunisia have been held up again by bad weather, with rain again turning stretches of the countryside into bogs and morasses. Activity was chiefly confined to the air. Kairouan again was bombed by Allied aircraft.

The Axis claimed to have attacked the Allied airdrome at Maison Blanche, Algiers, and the ports of Bougie and Algiers, and also motorized formations in the Tunis area and troop encampments.

Gen. Longfellow Decorates Four Airmen in Hospital

A U.S. ARMY HOSPITAL, England, Jan. 10—Four American airmen, recovering here from wounds received in action, have been decorated with Purple Hearts by Brig. Gen. Newton Longfellow, acting commander of the Eighth Air Force Bomber Command.

Visiting each man in his room, Gen. Longfellow conducted brief ceremonies with each presentation.

Those decorated: 1st Lts. Daniel A. McColl, navigator, Boise, Idaho, and Howard N. Young, pilot, Berkeley, Cal.; 2nd Lt. Albert M. Buck, bombardier, Anderson, Ind., and S/Sgt. Earl E. Teats, tail gunner, Billings, Mont.

Spaatz Named to Command Allied Air Force in Tunisia

ETO Air Chief Retains Post Here as Well; Gives French P40s

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan. 10 (UP)—Maj. Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander of the U.S. Army Air Force in the European Theater, has been made commander-in-chief of a new Allied air force in Tunisia, Gen. Eisenhower announced yesterday.

The new air force comprises the British Eastern Air Command, the U.S. 12th Air Force and such French units as may be attached to it. The Eastern Air Command is commanded by Air Marshal Sir William Welsh and the 12th Air Force by Brig. Gen. J. H. (Jimmy) Doolittle, who led the U.S. bombing raid on Tokyo.

Gen. Spaatz will continue to act as commander of the U.S. air forces in the European Theater as well as nominal head of the U.S. Eighth Air Force, which is under the command of Brig. Gen. Ira C. Eaker. Gen. Spaatz has been at Allied headquarters in North Africa for some time as deputy commander-in-chief for air.

Much of the credit for the heavy increase in the bomber and fighter activity over Tunisia since Christmas is due to his direction.

In the last two weeks Allied planes have done heavy damage to Axis supply lines and shot down a large number of Axis planes.

(Morocco radio said last night that Gen. Spaatz was handing over 13 P40s to the new French Lafayette Squadron. They were "but first of the gifts. We will



Planet Photos

Maj. Gen. Carl Spaatz

help equip soldiers of France with modern arms to the maximum of our ability."

(Gen. Spaatz told French airmen "we are assembled here to continue a glorious tradition, a tradition of everlasting friendship, between the French Republic and the United States. We are once more brothers in arms. In the present campaign we already have had tangible proof the French troops are as gallant and as seasoned as in the past.")

'Boom Town' Bounced Home On Turret and Two Engines

A U.S. BOMBER BASE, England, Jan. 10—The Flying Fortress called "Boom Town" bounced westward across the English Channel with its ball turret triking the waves. Its bombardier had been killed by flak. Two of its crew were wounded. But it had scored direct hits on submarine pens at Lorient, shot down three and possibly five German fighters and struggled home on two engines.

Air Equipment Flown to Front

Portable Hangars Speed Construction of Fort Bases in Africa

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—Light weight portable hangars and construction equipment, flown by air, are making it possible to construct advanced air bases almost overnight to support our action in Tunisia, Brig.-Gen. Stuart Godfrey disclosed today on his return from North Africa.

Three days after his air-borne engineers were flown to sites selected for airdromes, Flying Fortresses were taking off from the first base. The second base was completed the next day.

"That saving of a few hours or days in the construction of such airdromes may have a great bearing on the outcome of the whole campaign," he said.

Flak Battered Plane

The bombardier, Lt. G. C. Bentinck Jr., Galveston, Tex., shouted over the intercom: "Bull's-eye!" Seconds later heavy flak struck the plane. It killed Bentinck at his post as enemy fighters drove in to attack.

A piece of flak hit the navigator, Lt. William M. Smith, Ashland, Wis., in the arm, passed through his life-jacket and knocked him off his seat. Just then slugs from a fighter ripped through the cabin where he had been sitting.

An explosive shell ripped the bottom out of the ball turret, jammed the spare ammunition against Sgt. Oscar Green, Great Falls, Mont. "I thought my leg was off," he said, but he stayed in the

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Lone Yank Beat Machine-Gun Squads

WITH A U.S. TASK FORCE, North Africa, Jan. 10 (UP)—Pvt. Michael Underhill, Millinburg, Pa., was back at headquarters today, his 19th birthday, after a 100-mile solo trek of four nights and days through enemy territory, during which time he held off single-handed two enemy machine-gun squads and also dispersed a squad of 10 men.

Underhill, a paratrooper on a demolition party headed by Lt. Dan De Leo, Chicago, became separated from the rest. Recently he told his story haltingly in the candle-lighted two-room headquarters at a Tunisian village. His commander, Col. Edson D. Raff, told him he was now a corporal and would get a two-week furlough, whereupon Underhill replied:

"I don't want to be a corporal, sir. I just want to be a buck private."

'I'll Hold 'Em Off'

"After we jumped, we travelled along a railroad southward, the demolition men doing their work as we went. Then we stopped in an olive grove and conferred. A corporal told me we were splitting up in an attempt to reach the lines.

"Late in the afternoon we ran into about 25 men, who started firing. At a ravine I told the others to continue west,

that I would try to hold off the enemy. I was on the edge of the ravine and fired shots occasionally into the enemy. They brought up machine-guns, but by that time it was dark and I escaped westward.

"I caught up with the others about an hour later. We continued westward until about 2 AM when we all slept in a cactus patch until mid-day, when grazing sheep woke us. Some Arabs saw us, and the others thought they would get us so they headed south, but I continued westward.

Enemy Approaches

"Two hours later I crossed a road and saw a truck in the distance. I kept going but the truck stopped and about eight or ten soldiers headed toward me. I couldn't tell whether they were Italians or Germans. I laid down in the grass and waited until they were about 75 yards away and tossed a grenade. It didn't quite reach them, but I saw two of them hurt or killed. The others picked up the two that were hurt, carried them to the truck and drove off.

"I set out west again and walked all night. Just before dawn I found a cactus patch where I slept all day, bothered only by Arabs hollering to their sheep.

"To keep my direction at night, I used a compass and found a star exactly west that was close to the horizon. I followed

Reds Break Through Line in Lower Don In Dash for Rostov

Weather Plane Sinks Japanese Cargo Ship

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan. 10 (AP)—The Alaskan Defense Command disclosed today that a United States weather plane on a patrol route over the Aleutians bombed and sank a Japanese cargo ship at Holtz Bay, Attu Island, early this month.

Maj. Gen. S. D. Buckner congratulated the plane crew for "turning in the best weather report so far rendered in Alaska."

Drive Germans From Defenses 50 Miles North of City

MOSCOW, Jan. 10 (AP)—The Red Army has broken through the German line on the Lower Don in a rushing offensive against Rostov.

The break-through was announced in the midday Soviet communique after the Russians had pushed into the angle formed by the Don, Severny and Donetz rivers, one of the last highly favorable natural positions for the defense of Rostov, key to the Caucasus.

The crossing of the Severny and Donetz would expose Rostov to a direct attack down the west bank of the Don, a little more than 50 miles away.

The Russians simultaneously occupied 30 more settlements in the northern Caucasus and pushed down the railway, southwest from Stalingrad, close to Salsk, quickening the offensive on all the major sectors.

Two Months of Success

Almost two months after the Red Army initiated its gigantic winter campaign on Nov. 19 with its offensive at Stalingrad, it was still rolling forward with unslackening power.

Red Army tank operations were credited with a large share of the success in this winter's campaign. In contrast with last year's offensive, when the infantry and artillery bore the main burden, tanks and motorized infantry were reported now to be leading the advance.

Rostov, one of its main goals, appeared to be definitely in danger. The advance point reached yesterday was Ust-Kagalnitsky, on the north bank of the Don, barely five miles east of its junction with the Severny and Donetz rivers. Kastirochny, just east of this point, was also taken.

The Russians appeared to be pushing towards the west in this sector mopping up towns on the east bank of the Severny and Donetz, between the Don and the railway west from Stalingrad, in preparation for a descent on Rostov.

The previous push south carried the Russians to Strakhov on the north bank of the Sal, 65 miles to the northeast of Rostov, nearest point to their objective yet reached. Ust-Kagalnitsky lies 20 miles farther north.

One north Caucasus city, Georgievsk, is outflanked to the east by the rapid Red Army advance to the north. Another, Piatigorsk, is menaced by the Red Army advance to Zolskoye, 13 miles southeast of Piatigorsk.

Bitter Resistance

Very hard fighting is going on on the lower Don where the Germans hung on tenaciously and counter-attacked in one sector with more than 100 tanks and a large force of infantry.

The offensive appeared to be progressing steadily with no current spectacular dashes, but a methodical occupation of territory and a relentless grinding of German man-power and material and the gradual advance towards Rostov.

The Germans were attempting to beat off Red Army attacks by fortifying their positions on railway lines, main roads and large populated places, a Tass correspondent reported.

Violent fighting took place at approaches to the town of Soldatsko-Alexandrovskoye. The Germans entrenched themselves on heights and along the highway and launched several counter-attacks. But advancing Soviet troops immobilized the enemy forces in these sectors, then attacked in other directions, rapidly approaching the town.

After flank blows the Germans began a hurried retreat, and the Red Army attacked and captured the town. Fighting

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Servicemen May Cable, Air Mail Gifts to States

Arrangements have been made for American servicemen to cable or air mail flowers and candy to friends and relatives in the United States for St. Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter Sunday and Mothers' Day.

A. McIntosh, manager of the London branch, American Express Co., announced yesterday that orders for this service should be placed not less than ten days in advance of the delivery date, if to be sent by cable, and 30 days in advance if by air mail.

Bomb-Battered Jap Ships Flee Allied Attacks

77 Enemy Planes Downed, Three Transports Sunk, Others Damaged

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Jan. 10 (UP)—After landing some troops, supplies and equipment at Lae, the Japanese base on the north coast of New Guinea 170 miles northwest of Buna, the Japanese convoy which was the prize of a three-day battle between its strong fighter umbrella and Allied planes has now withdrawn.

Two more Japanese transports and a merchant ship were hit and 39 Japanese fighters shot down during the third 24-hour period of the battle from Friday afternoon to yesterday afternoon. Another four fighters were destroyed and seven other planes damaged on Lae airdrome.

Altogether 77 Japanese fighters were shot down in the incessant air battles over the convoy. The Allied losses were "comparatively negligible."

The convoy consisted of two cruisers, four destroyers and six transports. Three of the transports were sunk, and the other three received direct hits.

Bombed on Beach

The Japanese who succeeded in landing at Lae, barges and supply dumps were bombed and strafed by Allied planes, and fires were started which could be seen 50 miles away.

Meanwhile the Australian and American troops who smashed the Japanese beachhead at Buna are squeezing out the last Japanese center of resistance in the greater Buna area at Sanananda. Today's communique states that our ground forces in this area are increasing their pressure.

The Japanese airdrome at Madang, 130 miles northwest of Lae, was strafed by an Allied heavy bomber at noon on Thursday. Two other heavy bombers, it is now revealed, shot down seven out of 15 Japanese Zero fighters which tried to head them off when they were returning from

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Sub-Zero Temperatures Bring Suffering on Russian Fronts



Across the wind-swept, frozen plains somewhere on the central front, Russian sappers crawl toward the German lines, removing mines as Red artillerymen place a covering barrage.

A German officer directs several men in the task of getting his car out of the mud near Rostov—an example of the difficulties of the German war machine in the Russian winter.

Soviets Pierce German Lines In Lower Don

Push Foe from Defense Positions 50 Miles Northeast of City

(Continued from page 1) continues along the railway line leading to Georgievsk.

The Red Army was reported to be consolidating its positions on the central front, repulsing strong enemy counterattacks to the southwest of Veliki Luki. A German claim that they were still in possession of Veliki Luki was refuted by a Pravda dispatch, which said that life in the reoccupied city was becoming normal and that the railway was being restored. The first Soviet train was expected to arrive soon from the east. The local newspaper Velikolukskaya, Pravda said, had resumed publication.

The city's population, which was 80,000 before the war, was estimated at only 7,000 when the Red Army returned.

A special communique announced the death "while discharging official duties"

Nazis Found Oil Town Valueless Three Months

Although the Germans occupied the oil town of Malgobek in the Caucasus for three months, they did not get a single drop of oil there, a dispatch from the town disclosed yesterday, according to United Press.

The Russians had immobilized the equipment of the wells so thoroughly that the Germans were not able to put one of them into operation.

Malgobek was retaken by the Russians on Jan. 3, and the dispatch states that gangs of workers are now hard at work putting the wells back in working order.

of Aviation Major Maria Raskova, commander of an air combat regiment.

Most distinguished Soviet airwoman, she began her career as an aircraft designer and became a long-distance pilot and navigator. She was one of the three women who in 1938 flew the passenger plane "Rodina" from Moscow to the Far East, establishing a women's non-stop long-distance record.

"Colonel Blatto," broadcasting from Rome last night on the military situation in Russia, said that hard fighting was in progress south of Lake Ilmen and that the Red Army was trying "to achieve important successes." He said that the German troops were regrouping in order to "stem the enemy's blows."

He added that in the Don region the situation was temporarily unfavorable for the Axis forces and that the battle was "serious."

Boston Veteran of Royal Navy Joins U.S. Forces

Charles Burnham Porter, 35, Boston reator and amateur yachtsman who has been on active duty with the Royal Navy for the last year-and-a-half, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in London.

Porter was one of a group of 18 yachtsmen from New York and Boston who went to Halifax in June, 1941, and joined the British Navy. He obtained a lieutenant's commission and was sent to Great Britain, where he trained at Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

His home is at 251 Beacon St., Boston.



Expressions of weariness of the hard Russian winter appear on the faces of these captured Germans. (All of these pictures have just arrived in London from Moscow.) Photo top right, Keystone; others, Planet.

Plane Bounces Home on Waves

Two Engines Dead, Riddled With Flak, Fort Staggers to Base

(Continued from page 1) turret and "kept covering his area" despite blinding oil, escaping fumes and the loss of his oxygen.

The only flak burst to hit "Boom Town" knocked it out of formation. Capt. Clyde B. Walker, Tulsa, Okla., the pilot, fought for control.

One FW190 fell before the tail turret guns of Sgt. Stephen G. Krucher, Merrick, L.I., who had been badly wounded. S/Sgt. W. W. Stroud, Fedonia, Kan., destroyed another plane.

Two Engines Out

Meanwhile Capt. Walker's job became more difficult. The blast of flak had broken the drive shaft of No. 1 engine. Another hit struck the top cylinder of No. 2 engine and left it with only emergency power.

Shells, bullets and flak also weakened the oil pressure, dented one of the prop blades on No. 3 engine, ripped a huge hole in the nose of the plane, shattered the ball turret, damaged the bomb-bay doors, oxygen lines, de-icing system, radio equipment and knocked a control cable off the elevator.

Lt. Bill J. Reed, Siloam Springs, Ark., the co-pilot, told how Sgt. Stroud used a .50-caliber bullet to work the slipping elevator cable back on its pulley as the plane lurched along.

Third enemy fighter to fall before "Boom Town's" guns was the prize of Sgt. Phillip L. Judkins, Tacoma, Wash. Then, while Sgt. John T. Frisholz, Wilmington, Cal., was absent from his gun extinguishing a fire in his radio compartment, Stroud and Sgt. Lewis P. Berring, a former Los Angeles mechanic, fought off two more FW190s, which fell smoking. The waist gunners were too busy to verify destruction.

Another Fort Helped

Meanwhile, the Fort was dropping at the rate of 2,000 feet a minute. Another Fortress gave "Boom Town" protection for several minutes. "He probably saved our necks there for a little while. He kept them off us just long enough," said Capt. Walker.

The crippled ship ducked into protective clouds. When they came out again over the Channel the crew gave first aid to its wounded.

Capt. Walker spotted land. The crew hoped it was England. But it turned out to be Brest which "Boom Town" had bombed on another day.

The Fortress was down to 600 feet by this time.

"We came right over the harbor," Lt. Smith said. "They must have been pretty surprised. We were within five miles of the merchant ships there before they even got their balloons up."

The Fort took straight out over the harbor with Walker and Reed each watching one side. Now flying on two engines,

Sawbuck Would Buy Farm At This Rate

WITH A U.S. TASK FORCE, North Africa, Jan. 10 (UP)—Probably the best barterers in this force are Sgt. Arthur Kellar, Easalon, Ill., Sgt. James C. Anderson, Bowden, Ga., and Cpl. Clarence Callahan, Jacksonville, Fla. They drove a jeep into the hills and returned with the following, for which they paid 100 francs, equal to \$1.30 in American money:

A bull calf, two chickens and 19 eggs.

They are undecided whether to try to eat the calf, fatten it for a better feast or keep it for a mascot.

the plane bounced several times on the Channel and they hoped the propeller on No. 2 engine, which was running away, would jar loose.

"I think the pilot was just bouncing the ball turret to gain altitude," Sgt. Stroud said. "He kept dragging the turret and each time we'd bounce up about a hundred feet."

Walker gave orders to prepare for a crash landing. The crew threw everything overboard—ammunition, oxygen bottles, masks, parachutes, anything to lighten the load. Then two German fighters appeared.

"Where's my ammunition?" Sgt. Frisholz shouted. Berring just shrugged his shoulders. The fighters went away.

"Each time the chief told us we were going to ditch," Lt. Reed said, "he sent me back to get braced for the crash. Then just as I thought we were going to hit I'd look out and we were going up again."

But Capt. Walker managed to pull the big plane up to 800 feet, clear the Channel cliffs and land at a British base.

The officers and crew were divided over the reasons why they arrived safely.

"I'd like to say that the crew thinks the pilot deserves very special commendation," said Lt. Smith.

"It's the crew that deserves that," Capt. Walker replied.

Sgt. Green had a good explanation: "The Gremlins must have been holding us up," he said.

Canadian Unit At Africa Front

Detachment Moves Up To Join British First Army

WITH THE CANADIAN ARMY in North Africa, Jan. 10 (AP)—The detachment of Canadian officers and NCOs who have arrived in North Africa to study battle conditions are now en route for the Tunisian front to join battle units of the First Army after several days at a base camp. They will disperse from Army Headquarters to forward regiments and will be in the front line before long.

Infantry representatives will probably be in action first and have been preparing with British reinforcements at a former French army camp.

Some are going to join the Guards and others will go to the Hampshires, East Surreys, Northamptonshires and other regiments which have been through some of the heaviest fighting.

Buzz Wagner Found Dead In Wreckage of Plane

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 10 (AP)—The U.S. War Department has notified the parents of Lt. Col. Boyd B. (Buzz) Wagner, a hero of the Philippines, that his body has been found in a wrecked plane about 25 miles north of Elgin Field, Ala.

Wagner was reported missing early in December in a routine flight between Elgin Field and Maxwell Field, Ala. In Bataan, when Wagner's P-40 squadron was virtually destroyed, the 26-year-old ace and a few others carried on, harassing the Japs at every turn. From Bataan he was sent to Australia to instruct other pilots. A few months ago he went back to the States as an engineering expert at the Curtiss-Wright P-40 plant.

New Lockheed Cargo Plane Can Carry Tank Across Ocean

BURBANK, Cal., Jan. 10 (AP)—A Lockheed triple-tailed shark-bodied "Constellation," capable of flying a light tank and its complement across the ocean, made its first flight here yesterday.

Described by Lockheed engineers as the "biggest, fastest and most powerful land-based American cargo or transport plane ever built," the olive-green craft, powered by four 2,000-h.p. air-cooled radial motors, was designed and built as a passenger liner. For the duration, however, the initial model and its successors will be turned over to the Army.

The builders of the motors said they were the world's most powerful service aircraft engines. The aerial newcomer will cruise at 20,000 feet, and if necessary it can rise to 35,000 feet. If one engine fails the plane can fly 25,000 feet on the other three.

Flying a full load, the big transport uses one gallon of gas a mile. It lands at reasonable automobile speed and the motor can be changed in 45 minutes instead of a full day which was once necessary. The wing is in effect an enlargement of the Lockheed's famous P-38 fighter and at the unveiling a P-38 nestled comfortably under one wing.

U.S. Skydragons Help Beat Back Japs in Burma

British Forces Advancing Slowly Against Port Of Akyab

By the Associated Press

American sky dragons and the RAF loosed a powerful one-two punch against the Japanese in Burma simultaneously with a new eruption of land fighting to the north in enemy-held Akyab, Bay of Bengal port and the objective of Gen. Wavell's southward-thrusting forces.

These widespread but closely coordinated operations were announced as the British movement back into Burma, through the tortuous Arakan region above Akyab, entered its fourth week with its status still something of a military mystery.

Gen. Chennault's China-based American pilots set the pace in air fighting with destructive assaults on Bhamo and Mangshih. The raiders set warehouses and fuel stores ablaze without a sign of enemy interception, and all reached home safely.

RAF Raids in Daylight

The RAF followed with daylight raids on the Arakan district in support of ground forces which have driven to within 28 miles of Akyab, and later bombed the port, itself.

Military observers are puzzled by Gen. Wavell's operations. Since launching their drive, the British have advanced, all told, about 60 miles—an average of less than three miles daily.

These observers raised the question of whether the slow pace meant Japanese resistance has brought the drive near a standstill.

Since setting British troops in motion the week before Christmas, only a few brief communique have been issued, telling merely of patrol activity and contacts with enemy. Last of these said today that clashes are progressing on both banks of the Mayu River.

Considering the necessarily limited scope of the expedition and the extreme difficulty of the terrain, informed quarters expressed the belief that the operation is developing as rapidly as might be expected.

A warning was issued at the outset of this movement that it not be labelled the start of a major campaign. Instead it still appears aimed to eliminate Akyab as a Japanese base for striking India.

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a raid on Rabaul, New Britain, last Tuesday.

Medium bombers attacked a Japanese torpedo-boat which had been previously hit in the Kai Islands, between New Guinea and Timor, and broke it in two.

Japanese bases in the Solomon Islands continue to be attacked, following reports that the Japanese were assembling one of the biggest naval concentrations of the war in the Rabaul-Solomons area.

Fortresses hit Japanese positions in Bougainville and Field Islands, and shot down two attacking Zeros without loss to themselves. Marauders started fires and damaged two float planes at the Japanese seaplane base at Rekata Bay, on Santa Isabel Island, losing two planes.

Gen. MacArthur returned to his Australian headquarters from New Guinea, and referred to the Buna fighting with: "Bataan's dead should rest a little easier tonight."

He also revealed that Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger is the commander of U.S. troops in Papua, which include men from the 32nd and 41st Divisions.

Sweden Hears Berlin Uneasy On Two Fronts

Hitler Warned of Russian Peril, Norway Tense, Rumors Say

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 10—A wave of rumors indicating Nazi uneasiness over the situation in Russia and the danger of an Allied invasion of Norway has swept the Swedish capital in the last few days. These rumors include:

1. Gen. von Bock has urged Hitler to withdraw his lines in the Caucasus while there is still time to avert a major disaster. The general, speaking for himself and other high officers, was said to have raised the Fuehrer's ire.

2. The Nazis are reinforcing their defenses along Norwegian coasts and harbors, are putting German civilians in Norway through military training and are preparing a purge of "unreliable" Quisling agents in the country.

British Attack Feared

3. A state of alarm was proclaimed for three weeks in December at the town of Harstad, northern Norway, because it was rumored the British were about to attempt a raid.

4. The Rumanians have begun to blame the Germans for a story circulated last week that a plot to overthrow Antonescu had been discovered and that over 4,000 members of the Iron Guard had been arrested. The Rumanian Legation here said the story was a grossly biased report of an alleged conspiracy or revolt in Bucharest. A Nazi news agency carried the original story.

5. The Hungarian Government may withdraw its troops from Russia soon to avert a fate "similar to that of the Rumanians."

An Oslo dispatch today reported that a German ammunition depot, containing 700 land mines among other things, exploded at Joerne in Oslo Fjord.

The district was isolated, preventing exact toll of deaths and injuries from becoming known, but eyewitnesses told of ambulances streaming to and from the place for hours. As there were no reprisals against Norwegians, the Germans evidently were convinced there was sabotage.

'No Longer Responsible'

Gen. von Bock, speaking for a number of German generals alarmed by the dangerous positions of the German armies in the Caucasus as a result of the developing Russian offensive, is reported in Berlin to have urged Hitler to withdraw his lines while there is still time, neutral travellers back from Berlin said.

Relieved of his duties himself during the 1942 shake-up, von Bock was said to have returned to a front command in November. It was not known where he took charge. However, it was reported that he visited Hitler at his field headquarters and declared that he and other officers whom he represented could no longer take responsibility for the situation unless Hitler ordered a retreat from the Caucasus.

Hitler was said to have gone into a rage and ordered von Bock out of his headquarters after stating that he as supreme commander, and not the general, bore all responsibilities. Von Bock was later seen in Berlin, it was said, but had since disappeared, perhaps returning to the front.

Fear Invasion

The Nazis are putting all German civilian officials in Norway through a brief but intensive military training, according to responsible sources. There was no indication of how many men were affected, although Norwegian quarters estimated that more than 75,000 German civilian men, women and children were at present in Norway. The Germans recently began a renewed strengthening of coastal and interior defenses.

Concrete tank barriers were being built along streets leading from harbors, or likely landing points. Buildings were being converted into strongholds. Inland strategic crossroads and other lines of communications were being fortified.

A purge of "unreliable" Quisling agents was expected in Norwegian quarters. The latest indication of German fears came in a confidential letter from the chief Norwegian Nazi official in Oslo to the Communal Chairman requesting at the insistence of the Ministry of the Interior, "a survey of official employees who ought to be dismissed as soon as possible."

Quisling was reported by the Swedish press to have set up a list of Norwegians, including churchmen, who would be arrested the moment invasion occurred. The purpose would be to hold them as hostages, reports said, in hopes of preventing the people joining the fight.

English Speaking Union Offers Soldiers Tours

T-5 William O'Neal, Zanesville, Ohio, and Pfc. Carl Swanson, Moline, Ill., of a U.S. Army engineering unit, are spending an eight-day furlough viewing British architecture, fine printing and old houses. They wrote the English Speaking Union and asked the club to arrange a tour which would enable them to see the things in which they were interested.

The tour includes Oxford, Woodstock, Blenheim, Stratford-on-Avon, Gloucester, Bath and Cheltenham.

Other service men interested in such tours are requested to write or call the English Speaking Union, Dartmouth House, 37 Charles St., London.

Air Gunner from Bataan Gets Even

Japanese Captured His Family in Philippines

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Jan. 10—Manning the guns of a Flying Fortress against the Nazis over Europe is a staff sergeant whose wife and son, mother and two sisters and a brother are prisoners of the Japs in Bataan.

The gunner from Bataan is Henry A. Mitchell Jr., who handles the rear turret assignment on a Fort known as "Dry Martini No. 2."

Only the sergeant and his father, Maj. Henry Mitchell, attached to Gen. MacArthur's staff, are left to carry on their personal battle against the Axis. Young Mitchell's wife, his year-old son, his mother, two sisters and a brother were captured when the Japs swept through his home town of Pampanga on the Bataan Peninsula.

Not since the Japs overran Bataan has Mitchell heard from his family.

Henry Mitchell Jr. was in the United



U.S. Army Air Force Photo
S/Sgt. Henry A. Mitchell, Jr.

States merchant marine as an engineer when his native Philippines were invaded. So he joined the air corps. Sent to gunnery school at Las Vegas,

Holds Rear Turret Position in "Dry Martini No. 2"

Nev., the little, determined man with a reason, expressed his wish to get into the Pacific theater of war as quickly as possible. He was ordered to Muroch, Cal. and thought he was on his way at last.

Instead, however, Henry Mitchell Jr. wound up in England.

The fighting gunner saw action in the raid on Romilly-sur-Seine, Nazi air park near Paris, on Dec. 20 in the "Dry Martini Jr." which successfully dumped its load of destruction on the target. Mitchell made sure no Jerries got close enough to his tail to hamper the work of the crew.

"I want to get at the Japs," the little guy will tell you earnestly. "I'd go from here to Africa and from Africa to India to get a chance at them."

But as long as he can't get at the Japs he's happy pumping away at the Nazis. And wherever he goes he wants to remain a tail gunner.

"It's more fun," he explains grimly.

49 Get DFCs In Desert War

Brereton Rewards Men In Constant Operation Against Luftwaffe

CAIRO, Jan. 10 (UP)—Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, commander of the Tenth Air Force, yesterday presented Distinguished Flying Crosses to 49 American flying officers and enlisted men at three American advanced air bases in the Western Desert. They were awarded for "extraordinary aerial achievements." All individuals decorated have been in continuous operations against the enemy.

A special citation was given Lt. Frederic E. Whitaker, Bowling Green, Ohio, pilot officer attached to a medium bombardment squadron. Whitaker encountered heavy flak Oct. 29 which killed his bombardier, badly damaged the left engine and painfully wounded his right leg. He kept his plane flying, landed safely at the 'drome and supervised his crew in extinguishing flames in the damaged engine. He also was awarded the Purple Heart.

The others decorated were:

Lt. Col. Curtis R. Low, Needham Heights, Mass.
Majors William W. Wilcox, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Gordon E. Hall, Wapella, Ill.; Arthur C. Carlson Jr., Jerome, Ariz.; George H. Gura, Newman Grove, Neb.; Charles R. Fairlamb, Saddle River, N.J.; Gladed Bilby, Skidmore, Mo.

Capt. Douglas W. Spaw, Tacoma, Wash.; James F. Roberts Jr., Burbank, Cal.; Virgil Ingram Jr., Greenville, Ind.; William J. Yates, Calexico, Cal.; Robert A. Barrum, Lake City, Mich.; Izre Huggins, Fairland, Okla.; Frank W. DeLong, Gainesville, Ga.; James T. McKee, Picayune, Miss.
1st Lts. George D. Mobbs, Wooster, Ark.; William S. Barnes, Glen Spey, N.Y.; Albert Zipser, Milwaukee, Wis.; Charles F. Hefflin, Denton, Tex.; Frederick S. Sheffield, Waltham, Mass.; Thomas P. Monahan, Aberdeen, Wash.; Robert A. McMurray, London, O.; Donald E. Matthews, Pontiac, Mich.; Larry D. Porter, Cedar Springs, Mich.; Robert E. Pence, Phoenix, Ariz.; Leonard L. Billingsley, Mutual, Okla.; Phil J. Wallen, Dallas, Tex.; Francis W. Nye, Barton, Vt.; Harvey S. Tamon, Chicago; Rossel K. Pearce, Fremont, Neb.; Charlie Bull, Hastings, Okla.; James W. Cain, Sallis, Miss.; Lee Williams Jr., Jackson, Miss.; Thomas S. Behr, Houston, Tex.; Arnold D. Jaqua, South Bend, Ind.

Tech. Sats. Victor G. Parhill, Oto, Iowa; William B. Bradford, Los Angeles, Cal.; James L. Anderson, Nashville, Tenn.; Peter Makar, Youngstown, Ohio; Lewis E. Pulliam, Bexley, N.C.; William T. Jent, Jeremiahs, Ky.; Harry F. Press Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.

Sats. Reese W. Newsome, Texas City, Tex.; George L. Bickett Jr., Charlotte, N.C.; Cecil G. Barnes, Gravit, Iowa; Lawrence R. Nye, Awatara, Pa.; Norman E. Stiffer, Commodore, Pa.; Charles E. Holt, Selma, Cal.

Chaplain Is A One-Man-Band, Plays 14 Musical Instruments

Versatile Officer Was Once Bull-Fiddle Virtuoso

SOUTHERN BASE HQ, England, Jan. 10—A one man band is Chaplain Shelton M. Hutchison, of this command.

He plays the accordion, piano, organ, saxophone, clarinet, song whistle, piccolo, flute, violin, harmonica, ocarina, and "flexatone"—the latter something like a musical saw. During high school days at Charlotte, N.C., Chaplain Hutchison beat, stroked and coaxed the bull fiddle with the Carolina Melodiers, Hal Kemp's first band.

Along more serious lines, he has designed a religious medallion.

He also sings, collects buttons, and plays the kazoo.

From Henderson, Ky., Chaplain Hutchison holds two degrees from the University of Louisville and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Louisville Theological Seminary.

Wounded Yanks in Hospital Describe Fighting in N. Africa

A U.S. ARMY HOSPITAL, ENGLAND, Jan. 10—With the award of Purple Hearts to a group of American soldiers now recovering here from wounds received in the North African campaign, today came tales of heroism, adventure and escape from death.

Pfc Kenneth O. Kramer, Pierpont, S.D., member of a medical detachment that took part in the landing

Europe Blasted Over Weekend

Twice-blasting of the Ruhr, Germany's industrial stronghold, bombing the coast of Holland with American-built Venturas, and Northern France and Belgium with Mosquitos, and sweeping other targets with the new Spitfire IXs, the RAF continued its 1943 assault on the enemy over the weekend.

British aircraft opened the attack Friday night on the Ruhr, and it was followed Saturday night with a raid by Lancasters on Essen, home of the great Krupp works.

"Good results" were reported on the second raid, the fifth on the Ruhr since the New Year.

(The Ruhr was the first German area to be defended by ack-ack batteries and probably has the densest concentration in the world. The best night fighters are also stationed there.)

Escorted by Spitfires, Venturas dropped their loads on iron and steel works at Ijmuiden. Pilots reported bursts on furnaces and coke ovens.

Bomber Command Mosquitos blasted railways in Northern France and Belgium, while fighters made offensive sweeps over Northern France.

Enemy aircraft attacked a place on the southwest coast of England. "Some damage was done, and there were some casualties, a small number of which were fatal," the Ministry reported.

Help Wanted Department

This department has requests for the APOs of the following servicemen; if you know 'em, let's have 'em and we will pass them along: 2nd Lt. Phillip J. Palmer, Pvts. Chas. and Peter Gillette, Stanley Warhola, Lt. Cauley and Sgt. Leon C. Wolf (Ord. Co.).



Stars and Stripes Photo
Chaplain S. M. Hutchison

Orphans Fund Goes to £10,788 With £500 Gift

Air Force Unit Raised £102 In Morning; Mother Sends Thanks

Boosted by a £500 contribution from five batteries of a Coast Artillery unit, The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund climbed to a total of £10,788 last week.

A typical story of how American servicemen are raising money for blitzed youngsters was told about HQ and HQ Squadron of the Eighth Air Force, one of the first "uncles" to a blitzed baby.

This unit wanted to help an orphan without any assistance from other units at the station. There were only about 100 men left after a large number had been put on detached service, hundreds of miles from camp.

At morning formation, one pay day, Capt. Lamar Law, commanding officer of the squadron, finished reading the orders of the day, and added:

Thermometer Blew Its Top

"Men, in the orderly room today will be a table with a poster on it. On the poster will be a big, empty thermometer. If you want to help an orphan for this outfit, each of you will have to leave a pound or more at that table. I'll leave it entirely up to you."

By noon that day the thermometer had "blown its top" and £102 went out to help care for a child.

How do the orphans and the unfortunate children helped by the Fund react to this generosity?

Read two letters, recently received, from the mother of five children and from her eldest daughter.

A Mother Sends Thanks

"I am writing these few lines to try and thank you for all you have done for my children and for myself," says Mrs. E. M. B. "Your generous gift made it possible for me to give them a very happy Christmas. Although this letter is rather late to send my good wishes, my thoughts were with you all on Christmas Day. I can never find words I want to say, but I trust you will believe that I sincerely thank you very much."

From Ruth, her daughter:

"I am Ruth, who is writing this. My brothers and sisters are too small to write letters. I was at the American Navy party on Christmas Eve and they gave us a grand time. I just want to thank you very much for all your kindness to us and let you know that through your generosity to us at Christmas we had a lovely time and Santa Claus brought us lovely toys."

Families Have 13 in Services

A U.S. INFANTRY UNIT, England, Jan. 10—In nearly every portion of the world where American troops are on duty you'll find a Holcomb or a Cooper. That is the claim of Pat Holcomb and Robert Cooper, a pair of privates stationed here.

The Holcombs (Bastrop, La.) hold a slight edge over the Coopers, Vernon Center, Minn.) with seven men serving in the Army. The Coopers number six men in service, five in the Army and one in the Marine Corps.

Four Holcombs are stationed in the United States. They are Fred, 37; Sidney, 32; Coot, 29, and Peter, 23. Pat, 35, is in England in the infantry; Allen, 27, is in the quartermaster corps in Australia; Harold, 25, is in the field artillery in Africa.

There are three Coopers in America. Harold, 29, is with the field artillery; Kenneth, 22, is with the infantry, and Richard, 19, is serving with the air corps. Robert, 26, is stationed here; Leslie, 24, is an infantryman in Alaska, while William, 21, is somewhere in the world with the Marines.

The only stripe in the two families is worn by Pfc Kenneth Cooper.

Servicemen's Art Classes Open in London Jan. 18

Art classes in life sketching, lettering charcoal drawing, water colors and oils will start Jan. 18 at 33, Davies St., under the supervision of Special Service Section.

The course is open to all American servicemen. Classes will be conducted three nights a week on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 PM to 9 PM, for the next six months, according to present plans. Drawing materials for the students will be furnished by Special Service.

Chief instructor will be Pvt. Joseph Cunningham, Brooklyn, N.Y., Special Service artist. Cunningham was a staff artist for the Associated Press in New York City. Some of Britain's noted artists also may be occasional guest instructors, it was said.

Merchant Seamen Get Club

GOUROCK, Scotland, Jan. 10—The Royal Yacht Club here will be turned over to American merchant seamen starting Wednesday to be used as sleeping quarters, the United States War Shipping Administration Bureau announced. Accommodations include beds, a snack bar, billiard tables and a writing room.

Big Allied Oil Convoy Destroyed, Says Berlin

A special announcement, broadcast by German wireless from Hitler's headquarters yesterday, said a group of German U-Boats had attacked a convoy sailing from Trinidad to Gibraltar, consisting mainly of "big tankers" carrying oil supplies to North Africa, the Associated Press reported.

In stubborn fighting 13 tankers of 124,000 tons were sunk, three others torpedoed, and the entire convoy "annihilated," the announcement claimed. Loss of the cargo of 175,000 tons of gas and oil to Anglo-American forces in North Africa was a severe blow, Berlin said.

Lightweight Sammy Angott Raring to Fight Again

Retired Champ Says His Hands Are Now Healed

Boxing Moguls Swallow Cigars As Goofy Situation Arises

NEW YORK, Jan. 10—There's been confusion in the sports world lately—baseball uncertainties, horse-racing curtailment, hockey question marks—but for sheer daffy chaos you can't beat the lightweight boxing division.

Stars and Stripes readers are aware that Sammy Angott, the lightweight champion, retired awhile back because he had hurt his hands. That precipitated one of the goofiest situations boxing has ever known, producing two champions, a topsy-turvy elimination tournament and a fierce feud between the New York Boxing Commission and the National Boxing Association.

Now comes the payoff—Angott has just renounced his retirement! He says his hands are healed and he's raring to come back, "Whether from the bottom of the ladder or as champ."

Rating Left Vacant

While some boxing moguls are swallowing their cigars at this pronouncement, others are winking "I told you so." Abe Greene, president of the National Boxing Association, heads the latter group because: when Angott quit last Nov. 13, Greene's NBA and the New York Commission, under John J. Phelan, agreed to hold an elimination tournament to determine Angott's successor. Then New York about faced, recognizing Beau Jack as champ after his decisive victories over Allie Stolz and Tippy Larkin.

Most of the boxing world concurred, but not the NBA. Attacking Phelan violently, Greene declared his organization would run its own elimination tournament to determine the challenger for Beau Jack, whom it recognized as the only "logical contender." Many quarters interpreted "logical contender" to mean champion, but they had not reckoned with the caginess of Abe Greene. Last week the NBA released its regular quarterly ratings and the lightweight title spot was left vacant, just as Greene said it would. Are you with us?

Put 'Em All in a Ring

Now Crystallizer Abe reveals, "I had a hunch all along that Angott's hands might be okay." Hunch or no hunch, the NBA, according to the United Press, has just recognized Angott as still champ. What that does to the elimination tourney of which the NBA are so proud, nobody knows. But certainly the New York Boxing Commission will stick to its guns in calling Beau Jack the champ and the Maryland Commission, which claimed the title for Slugger White after he whipped Willie Joyce last week, isn't likely to give up either.

Perhaps the best way to settle the whole business would be to just put all the lightweights—champs, logical contenders, challengers and Dead End kids—in the same ring and have a real elimination. The Beau would love that. They found him in a free-for-all ring and he still fights as if he's hitting six men at once.

Dodgers May Train at Yale

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 10—The latest chapter in war-time baseball might well be entitled "Dem Bums at Yale." In fact, it looks as though the Army is the only thing that can keep Brooklynese from this ivied Gothic home of old Eli.

Early this week John MacDonald, new vice-president and general manager of the Montreal Royals, Brooklyn farm club and, until recently, traveling secretary of the Dodgers, thoroughly inspected the New Haven layout and commended to Flatbush, "Everything entirely satisfactory."

The Dodgers would practise in an enormous indoor cage. The only hitch is that the Army won't know until Jan. 15 whether it will require the cage for cadet training.

Bowlers Peeved as Alibi Goes Down the Drain

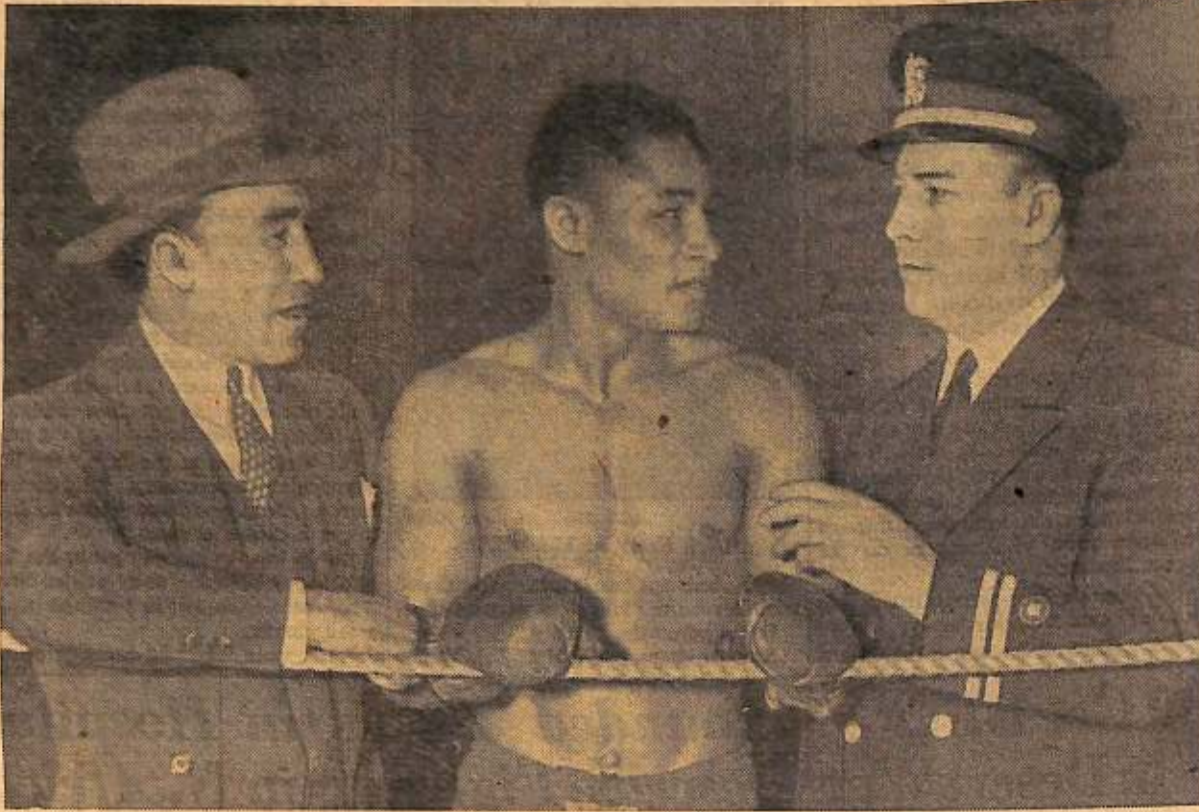
CHICAGO, Jan. 10—The Blistered Thumb Brigade—otherwise known as bowlers—view with alarm the plan originated by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilman of Chicago, both top-flight pin toppers. They have a hard and fast household rule that the one with the sorest thumb has to wash the dinner dishes because they believe immersion in hot, soapy water helps relieve the soreness.

And to think how many bowlers have used that sore-thumb alibi to get out of doing dishes so they'd have more time to bowl.

Hockey Results

Montreal Canadiens 7, Boston Bruins 2.
Detroit Redwings 4, Toronto Maple Leafs 0.

Old Ring Masters Give Advice to Beau Jack



Associated Press Photo

Beau Jack from Augusta, Ga. (center), gets some words of advice from former featherweight title-holder, Johnny Dundee (left), and Benny Leonard, former lightweight title-holder now with the Maritime Service.

Rico is Kayoed By Montgomery

Loser Wins Early Rounds, But Sustains Badly Cut Eye in Fifth

NEW YORK, Jan. 10—Bob Montgomery, the Philadelphia Negro, scored a technical kayo over Chester Rico, New York, in the seventh round of their scheduled 15-round lightweight elimination tournament bout before 10,500 spectators at Madison Square Garden.

Montgomery-rescued a seemingly losing fight by gashing Rico in the left eyelid with a right hook in the fifth round, making a target of the profusely bleeding cut thereafter so that Rico, who had appeared a sure winner until then, was blinded and helpless. At the end of the seventh referee Eddie Joseph called Dr. William H. Walker into the ring to examine the gash and Walker ordered the bout halted.

The victory advances Montgomery in the National Boxing Association tournament to select an opponent for Beau Jack for the lightweight crown.

Rico, weighing 133½, spotted Montgomery a pound. He easily won the first four rounds, forcing the fighting and landing a succession of heavy blows to the body and head. It was an excellent fight with Montgomery bobbing and weaving in what seemed to be an attempt to pace himself for the later sessions.

However, after Rico had his eye gashed, he was forced to concentrate on trying to tie up Montgomery and the fight slowed to a walk. The referee awarded the second and sixth rounds to Rico on foul blows.

Dorais Quits Detroit Univ. To Coach Detroit Lions

DETROIT, Jan. 10—Charles E. (Gus) Dorais has ended one of the longest coaching careers in collegiate football by signing a one-year contract as athletic director and football coach of the Detroit Lions.

Dorais, 51, short and wiry, coached football for 18 years at Detroit University. The Lions did not win a single National Professional Football League game during the past season.

New Captains Elected For Army Winter Sports

WEST POINT, N.Y., Jan. 10—New captains have been elected for the Army Winter sports teams to replace the leaders elected last Winter who will be graduated Jan. 19 under the accelerated program of study at the Academy.

The captains-elect are: Jamie Phillpott, Oklahoma City, Okla., basketball; Leroy Wilson, Crawfordsville, Ind., swimming; Edward Cutler, New York, track.

Nation's Basketball Results

Friday's Games

- Washington College 41, Baltimore 33.
- Duquesne 53, Waynesburg 25.
- Villanova 41, Geneva 38.
- Loyola 55, American Univ. 26.
- Massachusetts State 53, Springfield 51.
- Ottawa 48, McPherson 40.
- Schools 43, Westminster 38.
- Berea 36, Kentucky Wesleyan 31.
- Mt. Union 70, Youngstown 57.
- Wichita 38, Washburn 31.
- Oklahoma East Central 44, McMurray 27.
- Bowling Green 78, Findlay 33.
- Great Lakes 63, St. Robert 21.
- Carroll 37, Milwaukee Teachers 28.
- Central Iowa 41, Parsons 32.
- Olathe Naval Air Base 51, Missouri 42.
- Southeastern Missouri State 46, Murray Teachers 42.
- Ball State 56, Franklin 32.
- Indiana State 57, Valparaiso 40.
- Washburn 56, Manchester 40.
- Pittsburgh Teachers 51, St. Benedicts 34.
- Norman Naval Aviation Base 39, Camp Crowder 36.
- Texas Tech 55, Albuquerque Air Base 32.
- Arizona 72, Texas Mines 47.
- Idaho 55, Gonzaga 37.
- Ricks College 57, Montana State Normal 38.
- Utah State 52, Univ. of Idaho, So. Branch, 46.
- Humboldt State 34, Chico State 31.
- Virginia 49, Hampden Sydney 40.
- Duke 60, Davidson 50.
- VMI 41, William and Mary 38.
- Washington and Lee 38, Roanoke 33.

Saturday's Games

- Wesleyan 55, Bradley Field Air Base 37.
- Frederonia State Normal 52, Polish National Alliance Col. 18.
- Lafayette 36, Bucknell 25.
- Scranton 56, Geneva 45.
- Siena 59, Paterson Teachers 35.
- RPI 43, Brooklyn Poly 37.
- Cornell 55, Yale 27.
- Tufts 75, MIT 31.
- Trenton 40, Harrisburg 35.
- Lawrence Tech 60, Edinboro Teachers 27.
- Allegheny 71, Erie Coast Guard 23.
- Haverford 49, Philadelphia Pharmacy 46.
- CCNY 50, Scranton 25.
- Southwestern Kansas 62, Washburn 20.
- Drury 34, Central Missouri 27.
- Western Michigan 49, Wayne 46.
- Kansas Wesleyan 59, Bethany 44.
- Baer Field 38, Kalamazoo College 29.
- Alam 55, Albion 41.
- Rockhurst 26, Maryville Teachers 25.

- Warrensburg Teachers 37, Kirksville Teachers 35.
- Jamestown 47, Mayville Teachers 23.
- South Dakota 43, Morningside 40.
- Superior Teachers 52, Duluth Teachers 27.
- McPherson 60, College of Emporia 34.
- Murray Teachers 43, Tennessee Teachers 33.
- Peru 40, Tarkio 39.
- Glenview Naval Air Station 60, Chicago Navy Pier 35.
- Lawrence 48, Cornell (Iowa) 35.
- Fort Wayne 78, Chicago 62.
- Akron 48, Miami 45.
- Denison 41, Otterbein 40.
- Capital 60, Marietta 32.
- Baldwin Wallace 51, Western Reserve 33.
- Wilberforce 70, Bifon 62.
- Drake 39, St. Louis 34.
- St. Ambrose 50, Simpson 44.
- Western Union 45, Dubuque 26.
- Hope 42, Calvin 40.
- Southeastern Oklahoma State *36, McMurray College 24.
- Valparaiso 57, Central Indiana Normal 44.
- Camp Grant 37, Loyola 35.
- Anderson 41, Taylor 35.
- York 65, Concordia 55.
- Platville Teachers 47, Oshkosh Teachers 29.
- Florida 53, Florida Officers School 12.
- 507 Par. Inf. 40, Auburn 29.
- Appalachian 64, High Point 31.
- North Carolina State 48, Clemson 40.
- Virginia Tech 40, William and Mary 34.
- Georgetown 49, Camp Lee 31.
- Howard 54, New York Celtics 45.
- Tennessee 35, Mississippi State 33.
- LSU 54, Mississippi 24.
- Ahlbent Christian 45, Lubbock Flying School 37.
- Arizona State Teachers 38, Williams Field 36.
- Arkansas 39, Southern Methodist 34.
- East Texas State 38, Howard Payne 35.
- New Mexico 35, Texas Tech 28.
- West Texas State 59, Hardin Simmons 28.
- West Virginia 57, Texas Mines 46.
- Northwest Christian 35, Pacific College 17.
- Camp Adair 56, Oregon College of Ed. 37.
- Denver 47, Colorado Mines 33.
- Greeley State 35, Colorado State 33.
- Southern California 39, California 33.
- St. Marys 42, Nevada 39.
- Pasco Naval Filers 36, Gonzaga 28.
- Orceon 37, Willamette 24.
- San Francisco State 49, Oakland Naval Air Base 28.
- Washington 46, Whitman 38.
- Chicago State 42, Humboldt State 31.
- San Diego State 36, Loyola 34.
- St. Marys Preflight 55, San Jose State 36.
- Alameda Coast Guard 55, Santa Clara 53.

Infantrymen Have Taken 3 Straight Cage Contests

AN INFANTRY STATION, Jan. 10—With three decisive victories under their belts, Company F of this infantry station is well on the way to take the station title. They have won by the following scores: 23-16, 28-18, 26-6.

The team, with substitutes, lines up as follows: Forwards—S/Sgt. William Endriss, Philadelphia; Pvt. Charles Hankinson, Malden, Mass.; M/Sgt. William Hoover; Cpl. Richard Catalano, Wakefield, Mass.; Pfc William V. Smith, Lynn, Mass.; Pvt. John Soule, St. Albans, Vt.; Sgt. John Lanahan, Baltimore, Md.; Pvt. Leo McKenney, Lynn, Mass.

Guards—S/Sgt. John Grimes; Pvt. Peter Cesca, Danbury, Conn.; centers—Cpl. Paul Kasinak, Bridgeport, Conn.; Pvt. Michael Pedenski, Ansonia, Conn.; and Pvt. Samuel Goldman, Burlington, Vt.

Talbert and Segura Reach Mexican Tennis Finals

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 10—Bill Talbert, Cincinnati, fifth ranking United States tennis player, beat Mexico's Number One, Armando Vega, in four sets to advance to the finals of the Pan-American tennis tournament, where he will meet Francisco Segura, ranked third nationally, who advanced by trouncing Anselmo Puente of Mexico in straight sets.

Pauline Betz and Doris Hart, American stars, reached the finals of the women's singles.

Easy Pickings

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10—Pete Zagar, former Stanford U. tackle and discus thrower, is a motor instructor in the Field Artillery Replacement Center at Camp Roberts, Cal. Presumably, if a truck won't run, Pete can give a demonstration of how it's done—or else pick the thing up and toss it.

Blondie

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

by Chic Young



Oldsters Look For One More Try In Majors

Dearth of Young Players Liable to Bring Back Herman or Martin

By Whitney Martin
Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Jan. 10—It would be funny if this year's Major League Rookie of the year turned out to be Babe Herman or Pepper Martin or Gabby Hartnett or some other mossy gent who would have to saw off a leg and count the rings to find out just how old he is.

With the army threatening to grab the youngsters who in normal years would be considered top rookie material, we have an idea that many an old gaffer creaking toward the end of his career in the minors is eyeing the future optimistically, and hoping the scouts eyed him the same way.

It's a cinch that this year's major league teams will be made up of married men with children or 4-F guys able to throw a baseball but not considered able to throw a hand grenade. And with a dearth of the young, single candidates the door will be open for the old-timers, many of whom slammed it on their way out long ago.

Crowd Might Lure Herman

That a gent like Babe Herman, who started his major career with Brooklyn in 1926, would be welcome on many a big league club this year is not at all improbable. He still pastes that ball when he plays with Hollywood. It might be hard to drag him away from his poultry farm, but a phonograph record of a Brooklyn crowd at high tide might do it.

We don't know whether Pepper Martin played at all last year as skipper of Sacramento, but the Wild Hoss is the kind of citizen who would be able to get out and play at 80 if he had a mind to. Just give him a chest protector and plant him at third base. Or maybe it would be better to give third base the chest protector. He really tears things up around there.

There probably are a score of other old-timers around the minors who still might fill in with major clubs. There is Hank Oana, the Fort Worth player who was with the Phils back in 1933 as an outfielder. Last year Rogers Hornsby took a look at Hank and told him that as long as he batted like a pitcher he might as well be one, so he began pitching, with astonishing success.

Barrett Still Pitching

There is Johnny Moore, who tried out with the Cubs as far back as 1928 and later was with the Phils and Reds. He was the Pacific Coast League's leading batter with Los Angeles in 1941. Then there is Roy Walker, who, at the ripe age of 39, won 22 games for Montgomery, Ala., last year. What a rookie of the year he would make!

And here's a prospect that isn't quite so far-fetched, although they'd have to fetch him clear from Seattle. He's Kewpie Dick Barrett, who pitched that club to another Coast League pennant.

He won something like 29 games, which isn't bad for a fellow who, by his own figures, was born in 1908 and has been in pro ball about 15 years.

Barrett is a chunky, talkative gent who was signed under the name of Dick Oliver by Yankee Scout Paul Krichell in 1927, the alias being necessary as Kewpie was still attending the University of Illinois. He tried out with the Athletics in 1933, and was considered a veteran then. He later tried out with the Braves and the Reds, but for some reason never stuck.

On his 1941 record he would seem a cinch to get another chance, his years notwithstanding. And as far as being a rookie-of-the-year possibility at his age, Ray Starr of the Reds would have put in a pretty stout bid for the honor last year if he'd had a team behind him. And he's a perfect 35.

Cornell Defeats Yale To Snap Losing Streak

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 10—Coach Red Rolfe's Yale basketball team started its Eastern Intercollegiate basketball season inauspiciously, losing to Cornell, 55-27. It was the first Cornell victory of the season after seven defeats.

Captain Sam Hunter, Big Red left guard, baffled the Elis with his one-handed shooting and was high scorer with 14 points. Rolfe recently retired as third baseman with the New York Yankees to become head coach of basketball and baseball at Yale.

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.

Six Soldier Bouts Will Feature Second Fight Card

New Orleans Is Wartime Racing Capital

Louisiana Sporting City Unaffected by OPA Edict

NEW YORK, Jan. 10—As reports from the horse racing centers filter into this city, the prevailing mood seems hopeful. After the initial fear that the OPA ban on pleasure driving meant the end of racing for the duration, track operators and horse owners are taking stock of their assets, which are still numerous.

What's been Florida's loss is New Orleans' gain. Unaffected by any OPA edict, the old Louisiana sporting city is now the wartime racing capital of the nation. Since the Fair Grounds race track is within walking distance of downtown New Orleans, it is easily reached by street car and can stay open even if the OPA extends the ban.

Rhode Island Tracks to Open

Within a few days Whirlaway and 14 other Calumet Farms thoroughbreds are arriving from Florida. Anthony Pelletieri, one New Orleans owner, is moving his string to a nearby farm to help provide track stable place for Whirly and his mates. Fair Ground bosses have already reported twice the attendance of last year and are considering extending the season from March 9 to April 14.

Racing is expected to continue in Rhode Island. James Dooley, president of the Narragansett Racing Association, said that racing dates are being set for '43. Other New England tracks are uncertain. Rockingham Park at Salem, New Hampshire, is expecting difficulties, but Suffolk Downs, near Boston, hopes to operate.

Kentucky Derby to be Run

At a meeting of Chicago's race track operators, Matt Winn, Churchill Downs executive, said that the Kentucky Derby would continue. Churchill Downs is only three miles from the center of Louisville from where most of the patrons of the classic are drawn and served by car lines.

Officials at Hialeah and Tropical Park, the Florida tracks, have reported that the stables are being kept open and the racing strips in good condition so all the 1,500 thoroughbreds stabled there may be kept in top shape. Most owners feel that it would be dangerous to ship the nags from the warm to cold climate. Moreover, the track officials haven't closed the doors to the resumption of meetings if the transportation situation improves.

N.Y. Tracks Boomed in '42

NEW YORK, Jan. 10—New York State racing in 1942 was probably the biggest season in racing history. New Yorkers bet \$175,000,000 through the pari-mutuel machines—a third of all the money legally bet on horses in the other 21 racing states.

New York tracks gave the war chests \$856,000—30% of the total racing contributions and paid \$10,500,000 to the state in taxes. It's a colossal industry.

Two million one hundred and seventy-six thousand dollars were bet at Belmont in a single day. Seventy per cent. of the total of the New York racing wagers were at the \$5 window and up. Over half were at the 10, 50 and 100 dollar windows.

There were some first-class mysteries, too. For instance, \$88,000 worth of mutual tickets went uncashed. How come? That many people couldn't have died of shock at seeing their favorites win and even if they did their pockets would have been rifled of the winning tickets before they hit the ground.

Look at the blizzard of pennies the tracks do not bother to pay the winners under the theory that nobody minds getting on \$5.40 instead of \$5.44 for a winning ticket. They totaled \$1,300,000.

Twelve thousand one hundred and fifty-five horses went to the post in New York last season. All were tested for doping and only one convicted—Waller, winner of the Excelsior Handicap at Jamaica. The owner had to give the purse to the second place horse.

Of 17 new track records, the most sensational was Count Fleet's world record for the mile for two-year-olds of one min. 34 and four-fifths sec. in the Belmont Champagne Stakes.

Former All-American Scores Twice in a Day

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Jan. 10—George Franck, former All-American halfback at Minnesota, scored twice Friday.

He won his wings as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in the morning and he was married to Marjorie Ball, Battle Creek, Iowa, in the evening.

Carolina Coaches in Service

COLUMBIA, S.C., Jan. 10—Head football coach Rex Enright is the only member of the six-man University of South Carolina coaching staff left. All the others have been sworn into the Naval reserve.

Major League Ball Players Get Their Wings



Five major league baseball players stand in front of their training plane at Amherst College, Amherst, Mass., after receiving their civilian pilot training wings. They are training to become naval pilots. Left to right: Joseph P. Coleman, Arlington, Mass., of the Philadelphia Athletics; John F. Sain Jr., of Belleville, Ark., Boston Braves; Theodore "Ted" Williams, San Diego, Calif., Boston Red Sox; Johnny Pesky, Portland, Ore., Boston Red Sox, and Louis "Buddy" Gemp, Pine Lawn, Mo., Boston Braves.

Horse Owners May Get 'Ideas' Jimmy Foxx and Sid Luckman Are Tops to These Two GIs

Cannibalistic Thoughts Occur to Possessors Of Stranded Nags

By Bob Considine

International News Service Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Jan. 10—By an unhappy coincidence, 1,500 race horses became stranded in Florida at the moment when the matter of horsemeat was being discussed in the papers.

This may prove to be an overpowering suggestion to a lot of meat-rationed owners whose nags haven't been close to the money for weeks. We do not anticipate seeing a picture of Ben Jones with his bib on about to pounce with knife and fork on a Whirlaway steak, nor a picture of Sarge Swenke licking his chops over one of Alsab's, but this slightly cannibalistic thought must have occurred to a lot of gypsy owners whose spavined thoroughbreds haven't been feeling or earning their oats lately.

Still Ham 'n Eggs

Overseas, many French, German and Italian racehorses—the ones who weren't pressed into military service or turned into truck horses—have been eaten. Some of the meat must have been consumed out of necessity and with anguish by the devoted owners or handlers.

We do not expect to see the situation carried out to that extreme here. A roast leg of Count Fleet isn't likely to replace ham and eggs as a staple American dish, but we do suspect that not all the horse owners will string along with Mayor LaGuardia's soulful assertion that eating horsemeat is degrading! They may think that our gambling-hating Mayor is prejudiced. Perhaps he's afraid the horse might have bitten a tin horn gambler during its career and become contaminated.

Boston Can be Discounted

The average owner, indeed the average bettor, for that matter, probably could go for horse meat in a pinch—and it couldn't leave more of a brown taste than some of the gallopers left when they lost with the rent money on their noses.

Epicures, however, probably will decline horse meat with thanks and become vegetarians. Some of the best Back Bay gourmets of Boston have passed considered approval on horse meat—but Boston's a crazy horse town, their judgment can be discounted. The average horse fancier will probably contend that no matter how tough things get, they can't get as tough as a stew a la Valdina Orphan.

Colgate Coaches Assigned To Navy Preflight School

HAMILTON, N.Y., Jan. 10—Fred Swan, assistant football coach at Colgate as well as head boxing coach, and Sam Ingram, head coach of swimming, lacrosse and freshman baseball, have been commissioned as lieutenants in the Navy. They will report for duty to the North Carolina Preflight Training school.

U.S. INFANTRY UNITS, England, Jan. 10—When soldiers in these parts want to know anything in particular about Jimmy Foxx, major league baseball ace, or Sid Luckman, former Columbia University football great who is now with the Chicago Bears' professional grid team, they just "hunt up" the stars' brothers who are in the service with them.

The brothers of the prominent athletes are S/Sgt. Samuel D. Foxx, Church Hill, Md., and Manuel Luckman, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Both Sam and Manuel are proud of the achievements of their brothers. Soldiers in the same units as Sam and Manuel are pleased to tell others that they know the brothers of Jimmy or Sid.

Like Jimmy, Sam Foxx is a baseball player. He played three years in the major leagues, with the same teams as Jimmy—the Philadelphia Athletics and the Boston Red Sox.

"Jimmy and I were one of the few brother batteries in the major leagues several years ago," Sam said. "Jimmy was behind the plate then and I was on the mound."

Asked how he liked Connie Mack, grand old man of the Athletics, he replied:

"Connie is a great guy. He's a hard one to beat."

Football was Manuel Luckman's favorite sport as it was Sid's, but injuries prevented Manuel from continuing the game. Both Sid and Manuel played for Erasmus Hall in Brooklyn, N.Y., but during different years. They played the same position—quarterback.

"I always wanted to be able to play as well as Sid when I was in high school," Manuel stated, "but I didn't seem to have his 'natural' ability. Sid started playing football when he was 12 years old."

Manuel takes pride in showing a recent clipping written by Tom Meany, well-known New York sports writer, who praised Sid's professional ability, saying he was a master of pivots, a half-turn specialist and a passer almost the equal of Sammy Baugh.

Tall Basketeers Pace Infantry Company Five

AN INFANTRY STATION, Jan. 10—With three men over the six-foot mark and three more just under six, the basketball team of Company K here is looking forward to copping the divisional championships.

Coached by Lt. William Luther, the following men have been turning up for practices: Hugh Adams and Teddy Clapp, Bloomfield, N.J.; Joe Mooney, Baltimore, Md.; Arthur Brown, Silver Springs, Md.; Andy Morkevitch, Perth Amboy, N.J.; Ed. Nachtman, New Brunswick, N.J., and John Yearick, Richmond, Va.

Ingram a Marine Major

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10—William (Navy Bill) Ingram, former University of California football coach and champion Olympic crew captain, has been sworn into the Marines with the rank of major and recommended for recruiting duties.

Custom Built Sulky Follows Field Trials

WAYNESBORO, Ga., Jan. 10—The Georgia Field Trial Association will hold its regular annual field trials here this week despite the lack of gasoline.

Charlie Skinner, 325-pound president, has devised a novel method for participation. Unable to find a horse hefty enough to support him and unable to use an automobile, Skinner has a custom built sulky which wheels him over the 5,000-acre trial grounds to watch the dogs at work.

Martin Signs Contract To Manage Rochester

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 10—John (Pepper) Martin, former sparkplug third baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals, has signed a one-year contract to manage the Rochester, New York, club of the International League.

Martin has been coaching the Sacramento club, also a Cardinal farm team, for the last two years.

Cronin Goes Other Way, Arrives in Honolulu

HONOLULU, Jan. 10—Joe Cronin, player manager of the Boston Red Sox, who was originally scheduled to come to Great Britain for the American Red Cross, has arrived here as a Red Cross field worker.

He will visit all the Hawaiian Army posts to promote service baseball programs before returning to the States for the Red Sox Spring training.

Augusta Golf Club Course Now Used for Grazing

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 10—Cattle are grazing on the swanky Augusta National Golf Club course.

Bobby Jones, golfing great and course architect, now a captain in the Army Air Force, suggested donating the course, which was lying idle, as grazing land for the war effort.

Ruth To Sell War Bonds

NEW YORK, Jan. 10—Babe Ruth will appear at New York and New Jersey movie theaters as a war bond salesman.

Ellis LaGrange, Jack Fanazzo, To Box Tuesday

Stars and Stripes Belts Will Be Given Each Winner

A full card of servicemen fights will feature the second night of Stars and Stripes boxing at the Rainbow Corner Tuesday night. There will be six three-minute bouts with the bell ringing for the first one at 8 P.M.

All details have not been released by Gerald Fitzgerald, match-maker for the fights, but two of the bouts will feature two fighters in last week's scraps. Sgt. Ellis LaGrange, New Iberia, La., will face Pvt. Jack Fanazzo, Baltimore, Md. LaGrange took a three-round decision over Pvt. George Mouton, New Iberia, La., last Tuesday, while Fanazzo drew with Pvt. Garner Buttrum, also of Baltimore. Although Fanazzo has an edge of about seven pounds on LaGrange, the Southern boy is in much better shape and is expected to put up a good fight.

Pvt. Lawrence Drullard, Duluth, Minn., who scored a technical kayo in the first round of his encounter with Pvt. John Osmon, Boston, Mass., will meet a boy who has shown a good record with British boxers over here. He is Pvt. Walter E. Eden, Ruthford, N.J. Eden, in four bouts over here with British fighters, has won three and lost one. The boys will be well-matched for this one with Drullard tipping in at 147 and Eden at 145.

Maj. Richards Vidmer, former sports writer of the New York Herald Tribune, again will be the third man in the ring. The judges will be the same: Capt. Edward Corcoran, of an MP unit, and Lt. Herbert (Baby) Stribling, of the Eighth Air Force. Timekeeper will be Col. Theodore Arter, Special Services chief.

The Stars and Stripes belts for the bout winners will be presented by Harvey Gibson, American Red Cross Commissioner to Great Britain.

Fighters are still being sought for bouts being scheduled for the next month. All applications should be sent to Gerald Fitzgerald, Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Avenue, London.

Amertex Take NI Cage Title

LONDONDERRY, N.I., Jan. 10—Any doubt of their rights to call themselves the champion basketball team of Northern Ireland was dispelled here today when the Amertex, a technician team, decisively whipped the Creevagh Eagles, a Navy quintet, 65-48.

The game was closely contested for the first three quarters, but at no time was the superiority of the technicians in doubt. They were leading 13-10 at the end of the first quarter, 27-21 at the half and 49-35 as the third quarter closed. However, shortly after the beginning of the second half the Navy team tied the score at 29 all.

Jack Lippert, Los Angeles, former University of Southern California player, again led the Amertex to victory. He scored 11 field goals and three free throws for 25 points. Bill Hall, Los Angeles, six-foot three-inch center of the Amertex, scored six field goals to take second honors.

Lanny Weigand, Los Angeles, and W. C. Anderson, Los Angeles, each scored 10 points.

Bill Taylor, Ph. 2 cl., Long Island, N.Y., was high scorer for the Navy team with 12 points. Jimmy Dye, Ph. 3 cl., Terre Haute, Ind., and Harold Adams, Ph. 1 cl., Denver, Colo., scored 11 points each.

The Amertex opened the scoring when Anderson dropped in a long shot from the center of the small court and from then on they were never headed. Lippert was closely guarded and held scoreless for most of the first quarter.

The lineups:

Amertex		FG FT T
Jack Lippert, f, Los Angeles		11 3 25
Lanny Weigand, f, Minneapolis		5 0 10
Bill Hall, c, Los Angeles		6 0 12
Bill Lee, Los Angeles		2 1 5
Robert McLane, Los Angeles		1 0 2
W. C. Anderson, g		4 2 10
Fred Patterson, g		0 1 1
Totals		29 7 65
Creevagh Eagles		FG FT T
Lester Van Voorhis, f, Dodge City, Kan.		1 0 2
Harold Adams, f, Denver, Colo.		5 1 11
Jimmy Dye, c, Terre Haute, Ind.		4 3 11
Bill Taylor, g, Long Island, N.Y.		6 0 12
Mike Dailey, g, Baltimore, Md.		2 2 6
Walter Bruce, g, Brooklyn, N.Y.		3 0 6
Totals		21 6 48

Referee—Sgt. Harold Richterman, New York City.

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Addressed To Hitler

We address this editorial to you . . . Adolph. We hope you read every word of it, for it reflects the full failure of your American policy designed to divide and then destroy the power of the United States by internally created dissension and strife. But look for yourself Adolph . . . in the mirror of public opinion . . . reflected by the editorial comment of America's leading newspapers as they discuss the President's address to the 78th Congress of the United States.

The Minneapolis Morning Tribune: "The figures as given by President Roosevelt will send chills down not a few Axis spines which support brains sufficiently realistic to know that we have not yet reached our longest stride. What will Hitler say to the production of 48,000 military planes in 1942?" The Kansas City Star: "It was a masterful statement of America's position in the war and of the entire United Nations cause. The President's dramatic summary of what was accomplished in 1942 and what is proposed in 1943 can give no more aid and comfort to the enemy than our ever mounting arms production, which affords the assurance of increasingly devastating assaults upon the Axis and Japan from the air, on land and on the sea!"

The Washington Post: "There was a strong mixture of Beveridgism in the President's remark on social and economic security. He contented himself however with the reiteration of the broad objective which is irreproachable . . . full employment. The hope of mankind for an ampler as well as a free life will be rekindled by a speech which deserved to be ranked with the most inspiring of the President's texts."

The New York Daily Mirror: "We think the Commander-in-Chief's address to the 'victory congress' will rank as his most statesmanlike. We congratulate the President for his keen realization that our fighting men want and have the right to expect full employment for themselves and all able-bodied men and women in a postwar America."

For your further information Herr Hitler, hundreds of other newspapers gave equal space in praise of the Presidential address. All were united in their support of his program which spells early defeat for the Axis. And remember Adolph . . . it was a free Press, speaking to a free people . . . and that makes a mighty big difference in the value you should attach to the words that were written . . . Even Doctor Goebbels will agree with this last important point.

Japanese Losses

An analysis of 255 communique issued by General MacArthur's headquarters since May 21 shows the Japanese have suffered the following losses to date: Aircraft, at least 585 destroyed, 10 heavily damaged and probably destroyed, 114 damaged, all in battle. Ships: 80 destroyed, 40 heavily damaged and probably destroyed, and 50 more damaged.

These are the losses that have crippled Japanese plans for the invasion of Australia, and as Japan fights to hold the territory already occupied, exposed lines of communication provide the opportunity needed by American aircraft and naval units to increase the toll to higher and more dangerous proportions.

Japan's most recent attempt to reinforce troops in the Buna area, in which losses probably exceed a full division, is a case in point. Out of a convoy of six transports, three were sunk, and three more hit from the air. During the engagement seventy-seven Japanese planes were destroyed.

The persistent effort by the Japanese High Command to reinforce troops operating in New Guinea and Guadalcanal indicates the importance attached to their precarious foothold in the south Pacific; but no nation, least of all Japan, can afford such heavy sea transport losses. Already these losses have cost Japan her chance of reoccupying the southern Solomons, reports the Reuter's correspondent on that front. "Enough U.S. troops have been assigned to take full command of the island of Guadalcanal, U.S. air strength has grown while Japan's has decreased," he adds, and "in the Papuan (New Guinea) area, the campaign is in its final phase where Japanese destruction is certain."

Hash Marks

Our Nevada correspondent tells us that thousands of acres of valuable range land are being re-seeded by plane. Reports are that sowing by plane is quite successful and the method may spread rapidly. Thanks, but we'll continue to sow our wild oats the same old way, if you please.

Here's one way to get a promotion. In one of the livelier New England towns, the managing editor of a daily newspaper



ran away with the city editor's wife. The next day the city editor was named managing editor.

Here's another illusion shattered. In Des Moines, Iowa, a superman fan, James Henderson, put on a superman suit, jumped off the second-story landing and crashed. Said he, with a sprained ankle, "The darned thing wouldn't work," or words to that effect.

When things look impossible, think of the story of the "Miraculous Bee" as depicted in a Bell Aircraft Co. cartoon: "The bumblebee cannot fly! According to recognized aerotechnical tests, the bumblebee cannot fly because the size, shape and weight of his body compared to the total wing area makes flying absolutely impossible—BUT the bumblebee does not know this so he goes ahead and flies anyway."

Life on the home front is really getting rugged. Kenneth Krohnke, 6-foot-4 machinist, figured he could beat gasoline rationing by buying an Austin. He got the midget car but was forced to bust out the top so he could squeeze inside.

As long as LaGuardia is mayor of New York, there will be no horse meat sold in the metropolis. The mayor has told the



city council never to permit such sales and if there is any attempt to sell horsemeat he is asking a local law that a 12-foot sign of a horse be exhibited outside the offending butcher shop.

Ernest M. Scofield, Marine from Denver, returned from the Solomons as a casualty—a bullet dislodged a cocoonut which fell and broke his leg.

J. C. W.

GI Successors to Casey Jones



Yank Railroad Men 'Highball' Along English Lines

"Once a railroad man, always a railroad man."

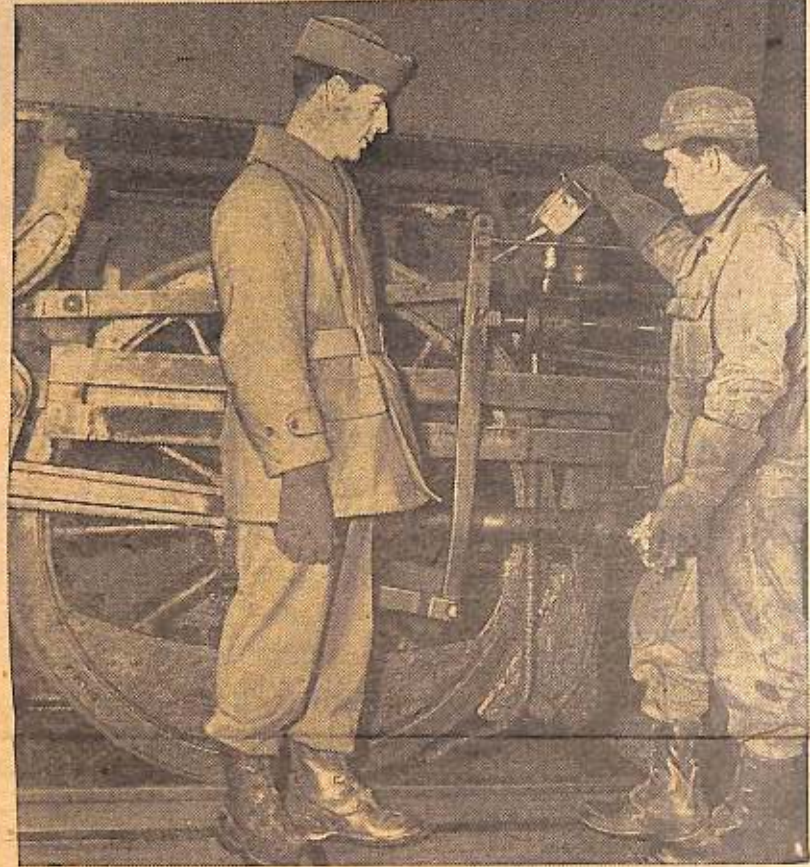
Sgt. Joseph J. Deeb, St. Paul, Minn., used to work on the Northern Pacific Railway, out of Minneapolis, as a switchman. Now, as general yardmaster at one of the largest U.S. Army supply depots in England, he's still a railroad man. Perhaps a better one, because it's a bigger and tougher job.

He runs seven working engines. This takes 11 engineers and 11 firemen, working in four-man crews—and, all in all, 71 soldier-railroad men heaving, hauling, switching, pushing and pulling British "goods wagons" with American made engines.

The outfit is commanded by Captain "Chris" H. Anderson, Chicago, and Captain Russell J. Morton—both railroad men. In fact nearly every man in the line, officers included, is a former railroad worker, most of them "alumni" of the old U.S.A. "Brotherhood." They don't stand much on formality in this camp where stuff has to move fast and move right.

Yardmasters on Job

There are very few non-coms in the outfit and "yardmasters" hold down the key spots. Yardmaster isn't a title; it's a name used in this particular type of business. Filling these jobs are Pfc Ray Krafty, Minneapolis, Minn.; Cpl. Harry Roth, East St. Louis; Pvt. James F. Cox, Coshocton, Ohio; and Pvt. Clement Link, Minneapolis, Minn.



American soldiers who were railroad men at home have brought the legend of Casey Jones to British railway lines, and with such crews as Pvt. Elwood Donaldson, Philadelphia, and T/5 H. J. "Jake" Snyder, Peru, Ind., highballing American-built engines (upper left), they're moving war materials swiftly. Checking off cars in the yards, Pvt. John J. Hoban, Philadelphia, relieves L/Cpl. E. J. Talbot, an English railroader, at upper right. Below, Sgt. Joseph J. Deeb, St. Paul, Minn., watches T/5 Snyder oil up a "Yank 060" engine.

Hardest part of the railroading job is learning the British nomenclature.

Here, in Britain, a 45 degree signal means "proceed." In the U.S.A. it took a 90 degree signal for that.

Here, for a "highball" you get one toot on the whistle. At home, when you're allowed to get out of the section and proceed on the main line at whatever pace is necessary to get there, you get two toots. Then you're "highballing," but all this has to be learned.

Manual Signals Here

In England signals are manual, not automatic. If there are two tracks you "drive" on the left one. You get a U.S.-made "British" engine—but not the kind of engine you know how to run. It is a job of learning something new and learning it fast.

New words, for instance; a caboose in England is a brake van; torpedoes put down on the tracks in around Mattoon, Ill., are "detonators" here. In England no "fuses" or flares are used. And a fireman, with his window at his right side, has to catch his signals from the left side of the track.

How do they do it?—how do they keep vital supplies moving for the whole army?

The answer is, the army got the right guys for the right job.

Men and officers at this camp include the first American crew that ever drove an engine over a main freightline in the British Isles.

Big Time Railroaders

Their roster includes former employees of the Great Northern, Pennsylvania, Northern Pacific, B & O, Southern Railway, Union Pacific, "Frisco," New York Central, Reading Railway, Piere Marquette, Chicago and Northwestern and any number of what the men call "wooden axle outfits."

Hours at the camp, where English Tommies and Americans work side by side, are evenly divided. First, the English had all the work; now the Yanks are taking over—the English work mornings; Yanks work afternoons.

The job of "taking over" isn't easy. They haul, in this particular camp, all the food, beds, tents, supplies and stores for an immense area. The job is to get the stuff through on time.

And the stuff does go through because 71 railroad men are doing the work they know how to do—let the odds fall where they may.

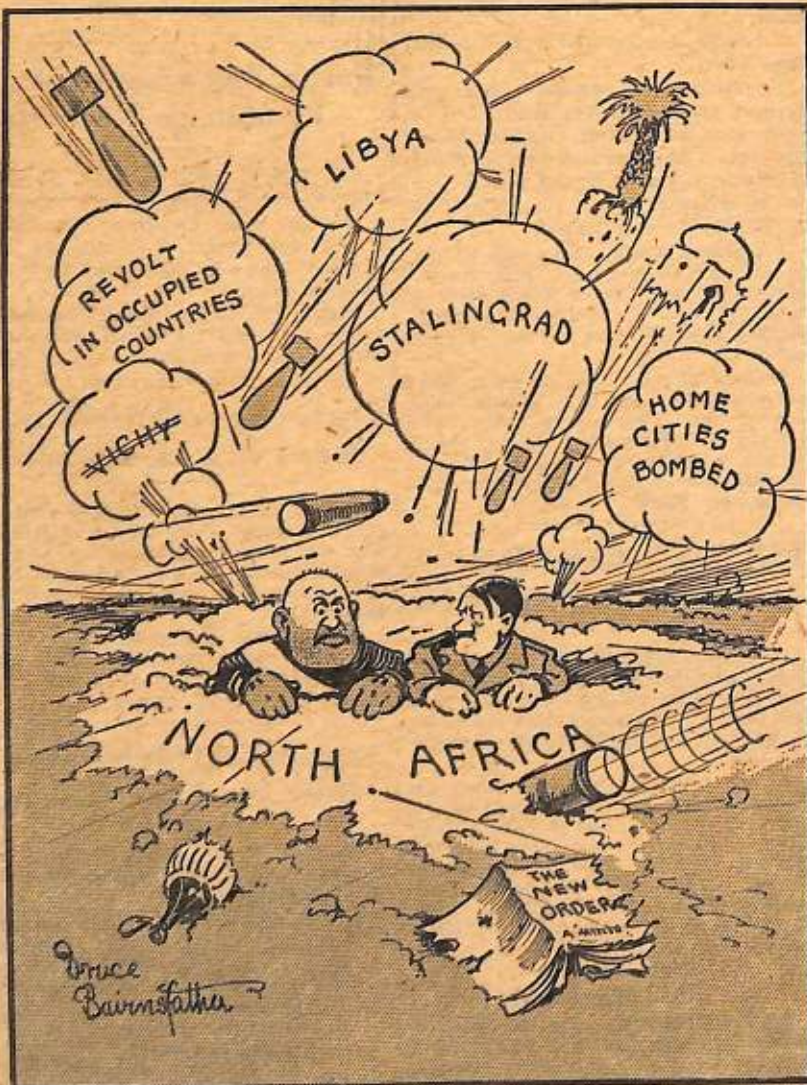


The Chaplain

He's a little guy with sorta wavy hair And a "come on man, let's be friendly" air. He's not so much when it comes to size; But he's got it all over those bigger guys; For his stature is small; but his heart is great And in a tight spot he'll do first rate. You can tell him your troubles as a friend. He'll share your worries, and in the end

Those that seemed big he'll make so small You'll start to wonder why you worried at all. You'd never know he has cares of his own As he never grumbles; but bears them alone. He's always on call, be it day or night, And you can take it from me the guy's all right.

William A. Browne.



"Well, if yer knows of a better 'ole, go to it!"

NEWS FROM HOME

War to Be Long And Tough One Stark Predicts

Allies in 1944 Will Have Power for Heavy Blow, He Says at Capital

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—Adm. Harold Stark, commander of U.S. naval vessels in European waters, predicted a "long, tough" war, but said morale in Britain was very high, at a Press conference here.

Asked if he believed the war might end in 1944, Adm. Stark replied: "My views have never changed. I think this war will be long and tough."

Adm. Stark said he believed the United Nations would show increasing strength this year, and attain power in 1944 to hit the Axis heavily.

'No Axis Blow-Up'

Adm. Stark said he did not anticipate an Axis "blow-up," and said the war would be over when Hitler and his whole gang and the Japanese military machine were completely broken.

He said that morale in Britain had never been less than a grim determination to win. That determination still exists, tempered with cheerful confidence, he said. "The British morale is great. I never heard a single complaint of food restrictions—which are many. I never heard a single man, woman or child criticize what's going on."

Anglo-U.S. Cooperation

He said also that the cooperation between the British and American armed services "is perfectly splendid."

"I don't see how it could be better," he commented, citing North Africa as a major example.

Referring to U-Boats as still a major problem, Adm. Stark said that present Allied shipping losses to undersea assault were "something to be mighty uncomfortable about," and he said he wished we "were knocking out submarines faster."

Foreign Relief Work to Shorten War

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)—Foreign relief and rehabilitation will go a long way toward shortening the war, Herbert H. Lehman, director of those operations for the U.S. Government, said last night. Lehman, former Governor of New York, stated that rehabilitation work could not wait "until the day of victory," but must be planned and actually under way in each country as the liberating armies of the United Nations release the subjugated peoples.

He added that "the outlines of this

A-A Gun Made in U.S. Gave Nazis Royalties

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (UP)—Royalties totalling \$15,000,000 on a certain type of anti-aircraft gun were found their way to patent holders in Germany until the leakage was checked by the anti-trust division of the U.S. Justice Department.

This was one of the facts given by Francis Biddle, Attorney-General, in a review of the Justice Department's activities during the war.

work do not contemplate any utopian system under which this country will bestow its blessings on the entire world... our objective is to help the liberated nations of the world to help themselves."

More Fuel Cuts Due

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—The Petroleum Industry War Council has declared that despite strong measures taken recently to cut gasoline and fuel oil consumption on the east coast, further action must be taken to avert "serious hardships in many places" in January and February.

Australia Post For E. J. Flynn

Democratic Chief Named As President's Personal Envoy There

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (UP)—Edward J. Flynn, who succeeded Jim Farley as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee last February, announced here yesterday that President Roosevelt had appointed him as his personal representative in Australia. He was resigning his post with the committee this month, he added.

The Senate must confirm the nomination.

Flynn, born in the Bronx in New York, is Vice-President of a large New York chain of motion picture houses and was Chairman of the World's Fair in 1940. Flynn said he understood his appointment would be a roving assignment in the southwest Pacific.

U.S. Navy Planes Help to Repel Four-Day Attack on Convoy

American naval aircraft, cooperating with British, Norwegian, Polish and British escort vessels and RAF Coastal Command planes, have helped to disperse an enemy U-boat wolf pack which harassed a convoy bound from the United States to Great Britain for four days, it was revealed here yesterday.

The convoy suffered some losses, the British Admiralty said.

After several hours of day and night action, during which Coastal Command Liberators sank two submarines and damaged a number of others, U.S. Navy and RAF planes resumed daylight patrol and made six attacks against Nazi submarines in three and a half hours, the Air Ministry reported.

One of the U-boats probably was sunk after an attack, since debris and two bodies appeared at the spot where a bomb had been dropped.

Two RAF Liberators sighted 13 submarines and attacked 11 in less than nine hours. Two probably were sunk and the remainder were forced to crash dive and

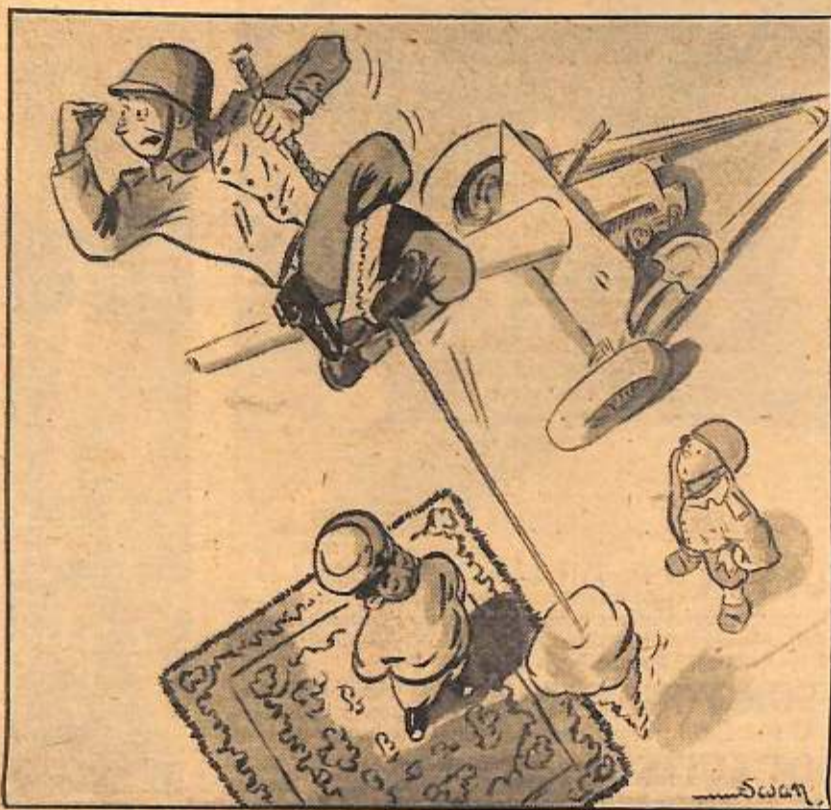
were unable to fire their torpedoes at the convoy.

A Norwegian corvette, the Eglantine, scored a direct hit by gunfire on one of the U-boats and later attacked another. The British destroyer Fame and another Norwegian corvette, Rose, engaged two other U-boats in surface operations. A later attack by the Potentilla, another Norwegian corvette, with depth charges, raised large pools of oil to the surface.

Seize Stolen Gas Coupons

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 10 (UP)—Miami police said today they had seized coupons for 1,000,000 gallons of gasoline from black market operators. The coupons are thought to be part of a batch stolen recently which had an exchange value of 2,000,000 gallons.

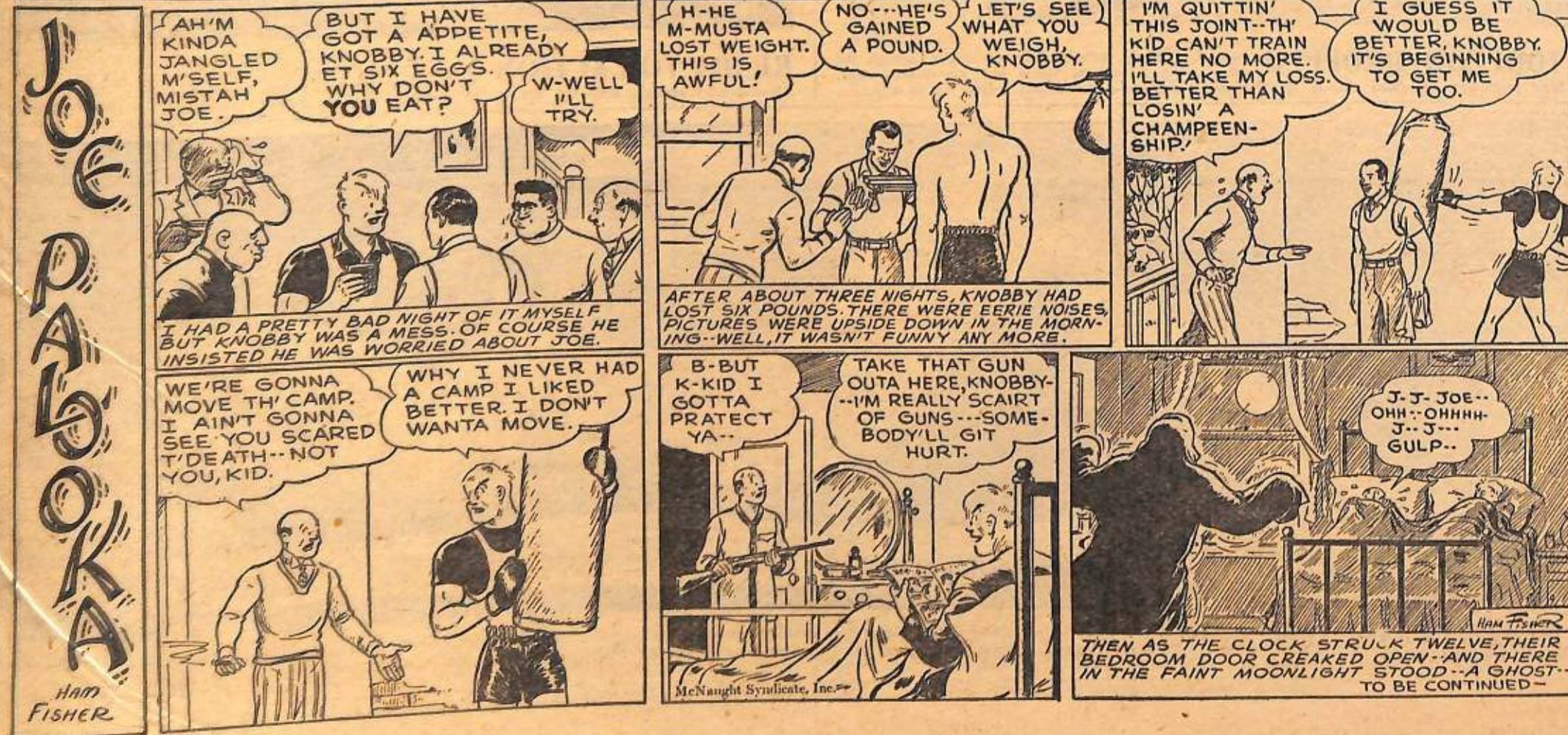
"We think part of the leak in coupons came from high officials in Washington," Melbourne Martin, Office of Price Administration enforcement attorney, said.

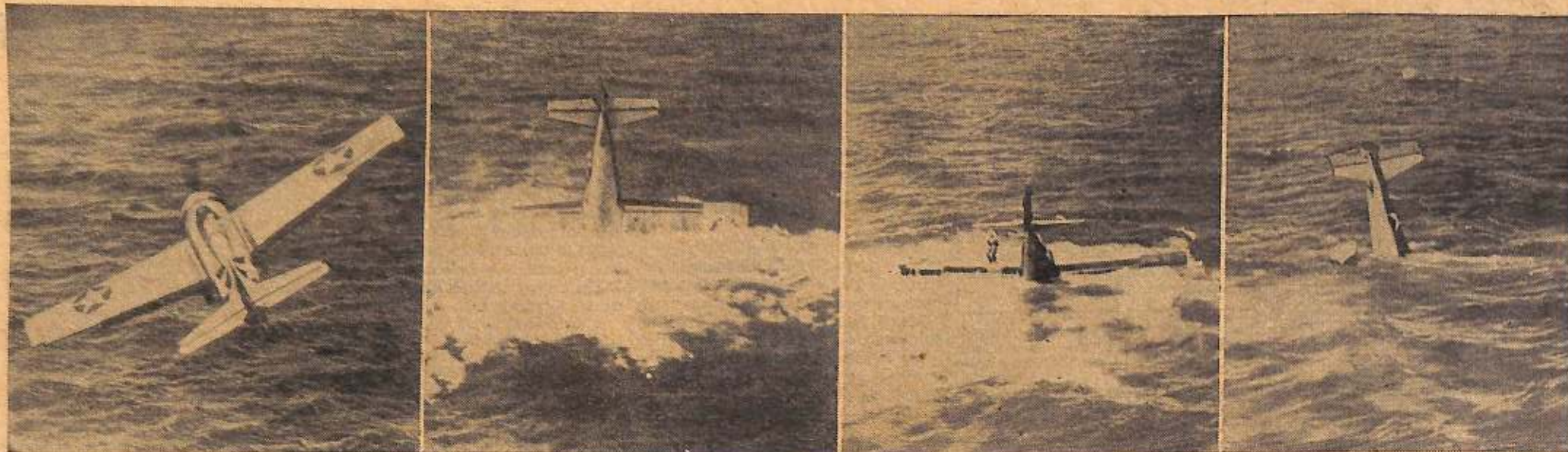


"I'd Say About Five Hundred Yards, Sir"



"Well, Whaddya Know—I Wrote This Thing Myself!"





Keystone Photo

INTO A SPIN goes this U.S. Navy plane as a cable parted with the plane and catapulted it into the sea. Tail in the air the plane seems headed for Davey Jones' locker. These extraordinary pictures were taken from a United States Warship somewhere in the South Pacific.

BOBBING TO SURFACE and almost on even keel, the pilot emerges onto the wing tugging his rubber raft. Slowly the plane settles in the sea as the pilot paddles away in his inflated raft. He was picked up by a naval crash boat.



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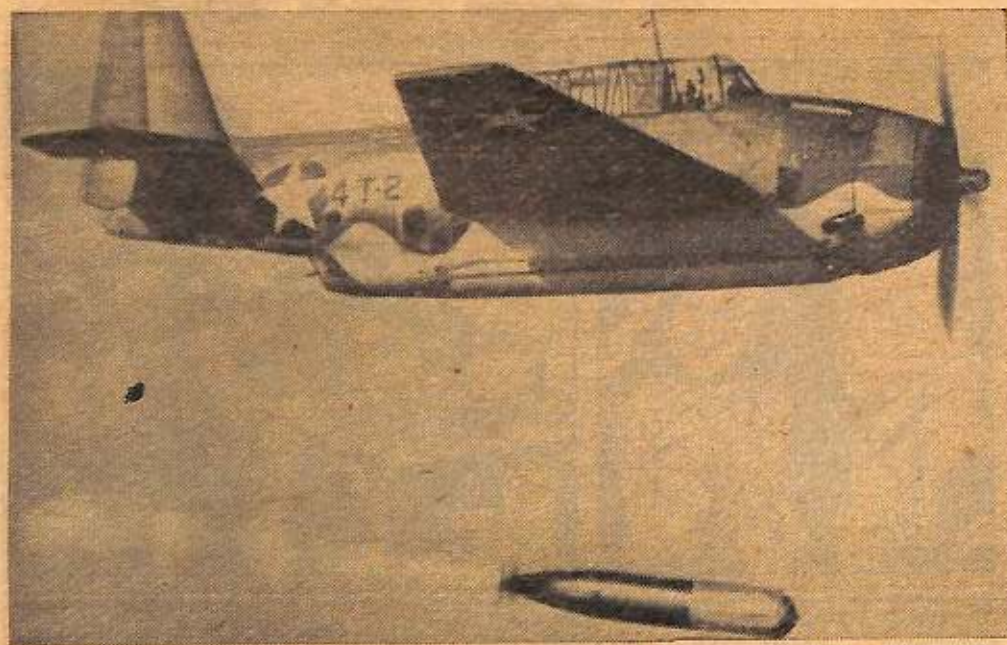
SONS OF SULTAN of Morocco, dressed in U.S. armored corps uniforms (above) take a ride in an American tank near Rabat. Left to right: Sgt. Anthony Bellizzi, U.S. Army; Moulay Hassan, Prince Moulay Abdullah, Ahmed Ben Massaoud, and Lt. Col. Leonard Nason, author of "Chevrons," famous book of World War I.

'NOTHING FOR YOU,' says Pvt. Sam Gray (right), mail clerk with Negro U.S. engineers in Liberia, to Pvt. Hood Butler, Elizabeth, N.J., who's been expecting a letter for so long.

WATER ZOOT SUITS for apprentice seamen (left) are tested out in Sheepshead Bay, N.Y. The airtight life-saving suits are issued to the Maritime apprentice seamen training there.

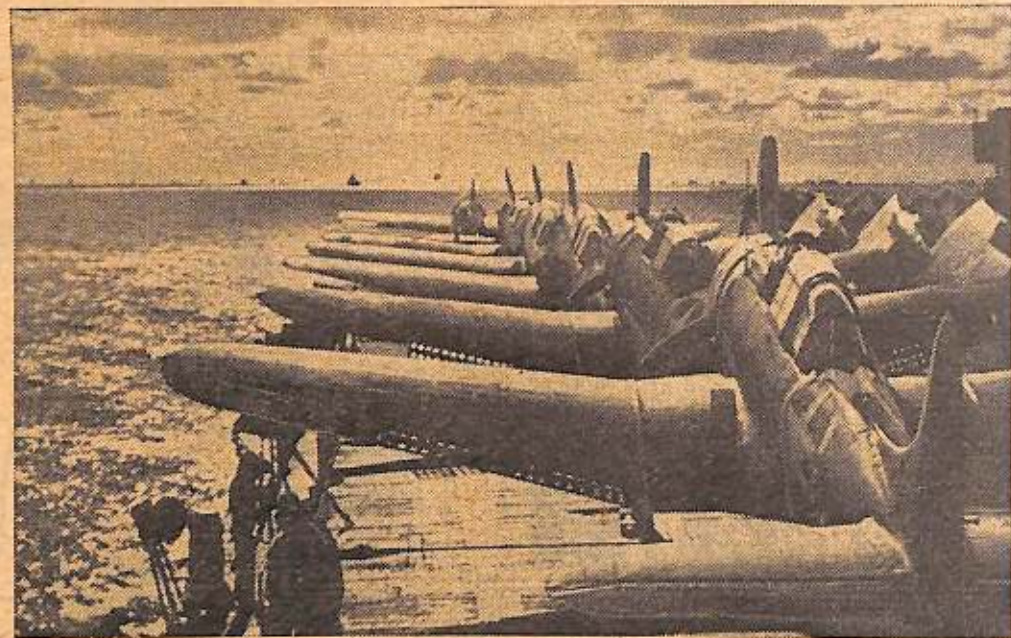


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TORPEDO DROPPED by a U.S. Navy torpedo bomber speeds through the air, leaving a trail of vapor just above the water. Note propelling apparatus already spinning and set to send the deadly missile to its objective.



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READY FOR ACTION are U.S. Navy Douglas Scout bombers, lined up on the deck of a United States aircraft carrier guarding an Africa-bound armada scattered across the horizon during sunset somewhere in the Atlantic.



AMBASSADOR LIDO

TO LIE IN THE SUN and get real tan is a sport Sally Wadsworth, Hollywood film actress, really enjoys. Anyway, here she is on a diving board of a Hollywood club wearing a flowered print suit acquiring that complexion we love to touch.

Hollywood directors predict a successful career in the movies for lovely, shapely Miss Wadsworth, who comes from the Middle-west, where she was discovered by a talent scout during a high-school play and given an offer to come out to the California film capital for screen trials.