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Report Manstein Fired in Russia

RushBarges ForInvasion, Navy Pleads

Need for 45,000 More Is Cited; Smith Is Named Eisenhower Chief Aide

The date for the Allied invasion of Europe has been set, Under Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal declared in Washington yesterday as the War Department announced the selection of Maj. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith to be Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's chief of staff.

Forrestal's assertion, incorporated in a statement calling on shipbuilders

in a statement calling on shipbuilders to rush 45,000 additional landing craft needed for forthcoming offensives, coincided with Axis reports that the invasion forces already were assembling.

"Gen. Eisenhower is putting the final touches to the gigantic plan which will be put into action in the near future," said Paris radio, "British and U.S. invasion forces already are assembling on the Kent and Cornish coasts. The U-boats are therefore on the alert in the Channel,"

Need 45,000 More Craft Forrestal said 20,000 landing craft of all types already had been turned out but 45,000 more were needed.

"American men are going to storm hostile shores more difficult than any we have heretofore tackled, and heavy casualties must be expected," he said.

"However, the more landing craft we have on invasion day the more power we can put into our punch and the lower our casualties will be in this most hazardous of military operations—landing on a hostile shore in the face of a determined, well-equipped enemy."

He concluded by telling shipyard workers that "the success of the invasions to come depends upon the sweat we put into these landing craft today."

Forrestal's statement prompted the War Production Board to release figures showing that steel mills shipped an all-time high of 1,169,000 tons of steel plate in December for invasion craft. The WPB said 1943 steel-plate production totaled a record 13,082,000 tons, compared with 11,800,000 tons in 1942.

Wilson Assumes New Post

The selection of Maj. Gen. Smith to serve with Gen. Eisenhower was disclosed in simultaneous statements in London and Washington. At the same time, it was announced that Gen, Sir Henry Maitland Wilson and Lt. Gen, Jacob L, Devers had assumed their duties as supreme commander and deputy, respectively.

supreme commander and deputy, respec-tively, in the Mediterranean theater. Choice of Lt. Gen, J. A. H. Gammell, of the British Army, as chief of staff to Gen. Maitland Wilson, succeeding Maj. Gen. Smith, was announced at the same time. Gen. Gammell, 51, an artilleryman in the last war, has headed the British Eastern Command in England since 1942

Maj. Gen. Smith was Gen. Eisen-hower's chief of staff in London in 1942 when the latter was the first ETO com-mander. After the African invasion he became Eisenhower's chief of staff in that

A second lieutenant of infantry in the last war, he became a colonel in August, 1941, a brigadier general in February, 1942, when the first troops were arriving in the ETO, and a major general in December, 1942, a month after the North African landings.

Invasion-Barge Strike Off

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10 (UP)— Seventeen thousand union employees at the Cramp Shipbuilding Co. yard here voted yesterday to call off a four-day strike which halted production of invasion barges. The stoppage began when painters demanded a pay boost after they were given paint spray guns instead of

U.S. Now Has 3 Airfields Within 300 Mi. of Rabaul

NEW YORK, Jan. 10-U.S. forces now have three airfields within 300 miles of Rabaul and Kavieng, it was disclosed yesterday by a Navy spokesman in a yesterday by a Navy spokesman in a report from Guadalcanal. Bases are in operation for fighters and bombers at Tokorina and Piva, on Bougainville, and on Treasury Island (south of Bougainville) for bombers.

When an airstrip taken from the Japanese at Cape Gloucester on New Britain Island is restored to use, an additional bomber field only 275 miles from Babaul will be available.

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17 Pct of Berlin Razed, Study of Photos Shows

In the six major attacks on Berlin from Nov. 18 to Dec. 21, the RAF destroyed 17 per cent of the buildings in the areas fully or more than 50 per cent built up, the Air Ministry revealed yesterday after a final study of aerial photographs,

The Tiergarten district, center of the government offices, was shown to be one of the areas most severely damaged with 60 per cent of the buildings destroyed. The photographs also disclosed considerable damage to 98 identified industrial buildings and a large number of small unidentified

First buildings to be repaired, photos showed, were Hitler's Chancellery and Goebbels' private resi-

Heavy Damage **ToKielIsBared ByPhotographs**

Week's Assaults by U.S. Planes Strew Ruin on **Important Targets**

Heavy damage to German shipyards and aircraft plants in the American heavy bomber assault across France and the northwestern Reich last Wednesday was shown yesterday in reconnaissance photographs

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The photos, studied in conjunction with scores of reports from neutral sources in the first few hours after last week's three big attacks, supported indications that Kiel, prime German port and shipbuilding center, has been heavily battered by a bomb tonnage beginning to approach the 10,000-ton figure which put Hamburg out of commission as a port last summer.

port last summer.

Fires started by incendiaries, coupled with the blast of heavy bombs, left "carpets" of devastation across the submarine yards and industrial areas of Kiel, according to an official report. Full assessment of the damage was impossible as the PRU planes flew over Kiel because large fires were still burning, it was reported

Direct Hits on U-boat Yards

The main railway line, the station and the Germania Werft U-boat yards took direct hits, and later were swept by fires, the photos showed. Other fires blazed through parts of the built-up industrial area back from the docks.

Other PRU sorties brought back photos of the Bauer und Schaurte Werke at Neuss, in the Ruhr Valley, where the factories turning out a large portion of the high-grade nuts and bolts used in the German war machine were bombed by German war machine were bombed by a group of Fortresses looking for "tar-gets of opportunity" after their assigned target had been blanketed in cloud.

The photos showed direct hits on the plant, 14 other hits on near-by buildings, a heavy concentration of bombs across the southern funnel end of the freight yards and direct hits on the premises of the International Harvester Co. and the F. Schoen paper factory,

On the same day task forces of U.S. bombers cut deep into southwest France, nearly 1,000 miles from Kiel, and bat-(Continued on page 4)

Stockholm Hears Hitler Ousted Marshal as His 'Goat' in Russia; RedUnitsReachSarnyinPoland

Arms Raised-Nazi Peace Sign to Reds Two Soviet Armies



German soldiers, chilled through from the cold Russian winter, make their way through deep snow to give themselves up to Russian soldiers in trenches.

Return to U.S. After 2 Years Excludes ETO, Except Airmen

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)-The War Department has adopted a troops rotation policy which should assure by the middle of 1944 that all soldiers in the Alaska and Caribbean areas with two years overseas service will be returned to the United States, Sen. Robert Reynolds, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, disclosed vesterday,

At the present time, the North Carolina senator said, conditions do not warrant the rotation of troops in the European Theater, except air crews. He added that "as the situation changes in the ETO, the system will be put into

effect."
"Up to the present time men in this theater—other than those in air crews have not been subject to combat fatigue and stress, and climatic conditions don't necessitate a change. Therefore, no system has been established. As the situation changes the system will be put into effect

He said rotation of air crews overseas in all theaters is established and "functioning satisfactorily.

In the North African theater, a "limited number of men with over 18 months' overseas service" will be returned monthly under the system, Rey-

nolds said.

In the South and Southwest Pacific, he said, "it is anticipated that the present difficulties of returning men from these theaters will be overcome by spring in 1944 and that the system will be put into

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Pay Bill Is Up

Various Proposals Before House, Including Senate Plan, Legion Program

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)-The House Military Affairs Committee, with its chairman, Rep. Andrew J. May (D.-Ky.), will meet tomorrow to take final action on mustering-out pay for

Various bills are up for consideration, but it is the concensus of informed sources that the one chosen will provide \$300 top mustering-out pay exclusive of

bonuses and pay adjustments.

The Senate already has passed a bill providing up to \$500 for 18 months' or more service overseas. This bill now is being considered by Way's committee.

Another far-reaching program has been sponsored by the American Legion and laid before Congress by a bipartisan group of Senate and House members. The Legion's proposal, in many ways similar to the Senate-approved measure, calls for:

1—Demobilization pay of \$500 for those who have served overseas 18 months, \$400 for 12 to 18 months, \$300 for six to 12 months, \$200 for three to six months and \$100 under three months.

2—Unemployment compensation credit double the experience of the six months and \$100 under three months.

double the amount that veterans would have received in civilian work in the period of their military service.

3-Education allowances of \$50 monthly for single and \$75 for married veterans, plus all educational expenses in established colleges and universities up

to four years.

4—Payment of federal aid to states planning to lend veterans home-building funds at low-interest rates.

5—Designation of the Veterans' Administration as "a vital war agency" with priority for materials and equip-ment second only to the War and Navy (Continued on page 4)

Near Link-Up in Dnieper Bend

Unconfirmed reports that Marshal Von Manstein has been fired by Hitler as a result of the German collapse in the Ukraine circulated in Stockholm yesterday as two Russian armies, pouring west and southwest toward Poland and Rumania, reached the Nazi railway center of Sarny, 35 miles inside Poland, outflanked the Ukraine rail junction of Vinnitsa and tightened a giant pincers inside the Dnieper Bend, The Stockholm

Aftontidningen, quoting private informants, said that Von Manstein was seen in civilian clothes in Vienna Jan, 2, bearing out rumors that he had been relieved as Ukraine com-mander after a dispute with the Fuehrer.

American newsmen in the Swedish capital, relaying the reports to London, said confirmation of the report was impossible, and cautioned that it should be treated with reserve. Aftontidningen said Marshal Von Rundstedt, hitherto in command of the invasion coast, was rumored

as Von Manstein's successor.

Moscow, meanwhile, described the battle as developing into a "massacre," and even Berlin permitted foreign correspondents there to describe the situa-tion as chaotic.

Junction of Armies Near

Smyela, from which good railroads lead south to Odessa and west to the Odessa-Lwow line at Mogilev-Podolski, became the focal point of the fighting in the Dnieper Bend as the Russians' First Ukrainian 'Army moved south from the Belaya Tserkov area to a junction with the Second Ukrainian Army driving westward from Kirovograd.

The two were less than 70 miles apart, the design part only to expected the Gard.

The two were less than 70 miles apart, threatening not only to encircle the Germans holding Smycla and fighting to keep its two railroads open but also imperiling the principal feeder railway into the Dnieper Bend. Loss of Novo Ukrainka, 45 miles southwest of Kirovograd, toward which the Second Army was driving from Ivanovka, 25 miles northeast, would force the Germans in the southern Ukraine to fall back upon the loop railway from Odessa into Rumania. In the west, the bulk of the Red Army in that sector made rapid strides toward Sarny's big railway center, and Berlin radio admitted that some units already had reached the town. Sarny, on the Kiev-Warsaw railway, is a junction of lines from Leningrad, Warsaw, Riga and Vilna. Through it runs a line connecting the Warsaw-Minsk railway in the north with the Kiev-Warsay line in the sector.

the Warsaw-Minsk railway in the north with the Kiev-Warsaw line in the south. Its capture, the Russians have pointed out, would force the Germans' railroad front back a hundred miles.

German-controlled Paris radio, revealing that three Russian columns had struck at Sarny, from the east, southeast and south, said that Soviet troops west of Novograd Volynski had turned north to support the drive in Poland.

Other Soviet forces pushing west from

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Captain, General Given Awards for Part in 2Air Raids

A FORTRESS WING HQ, Jan. 10— A captain who won two Distinguished Flying Crosses on one raid and a brigadier general who won the Silver Star for his part in smashing the Ger-

man fighter plane factory at Anklaim received their awards today.

Capt. Raymond E. Brooks, of Connellsville, Pa., combat wing navigator who led the successful raid on Bremen last Oct. 8, received his second Oak Leaf Cluster to the DFC for "extraordinary achievement" on the Bremen raid. That

achievement" on the Bremen raid. Inat-same mission was his 25th, which also won him a DFC.

Brig. Gen. Robert F. Travis, of Savannah, Ga., combat wing com-mander, received his Silver Star from Brig. Gen. Robert Williams, of Albany, Tex., for "gallantry in action" as com-mander of the air task force which smashed the Focke Wulfe factory at Anklam, deep in Germany, last Oct. 9. Anklam, deep in Germany, last Oct. 9.

ETO OfficerUp for Re-Election As a Louisiana State Senator

home vote next week?

Eight days hence the state primaries are scheduled in Louisiana, and Lt. Todd will be up for re-election as state Democratic Senator



from Oakdale and 1/Lt. Wm. J. Told vicinity. The friends who have conducted his campaign wrote that the situation was "well in hand."

It took a letter with over 19 endorse-

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION.

Jan. 10—Congress may ponder a procedure to enable GIs overseas to vote in this year's election, but with 1/Lt.

William J. Todd, Chemical Warfare officer here, the question is: How will the folks back home vote next week?

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION.

Imput through channels to the Secretary of War before Lt. Todd gained the military's okay to run again for office. The senator-lieutenant claims he can look after the district's welfare from here. Besides, he wants the job after the war ends. Before turning politician and serviceman, Lt. Todd taught high school and played professional baseball in Oakdale. In 1942 he campaigned for Congress, but later decided his place was in the Army, so he withdrew his name, got his draft so he withdrew his name, got his draft board to change his status and took the

As chairman of the education committee in Louisiana's legislative body. Todd secured passage of an amendment requiring that tax income resulting from private use of the state's natural resources be used in purchasing school books. He thus finished a job started by the late Gov. Huey Long. The latter's bill specified the free books, but didn't say where the money would come from where the money would come from.

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Art Goes to War

A program designed to encourage the soldier artist has been approved for this theater. It calls for a public exhibit of GI arts and crafts to be held in London the last two weeks of February.

Soldier art, to include oil, pastel and water-color paintings, sketches in charcoal, pencil or ink, cartoons, sculpture work in stone, clay or wood, and crafts, to include miniatures, plane models, woodworking, metal or leather work, and hospital crafts, to include weaving, are now being sought by Special Service officers and Red Cross field workers.

Entries from both amateurs and professionals are being encouraged, and officials expect to be able to show at leastone example of each contributor's work.

Supervision of the London Exhibit will be under the direction of the Special Service Division, SOS, and entries will be accepted from any officer or enlisted man in the U.S. Armed Forces in this theater. These should be in the hands of The Stars and Stripes, or the American Red Cross, Rainbow Corner, London, by the second week in February.

Those contributing should forward, together with their entries, name, unit and APO, native state and city, occupation in civilian life, reasons for choice of subject-matter, and any other details desired for publicity purposes.

It is hoped that the London Exhibit will encourage the soldier artist to record for posterity his impressions of a world at war. Such a contribution will not only assist in widening a program of arts and crafts as recreation, but will be of lasting value in the years of peace to come.

Manpower Crisis

As the day for the decisive attack on the European Fortress comes near, the manpower crisis in Germany grows more

Almost a year has passed since Sauckel, the Nazi Labor, leader, launched his famous campaign for total labor mobilization. That was on Jan. 27, 1943. Four days later Field-Marshal von Paulus and the remains of the German Fifth Army surrendered at Stalingrad. Then came the surrender of the Afrika Korps and the loss of another 200,000 men. These losses together with continuing losses on the Russian front, in Sicily, Italy and the Balkans explain in part the need for called fo Sauckers program, 2,700,000 new workers. Labor recruits, however, never exceeded the 1,000,000 mark and of the total 600,000 were parttime workers. As a result Germany has been forced to recruit sixteen-year-olds to fill the growing needs of the various war fronts which are still swallowing men who must be replaced by others withdrawn from industry. Germany's problem therefore is still "weapons without soldiers or soldiers without weapons,"

In addition a new factor has appeared which is immobilizing a greater and greater number of German divisions: the threat of the second front. While reservists were once adequate for such precautionary measures, now crack firstline divisions are needed, and while the German reserves on the Western front used to be equipped with old French tanks, now they need new equipment to face the potential threat of powerful Allied armies armed with the most modern offensive weapons.

Air raids, too, fulfil the double task of immobilizing whole plants and their staff; on the one hand, and on the other absorbing millions of working hours in clearance and repair work.

Add to this the growing resistance and unhelpfulness of the foreign workers who see their only hope of liberation in the collapse of Nazi power and the growing unwillingness of German workers to suffer greater hardships for a lost cause and the German manpower crisis becomes glaringly apparent.

GI Philosophy. A different world can never be built with indifferent people.

We understand the British girls have renamed one of our Red Cross Clubs-Rain-Beau Corner.

And since being in merry England so



long, an old American expression, "teahound," has taken on a grim significance. * *

The other night a bunch of the boys and gals were whooping it up at a dance at a USAAF base. The merriment was brought to a halt by a deafening crash near the recreation building. Everybody rushed outside to discover that a Polish flier had been forced to crash-land. He had escaped injury, however, and was taken inside, where he was soon dancing around and thoroughly enjoying himself-so much in fact that he was heard to exclaim, "My, this is the best party I ever

This Week's Success Story. A GI who had completed his allotted years of faithful service retired with a comfortable fortune of \$60,000. He amassed this large sum through courage, enterprise, initiative, attention to duty, faithfulness, military efficiency, the careful investment of his savings-and the death of an uncle who left him \$59,999,

Poem of the Week: Old Mother Hubbard went to the

cupboard. To get something for her thirst. When she got there, the cupboard was

The old man had got there first.

Some GIs, stationed near a British were huddled around the stove in their Nissen hut, beating their arms



against their sides in an effort to get warm. An English officer, touring the camp, stepped in and asked them how they were getting along. After watching their violent exertion, he commented, "Looks as if this weather is too much for you—doesn't it ever get cold in America?" "wryly commented the GI nearest ove, "but we don't bring it inside

J. C. W.

Hush Marks At San Vittore: a Story Of 'Kamerad' and Heroes IF a six-page letter and Christmas cards with personal notes mean anything, the affair between Loretta Young and Moe affair between Loretta Young and Moe affair between the crew is making head.

By Homer Bigart

New York Herald Tribuse War Correspondent SAN VITTORE, Italy, Jan. 10-In a house chosen by a young Austrian lieutenant for his command post we found members of the "lost platoon," an American unit which had been cut off for two days and nights, and had

fought on in barricaded buildings until relieved 12 hours later. The unit lost all its officers in the initial assault on this town.

A staff sergeant assumed command, and became an outstanding hero of

Reorganizing the survivors, he crept up a cobbled alley until he drew machinegun fire from a house directly ahead. He ran to a doorway ten yards from the nest and fired into the window, killing two of the gun squad.

From the upstairs window of another house came a spray of machine-pistol bullets, which tore at the sergeant's right

He crawled to a doorway directly beneath the pistol squad.

The Germans, unable to reach him with pistol fire, dropped grenades, and he was wounded in the other leg before he could crawl into the house.

There were Germans in the next room. They must have seen that he was wounded, but they refused to give him

He saved his life by applying tourniquets to his legs.

Twelve hours later, Lt. John North, of Bellingham, Wash., came by with a rifle squad, and through the partly opened door saw the sergeant lying exhausted on the floor...

House-Cleaning Begins

Fashioning a stretcher from rough planks, North's men carried the sergean: down the sniper-infested street and back to the American lines.

At dawn house cleaning began in earnest. A force led by 1/Lt. Erwin Hall, of New York, began a systematic mop-up of 30 buildings in which the Germans still resisted.

Two wheat farmers, Sgt. Gahlord Johnson, of Napoleon, N.D., and Cpl. Edwin Arneson, of De Sart, N.D., took eight Germans out of one building.

They crawled through shellholes and entered an empty room. A blanker covered a doorway at the end. Arneson slashed it down with one swipe of his bayonet.

A heavy chest barricaded the passage, but the two brawny farmers shoved it aside. Two sallow young Austrians whimpered, "Kamerad!"

The hallway led to another room, and when Johnson poked his bayonet into the doorway two more Austrians threw down their automatic pistols and gave up. They pointed to a hole in the floor.

Immediately four Germans clambered up and raised their hands above their

The house was stocked with machinepistols, grenades and a machine-gun, yet



"I know there's a lot of waiting around on these problems but we can't have that going on!"

Fast Talker

Algiers radio said yesterday that an American soldier of the Fifth Army was captured by a unit of the German 44th Division near the center of the Fifth Army front, but the lone soldier was so convincing that he not only talked his captors into releasing him but 17 of the Germans returned to the American lines with him and were taken prisoner. Just what arguments the soldier used was not revealed.

eight men surrendered without firing a

There were still the upper rooms to be searched. While a private covered the prisoners, Johnson and Arneson went cautiously up the stone stairs.

There were three doors on the landing, and Johnson noted wires attached to the

"We expected the whole house to blow up when we touched those wires,' Arneson said, "but nothing happened.

"The Germans later told us that the doors had been wired shut to prevent them slamming in the gale. They feared the noise would attract our fire. We looked into the rooms, but they were empty.

One by one the houses were cleared. On the outskirts, in a small hole beneath a collapsed building, one machine-gun persisted. A shell scored a hit near the narrow aperture. As the dust and mortar fell, an infantryman ran up to within ten yards and sprayed the hole with automatic rifle fire.

Three Germans lay dead across the silenced gun.

In the heart of San Vittore, bullets still came from a three-story stone building, where an Austrian lieutenant was making a final stand. A German with an automatic pistol was shooting from a top floor window.

Bazooka Does It

A burst fired into the window failed to silence the sniper. Then up came Pvt. Chauncey Russell, a slim, blond, bazooka shooter from Hudson, Mich.

Russell got within 100 yards.

"I didn't have time to aim through the sights," he told me. "I just pointed the bastard. Dust poured out through the window, and then the Jerries started coming out of the door.'

Meanwhile a sergeant had worked around to the narrow valley on which the

"There were ten of them," he said. First came the German medical-aid man holding the biggest goddam white flag you ever saw.

'A lieutenant was right behind. shouted: 'Kamerad, we surrender!' "

I was in the German headquarters rummaging for souvenirs when enemy gunners threw some shells into the village.

The building shook as six "screaming Minnies" burst near by, one hitting an transportation office. adjoining house and wounding an Italian civilian.

A haggard little Italian crawled from the wreckage of a shop. He spoke English with a marked Scot's accent and told us that he had been a barber in Glasgow,

When the war began he opened a shop in Rome, but left the capital with his 12 children last August because he felt they would be safer in San Vittore. None of the children had been killed

in the siege, but the Germans had taken his eldest daughter, 17-year-old Rosina. 'A sergeant dragged her away," he said. 'We haven't seen her since. "Last month the Germans put me in a

forced labor battalion. I had to fill booby traps in the road. I ran away the first "If you give me a gun," he added,

clenching a pathetic little fist, "I'll help you kill Germans.' Lt. Frank Fuoto, of Brooklyn, whose platoon cleaned up one of the toughest

sectors of the town, was elected tem-

porary mayor of San Vittore. A young steer which had escaped German notice was slaughtered in his honor, and the battalion officers had steak and onions for their victory feast.

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-Notes from the-Air Force

way.
The crew got its "in" with the film star back at Selfridge Field, in Michigan, in back at Selfridge Field, in Michigan, in one of those morale tours. One of the B26's gunners, S/Sgl. Clarence E. Cyford, of Baltimore, steered Loretta out on the line and rigged things up so that she could autograph his ship—in big letters. Before the chalked signature had time to wash off, an on-the-ball ground crewmen the chalked signature had time to wash off, an on-the-ball ground crewman traced it over with yellow paint, and from then on—an Atlantic crossing, 26 missions and a new wing later—Moe Elling's Marauder has been known by that name on the pose. on the nose.

The six-page letter—to Moe himself came later, with Christmas cards and a personal note for each crewman, and a big picture for the crowd. The crew-1/Lt. Elling, Penn Yann, N.Y.: 1/Lt. Clifford Brokaw, Charleston, Miss.: 1/Lt. Cliftord Brokaw, Charleston, Miss.: 1/Lt. Tobin Underwood, New Orleans; T/Sgt. Andrew Bonnicksen, Waukegarf, Ill.; S/Sgt. Gordon Sampson, Lynn, Mass., and Sgt. Cyford, Baltimore—explain the relationship like this: "We call her Lorenta" Loretta."

A year ago Sgt. Charles J. Killian, of Dickson City, Pa., lost the index finger on his right hand—two days before he on his right hand was to graduate and get his wings as a combat gunner. One day last week the same Sgt. Killian completed his tenth mission as tail gunner on a B26. In the mission as tail guiner on a B20. In the months between losing that finger and going into combat, Sgt. Killian sat fretting over a clerical job. Maj. Walter C. Ives, of Baltimore, his CO, was the man who "figured a way out" and had the correct but had on a course. sergeant put back on a crew.

PARACHUTING infantrymen, fliers and parapups can step aside for this new twist on that old racket: a parachuting MP.

The MP concerned is Pvt. James D. Mc-Whinney, of Detroit, who was on a training flight when his B26 developed landing gear trouble. At 4,000 feet the pilot ordered the crew and passengers to bail out. S/Sgt. Walter E. Clark, of Tampa, Fla., a gunner who coached McWhinney on the use of the chute, said later that it gave him some sort of inner satisfaction to tell an MP "legally where to jump." jump.

The Charge of Quarters at a Liberator station intelligence office has found a way to keep the place warm and still get those few extra hours of sleep. After building up the stove to a reasonable temperature, he hits the cot with one slim blanket for cover. When the fire dies down the CQ gets cold, wakes up and throws another couple of chunks of coke

The Army

THE Furst boys—Cpl. Bill, of Queens Village, L.I., N.Y., and Cpl. Bill, of Superior, Wis.—are at it again, this time in the ETO, being victims of a general mixup, receiving each other's mail, laundry and sometimes dulcet phone

Neither of the Fursts knew each other until they popped into the same outfit at a school for army clerks at Colorado State College. It was one siege of trouble while they were there, because of their name similarity. Finally the team busted up, temporarily, when each moved on to a new assignment.

Th Long Island Furst suspected the worst again a few days ago when he picked up a pair of shoes which he had turned in for repairs. They had the right name tag, but, darn it, if they weren't three sizes too small. That caused Long Island Bill to cock a dyspeptic eye at the supply sergeant.

Say, pal, there isn't a guy by the name of Bill Furst from Superior, Wis., hang-ing his hat, and my shoes, on this station?" Furst asked. An investigation revealed the Wisconsin

Furst was around, working as a supply clerk for Headquarters Detachment. The Eastern Furst is a dispatcher in the

An engineer technical sergeant who put himself on a 24-hour-a-day shift to keep his outfit's big construction equipment on the job during that first difficult winter of the airdrome construction program has been nominated for the Legion of Marit of Merit.

He's Harris Jorgenson, of Oakland,
Cal. Recommended for the award by his
organization commander, Jorgenson was
cited for his perseverance and devotion
to duty as a foreman mechanic.

IF you're a procrastinating letter-writer and try to blame the delay on the mail man, it's well to remember army regulations are one step ahead of you.

Soldiers frequently are known to back date their V-mail letters hoping to make the folks in the States think the letter has been shuffled around in the mail for several weeks.

Regulations, however, provide that each unit postal clerk stamp the date of post-ing on each V-mailer.

The mail yesterday brought a letter from Miss Betty Lewis, who is in Middlesex Hospital, London, recovering from an accident in which her American escort was killed. Miss Lewis wrote to thank all the GIs who, in response to the story in The Stars and Stripes, yisited her and gave her "the happ'est and most exciting Christmas I have ever had." She said the gifts she received were shared throughout the ward "and all the patients and staff shared in my joy."

Infantry Teams Battle Tonight at Rainbow Club

DePaul, Iowa, Warriors Top Nation's Fives

Dartmouth Headed for 7th Straight Ivy League Title

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)—Basket-ball fans still have a few unbeaten teams to cheer for, but the interest is shifting to the assorted conference races in a flurry of pre-examination action.

Although there are others with spotless records, the most impressive strings in the country are DePaul's 12 straight, Camp Grant's ten straight and lowa's six.

Illinois' losses to Wisconsin and Michigan after beating Wisconsin in the Big Ten opener last Monday night mildly surprised the conference in which Northwestern, Iowa and Purdue are the early leaders.

Penn In Running

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Dartmouth beat Columbia, 51—40, for its fourth triumph in the Ivy League to retain undisputed possession of first place in its quest for a seventh consecutive loop title. Penn remained in the running by nosing Cornell, 51—50, although Cornell's Bob Gale scored 27 points to boost his League high to 83 in five games.

m five games.

Oklahoma, Iowa State and Missouri lead the Big Six with Iowa State having victories over Kansas State and Nebraska, while the Sooners and Tigers have won

Arkansas and Rice, with two victories each, and Texas with one, pace the Southwest Conference at the end of the opening week. Biggest surprise so far was Rice's 54—34 victory over Southern Methodist. Methodist.

North Carolina's 43—37 win over Davidson is the only Southern Conference game to date, while Washington, Oregon State and UCLA have been showing to advantage in the early Pacific Coast

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Among the independents, in addition to DePaul and Camp Grant, Norfolk's two teams, the Naval Training Station and the Naval Air Station, stand out along with Kentucky, Great Lakes, Oklahoma Aggies, Iowa Seahawks, Gonzaga, Canisius, St. John's, Akron, Muhlenberg, Temple, Bucknell, Albright and Colgate. Little Milligan in the south country gives promise of future giant-killing deeds.

Among the recent eyebrow lifters was the size of Great Lakes' rout of Western Michigan. St. John's solved completely the fire engine tactics of Rhode Island State, whose 91-point per game average took a severe drop Saturday when the Brooklyn Indians, sparked by Wade Duym and Hy Gotkin, held them to 48, while St. John's rolled in 58. Juniata upset West Virginia, 47—45, and Gonzaga lost to Whitman Saturday after beating the same club Friday.

Norfolk Squads Strong

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The Norfolk Training Station Sailors beat Bainbridge Naval by two points, adding to the interest in the clash between

the two Norfolk teams tonight.

With examinations approaching, the action won't be so plentiful in the next couple of weeks. Madison Square Garden's last double-header until Feb. 8 comes off Wednesday night when LTU plays West Virginia and those great New York rivals, City College and Brooklyn, tangle

Here are the conference standings for the Big Ten:

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OVERCOAT. Someone took mine by mistake on New Year's Day at the Haus Crescent Club, London. My name and serial number are on it. Plesse return to Information Deak at Hans Crescent Club, or to Louis Kuder, ASN 34097133.

MUSEITE Bas, which I took, mistaking it for my own, from back of a command car which gave me a lift between Stamford and Waisford Dec. 28—Sgt. William Richardson, ASN 13092947.

Something Rare—Rangers Win a Game



Chicago Goalie Hec Highton (right) fails to ston the puck for a second period score on the Ranger side by Bryan Hextall (center) as Bill Mosienko of the Black Hawks slams in too late. The Rangers beat out their Midwestern opponents, 7—6, on the Madi-

Barber Upsets

Torger Tokle

Stubborn Rangers Fail Again As Canadiens Triumph, 6-5

NEW YORK, Jan. 10—The high-flying Montreal Canadiens outlasted a surprisingly tough bunch of New York Rangers in Madison Square Garden last night to beat the New Yorkers, 6-5.

Murph Chamberlain, Elmer Lach and Ray Getliffe gave the Canucks a 3-0 margin in the opening period, but Dutch Hiller made it 3-1 near the close of that stanza with the first of three goals.

Getliffe made up for that tally in the second with his second score, but goals by Hiller and Bryan Hextall cut the margin to 4—3. Just before the period ended, Chamberlain went in again giving Montreal a 5—3 advantage going into the last frame.

the last frame.

Hiller notched his third score in the final stanza, but Jerry Hefferman again kept Montreal ahead with a goal although Fernand Gauthier added the last Ranger tally in the closing minutes.

Red Wings Edge Black Hawks, 4-2

DETROIT, Jan. 10—Defenseman Harold Jackson's 60-foot goal with assists from Don Grosso and Syd Howe broke a 2—2 deadlock in the final period and paved the way for the Detroit Red Wings to clip the Chicago Black Hawks here last night, 4—2, and take over fourth place in the National Hockey League.

The Wings' other goal came shortly after when Howe drove the puck over Goalie Mike Karakas, who had fallen to make the save.

Doug Bentley racked up both Chicago scores with assists from Billy Mosienko and Clint Smith. Bentley's second tally came two minutes after the third period started and gave the Hawks a temporary lead.

lead.

Murray Armstrong, recently released from the Canadien Army, set up the Wings' other two goals, passing to Mud Bruneteau for the first and to Carl Liscombe for the second.

Defenseman Flash Hollett, recently, obtained by the Wings in a trade with the Boston Bruins, played his first game for Detroit.

Prestbury Linksmen Clip Hans Crescent Team, 31-21

The ARC Hans Crescent Club golfers, playing their first match of 1944 on Sunday afternoon, lost to the Prestbury ARC linksmen by the odd match, 3½—2½. The match was played on the West Wilts Golf Club course, Warminster.

Members of the winning squad were:

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Sgt. John Swezer, Harrisburg, Pa.; Cpl. Robert
Winterstrom, Minneapolis, Minn.; Sgt. Pete
Uzelae, Moline, Ill.; Cpl. Claude Bascun, Charlotte, N.C.; Pfc James Shield, Brockton, Mass.;
T/4 Joe Flider, Moline, Ill.; Pvt. Harold Williams,
Leesburg, Pa.; T/5, Robert Roman, East Moline,
Ill.; Sgt. Gall Roberts, Moline, Ill.; Wyllie
Harrison, ARC, and Bill Smith, ARC.

Hockey League Standings

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Card 210; Wood, Nelson Have 211; Three-Way Deadlock for 3rd

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10—Johnny Bulla, Atlanta commercial airline pilot, shot his third consecutive round of 70 here yesterday to move into a tie for first place with Leonard Dodson, of Kansas City, Mo., at the 54-hole mark in the \$12,500 Los Angeles Open with a total score of 210.

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y., Jan. 10

Donning his jumping skis for the first time since April, 1943, Skitrooper Sgt. Torger Tokle, holder of the North American record of 289 feet, suffered an upset at the hands of Merrill Barber, of Brattleboro, Vt., in an open invitation jump held here yesterday before 6,000. Style and a distance of 148 feet in the second jump enabled the Vermonter to amass 223.7 points to edge Tokle by 1.9 points. Barber's first jump was 135 feet. Tokle had the best first round leap, making a jump of 138 feet. Sammy Byrd, former big league ball-player, blew up with a 75 and fell to a third place tie with Olin Dutra and Jug McSpaden with a total of 212. Craig Wood, New York pro, fired the best round of the day, a four sub-par 69, to tie with Byron Nelson, Toledo, Ohio, pro for second place.

Dodson needed only a par on the last two holes to take first place, but blew up and tied with Bulla.

Jimmy Hines, of Great Neck, N.Y. and George Fazio, of Pine Valley, N.J., tied at 213.

Bulla, Dodson Tied in Open

Low amateur is Johnny Dawson, of Los Angeles, with 217, followed by Los Angeles city fireman Bruce McCormick with 219.

Two Cage Leaders Toppled In CBS Loop Competition

cage league leaders still holds its lead today. The - MP Corkeys remain undefeated to lead the CBS League, but the Redskins finally sunk the Navy to take over the top spot in the Marble Arch loop, and the — Engineer Hiyacks have taken over first place in the Mayfair

Hockey Results

The Corkeys racked up an easy, 20-5, victory over the - Engineer Sissies last week, the Corkeys' seventh start without a loss. Ace center Harold Heath again put on a one-man offense to net 14 of the Corkeys' 20-point total. The Engineers were unable to display a consistent offense, hooping only two field goals in the first half and a gift shot the second.

Still crowding the league leaders are the — MP Shortsnorters, who kept their record at six wins against one loss, drubbing the AACS Redshirts, 30—19. The Shortsnorters were on top of the AACS by ten points the first half with Sgt. Peter J. Monfre, of Milwaukee, Wis., Pfc Phocian Rhoads, of South Bend, Ind., and Cpl. William J. Stewart, of Hammond, Ind., sparking the attack with three goals each

Only one of last week's three CBS | the week with a 30-22 victory over the

the week with a 30—22 victory over the Columbia Hilltoppers.

In the Marble Arch League, the Redskins beat the Navy Rangers, 21—7, to take over the number one position. Pat Delila again sparked the Redskin attack with a ten-point total. High man for the Navy was Y 2/C Leon J. Cabes, of New Orleans, with two field goals.

The AG Pencilpushers forfeited to the Base Censor Shorties and the Casual

Base Censor Shorties and the Casual quintet, sparked by Mackwith's ten

points, downed the Engineers Sad Sacks, 24—10.

The Engineer Hiyaks came out on top of the Mayfair League in a week of stiffening competition. Late starters, the Engineers now have seven straight wins without a loss to top the second place Railway Treetoppers. The HQ Company quintet, ex-league leaders, have slipped to fourth place with the Engineer Snafoos handing them their third loss in nine starts, 28—24. The third loss in nine starts, 28—24. The Enigineers' mainstay, Letendre, made it a close game all the way, hooping five goals and a free throw.

The second place Railway Treetoppers kept up a full head of steam with a 27—18 triumph over the ATC. White of the Treetoppers netted five goals and

Ind., and Cpl. William J. Stewart, of Hammond, Ind., sparking the attack with three goals each.

The Shortsnorters made it two wins for the squad. High scorer was the ATC's Cohen with 14 of his team's 18.

Eagles Matched With Unbeaten Division Squad

Schnappauf and Spontak Favored; Webber Has Tough Opponent

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes' Sports Editor
The Rainbow Corner fights fans, treated to a knockout party last week, will have their second chance within a month to see the unbeaten - Infantry Division fighters in action tonight.

Division fighters in action tonight.

And unless the veterans, who last year annexed the somewhat mythical ETO team championship, are in better form than they were a month ago when they could get no better than a 4—4 tie with a combination Air Depot-Replacement, Depot aggregation, they are apt to take their first setback. For tonight they are matched with the Screaming Eagles, another Infantry division team that boasts, among other records, the Fort Bragg, N.C., team title and a Golden Glove team title.

Conned Six of Fight

Copped Six of Eight

At the Fort Bragg bouts, the Eagles walked off with five of the eight bouts, while they annexed six of eight Golden Glove titles.

Glove titles.

As the program shapes up now, it will be a ten-bout card. Still in doubt is the bout between Pfc Don Webber, 126-pound ETO featherweight champion from Roanoke, Va., and Pfc John McIntosh, of New York, also 126. If McIntosh is able to make the trip Webber will be up against the toughest opponent he has met yet in the ETO. McIntosh not only won his bouts at Fort Bragg and in the Southern Golden Gloves, but went on to the New York Glove tourney, where he won through in the finals. This will be his first scrap in this theater.

Strong in Welter Class

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The Eagles probably will find the going hardest in the welterweight bracket where the champs have three bruising hitters in Pvt. Charlie Schnappauf, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Cpl. George Spontak, of Pitchurgh, and Pfe.

George Spontak, of Pittsburgh, and Pfc John Shikoluk, of Whitehouse, N.J. Best of the three is Schnappauf, a lightning hitter whose encounters with Dick Shinn have shown that he can take it through

can take it through all of three rounds. Shinn outpointed Schnappauf on Nov.

30—Charlie's first setback in five appearances. That decision was reversed two weeks later when Schnappauf clevely.

two weeks later when Schnappauf cleverly outmanuevered the San Francisco Korean. Schnappauf, at 143, will tackle Sgt. Ted Kaus, also 143, of Dunkirk, N.Y.

Spontak, co-holder with Schnappauf of the division title, hasn't been beaten in five starts at Rainbow. His man is Pvt. Glen Ferguson, of Kokomo, Ind. Both weigh 147.

Both weigh 14/.

Beating Drum for Kippens

The Eagles are beating the drum for
Shikoluk's opponent, Pfc Hewett Kippens, Brunswick, Ga., boy who, along
with McIntosh and Sgt. John Flores,
light heavy from Houston, Tex., is rated
the class of the squad. Shikoluk has had
two matches at the Corner, winning one
on a TKO and dropping a close one to
classy Pvt. Dick Menchaka.

This team match also will give the fans

This team match also will give the fans their first flyweight bout of the second Rainbow Corner season when Pvt. Sal Scurto, of Baltimore, takes on Pvt. Al McEuen, of Phoenix, Ariz. Scurto has not fought here since his surprise performance into the ETO championships last lune when he came out of nowhere last June when he came out of nowhere to gain the final round only to drop' a close decision to Pvt. Eddie LaBorde for the title. Both Scurto and McEuen are 114-pounders.

Here is the lineup for the other bouts: Pfc Lynwood Craighead, Roanoke, Va., 128, Pvt. Louis Martinez, Los Angeles, 128. Pfc James Grantham, Pulaski, Va., 160, vs., Ffc Ralph Ponbano, Brooklyn, 160, Pvt. Garner Buttram, Baltimore, 158, vs. Pvt. Stan Marchinski, Hartford, Conn., 160.

Cpl. Dom Codispoti, Jenners, Pa., 165, vs. Pvt. Glen Reed, Akron, Ohio, 187. Sgt. John Flores, Houston, Texas, 165, vs. Pvt. Mike Denski, Philadelphia, 165.

By Al Capp

Li'l Abner







A Public-Works

Jobs Program

Declares Work Must Be

Provided for Millions in

Transitional Period

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Jan. 10—A proposal that the United States take immediate steps to create a vast public-works program to help absorb some 15,000,000 men and women in the "transitional" months after the war was advanced by Donald H. Davenport, of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Davenport told the National Research Council yesterday that, along with the flood of returning servicemen, even under the most favorable conditions, manufacturing jobs would fall from a 17,000,000 peak to a possible 13,000,000.

"The magnitude of the resulting unemployment," Davenport said, "will depend partly upon the timing of peace. If it should take a year or two more to knock out Japan after we have beaten Germany, a good deal of reconversion might occur during the war, thus easing the post-war transitional difficulties."

Fishing Strike Breaks Up

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 10— The first break in a two-month-old strike that has tied up the fishing fleets of New Bedford, Boston and New York came when six draggers put out to sea from

when six draggers put out to sea from here. Twenty more boats were reported ready to sail. New Bedford fishermen broke away from the striking AFL Atlantic Fishermen's Union, which had ordered fleets to remain in port in protest over what it said, was too low a ceiling price on certain kinds of fish.

Radium Thief Seized

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 10-Army in-telligence officers announced the arrest of

Tony Martin Transferred MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 10-Singer

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 10—Singer Tony Martin, who was to have graduated from the Army Air Forces' Officer Candidate School here Saturday, was suddenly transferred to Seymour Johnson Field at Goldsboro, N.C., an unidentified USAAF spokesman announced, according to International News Service. He said that Martin's name had been dropped from the graduation list.

Isolated by Heavy Snows BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Me., Jan. 10

—An 18-inch snowfall virtually isolated this coastal town and the adjacent villages

of Boothbay and Southport. Boothbay Harbor's 5,000 residents had only a telephone to link them with the outside

world. An unidentified woman was dead in Southport, but the hearse sent for her body was abandoned in the heavy

Extra Police for Baltimore

Blows on Yanks In New Britain

Tanks, Artillery Reinforce Marines Pushing East Of Cape Gloucester

ALLIED HQ, New Guinea, Jan. 10-After more than a week of desperate counter-attacks, Japanese efforts to push Marines back from Cape Gloucester have died down after a series of suicidal attacks which cost the enemy nearly 4,000

attacks which cost the enemy nearly 4,000 killed since New Britain was invaded.

Only major Jap pressure came south of Cape Gloucester airfield, where they are stubbornly defending rocky peaks that thrust up out of the jungle.

Both U.S. tank and artillery reinforcements have been brought up to hold the U.S. positions in the Borgen Bay area, where Marines have been pushing eastward—toward Rabaul.

In New Guinea, the Japs are believed to be rushing men and equipment under cover of dark to stem the U.S.-Aussie attacks on their stricken lines on the north coast.

Jap Barges Are Sunk

Several barges and troops were sunk by Fifth Air Force planes, but it is believed that only a few barges have been detected so far.

Solomon-based U.S. fighters engaged a large force of enemy planes at Cape St. George, New Ireland, and shot down ten Two more probably were destroyed.

Planes Make 18th Raid On Jap Marshall Base

PEARL HARBOR, Jan 10 (AP)— U.S. airmen made their 18th raid on Japanese installations on Mili Atoll in the Marshalls, according to Adm. Chester

Nimitz communique today,
Adm. Nimitz said that Seventh Air
Force dive-bombers, escorted by Navy
fighters, bombed Mili on Friday, but
although the Japanese have the air base

Enemy planes returned the visit that evening with an attack against U.S. installations at Tarawa, but caused no damage, Adm. Nimitz added.

Damage - -(Continued from page 1)

tered the airdrome facilities of the SNCA aircraft factory at Bordeaux-Merignac with hits on workshops, hangars, admini-strative buildings and dispersed airplanes.

The Tours-Parcay-Meslay airfield also was heavily damaged, according to reconnaissance, with several large fires still burning when the PRU planes were over the target.

Highlights of a new crop of stories from neutral Sweden and Switzerland arising out of last week's three major raids was a report in a Stockholm newspaper that 45,000 workers in Berlin were missing, either as casualties or because they had fled the city and the RAF's night

The newspaper also said that the Berlin raids had left more than 400,000 workers in the capital unemployed, but that 120,000 of them had been shifted to new

Going Home-

(Continued from page 1)

effect to return those men to the U.S. Reynolds said the rotation problem had been given constant study by the General Staff but he pointed out the many difficulties to overcome.

the difficulties were theaters of operations are anticipated replacements must be shipped to cover attrition; supplies, equipment and munitions must be given priority in shipments; shipping itself is a problem and seasoned troops can not be withdrawn in the midst of operations unless fresh troops are available to replace them."

AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial Tuesday, Jan. 11

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1100—GI Jive.

1115—Personal Album.

1130—Happy Norman's Ranch House.

1200—Joe Loss and his Orchestra (BBC).

1210—Music We Love.

1255—Quiet Moment.

1300—World News (BBC).

1110—Barracks Bag.

1400—Visiting Hour.

1430—Sign off until 1745 hours.

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1745—Spotlight Band and Program Resume.
1800—World News (BBC).
1810—Gl Supper Club.
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports—Presented by The Stars and Stripes.
1903—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
1930—Boxing Bouts—from the Rainbow Corner, with Sgt. Marty Smith and Pfc Keith lameson.
2000—News From Home—Nightly rounding of news from the U.S.A., presented by The Stars and Stripes.
2010—Fred Waring Program.
2025—Human Interest in Books.
2030—Contented Hour.
2100—Music in Three-quarter Time.
2125—Jinto Battle—A BBC dramatization of heroic incidents of this war.
2135—Duffy's Favern.
2230—Downbeat.
2255—Fraid Edition.
2230—Sign off until 1100 hours Wednesday, Jan.

NEWS FROM HOME Japs End Suicide WACs Love It Overseas, Says the Boss **Expert Wants**

Col. Hobby Insists Even OCS at Home Is No Attraction

WACs in the ETO don't want to go NACS in the E10 don't want to go home—not even to become officers—Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, WAC director, said in London yesterday, following her arrival on an inspection tour of WAC establishments in England. She began her tour by inspecting barracks where WACs working in London are quartered.

"We are having treated followed."

working in London are quartered.

"We are having trouble filling the officer-candidate school quotas in all foreign theaters," the WAC director said at a press conference, "because the girls don't want to go back home to OCS unless they are given a guarantee that they will be reassigned overseas after they are commissioned. are commissioned.

"They have a full sense of doing a necessary and important job where they are close to the war," the 39-year-old WAC chief said.

Denies Plan for Invasion Follow-Up

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Col. Hobby denied that she was in the
theater to make any plans for moving
WAC detachments forward close behind
any invasion force.

"In Africa and Sicily, when front lines
were reasonably secure, WACs went in
and I would assume that the same thing
would work here. That is entirely in the
hands of a theater commander."

Additional WACs will arrive in this
theater steadily, Col. Hobby revealed.
The additional WACs will continue to
free men for assignment with combat
units.

Asked if enlisted men with ratings as clerks might be transferred to combat units as privates, Col. Hobby said that was something a WAC director would not women are in the ETO.



New York Times Photo In an ETO mess hall, Col. Hobby talks with Pvt. Francis Pherico, of Albany, N.Y., and S/Sgt. Ann E. Gossler, of Cinimati, Ohio.

know. However, a high Army officer who was with Col. Hobby at the press conference offered the opinion that the men would be transferred in grade.

A WAC recruiting campaign in the States has brought the present enlistment rates up to a level they had not reached since February, 1943, Col. Hobby revealed, and the present WAC strength is 63,000.

It was estimated that they were doing

Col. Hobby, the only woman to hold that rank, was sworn in as WAC director in May, 1942. Before her appointment she was with the War Department's public-relations section. Since 1938 she has been executive vice-president of the Houston (Tex.) Post. She also has served as parliamentarian in the Texas House of Representatives and is author of a book Mr. Chairman, a textbook on parliamentary law. She is married and has two children. Her husband, William P. Hobby, is editor of the Houston Post.

'Lost Battalion' of Americans Sofia Pounded In the ETO Really Finds Itself

By Tom Hoge

AN INFANTRY DIVISION HQ, Jan. 10-The story of a "lost battalion" which for six days wandered over a desolate stretch of the English country side, simulating behind-the-lines activity, destroying enemy communications and evading retaliatory raids, was told here today.

training program was urged.

A truck which sought them out once a A truck which sought them out once a day and tossed them canned rations was their only contact with their home camp. Unshaven, covered with dirt, the men, as they cooked their food on barren hills, were on the alert for tear gas and smokebomb attacks by the outfit's mobile intelligence unit. telligence unit.

Receiving practical experience in the tactics used so successfully in Russia and the Balkans, the men made daring raids on designated objectives to disrupt "enemy" communications and "smash" vital installations.

It was hard work, lonely work, executed so well that observation officers expressed great satisfaction. And the

expressed great satisfaction. And the men.

"You get tired," Cpl. Milton Fink, of Pittsburgh, said, "but you don't mind it somehow. The problems give every man a chance to use his brains for a change, and that's what's good about it."

"The boys showed they had an ample amount of initiative," said Col. Sheppe. "The countryside was awfully easy to get lost in, simulating or no simulating.

get lost in, simulating or no simulating. The fog is so thick that you have to grope your way along and every hill looks identical so that you could wander around in circles for hours without realizing it."

Departments to carry out construction program. hospital

6—"Adequate provision" by Veterans' Administration for the physical welfare and financial aid to all wounded, diseased

or otherwise handicapped veterans before their discharge from the service.

Chairman John E. Rankin (D.-Mass.), of the House Veterans' Legislation Committee, one of the Congressional sponsors, said a prime objective of the bill was to "remedy chaotic conditions and bureauters the red state under subject the distance of the conditions and bureauters the red state under subject the distance of the conditions and bureauters the red state under subject the conditions and bureauters the red state under subject the conditions and bureauters the red state under subject the conditions and bureauters the red state under subject the conditions and bureauters the red state under subject the conditions and bureauters the red state the conditions and bureauters the red state the red state that the red state the red state that the red state the red state that the red st cratic red tape under which divided authority and responsibility victimized discharged veterans of this war."

In a test of the American soldier's ability to shift for himself if cut off from his main body of troops, the battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Arthur Sheppe, of Staunton, Va., was cut up into platoons and even squads. So successful was this "lost battalion" experiment that adoption of the plan as a regular part of the division's invasion fraining program was urged. Raft and Troupe, Still 'AWOL,' Go Still 'AWOL,' Go Out on ETO Trip

George Raft, June Clyde, Louise All-britton and Bob Bain, the American stage and screen stars who arrived in London Thursday, are scheduled to make their ETO debut today at American Army hospitals in eastern England.

They're still waiting for a final cable from the War Department telling them where they're bound for—they arrived in Britain without travel orders through a misunderstanding, and may be destined for another theater-but in the mean-time they want to get to work.

Communists to Change Name

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)-The National Committee of the Communist Party announced yesterday that the party had decided to change its name. Earl Browder, general secretary of the party, has asked the public to submit new names.

Jacob L. Devers to personnel of the

European Theater of Operations, includ-

ing a special tribute to Air Force men

for their blows at Germany and praise for other troops preparing for the invasion, was released by Army headquarters

last night, following the announcement

that Gen. Devers had assumed his new

duties as commanding general of American forces in the Mediterranean theater.

The message follows:

"In relinquishing command of this theater, which it has been my duty and

privilege to have held for the past eight months, I wish to express to you my

At Top of Adriatic

ALLIED FORCE HQ, Jan. 10—
Flying Fortresses of the 15th Air Force today raided Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, from bases in Italy.
For German-controlled Sofia, key transportation center for Jugoslavia, Rumania and Bulgaria, it was the fifth heavy bomber attack in two months. Although the Allied communique at a late hour tonight did not reveal the targets hit or the number of planes lost, it was announced that a "heavy force" of Fortresses had bombed the city.

In other assaults on cities from which

In other assaults on cities from which the Germans supply their troops in the Balkans and Italy, Fortresses yesterday blasted Pola, on the tip of the Istrian Peninsula at the northern end of the Adriatic, and medium bombers hit Ancona, Italian railroad harbor on the Adriatic

Adriatic.

Escorted by Lightnings, the Forts blasted the harbor area, dry docks and factories in Pola, one of the three main ports through which the Germans supply and reinforce their Balkan positions.

The Fifth Army today drew two miles nearer to Cassino, closing in on each side of the mountain heights guarding the German bastion defending the road to Rome. Against bitter opposition, American units smashed forward to capture Mount Catena Vecchia and Mount Prochia Ridge.

Germany from the air shall never be for-gotten. Your individual deeds of heroism

gotten. Your individual deeds of heroism and the part you have played together in this war shall be enshrined forever in the hearts of our people.

"Most of you, however, have been engaged in the arduous task of administration, planning and preparation. You have done your job faithfully and well and in keeping with the highest traditions of our army. You can be justly proud.

"We shall go forward together and, in companionship with our great Allies, shall gain the final victory.

"Good luck to you all."

Men of ETO in Farewell Note

A farewell message from Lt. Gen. gratitude for the job each of you has done and to say that I am proud of you.

Those of you who have been striking

In Fortress Raid

telligence officers announced the arrest of James C. Burke, 34, of Salt Lake City, and quoted him as confessing the theft of 13 vials of deadly radium powder from Hill Field. They said Burke told of carrying the stolen radium to Salt Lake City on a crowded bus, thus making it possible "that Burke and others who came in contact with him will be permanently if not fatally harmed." Italian-Based Planes Again Hit Balkans; PolaBlasted]

BALTIMORE, Jan. 10—Additional police squads were ordered to patrol Baltimore streets at night after two men had been shot to death, four others wounded and five others robbed in a 24-hour period. Devers in New Post; Lauds Russia- - - -

Kiev were within 15 miles of Shepetovka, on the Berdichev-Brest Litovsk rail line. Fierce Russian attacks here were described by Axis radios. The Red Army drive towards Vinnitsa.

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The Red Army drive towards Vinnitsa, the Bug River and the flast great rail artery before Rumania, the Odessa-Lwow line, made good progress with the capture of Buki, 90 miles southeast of Vinnitsa. This advance thus outflanked that rail junction and moved the Soviet line at that point within 60 miles of the Bug.

Berlin meanwhile told of a Russian attempt to close off the Dnieper Bend by a landing from the Black Sea 40 miles east of Odessa. Nine Russian landing craft attempted to put troops ashore here at noon Saturday, the German radio said, but "minor German naval units beat off the attackers without loss to themselves."

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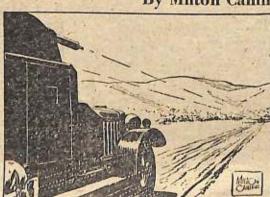
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