

Axis Defense Folds in Southern Tunisia

As Yanks and British Met on Road to Gabes



Smiling Yanks in a reconnaissance car pull up beside a soldier of the British Eighth Army on the road to Gabes shortly after the last Italian resistance along the road have withdrawn or surrendered. This picture was radioed to London from Cairo.

8th Army Past Sfax, Allies Moving East To Take Kairouan

Americans, British, French Occupy Pichon, Force Fondouk in Drive to Coast; Prisoners Now Total 23,000

Allied armies were driving Rommel back on every important front in Tunisia last night, while their warplanes smashed with increasing fury at the retreating Axis columns and at lines of communications and supply.

With the capture of Sfax by the Eighth Army, the Axis defense of southern Tunisia collapsed, and overwhelming Allied forces were closing in last night on the port of Sousse, 60 miles north of Sfax, and on Kairouan, 30 miles inland. Through Kairouan, now menaced by Allied forces sweeping eastwards toward the coast, columns of Axis troops were streaming in their retreat before the Eighth Army.

The Eighth Army, sweeping on past Sfax, which it occupied at 8.15 o'clock Saturday morning, was reported to be advancing with increasing speed, spurred on by a message from the commander, Gen. Montgomery—"On to Tunis!" The desert army appeared now to be carrying out the last of the three stages of the campaign which Montgomery set forth before the Battle of the Mareth Line.

On the flank, meanwhile, American and British tank and infantry forces, having captured Pichon and broken through the vital Fondouk Gap late Friday, were sweeping down the flat road towards Kairouan, the Holy City of Tunisia and the biggest communications point in the central area. Once they reach Kairouan they will be only 30 miles from the port of Sousse, which is also the next big city threatened by the Eighth Army, now some 60 miles to the south.

The Germans were believed to have erected strong defensive positions around Kairouan.

The Eighth Army was reported to have captured more than 20,000 prisoners, while the Allied forces on the flank had taken at least 3,000 more. Allied headquarters score showed the Axis had lost 302 planes, the Americans and British 110.

Allied planes smashed savagely at the heavy transport planes in which Rommel is trying to bring fuel and supplies to his forces from southern Italy. Forty of them—called "Flying Coffins" by the men who fly them—were shot out of the skies in two major air battles. Lightnings and Mitchell medium bombers did the work, and only one Allied plane was lost—a Lightning which crashed after it had struck the tail of a Me109 in the accompanying dogfights.

As the Allied forces continued to prove their mastery of the air, returning pilots reported indications that the Luftwaffe morale was weakening. Ten German airmen bailed out of their planes before a single shot was fired when American-flown Spitfires intercepted a formation of 16 Ju88 bombers over central Tunisia. Eight of the 16 planes were shot down and four others damaged.

Rommel was retreating so rapidly yesterday that his troops were not stopping to lay the mines and plant the booby-traps with which they have cluttered the Eighth Army's advance all the way from El Alamein. Allied

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Hitler, II Duce In Secret Talks

Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and their staffs discussed plans for the prosecution of the war—and presumably the Axis defense against the looming Allied invasion—at meetings Apr. 7 to 10, Berlin radio revealed last night. The place of the meetings was not mentioned, but it was assumed to be the Brenner Pass, as in the past.

"Complete agreement was reached on all measures to be taken," said a special communique issued on the meetings.

"The Fuehrer and the Duce again expressed their and their peoples' hard determination to carry on the war, by total effort of all forces, till final victory, and to complete annihilation of any future danger which might threaten the European-African area, either from the west or from the east."

With Hitler were Goering, Ribbentrop, Field Marshal Keitel, army commander-in-chief; Adm. Doenitz, navy commander, and Gen. Zeitzler, chief of army general staff.

II Duce was accompanied by the chief of the Italian general staff, Gen. Ambrosio; the State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Bastiani; officials of the Italian Foreign Office and officers of the Italian high command.

Yanks Trapped By Foe Return With Prisoners

Sweated Out Three Days Behind Enemy Lines, Then Took Hill

SOUTHERN TUNISIA, Apr. 8 (PA)—How an American infantry battalion, caught between the enemy lines for three days without food or water, stuck through heavy artillery and mortar fire in their hill position and finally captured 200 Italian prisoners was told today by a grinning lieutenant and a tough sergeant.

"We moved in on their flank and got between their lines. It took us three days to find out who was in a hole—them or us," said Sgt. Bradley E. Casey, 33, of Chicago, who has been in the regular army ten years.

"We attacked them on the point of a horseshoe curve of a hill east of El Guettar on Mar. 28," said 2/Lt. Cedric Lafley, 24, of Enosburg Falls, Vt.

"They held heights above us and poured so much mortar and artillery fire on us that our commander ordered us to pull out the next night, but because of a break in communications we didn't get the order and sweated it out.

Took Mountain Top

"The next day we attacked the Italians, who were unnerved by the ordeal themselves, and we took 200 prisoners.

"By pushing them off the mountain top we obtained good observation points which enabled our artillery to pave the way for our complete break-through down the Gabes road."

The two men told their story while the rest of their unit pulled back for a rest after ten days of steady fighting.

"It was only through the grace of God that most of us found a blind spot that enemy mortars and artillery couldn't reach," said Casey.

"None of those who crowded in this small area was hurt, and everyone who didn't was hit with mortar fire.

"It was impossible to get in food and water, and all we had were the supplies in our packs. The worst thing about it, besides that awful mortar barrage, was that we couldn't evacuate our wounded immediately.

"It made us feel bad to see our boys

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OPA Orders Prices Fixed In U.S. Restaurants, Bars

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11 (UP)—U.S. restaurant and bar prices are to be controlled, Prentiss Brown, the price administrator, revealed today.

OPA officials are authorized to fix top prices both for food and drinks sold in restaurants, hotels and other public eating and drinking establishments.

Every restaurant must file its menus for last week with its local price board, and the prices then charged will be the top prices for the future.

Engineers Rehearsing Invasion On Replica of Nazi 'Hedgehog'

By Bryce W. Burke
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

HQ.—rd Engineers (Combat), England, Apr. 11—American combat engineers are rehearsing for invasion on a 1,690-yard assault course here which includes a typical German "hedgehog" position of fortifications.

The combat engineers, who have the job of clearing a safe path for armored and infantry units, are learning to negotiate live mine fields, penetrate barbed wire entanglements, cross tank traps, and to attack and destroy reinforced pillboxes, all with mines exploding and live fire whining close above their heads.

A demonstration of the engineers' skill and efficiency in using electrical mine detectors, flame throwers, pole charges, 30-foot bangalore torpedoes and TNT, was given for Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commanding general, ETO; Maj. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, and Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle, commander of field forces, ETOUSA.

Clear Mine Fields

The first part of the show, termed the "silent" phase, showed the beginning of the mock attack, which in actual combat would take place under cover of darkness. The booby trap and mine detecting squad cleared a path through the live mine field to mark the route with white tape for other squads to follow. These following crews cut their way through a double-apron wire entanglement, planted 200 lbs. of TNT in the anti-tank ditch, and inserted bangalore torpedoes in the high wire barrier.

The previously planted charges were exploded simultaneously to open the

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General's Jottings in Air Log Describe Battle Over Antwerp

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Apr. 11—The story of how Brig. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong, of Nashville, N.C., helped save the life of his navigator during the raid on Antwerp last Monday was told by Eighth Air Force headquarters today. Intelligence officers gleaned the story from the General's air log—observations jotted down during lulls in what some pilots said was the fiercest air fighting yet in the ETO.

A 20-mm. shell exploded in the nose of the B17, severely wounding the navigator, Capt. Robert J. Salitnik, of Alhambra, Cal.

While the attacks continued, smashing the main wing spar and starting a fire in the cockpit, Gen. Armstrong grabbed a walk-around bottle and crawled forward to give first aid to Salitnik who was bleeding profusely from a leg wound.

Maj. James C. Wilson, of Bowling Green, Ohio, pilot of the ship, and other members of the crew reported that Capt. Salitnik was recovering in the hospital.

Here's the way the General's log told the story:

Stood behind pilot while he took off. Moved to navigator-bombardier compartment and rode with them until we gained considerable altitude, when I returned to a position behind the pilot and co-pilot.

Adjusted oxygen mask and arranged parachute so that top turret mechanism would not knock it down. Placed the pilot's parachute in better position for him to get if an emergency arose.

Made sign language to pilot to be on the alert for enemy attacks through thin overcast in the early stages of the attack.

Pointed out two smoke trails coming out of France high to our left.

Checked time of turn as we left the English coast.

Checked on the formation by looking through the side window.

Looked at Belgium as we crossed the coastline, wondering how these people were doing down there.

Cursed a Focke-Wulf 190 as it came in to our right.

Watched the first enemy attack develop ahead of the formation.

Pointed out the attackers to the pilot as they became more ferocious and concentrated.

Pushed the control column forward as a FW190 met us head on. Back-seat driving, and I was sorry about it. FW190 rolled under wing, missing a collision by a few feet.

Watched fire from cannons as Germans

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Single Fort Bags 10 Nazi Fighters On Renault Raid

'Dry Martini' Guns Set New Mark; RAF in Weekend Blows

The Flying Fortress Dry Martini, piloted by Capt. Allen V. Martini, of San Francisco, has chalked up a new ETO high for the number of enemy planes destroyed during a single raid. Officially credited with ten during the raid on the Renault tank arsenal at Paris a week ago yesterday, Capt. Martini's crew holds top score for this theater of operations.

Announcement of the Dry Martini's score came as Eighth Air Force statisticians added another German fighter to the total of 47 previously credited on the Paris trip. With the Antwerp raid the next day, the two-day total of confirmed victories stands at 71, with 13 enemy planes listed as probably destroyed and six others as damaged. Four U.S. bombers were lost on each raid, along with a total of eight Allied fighter planes.

High as the Paris toll was, it still stood second in Eighth Air Force annals to the Vegesack raid of Mar. 18, in which 52 German fighters were knocked down by the American heavy bombers.

Forty-eight planes were knocked down in the raid on Lille, Oct. 9, 1942.

Old Mark Was Seven

The ten-plane score set by the Dry Martini bettered an earlier mark of seven enemy downed in a single raid which was made at St. Nazaire last Nov. 23 by Capt. William J. Casey's gunners. Like Capt. Martini, Capt. Casey comes from San Francisco.

Twenty-six of the 48 German planes shot down over Paris were victims of the "Boomerang Boys," the group headed by Col. Curtis Lemay, of Columbus, Ohio, recently awarded the Silver Star.

American bomber crews took it easy over the weekend, but RAF raiders kept the Germans on the ramp.

After an attack on Duisburg and targets in the Ruhr Friday night, they carried on day sweeps Saturday. Saturday night more RAF bombers struck at targets in southwest Germany. Eighteen British planes failed to return.

In the Bay of Biscay Coastal Command planes bombed an enemy supply vessel and her escort. Two planes were lost in the attack. Other RAF raiders shot up locomotives, freight cars, canal barges and oil storage tanks in France and Holland on Saturday. Saturday afternoon Spitfires attacked enemy shipping off the French coast and damaged three small ships.

Five British planes were reported lost.

Navy Has Commodores Again

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11—The Navy turned back the pages of its officers' roster to 1889 today, re-establishing the rank of Commodore which was abandoned in that year. The new grade, established in an act signed by President Roosevelt, corresponds to that of a Brigadier General in the Army.

Bombers Sink Two Jap Ships Off Wewak Base

30 Tons of Bombs Dumped On Ammunition Stores, Shore Installations

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Apr. 11—American heavy bombers struck Wewak, key Jap base in northern Guinea, at dawn yesterday, dumping 30 tons of bombs on the port, destroying a cargo and an ammunition ship and damaging two others, today's communique reports.

Big fires were left burning after a direct hit had blown up an ammunition dump on shore, dock installations and anti-aircraft positions. The only Jap fighter encountered was shot down in flames, the communique added.

Long-range fighters at dawn executed a sweep along the New Guinea coast, strafing with cannon and machine-gun fire an enemy airdrome, a power house and installations at Alexishaffen. In Madang harbor a power barge was sunk, and a huge fire was started that was still burning three hours later. Heavy bombers, later in the day, bombed and strafed the airdrome in single attacks.

After daylight Allied medium bombers bombed and strafed ground installations at Bogia. Two direct hits completely destroyed a battery of five heavy machine-guns. A nearby fuel servicing unit set surface craft ablaze.

Medium bombers successfully attacked enemy positions in Timor, Tanimbar Islands, Aroe Islands and New Britain.

U.S. Lose 3 Ships

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11—Three U.S. ships were sunk by Japanese planes Apr. 7 near Guadalcanal, the Navy Department revealed last night. A destroyer, a tanker, and a corvette were listed as lost. A fuel boat, previously listed as sunk, has been damaged, reports showed.

The Navy Department also revised the air losses during the same battle. The new figures show that 39 Jap planes were destroyed. Originally 37 planes were listed as shot down by American fighter planes, but two days later the Navy Department lowered it to 35.

Seven U.S. planes were lost but five of the pilots were saved, the revised communique said.

Heinkel 177 Could Bomb N.Y., Axis Paper Says

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 11 (UP)—The possibility of a bombing attack on New York by Germany's new Heinkel 177 bomber was pointed out today in newspapers here, quoting an Italian magazine. The article claimed that these four-engined bombers not only could make the 6,000-mile return trip but it could carry between two and three tons of bombs on the journey.

Four pilots would be taken on the 22-hour trip, and the raiders would receive meteorological information from U-boats. The Heinkel is believed to have a maximum bomb load of about six tons and a range of 7,000 miles.

U-Boats Again Operating Off East Coast of U.S.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10—New long-range German U-boats, which Berlin says are capable of staying several months at sea, have appeared off the U.S. east coast, the Navy Department announced today.

The disclosure followed news that survivors of a U.S. merchantman, sunk off the coast early this month—the first since August—have been landed at Miami.

W. C. Field Loses Suit

HOLLYWOOD, Apr. 11 (UP)—Movie comedian W. C. Fields lost a suit for \$8,000 here yesterday—being ordered by the court to pay that sum to author Harry Yaddock for material of Yaddock's which Fields was charged with having stolen and incorporated in his picture "You Can't Cheat an Honest Man." Fields acknowledged the verdict by taking a hooker from a jar he has carried to court daily "for emergency—in case I lose this case."

Lemon Crystals Help Beets and Puddings

Anybody got any more recipes? Mess sergeants say they help the GI menus.

The latest contribution is from Pvt. E. M. Skrzycki:

"Gentlemen—You asked for other uses of lemon crystals.

"No. 1.—Use lemon crystals in place of vinegar in GI Recipe No. 153, Beets Harvard, and GI Recipe No. 154, Pickled Beets. This will give additional Vitamin C, also a very desirable flavor to the beets.

"No. 2.—Lemon pudding (100 men.) Dissolve 12 oz. lemon crystals, 7½ lbs. sugar, ½ oz. salt, in ten quarts water. Mix well: 1 lb. dry egg powder, 2 lbs. starch, ½ lb. flour, in four quarts water.

"Pour all together and cook on a low fire to desired consistency."

Fort Downs 45 Planes, Sinks 12 Ships in Month

SYDNEY, Apr. 11 (UP)—One Flying Fortress has just completed the most successful month in its career by destroying 45 enemy planes, probably destroying 17 others, and sinking 12 Japanese ships and probably damaging 14.

In addition, with other bombardment formations, it has bombed installations and airfields over a wide area, devastated buildings, communications, ammunition dumps, hutments and food stores. Many of its successes were scored in the battle in the Bismarck Sea.

Axis Defense Folds in South

8th Army Takes Sfax; Sousse and Kairouan Threatened

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sources still did not describe the Axis withdrawal as a rout, but it was plain that the final phase of the African campaign was at hand.

Before attacking Mareth, Montgomery outlined the three stages of the battle: (1) Through the Mareth Line; (2) past the formidable Akarit positions in the Gabes Gap, and (3) into Sousse, Tunis and Bizera. As the Axis withdrew from southern Tunisia the first two were completed.

The most bitter fighting in progress yesterday was east of Pichon and Fondouk, where even Berlin admitted the Allied pressure had been considerably increased.

Scores of Allied tanks and vehicles poured through the wide muddy Fondouk Gap yesterday and raced in clouds of dust towards Kairouan. All about were evidences of the hasty departure of the enemy—apparently undamaged vehicles were abandoned on the roads, and helmets and other light equipment were lying in the ditches as though flung there in panic.

Opposition from enemy tanks was light, but about 15 were reported to have taken up positions in a semi-circle about the western approaches to Kairouan to fight what appeared likely to be a rearguard action.

Break May Be Too Late

Although it was a major victory for the Allied tanks to burst the bounds of the valley toward Kairouan and the coast, it is possible the break-through may have come too late to cut off any considerable force of Rommel's army.

The Nazis appeared to be fleeing northward for a major battle on a smaller perimeter.

The battle of Fondouk Pass was filled with repeated acts of exceptional bravery. Early on Friday a British unit was ordered to attack the Djebel Rhorah northeast of Fondouk. The first attack up the steep stony slope cost them many casualties. Two hours later the same unit repeated the charge and took the crest and 80 prisoners.

Even while some German troops in the hills south of Fondouk still held out against the Americans, the Allied armored forces, moving northwards, started through the Fondouk Gap.

The Nazis had prepared a minefield 500 yards deep, and had it guarded by anti-tank guns. The Allied tanks, however, rushed through regardless of cost, clearing the way for other tanks and motor vehicles.

The first Allied tanks to get through engaged ten enemy tanks at long range and knocked out three of them. At least eight anti-tank guns—including some captured from Russia—were destroyed or captured.

General's Log Describes Air Battle

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increased their attack. (Only one cannon was firing from a few of the enemy aircraft—out of ammunition, maybe?).

Flinched as a shell exploded the oxygen and hydraulic system.

Looked at pilot and co-pilot to see how badly they were wounded.

Began to feel queer.

Checked oxygen supply. Pressure was down to 100.

Tried to attach oxygen lead to emergency supply bottle. Could not get it to fasten so tore up mask.

Co-pilot reached for emergency oxygen bottle. Gave it to him. Asked for a whiff and he gave it to me.

Pilot told me that navigator had been hit and wanted some assistance. Got another whiff of oxygen from co-pilot and started to forward compartment.

Crawled through hydraulic fluid on hands and knees to navigator. Used oxygen mask connecting hose tourniquet on navigator's leg.

Helped to take navigator's parachute off and stretched him out.

Re-arranged tourniquet and gave it to bombardier to hold. (Had my own thumb in it.)

Took navigation data out of navigator's pocket and tried to locate our position on the map. Could not get maps straight.

Crawled back to pilot's compartment to give him compass course on the paper.

Lost information on the floor and

Flame-Thrower Crew Looks for Trouble



A flame-thrower crew of a U.S. combat engineer unit "advances" to destroy an "enemy" position during combat exercises in England.

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second or "noisy" stage of the attack. Immediately after the explosion, flame-throwers attacked the pillbox, rendered it inactive and gave those carrying pole charges an opportunity to attach them to the sides of the concrete emplacement. A few seconds later the seven eight-pound charges completely destroyed the box.

Tanks, followed by infantry troops, charged through the path cleared by the engineers and overran the position, completing the show.

Gen. Andrews, in a message to the participating soldiers, said the exercise was very well done. A British officer, among the spectators, remarked: "It was the best exhibition I ever saw."

Forts Smash New Policy Due Italian Cruisers On Men Past 38

Two Italian heavy cruisers have been put out of action for the duration of the North African campaign by the largest group of Forts ever to be employed in any part of the world, it was announced yesterday at Allied Headquarters in North Africa.

The Forts, under the command of Maj. Gen. J. H. (Jimmy) Doolittle, found the Gorizia and the Trieste, heavy cruisers, each 10,000 tons, armed with 8-inch guns, at La Maddalena harbor, Sardinia. The result of the attack will not be known fully until photographs taken on the raid have been studied.

Naming of the Gorizia has aroused considerable curiosity. This cruiser was reported torpedoed by a British submarine in June, 1941. Possibly another vessel of the same type has been given the name. This ruse has been adopted by the Germans in the past to conceal losses.

Another daylight bombing raid on Naples by Liberators of the Ninth Air Force was announced in Cairo yesterday. No results are given.

Moscow radio, quoting reports from Lausanne, said Naples and other Italian cities are being evacuated under State control. The move was kept secret to avoid the chaos and panic which broke out in December during the evacuation of Milan and Genoa, it was said.

Willkie May Go To Australia

MELBOURNE, Apr. 11 (AP)—Wendell Willkie might pay an early visit to Australia following an invitation from the Australian-American cooperation movement, newspaper reports said here.



Brig. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong crawled back for it. Re-arranged tourniquet and continued to nose of aircraft. Put on throat mike and head set.

Russians Now Strong Enough For Offensive

Pravda Says Red Troops Have More Weapons Than Ever Before

MOSCOW, Apr. 11 (UP)—The Red Army is now not only strong enough to meet any German offensive but is capable of inflicting more crushing blows on the enemy, Pravda said today.

The Moscow paper said all observers were agreed that Soviet troops are better equipped with planes, tanks and automatic weapons than at the beginning of the war.

The paper said Germany had used up a substantial portion of its strategic reserves in efforts to take several Russian cities but that the tries had failed.

Donetz a Barrier

Constant attacks on the Russian positions west of the Donetz, the paper said, reveal the importance of these positions. They constitute a barrier to a German advance in this area and give the Russians a springboard for a new attempt to liberate the Ukraine this spring.

Only minor actions took place along the front, with artillery duels in the Balakleya area of the Donetz front, while Axis reports said that it was quiet along the front except at Izyum, southeast of Kharkov, where mopping-up operations were stated to be taking place.

In the Kuban there has been a lull in the Russian attempts to wipe out the German bridgehead. The Russian attacks have been held up by the water-logged condition of the Kuban delta, where most of the land is low and flooded.

On other sectors of the front little activity has been reported other than artillery and patrol activity.

Escape - - -

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in such shape, but they didn't whimper. "When we got hungry we talked about how nice a porterhouse steak would be just then.

"All the fellows kept up their spirits well, but hell! we had been fighting ever since this African campaign started, and our bunch know how to pull together.

"Most of the fellows gave the water in their canteens to the wounded," said Lafley.

"We were so busy hugging the hills and trying to pick off their snipers that we didn't worry much about eating or drinking.

"On the second night our communications man, Lt. Ferry, of Sandy Point Beach, N.H., made his way back through the lines to the command post, where our colonel gave the order to pull out.

"Then for the first time our radio communications, which had been perfect, failed to function. Ferry volunteered to crawl back to our position with the order, but he didn't arrive until early next day, and by then the situation was going our way.

"I think we worried those Italians into giving up by being so stubborn.

Couldn't Strike Back

"I know I never will forget that awful first day when we had to just lay there and take that mortar pounding, and we couldn't do a thing about it. But if we had pulled out the Italians would have escaped, or delayed us for a long time in gaining control of the hills we needed so badly.

"When the Italians started cracking they went fast, and we rounded them up pretty easily," continued Lafley. "We found they had dug in caves in a way no other army does. They all seem to be natural cliff dwellers. After we captured them they were so hungry they gladly helped us pack food across three miles of mountainous country.

"Our boys kept on pushing through those hills, and we just came out today after finishing the job of cleaning them out."

With Casey and Lafley when they went through the ordeal were: Sgt. Victor Terrana, 23, of Rochester, N.Y.; Cpl. Morris Podell, 25, of the Bronx, N.Y., and Sgt. Harold Tothman, 23, of Mannington, W. Va.

Seamen's Clubs for Africa

Clubs for the American merchant marine will be established soon in North African ports, it has been announced by the American War Shipping Administration, which is sponsoring them with the United Seamen's Service. Henry Chase Stone, Colorado Springs banker, has left the United Kingdom for Algiers to set up headquarters. Clubs for American seamen already are functioning in four United Kingdom ports.

Happy Camel Event

NEW YORK, Apr. 11—Tilly, prize camel of the Ringling Bros.-Barnum and Bailey Circus, now playing at Madison Square Garden, has just given birth to a baby, proud circus executives announced today.

Convict Night Club Owner

BOSTON, Apr. 11 (AP)—Barnett Welansky, owner of the Coconut Grove night club, wher 490 died in a fire last Nov. 28, has been convicted on 19 counts of manslaughter.

Eagle Clubbers Raising Funds to Aid Six Orphans

American RAF Veterans Donate £100; Soldiers Save Pennies

The American Red Cross Eagle Club in London is going to sponsor six children under The Stars and Stripes Orphan Fund scheme, it was announced yesterday. With the goal set as £600, contributions within two weeks total £155.

Little campaigning has been needed to raise money for the fund, club officials explained. A few posters—Eagle Club Blitz Baby. Help sponsor six Stars and Stripes War Orphans at £100 per baby—were enough to arouse enthusiasm.

The larger proportion of the fund to date comes from officers and ground crews of the former Third Eagle Squadron. In a letter to Mrs. Barbara Blake, program director of the club, enclosing a check for £100, the airman wrote: "We are very happy to help you in your splendid work."

6d. to £1 Donations

Contributions from sixpence to one pound have been collected in the club itself. One wandering soldier yesterday afternoon was seen roaming the canteen waving a pound note. "Look here, people," he complained, "I've been in the joint for an hour and nobody's asked me for orphan dough. What the hell!"

A peanut can loaded with 474 pennies was mailed to the organizers by six sergeants. Oldtime club members drool around murmuring "I'm going to be a father—for half-a-crown."

Club optimism suggests that the goal of £600 is over-cautious; other ex-Eagle squadrons are expected to emulate the first group. Almost unique among sponsors' requests is that of the Eagle Club. "We are not looking for blue-eyed, blond girls, or cute little red-heads. We want ugly-mugs like ourselves."

4 Camp Shows On ETO Tours

Yvette, Tommy Kinsman Are Among Featured Unit Stars

Four USO-Camp Show units are touring the United Kingdom this week, entertaining troops. The tours were booked through the entertainment division of the Special Service Section.

Yvette, singer and entertainer, is playing the Essex area this week. Her show includes tap dancers, magicians, guitarists, accordionists and a yodeler.

Unit No. 4, featuring Tommy Kinsman and his band, is playing in Staffordshire. The unit also includes Maureen Farrell, vocalist; Pam Denton, contortionist-dancer; Nina Devitt, vocalist; the Three Nuts, comedy team, and De Bear and Dy Fray, with a juggling act.

Featuring Ellen Drew, straight from the States, Unit No. 6 is playing in the Berkshire area. In addition to Miss Drew, the company includes Girvan Dundas, torch singer; George La Tour and Vivian, jugglers; Dale and Faye, dancers; the Two Sophisticates, swing singers; Les Roy, drummer, and Cyril Ormadel, pianist.

With Stubby Kaye as master of ceremonies and star of the show, Unit No. 3 continues its tour of Northern Ireland this week. The troupe has been in Northern Ireland since January. Other members of the cast are Paul le Paul, magician; Peggy Alexander, singer; Julia Cummings, impressionist and singer; and Olya Klem, accordionist and singer.

Help Wanted Department On Shoes and Paratroops

If S/Sgt. William A. Morrison, who asked the Help Wanted Dept. to locate a pair of 11 AAA-AAAA shoes for him, can wear a pair of 11½ AAA's he should contact this office, because Pfc Everett R. Patterson has a pair of dress shoes that size he wants to sell or trade for something he can wear.

Another soldier, Pfc John G. Leen, wants to know how he can get out of the MP company he's in now and back to his old paratroop unit or some other combat organization. Leen was in the hospital when his outfit moved to Africa, but he has recovered now and wants to go back to the paratroops. Any bids?

Five Colleges Called For Week's Roll Call

Harvard, M.I.T., Texas A and M, Iowa State and Southern California are the colleges which will be called in this week's Stars and Stripes alumni roll call.

Alumni of these schools are asked to write to the Alumni Secretary, The Stars and Stripes, Printing House Square, London, E.C.4, giving their name, rank, unit and APO number. The data will be compiled and mailed to corresponding alumni of the colleges listed.

New lists will be compiled at regular intervals.

Cowboy Ballads Written in London

Many Two-Gun Jive Songs Composed By Englishman

The man who writes a good many of those mournful ditties of the Old West is an Ireland-born Londoner whose knowledge of cowboy ways and cowboy days was garnered during one hobo trip through the western part of the United States years ago.

He wrote "Ole Faithful," "South of the Border," "There's a Cowboy Riding in the Sky," and dozens of others; and wrote them all within wahooping distance of Marble Arch. He made of lot of beautiful American bucks in the process, too.

A few years ago, however, Michael Carr was bucking fast and slow freights from Chicago to Butte to Los Angeles to anywhere; just a guy on the road, but having, as he fondly recalled yesterday in a London studio, "the best time of my life."

Why? Because of the hospitality.

His Real Name

"It's wonderful," said this spare, tough little Dublin-bred Yorkshireman who, with two cousins, had a try at the States from the Bronx on west, back in the days when Prohibition was still a joke. His real name is Maurice Cohen—"I'm an Irish Jew." Says he took the stage name Carr from his mother. Maybe that's why he put enough stuff into "Was Your Mother Born in Ireland" to make it an international hit. We'll call him Mike, because that fits this dapper little man, whose expensive clothes don't conceal a washboard belly and a dished-in nose. Nearing 40, he still looks able and willing.

"Talk about hospitality!" Carr exclaimed—"I was playing the piano in a joint—we'll call it a saloon—in Las Vegas, after they had me in jail in Butte. The place was called Charlie's. Walked in broke and he gave me a job, 15 dollars a week with food, and I only tinkled the piano at night, but they was all miners and I could make ten dollars—silver dollars—every night in tips."

Or that salesman in Philadelphia. . . .

Selling Popcorn

"I went up there for the Sesqui centennial," Mike Carr reminisced. "I was selling popcorn—you needn't put that in the story unless you want to—and I finally decided to head west."

"I was standing out by the west end of Philadelphia, on the Lincoln Highway, and do you know what happened? A salesman came along in a big Stutz. He pulled up and says, 'How far you going?'"

"I'm headin' for L.A.," I says.

"Well," he says, "I'm not going that far, but hop in."



Michael Carr, composer of "South of the Border" and "Old Faithful," plays one of his songs for S/Sgt. George Cleaver, of Manchester, N.H.; Tpr. W. Rollins, of Hampton, N.Y., and Tpr. Joe Shoffey, of Montreal, at his home in London.

"And by jeez he took me all the way to Chicago!"

It was, perhaps, in this roving school that Mike Carr picked up the background for such hits as "Bunkhouse Billy," "Take My Boots Off When I Die," "Dusty Desert," "Under the Western Stars" and "Pardner," a "little series" he says he did for Irwin Dash several years ago.

Carr insists that credit be given two great friends. One is Dash—an American who, visiting London, picked up the composer and backed him until "Old Faithful" came along to sell 1,000,000 copies in the States, 750,000 in England, and half a million records.

The other is Jim Kennedy, author of "Isle of Capris," with whom Carr has been working several years.

"We fit in together. Both of us have ideas, songs, lyrics. 'Dinner for One Please James' was mine; 'South of the Border,' with Kennedy."—This one, "mine," that one "with Kennedy."

Mike Carr can't seem to remain as a sophisticated West End composer long. His mind strays farther west—

"That time in Butte. A railroad dick come after me with a ball bat. I hit him a quick one right on the chin, and down he went; it surprised me. His head hit the track; there was a gash in it, so I dragged him off the track and into a shack out of the way. I was working over him trying to get him to, and along came his pals."

"You can beat me up if you want to," I says, "But I didn't mean to hurt this guy, he come after me with a club—"

"That's all right, kid," one of them said, "If you brought him in here and took care of him you're all right!"

Perhaps the salesman, Charlie of the Las Vegas bar, and the others would be surprised to find the skinny British lad they befriended in those days now is author or co-author of half the songs they've been singing and hearing for ten years—the tragic 1939 war hit, "We're Going to Hang out the Washing on the Siegfried Line"—Gracie Fields' new one in the States, "Somewhere Over There With You." Perhaps they wouldn't even remember Maurice Cohen, who writes by the name Michael Carr.

Engineers Feudin' Over Name For Hans Crescent Club's Monk

What may well be the beginning of a personal feud between two Engineers has been detected in letters which arrived by the same post at the Red Cross Hans Crescent Club, London, following a request in The Stars and Stripes for a new name for "Mr. Jimmy," the club's pet monkey.

The first letter, from "T/5 E.R.," suggested that the monkey be christened "Wilson," after a "certain Pfc of an Engineers outfit who bears the same name and a striking resemblance."

The next, from an Engineer Pfc, and, strangely, bearing the same APO number, suggested that nothing could beat "Rizzo" as a classy handle for the diminutive ape.

Both suggestions have gone into the hat with some 60 more.

Other names suggested include "Oscar," "Ike," "Spam or Spammil," "Skippy," "Itchy," "Jo-Jo," "Guess-essippi," "Algernon," "Rommel" and "Snafer."

Beatrice Martin, of Cheltenham, up to now the only woman "suggester," offers "Victor," because "it sounds so appropriate this year."

Pvt. V. J. Zielinski wants to know where his squadron can buy a monkey as a mascot, and Hans Crescent officials are going to try to help him out.

1/Lt. Eugene B. Pritchett, of the 1st Service Squadron, suggests that the pet be named "Chekko" after the monkey in the Tarzan movies. He also would like "any information as to where I can purchase a housebroken monkey with not too much temper," for a mascot.

"Mr. Jimmy" was originally quite a glamour boy, his former owner, now in the services, hiring him out whenever a monkey was wanted for a British movie.

Soldier admirers said he is the ETO's slickest candy pick-pocket after watching him lift a packet of butter-scotch from a poor private's pocket with one paw, while the victim heartily and unsuspectingly shook the other.

His one redeeming feature is that he usually prefers to rob sergeants.

Final date for suggestions is Apr. 17.

'Film Ball' Apr. 16

The first war-time "Film Ball," one of the big events of the London social season before the war began, will be held at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, W.1, on Friday from 8 PM to 1 AM. Proceeds will go to the British fighting services. Tickets, costing 30 shillings in the advance sale, can be obtained at Grosvenor House or from the Allied Services Entertainment Association, Donnington House, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C.2.

1942 Shipments Overseas Six Times Last War Total

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11 (AP)—Overseas shipments in America's first year of war total 10,474,923 tons of freight carried over sea lanes averaging 14,000 miles in length, compared with 1,727,000 tons over 6,500 miles in the last war, the War Department has reported.

The report added: "The cargoes carried today throw sharp emphasis on the increased mechanization of the war. For example, the quantity of gasoline and oil products shipped overseas in the first year of this war was more than 80 times that of the equivalent period in the last war."

"The AEF in France at the end of the last war had 241 tanks supplied chiefly through France and England—in this war almost as many as that have been shipped in a single transport."

Return to Gold Standard Planned For After War

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11 (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. has outlined to Senate committees an administration plan for post-war currency stabilization which included a partial return to the gold standard for most of the countries of the world.

He said this would be accomplished by an agreement between the participating nations, fixing the value of currencies in terms of gold. An international stabilization fund would be created and there would be an agreement not to engage in competitive depreciation of currencies.

Pvt. Marek—You're a Pop

Pvt. Matthew Marek, somewhere in the British Isles, became the father of a baby girl, Gloria Jean Marek, born in New York, on Friday—but he won't know it until he reads this item. His family, apparently not having his address, cabled The Stars and Stripes to inform him. The mother and girl are well.

BBC Seeking Forces' Choice

ETO Asked to Name Own Favorites for Command Performance Show

What stars of stage, screen and radio would members of the American armed forces in ETO like to hear on Command Performance?—that's what Miss Norah Neale, editor of the BBC broadcast of the program, would like to know.

"Command Performance is your show," Miss Neale reminded servicemen, "and our staff is anxious to see troops in the British Isles have a strong voice in the selection of talent for the weekly program."

Miss Neale said that the Special Service department which prepares the broadcast makes every effort to comply with all requests. One soldier asked for a "sigh by Lana Turner"—he got it.

Requests should be mailed to BBC, London, W.1.

Rita Hayworth, as mistress of ceremonies, will head the all-star cast on this week's Command Performance, heard on the Forces wavelength today at 7.05 PM. Betty Hutton, the blonde bombshell of rhythm, will be featured in two songs; George Burns and Gracie Allen will provide the comedy. Selections by a swing harpist, Pvt. Gale Laughton, and Kenneth Spencer, singer, will round-out the half-hour show.

Negro Division Formed Of Two Famous Units

FORT CLARK, Tex., Apr. 11—A new cavalry division, formed around two of the Regular Army's oldest regiments has started its training here under the command of Maj. Gen. Harry H. Johnson, a veteran Texas National Guard officer and cavalryman.

Named the Second Cavalry Division, it is one of the few all-Negro divisions being prepared for combat service. In it are the famous Ninth and Tenth Cavalry Regiments. Organized in 1867, the Ninth fought in the Indian Wars and was in action beside "Teddy" Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the Spanish-American War battle of San Juan Hill. The Tenth was organized in 1866, also fought in the Indian Wars and was the first assignment of a young lieutenant, fresh from West Point, who later commanded the AEF in France, Gen. John J. Pershing.

Clubs Schedule Variety Shows, Sports Meets

Dances Feature London Programs; Three State Nights at Mostyn

Rainbow: Sports Tuesday, Wednesday

Three dances will be held at Rainbow Corner this week. Monday at 8 PM the "Skyrockets" band will play, the "Southerners" will be there Friday, and Cpl. Barnard's orchestra will provide the jive Sunday.

An open house in the Rainbow Room will be held between 3 and 5 PM Tuesday, followed at 7.30 by the regular boxing show sponsored by The Stars and Stripes. The ping-pong team plays the Mostyn club entry on Wednesday at 7.30 PM, followed by a quiz at 8.15 and the National Fire Service show "On Parade" at 8.45.

There is open house again between 3 and 5 PM on Thursday, and the staff variety show "Rainbow Revels" at 8 PM. On Saturday another open house will be held at the regular time, and continuous movies from 2.30 to 10 PM. Movies are scheduled at 2.30 PM Sunday.

Manchester: Sports, Dances at Two Clubs

MANCHESTER, Apr. 11—The St. Ann St. Club has scheduled basketball at 7.30 PM Monday with double-headers Tuesday and Thursday at 7 PM.

The semi-finals of the ping-pong tournament take place Wednesday evening at 7.30. "A Night in Paris" is a party and dinner dance scheduled for Friday from 7-10.30 PM, and there will be a smoker on Saturday evening at 11. Sunday's baseball game is timed for 3 PM.

At Lever St. the Learn to Dance Club meets at 7.30 PM on Monday, and square dancing takes place at 7.30 on Wednesday evening. There will be a smoker on Saturday at 11 PM and an open house and tea dance on Sunday from 2 to 8 PM.

Milestone: Variety Show Saturday

The Milestone Club takes soldiers into the open-air on four mornings this week. At 10 AM on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday there will be horse-shoe pitching and softball in Kensington Gardens.

There will be recorded concerts in the panel room from 10.30-11.30 PM on Monday and Wednesday.

On Monday evening, 8.30-10.30, the games and billiards rooms are open for ping-pong, cards and table games. There is an entertainment in the canteen from 11.30-12.30 on Tuesday evening; a movie in the panel room at 8 PM Thursday; a club dance, with Cpl. Barnard's band, on Friday at 7.30 PM, and the "Milestone Varieties" entertain on Saturday evening from 11.30 to 12.30.

Mostyn: 3 States Meet This Week

State nights at the Mostyn Club this week feature Georgia on Monday, Connecticut on Wednesday and Kansas Thursday, all at 7.15 PM.

The Dartington Hall music group gives a concert at 8.15 Monday evening, and a dancing class commences at 9 PM. Monday evening finishes with a review, the "NFS on Parade," at 10.

There are movies Tuesday at 6.15 and 8.15 PM. The Glee Club rehearses at 7.30 PM Wednesday, and the weekly international forum at 8 PM will have as its speaker Col. W. H. Stovell. The same evening the club ping-pong team is at Rainbow Corner for a return match.

There is square dancing on Thursday at 8.30; intra-club ping-pong at 8 and Bingo at 9 Friday evening, and a dance Saturday from 8-11 PM.

Charles Street: Concert Monday

The Charles St. Club plans a concert Monday at 8.30 PM with Ivor Newton (piano) Miss V. Slade (singer) and Miss E. Warren (cello).

There is a movie show on Tuesday at 8 PM; bridge and ping-pong tournaments at 8, Wednesday evening; dinner-dance and cabaret from 7 to 11 on Thursday evening with the "Southerners" Army swing band, and entertainment provided by Daphne and Walsh Barker. Saturday brings "New York Nights," a dinner-dance and cabaret evening.

Bournemouth: ATS In Club Tourney

BOURNEMOUTH, Apr. 11—A large scale open-air sports tourney, bringing in Canadians and ATS, next Sunday rounds out a full week for this club. Softball against the Canadians, "co-ed" basketball with the ATS, tennis volleyball and horseshoes will fill up the time between 11 AM and 6 PM.

Other dates are the dances 8-11 PM on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; a movie at 9 PM on Wednesday, and a BBC variety concert of six acts on Monday at 9 PM.

WPB Report Indicates Continuance of Baseball

Pro Football, Hockey Also Get Approval

College Football Found Unimportant to Morale

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11 (UP)—A tentative study made by the Office of Civilian Supply of the War Production Board at the request of James F. Byrnes, economic stabilization director, has given generous recognition of the importance of professional baseball, football and hockey to war-time morale. Horse racing, dog racing and college football, however, were considered relatively unimportant.

The report, which considered the bedrock economy of the nation, was intended to present the OCS ideas of the minimum needs of the civilian population below which cuts should not be made. It does not represent any settled policy of the government and even now is in the process of revision.

The report was presented in terms of paid admissions to sports events. A green light was given by the OCS to professional baseball with the notation that admission to this popular sport should not be allowed to fall below 70 per cent of the 1941 gate, which totaled \$2,900,000. Bedrock admissions were fixed at \$14,700,000.

Horse, Dog Racing in Cellar

Admissions to professional football and hockey games could be halved, the report said. Professional football fans paid \$3,300,000 in 1941 and hockey fans \$3,600,000.

College football was a poor runner-up. The survey showed that attendance at these games could be cut to 20 per cent of the 1941 figure.

Horse and dog racing finished in the cellar of the standing on spectator sports. OCS experts decided that a cut-back to ten per cent of 1941 activities in this field was bedrock. The overall cut in spectator sports admissions, which totaled \$175,100,000 in 1941, was 23 per cent, or \$39,000,000.

High Rating for Bowling

Patronage of outdoor sports could be sharply curtailed, the report showed. For example, it held that under bedrock economy there would be no need to continue hunting and fishing licenses or fees for training of hunting dogs. Fares for private flying operations also could be abandoned. Green fees for municipal golf courses could be cut to 50 per cent of 1941 charges and a 30 per cent cut could be made in green fees for commercial golf courses.

The outdoor sports gate in 1941 was \$108,000,000 and the study said bedrock was \$19,400,000. The study placed high on its list certain indoor sports which are heavily patronized by men in the armed forces and by war workers. It held that bedrock for billiard parlors and bowling alleys was 90 per cent of the 1941 charges. A total of \$106,100,000 was spent in 1941 on indoor sports. Bedrock was placed at \$90,400,000.

Factors Considered

The theater also drew a high bedrock priority. Admissions to motion picture theaters should be maintained at 90 per cent of those in 1941 and at legitimate theaters at 80 per cent. Overall theater admissions in 1941 totaled \$948,000,000. Bedrock, \$809,600,000.

Considerations which entered into the bedrock figures, OCS said, included the amount of leisure time which might be devoted to recreational pursuits, the transportation problem, which pursuits attributed to physical fitness, the availability of man power and materials for performance of recreational services and the extent to which substitutes exist for recreational services.

Ulster Infantry Unit Develops Swimming Team

BELFAST, Apr. 11—Swimming has made its debut in Ulster as the regular part of the athletic program of an Infantry headquarters unit stationed here.

Several months ago, 1/Lt. Edgar Rouse, of West Newton, Pa., noticed that his men were becoming a little fed up with the usual calisthenics taken each morning after reveille and decided to do something about it. Arrangements were completed at one of the local municipal indoor swimming-pools. Now the group enjoys an hour of swimming early in the morning twice a week.

This is the beginning of what Lt. Rouse hopes to develop into a first class swimming team. With men like former life guard Pfc Mitchell Doff, of Warrior, Ala., and T/5 Ben Eleich, of Elizabeth, N.J., diving and breaststroke, he has the nucleus of a fine team.

Other members are: T/Sgt. Harry LeBlanc, New Orleans; Pfc J. T. Lucious, Houka, Miss.; Pfc Harvey French, Monroe, La.; Pfc Peter McGee, Philadelphia; Pvt. Bruckner Chester, Wilsey, Kan.; Pvt. Rufus Jordan, Vinemont, Ala., and Pvt. Fred Rufus, Kansas City, Kan.

Table Tennis Title to Lunch

AN AIR FORCE STATION, Apr. 11—Cpl. Phil Lunch, of New York, annexed the table tennis crown at the Red Cross Aero Club here after a hard tussle with Capt. Laurel Russell, of Detroit.

Weekly Sports Quiz

- 1—What woman won the title as America's greatest woman athlete?
- 2—Who was the first American-born amateur golfer to win the British amateur golf championship?
- 3—What horse ran the fastest mile ever run?
- 4—What college football game was classed as the biggest upset of 1942?
- 5—Which horse won the challenge race between War Admiral and Seabiscuit?

Pep Outpoints Sal Bartolo

Bostonian Makes Strong Showing in Non-Title Ten Rounder

BOSTON, Apr. 11—Wee Willie Pep, world featherweight champion—New York State version—won a split decision over local boy Sal Bartolo in their ten-round non-title bout here Friday night before 16,000 Boston Garden fans.

Pep gave his usual sparkling performance—the kind that's brought him 64 wins in 65 fights—but Bartolo was astonishingly game and aggressive and very nearly upset the dope cart. His counterpunching and vicious infighting tied up and baffled Pep time and again. Only the Hartford lad's savage left jab saved the fight for him. One of these caught Bartolo's left eye in the opening round and ripped a severe cut, the bleeding of which continually hampered Bartolo thereafter.

Pep came out extremely fast at the opening gong. Before a minute had

gone by he had cut Bartolo's eye and his nose reddened his face noticeably. Just before the round ended, Pep knocked Bartolo to his knee after an exchange near the ropes, but Bartolo jumped up and plunged in, fighting again before the bell.

Bartolo's eye kept giving him more trouble until the fifth round as Pep's flickering left kept peppering away at the cut. When Bartolo tried to hold, Pep pulled off, slamming long lefts and rights to Bartolo's head. Occasionally he'd borrow Bartolo's infighting tactics to hammer the Bostonian's ribs with short blows.

At the start of the fifth, Bartolo counter-attacked, rushing Pep and building up a big lead. In the closing seconds Pep staggered him with a long, looping right to the ribs.

Pep More Cautious

Pep tried to coast in the sixth, but Bartolo refused to slow down and drove the champion back and forth across the ring, mixing left swings with body blows. The champ fell back and lost his footing. He quickly regained his feet, but not before Bartolo drove a savage right his way. Pep tried to back away, but Bartolo kept coming, leaving Pep in bad shape as the round ended.

Pep returned vastly more cautious in the seventh and managed to make Bartolo keep his distance. He continued to concentrate on Bartolo's injured eye so the Bostonian was unable to regain the form that gave him the fifth and sixth rounds. Pep was the fresher of the two at the finish although Bartolo pressed him throughout the ninth and tenth.

The fight netted \$34,000. It was the biggest Garden crowd since Lou Brouillard won the welterweight title from Young Jack Thompson in 1931. Both boys weighed 127½ a pound and a quarter over the featherweight limit.

Signal Five Wins, 49—28

AN AIR FORCE STATION, Apr. 11—The—st Signal quintet, which has been undefeated in 15 games, overwhelmed the champs of a troop carrier station composed of officers of that station by a score of 49—28. The signal team was sparked by the brilliant passing of Hi Harris, of Columbus, Ohio, with Slim Arnold, of Columbus, Mississippi, and Red Feldman, of Chicago, finding the bucket at will.

This Fight Ended in a Draw



Cpl. William Hussey, of Brooklyn, is sent thudding to the canvas by Pfc Eugene Newman, of Sunbury, Pa., during the third round of one of The Stars and Stripes bouts last week in Bristol. Newman, during the first two rounds, was occupying the horizontal position, but he bounced back up and this strong final round showing earned him a draw.

AAU Mat Title To New York Y All-American Five Chosen

NEW YORK, Apr. 11—The West Side YMCA, host to the 1943 National AAU wrestling championships, won the team title in the two-day meet. There was one 1941 champion among the 140 entrants.

- Here are the new NAAU titlists:
- 115-pound class—Frank Preston, Cornell College, Iowa.
 - 121-pound class—Paul McDaniel, Oklahoma State.
 - 128-pound class—Charles Ridenour, Penn State.
 - 135-pound class—Merle Jennings, Michigan State.
 - 145-pound class—Bill Maxwell, Michigan State.
 - 155-pound class—Red Roberts, West Side YMCA.
 - 165-pound class—Dr. M. A. Northrup, San Francisco Athletic Club.
 - 175-pound class—Dale Thomas, Cornell College, Iowa.
 - 191-pound class—Henry Wittenberg, West Side YMCA.
 - Heavyweight—Reinhold Metzger, West Side YMCA.

Hal Newhouser Advised To Give Up Baseball

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Apr. 11—Physicians have advised Harold Newhouser, left-handed pitching ace of the Detroit Tigers, to quit baseball after a selective service board rejected Newhouser for the second time because of a heart ailment.

Newhouser, who will be 22 next month, is now starting his fourth full season with the Tigers. He said, "I can't quit baseball. I need the money."

Two-Ton Tony Galento Wants To Come to England to Fight

ORANGE, N.J., Apr. 11—Tavern keeper Two-Ton Tony Galento has decided to return to the ring with Willie Gilzenberg, who handled world welterweight champion Red Cochrane, as manager. The rotund pub owner, now 33, hopes to get another shot at the heavyweight title and declares, "I'll fight Joe Louis at any time for Army or Navy relief funds." He lost a four-round TKO to Joe in 1939, but he overlooks that.

Though never accused of being a modest flower, Tony admits he needs a couple of warm-up bouts before he is ready for the big time. He says he wants to fight Jimmy Bivins or Tami Mauriello. He states that he is down to only 245 pounds, which is ten more than when he was looping punches at Lou Nova, Louis and the Baer brothers. Incidentally, Max Baer stopped Tony in seven rounds in

1941, which was Tony's last big ring appearance.

New manager Gilzenberg claims he has an offer from Ted Broadribb, manager of British heavyweight champion Freddie Mills for a fight with Galento in England for the benefit of British war relief. Gilzenberg said, "Broadribb claims that he can arrange Clipper passage just as it is done for stage and screen stars who go abroad to entertain the troops."

(Ed. note—Ted Broadribb informed a Stars and Stripes reporter yesterday that he had not answered Gilzenberg's cable concerning a fight because he saw no means of arranging transportation here.) Galento formerly would do anything to win a fight—throwing punches from any angle. He has an attack like a tank and it is two-to-one that his style is unchanged if and when he actually makes a comeback attempt.

Honorably mentioned were: **Forwards**—Tom Peters, Davidson; John Harris, Texas; Dick Wiltshire, Virginia; Jack Darnton, Washington University (St. Louis); Tom Rock, Southern California; Davage Minor, Toledo, and Don Ray, Western Kentucky. **Centers**—Harry Boykoff, St. Johns; Tom Glass, Rice; John Mahken, Georgetown; Gerald Tucker, Oklahoma. **Guards**—Gail Bishop, Washington State; Clayton Wynne, Arkansas; Bill Morris, Washington (Seattle); Loftis, Duke.

Meeting of Rice, Haegg May Set Track Records

Swedish Titleholder Will Set Tough Pace For Greg

By Eric Winberg
(American correspondent for Stockholm's newspaper, Daagens Nyheter.)

NEW YORK, Apr. 11—Late in the summer of 1941 the telegraph systems circling our planet took time off from the war long enough to burst forth with an item that a virtually unknown Swedish fireman, son of a lumberjack, had cracked the world record in the 1,500-meter run with a performance of three minutes, 47 and six-tenths seconds, thus obliterating Australian Jack Lovelock's record of 3:47.8.

Happy circumstances often enable the most mediocre runner to crack a world record by a fraction of a second. Gunder Haegg's new world record passed almost unnoticed on the sports pages and made no comment as the suspicion lingered that it was a flash in the pan.

The Flying Fireman, or the Phantom Fireman as his countrymen tabbed him, was then suspended by the Swedish Athletic Union for a supposed irregularity of four dollars in his expense account. Haegg still claims that he was right, but in any case, he was inactive until July of last year.

No Flash in Pan

Then he began his amazing string of world records. A few days after his second record ended he broke his first one, and he now holds every world record from and including 1,500 meters to 5,000 meters.

He quickly proved that his world record of '41 was no flash in the pan and soon had the sporting world sitting up and taking notice, until it was realized that here was one of those runners that comes along perhaps only once in a century.

The Flying Fireman slated to visit the United States this year no longer is content to break records by fractions of a second; he shaved from two to ten seconds off every world record. His new time for the 1,500 meters is exactly two seconds lower than Lovelock's Olympic time. He erased S. C. Wooderson's mile record of 4:6.4 by clocking 4:4.6. Archie San Romani held the world record for the 2,000 meters with 5:16.8. Haegg took off five full seconds that time.

New 3-Mile Mark

His 3,000-meter world record of 8:1.2 compares with Greg Rice's best time for the distance, 8:18.9. Willie Ritola holds the American record for the 5,000 meters with 14:8.8. It was considered humanly impossible to break 14 minutes for this distance, but Haegg took it in his stride in 13:58.2, which is 25 seconds better than the accepted American record.

While breaking the world record for the 5,000 meters in none too good weather on a water-soaked track, he had the intermediary time of 13:32.4 for three miles, a new world record.

It would seem, then, that there would be little competition offered to Haegg during his American tour.

I'm not so sure about that. I'm not inclined to take Greg Rice lightly, and neither does Gunder Haegg himself. While Haegg has been favored with terrific competition in the shape of Arne Anderson and Bror Hellstrom, not to mention Henry Kalerne, who held the previous world record for the 3,000 meters, Rice has been forced to trudge around ovals in splendid isolation, often lapping his rivals twice.

No Competition for Rice

Haegg himself stated, for instance, that he judges Rice capable of cracking the new two-mile world record provided he is pressed. Haegg and Anderson, both invited to tour the United States, will press Rice and possibly inspire him to win for a new world mark. It is a point widely debated by sports writers in both America and Sweden.

Haegg is a runner who likes to win. He also likes to go out with the gun, set the pace, run in front and open up a wide space of daylight between himself and his competitors.

Rice, forced by the lack of competition, has to set his own pace and run out in front. He definitely prefers to tag along and have someone else pace him until the bell lap, when he opens up with a terrific sprint.

The Phantom Fireman also has a tremendous finish, and a meeting with Rice may resolve into a duel ending in a photo finish at the tape. World records are almost a certainty when these two phenomena meet.

A regular guy among his friends, Haegg has a tendency to become shy and reticent when interviewed. He is extremely self-conscious about his running ability, and one gathers sometimes that Haegg the fireman cannot understand and is surprised at Haegg the runner.

However, he has stated to this writer via telegraph—probably because it is easier to talk when not facing an interviewer—that he believes it is possible to run a mile in four minutes or better. He thinks he can do it if all the circumstances are right. California is the best place for the try, he thinks. He has never extended himself in any race. He runs for the fun of it, not because he's a fireman.

Blondie



Division Team Back on Fight Program Tomorrow

National League All-Time Marks Set Last Year

Litwhiler Played Season in Outfield Without An Error

NEW YORK, Apr. 11—The naming of Mort Cooper, pitching ace of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals, as the National League's most valuable player, is backed up by facts and figures.

Cooper's 22 victories led the League, while his 1.77 earned run average is the best recorded since Carl Hubbell's 1.66 record made in 1933. Also Cooper's opponents' batting average of only .204 is the best record of either league. He pitched ten shutouts, which came nearest to the all-time of 16 set by Grover Alexander in 1916 than any pitcher since except Hubbell, who pitched ten shutouts in 1933.

Managerial responsibilities only stimulated Mel Ott to greater prowess as a player. Ott's 30 homers led the League, making the sixth year he has been the homer king, which ties the six-year record of Gavvy Cravath, pre-World War Philadelphia slugger, Mel scored 118 runs last year to make it his ninth year as a century-run scorer, which ties Paul Waner's record. His year's work set League all-time records at 445 homers, 1,648 runs batted in and 1,444 bases on balls.

Tobin Ties Homer Record

On June 19, Paul "Big Poison" Waner hit a single for Boston, thereby joining the illustrious galaxy of baseball's immortals with 3,000 major league hits to their credit, including Cap Anson, Nap Lajoie, Honus Wagner, Ty Cobb, Eddie Collins and Tris Speaker.

Paul's team mate, Jim Tobin, became the first pitcher ever to hit three homers in a game he pitched, while Tobin's six home run total for the season tied the National League all-time record for a pitcher set by Hal Schumacher, of the Giants, in 1934.

Pete Reiser, Dodger's '41 batting champ, never hit into a double play in 125 games during '42, while Danny Litwhiler, of the Phillies, played the season in the outfield without a single fielding error, a new all-time record.

Phils Topped Cellar Record

Reiser's record tied the perfect mark set by Augie Galan in 1935, then of the Chicago Cubs, who went 154 games without getting doubled. Eddie Miller, of the Reds, set a new all-time shortstop fielding record average of .983, thereby erasing the record set by Jimmie Cooney of .978 set in 1927.

The League collectively set a new all-time low for errors during the season—1,312—also a new all-time high fielding average of .973. For the second time in National League history, two clubs won over 100 games—the Cardinals 106 and the Dodgers 104. The other time the Pirates won 110 and the Cubs 104 in 1909.

The Phils became the first League team to finish last for five straight years. Last season was their 16th cellar "championship," also an all-time record.

LBC Trounces Engineer Nine

London Base Command's baseball team bunched ten hits off three pitchers to defeat the 13th Field Artillery, 13-7, yesterday afternoon at the Lyons' Sports Ground, Sudbury Hill, in a game sponsored by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee.

Big blow in LBC's attack was Pvt. Johnny Venezia's home run with one on in the sixth. It came with London trailing, 5-4, and gave LBC a lead it never relinquished.

The Artillery took a three-run lead in the second on S/Sgt. Clyde Kistner's base-clearing double with the bags loaded. Kistner, the losers' starting pitcher, also drove in his team's fourth run with a two-base hit in the fourth. He was driven to cover in the last of the fourth when LBC put together three hits, a pair of walks and two errors to push four runs across the plate and tie the score.

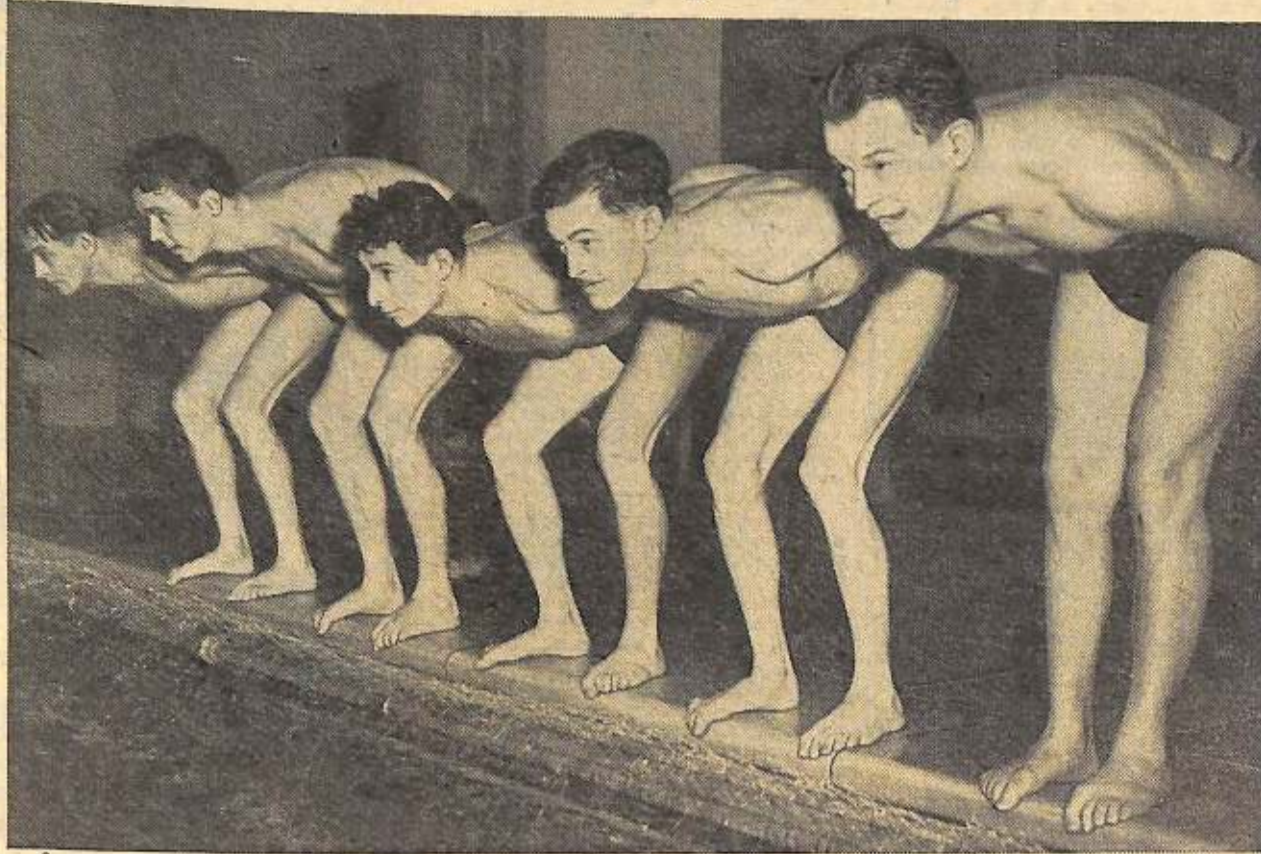
Pvt. Jimmy Wright, second of three hurlers used by LBC, received credit for the win. Venezia, with his homer and single, and Sgt. Pete Pavich, with a triple and single, paced the winners' attack.

The box score:

London—13					Artillery—7				
AB	R	H	E		AB	R	H	E	
Senko, ss	3	1	1	0	Mahanko, lf	3	0	0	0
Goran, cf	5	1	1	0	Hause, lf	2	0	0	0
Subotta, lb	2	0	1	0	Chapman, c	4	1	1	1
Galuska, lb	0	1	0	0	2b	1	1	1	1
Pavich, 2b	5	1	2	1	Hempert, ss	5	0	2	1
Luders, 3b	1	2	0	0	Butt, cf	4	0	0	0
Thompson, 3b	2	0	1	0	Dupak, rf	3	0	0	0
Thompson, 3b	2	0	1	0	Nyman, rf	2	2	1	1
Venezia, rf	4	3	2	0	Hummel, lf	1	1	0	0
Seidmak, lf	3	0	0	0	Maule, 3b	1	0	0	0
Mekovich, lf	1	0	0	0	Coster, p	1	0	0	0
Haines, c	4	2	1	0	Stephens, lb	0	1	0	0
Rupe, p	1	0	0	0	Spidel, c	2	0	1	0
Wright, p	2	1	0	0	Culp, c	2	0	2	0
Scott, p	1	1	0	0	Kistner, p	1	0	0	0
					Petrick, p	1	0	0	0
					Goodhart, p	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	13	10	4	Totals	36	7	9	4

Score by innings:
 Field Artillery 0-3-0-1-1-0-0-2-0-7
 London Base Command 0-0-0-4-2-2-4-1-x-13

Army Team Gets Set for Saturday Meet



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

All set for their meet at Eltham Baths on Saturday, are: Capt. Carl Lindstrand, West Chester, Pa.; 1/Lt. Taylor Drysdale, Detroit, Mich.; Sgt. Hyman Liederstein, Pittsburgh; Capt. Carlisle McKee, Pittsburgh, and 1/Lt. Kenneth Willard, St. Louis, Mo.

Former Olympic Star Leads U.S. Team on Saturday

By Bryce W. Burke
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. Army swimming team, composed of former collegiate and Olympic stars, will take part in the Magna Challenge Cup swimming meet at the Eltham Baths, Woolwich, London, S.E.9, on Saturday at 5.30 PM.

Headed by Capt. Carl B. Lindstrand, of West Chester, Pa., the five-man team, made up of four officers and one enlisted man, will swim against 11 other groups, including teams from the London Fire Service, Home Guards, RAF, Royal Navy, and the Canadian, Netherlands and Norwegian forces.

Individual star of the U.S. team is 1/Lt. Taylor Drysdale, of Detroit, who was a member of the U.S. swimming teams which participated in the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin, the dual meet with Japan in 1935, and the Pan-American Championships in 1939.

The aquatic artist from the University of Michigan will participate in the backstroke, the medley relay and the freestyle relay events.

Pittsburgh Tankmen

First Lt. Kenneth A. Willard, of St. Louis, and Northwestern University, will participate in the diving events. Willard was a member of the All-American swimming teams in 1932 and 1933, Central AAU diving champion in 1937 and 1938, and Ozark AAU champion from 1938 to 1942 inclusive.

Capt. Carlisle E. McKee and Sgt. Hyman Liederstein, who both come from Pittsburgh and were members of the University of Pittsburgh swimming team, will take part in freestyle and relay events. Capt. Lindstrand will be entered in the breast stroke, the medley and the freestyle relays.

Tickets for the event, which also will include exhibitions by prominent British swimming and diving stars, will cost two shillings and six pence. Proceeds will go to the London Fire Service Benevolent Fund.

Poffenberger Joins Marines

BALTIMORE, Apr. 11—Cletus "Boots" Poffenberger, major league hurler, has joined the Marine Corps.

Exhibition Baseball Games

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—The Boston Braves walloped Yale University, 18-0, collecting 20 hits for a total of 29 bases. Johnny McCarthy, first sacker, led the Tribe's assault with a perfect day at the plate—a double and three singles in four trips to the plate. Whitey Wietelmann and Chet Ross collected three blows each. Al Javery and Red Barrett held the Elis at bay with three hits. The walkaway made the Braves look good compared with the Dodgers who barely beat Yale, 4-3, a couple of days ago.

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—The Washington Senators won their fifth straight exhibition game by whipping the Curtis Bay Coast Guard team, 13-1, behind the five-hit pitching of Early Wynn and Ray Scarborough. Wynn led the Senators' 13-hit attack with three singles.

NEW YORK.—The New York Giants thumped the Mitchell Field Air Force baseball team, 18-5, in a seven-inning exhibition game. Jerry Rizzo and George Pelati homered for the fliers.

PHILADELPHIA.—The Philadelphia Athletics downed the Phils, 5-2, in an exhibition game here. The A's scored three runs off Johnny Podgajny in the fifth and picked up the other two in the seventh against Si Johnson. Luman

Servicemen Overseas To Receive Golf Balls

CHICAGO, Apr. 11—The United States Golf Association has turned over to the Red Cross 123 dozen golf balls for overseas posts, affording golfing facilities for soldiers on leave, chiefly in the British Isles and Australia.

Sgt. Frank Strafaci, Brooklynite who was once national public links titleholder, suggested the idea. Strafaci wrote a letter to the USGA from his station in the South Pacific in which he said that a course was available for soldiers, but that balls were lacking.

Kid Alexander Outpoints Ex-Featherweight King

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11—Joey Archibald, who twice held the world featherweight title, dropped an eight-round decision to Carroll "Kid" Alexander, 22, former Golden Glove champion.

Although an 8-5 underdog, Alexander solved Joey's famed bob-and-weave offensive midway in the fourth round and had the champ in constant trouble thereafter. There were no knockdowns, however.

It was a split decision, with Archibald getting a vote from one judge.

Flock Drops Yanks Twice

Bombers Edged, 4-3, Then Shut Out, 3-0, in Two Days

NEW YORK, Apr. 11—For the first time this Spring the New York Yankees encountered big league competition—and the Bombers did not enjoy the experience. Lippy Leo Durocher's Brooklyn Dodgers nipped them, 4-3, on Friday and 3-0 yesterday.

The Dodgers started a lineup Friday that probably will start the regular season against the Giants. Camilli was at his old first base post, Glossup at second, Arkie Vaughan at short, Billy Herman third, Dixie Walker right field, Augie Galan center, Joe Medwick left, Mickey Owen catching with Whit Wyatt pitching.

The Yanks demonstrated their new batting order which gives Joe Gordon Joe DiMaggio's cleanup spot and moves Charlie Keller to the number three position. Here is the batting order: George Sternweiss short, Roy Weatherley center field, Keller right, Gordon second, Nick Etten first, Johnny Lindell right, Bill Johnson third, Ken Sears catching and Spud Chandler hurling on the mound.

Yanks Nick Wyatt

Chandler did the best of the five hurlers used, allowing four hits and no runs in four innings. The Flock collected eight blows and four runs from Hank Borowy who took over in the fifth. Meanwhile, Whit Wyatt, Kimball and Weber were about equally effective against the Bombers.

The Yanks nicked Wyatt for two runs. A run in the first resulted from Weatherley's walk and Gordon's and Keller's hits. The tally in the fourth came when Wyatt filled the bases with one out and Etten scored on Sears' long fly to Walker.

Singles by Mickey Owen and pinch hitter Hal Peck and a long fly by Galan produced the first Flatbush marker in the fifth inning. The Bums added another in the sixth on Medwick's triple and Camilli's single.

Then, in the eighth, Galan singled, Ankenman forced him, but went to third when Walker singled. Johnson let the relayed throw roll through him and Walker galloped to second. Then came Medwick's double—a looper into short right clearing the bases.

Keller scored in the Yanks' half of the eighth on Etten's double. The Dodgers scored all their runs in yesterday's game off Ernie Bonham, Yankee ace. Max Macon and Ed Head shared the honors for the Dodgers, holding the Yanks to five hits.

DePaul Coach Gets Award

CHICAGO, Apr. 11—The Chicago Basketball Writers' Association has presented the George E. Keogan Memorial Trophy to Ray Meyer, of DePaul University, as the coach of the year. The trophy was donated in honor of the late Notre Dame coach who died during the season. Andy Phillip, Illinois forward, won the player of the year trophy.

PRO Team Loses

A "combined operations" softball team from the ranks of the Office of War Information, the U.S. Embassy in London and Canadian soldiers defeated a squad built around the ETO Public Relations Office personnel yesterday afternoon, 15-5, at Hyde Park.

Eight Champs On Squad at Rainbow Club

To Meet Combined Eighth Air Force-SOS Team

By Mark E. Senigo
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Another bang-up team match between the — Division champions and a combined Eighth Air Force-SOS squad comes off tomorrow night at The Stars and Stripes boxing show at the Rainbow Corner.

The Air Force-SOS battlers are led by Sgt. Tony Carmarillo, of Los Angeles, 139, who will be making his second appearance at the Rainbow Corner. On March 9 he took a three-round decision over Cpl. Pat Sullivan. A week later, at Bury St. Edmunds, he came through with a one-round knockout over Frank Marsh, of the RAF, and on March 30 he scored a one-round TKO over Pfc Henry Kochnef, also at Bury St. Edmunds.

In his last time out at Bury St. Edmunds, Cpl. Kenneth Strange, of Springfield, Mass., 185, outpointed Cpl. Charles Musse. Strange lost in his single appearance at the Corner. Cpl. Mitchell Lehan, of Toledo, Ohio, 165, was a decision winner in his only fight at Bury St. Edmunds.

Pavone Fought Last Week

The — Division team will be composed of practically the same squad which appeared at the Rainbow Corner on March 23 with two additions. Six of the men on that team were champs of the division, eight on tomorrow's card are titlists.

The latest additions are: Pvt. Tony Pavone, of Lynn, Mass., 145, welterweight titleholder of the division, and Pfc Donald Webber, of Roanoke, Va., 125, lightweight champ. Pavone made his first start at the Rainbow Corner last week when he took a decision over Pvt. Vivencio Salvatore. He was out of condition last week, having just left the hospital, but he should be in fine trim for tomorrow's battle.

Other new man on the team is Pvt. Mike Donahue, of Philadelphia, 170, — Regiment light heavyweight champ. Donahue lost a lively three-rounder to Pvt. Bill Kingsland at last week's Stars and Stripes fights.

Two Knockout Winners

Of the seven remaining division champions, all but two came through with a victory in the other team show. The losers were Sgt. Chester Ruby, featherweight titlist, who lost in the third round, when he was kayoed by Cpl. Andrew McGinty, and Pvt. Benny Droll, of Peoria, Ill., middleweight titleholder. Two of the six titleholders came through with knockouts. It so happened that they were the finalists for the division heavyweight title—Pvt. Vince Kozak, of Hazelton, Pa., and Sgt. William Dircks, of Cumberland, Md. Their victories in the last two scraps on the card gave the division squads its 7-5 edge over the combined Engineer-Artillery team on that program.

The other division champions who came through with decision victories were Cpl. George Spontak, of Pittsburgh, Pvt. Charley Schnappauf, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 135-pound co-champions, and Pfc James Grantham, of Pulaski, Va., welterweight titleholder.

Last man of the group is S/Sgt. Joe Abbato, of Baltimore, division lightweight semi-finalist. Abbato was a decision winner on the previous team match.

Bonus Spurred Wings to Title

BOSTON, Apr. 11—When the Detroit Red Wings whipped the Boston Bruins four straight in their playoff series to take the Stanley Cup, symbol of world hockey supremacy in a walkaway, it was stark bribery. Jim Norris, Wings' lavish owner, agreed to add \$2,500 to the players' pool if the Wings took the series in four straight.

There was method in his madness. Last year the Wings reached the finals with the Toronto Maple Leafs. The underdog Wings astonished the hockey world by winning the first three games and becoming prohibitive favorites to take the series. However, the hapless Wings never got that fourth victory and succumbed to an inspired Leaf rally. Norris wasn't taking any chances of that happening this year.

Christofordis to Meet Marshall

CLEVELAND, Apr. 11—Matchmaker Larry Atkins has announced the signing of Anton Christofordis, ex-NBA light-heavyweight champion, with Lloyd Marshall, Cleveland Negro, for a ten-rounder here on Apr. 21.

Senesky Inducted

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 11—George Senesky, St. Joseph's basketball star who set a new national scoring record with 515 points in the past season, has been inducted into the Army.

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Rommel in Full Flight

The great day has arrived. Rommel's forces, split into small scattered groups to avoid air attack, are in full flight, probably incapable of putting up any serious resistance until they link up with von Arnim somewhere within the Tunis-Bizerta defense area.

To save the remnants of his once proud Afrika Korps Rommel is still sacrificing Italian troops. Since the Battle of Mareth began Rommel has lost 24,000 soldiers, mostly Italian. These losses can no longer be made up, for with pressure increasing along the entire Tunisian battle front no Axis forces can be spared to go to Rommel's assistance.

British, American and French troops are making progress everywhere, and as Allied divisions, corps and armies join together they are pushing with increased weight against the battle-worn and defeated enemy troops. The increased tempo of this attack on land and sea and in the air spells utter destruction for all Axis forces remaining in North Africa.

Rommel has run to the end of the road, and the road stops on the beaches just ahead. There, at the sea's edge, Axis troops will find no brave and courageous seamen to meet them, for the Allied navy and Allied air forces will see to that. So today we are watching the last chapter in the North African campaign being written in bloody strokes. With its close, it will read, not like a "Dunkirk," but like a second Stalingrad.

War Production Up

Figures released by the War Production Board indicate America is out to increase the tempo of war material production as bottlenecks are eliminated and new war factories enter the production field.

The output of planes, munitions, tanks and guns hit a new high in February. Plane production, though slightly less in numbers for the month as against January's record, is up in value, with many more light and heavy bombers coming off assembly lines. Tank production increased 33 per cent over the previous month, and indications are that it will climb all year long. Munitions production is showing a tremendous increase each month, and America will soon be able to supply all the needs of our Army and Navy and still ship vast quantities to other United Nations.

This year war production will be concentrated on forging weapons, in contrast to previous years when much of our manufacturing capacity was devoted to other items. Ships, planes, tanks, weapons and ammunition will have "top priority" and new world records are expected to be made with each succeeding month.

The total number of ships delivered by American shipyards during January and February was 232, which in itself is a new world's record and a good omen.

Those at home want to win the war this year, and if production will do it, they say we can depend on them to do their part.

New Type Cavalry

Shades of Genghis Khan... the Chinese have invented a new weapon of war. This new weapon was first used by Chinese guerrillas, trained in the hard school of kill-or-be-killed.

One night recently Chinese troops were camped on the edge of a deep swamp. Japanese camped on the far side of the same swamp didn't believe the Chinese could cross and so posted inadequate sentries. The Chinese not to be outdone rounded up all the water buffalo in the vicinity. Under cover of darkness 400 of these beasts crossed the deep morass; each massive animal packing two sandalshod Chinese soldiers complete with automatic rifles.

The Japs never lived to know what new kind of nightmare had attacked them, as initiative and ingenuity combined to win another battle.

Hash Marks

Stockholm radio reports that the Germans have begun the distribution of gas masks to civilians in Berlin. Does this mean that Hitler is going to come out "of retirement" and start making speeches again?

Blitz tactics hit the home front! Safe-crackers invaded the office of a Minneapolis insurance company and dropped



the office safe out of an eight-story window—thus cracking it open. They nonchalantly hauled it away to fleece at their leisure.

James M. McClanaghan, of Akron, Ohio, has an insurance policy on ADOLF HITLER. If anything happens to Adolf as a result of blitz, tornado, fire, riot, collapse of bridges or overturn of a vehicle McClanaghan collects \$100. (P.S.—"Adolf Hitler" is McClanaghan's mule.)

Hear ye, hear ye! Maybe you're one of those guys who left a lot of classy looking civvy clothes back home and you're looking forward to wearing them when you're out of the army. Well, we're afraid you won't—here's the trend of things to come. Sgt. Benny Price, of Des Moines, got an apologetic letter from his wife today in which she explained that with rationing and all, she had cut up one of his suits and made skirts out of it. In other words, boys, Mrs. America is no longer satisfied with just WEARING the pants in the family—she makes skirts out of 'em!

You're never too old... A 64-year-old Bronx widower recently attracted attention by flirting with a 17-year-old girl. In fact he attracted so much attention that the girl's pop cooled his ardour by allegedly firing four shots into the old guy's apartment.

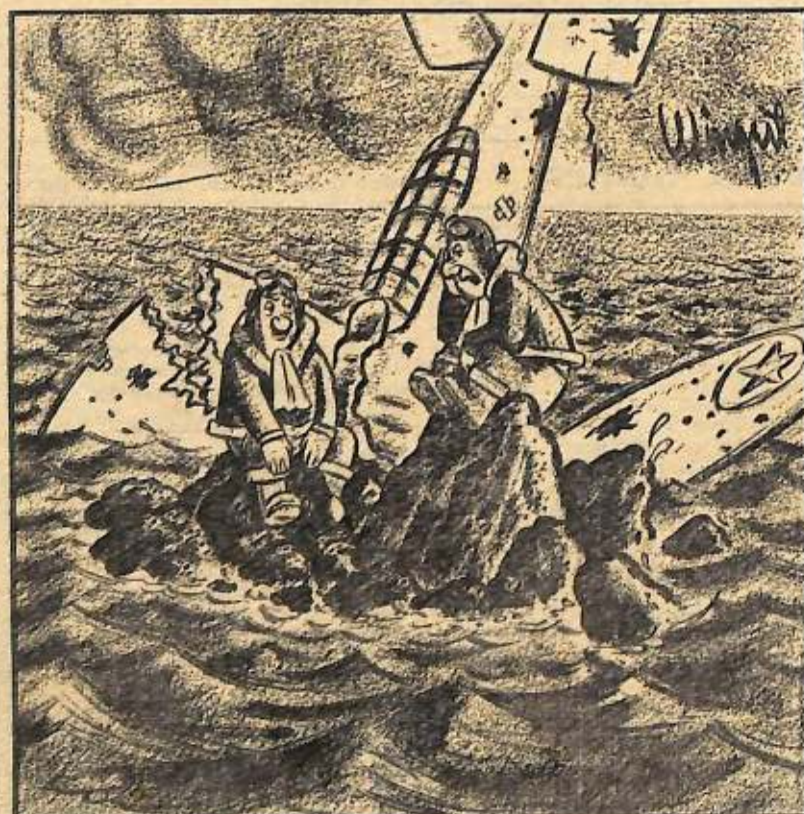
Citizens of Cambridge, Mass., are bemoaning the disappearance of "Monty," a pet gander known throughout the city



for his fondness for beer. Monty was picked up by a truckdriver—witnesses said—as he emerged from a beer tavern—a stewed goose!

A middle-aged well-dressed woman entered her rationing board headquarters back in the States and demanded an extra ration book. Said she, "I have 17 cats—they all need canned cat food and canned milk."

J. C. W.



"I imagine the first thing to do is to notify the APO of our change of address."

Bravest of the Brave Know Fear

Soldier in First Battle Actually Is Aided By His Fright

Here is something most guys don't like to talk about. Fear. But if they'd open up, the men of the Eighth Air Force who have flown through bursting flak and Focke-Wulfs' bullets, and the men who have punched Rommel back in Tunisia, could tell you about it, for they felt it, every one of them, before combat.

The following article, part of a forthcoming book on military psychology prepared under the direction of the U.S. National Research Council, is reprinted from the American Infantry Journal. It gives some enlightening facts about soldiers' fear, and it explains a vital fact—that none but the brave can afford to fear.

The first battle, the first experience of having an enemy machine-gun aimed at you, the first time an airplane swoops low to lay its deadly eggs in your particular patch of ground—that is an experience anticipated by the young soldier with mingled dread and eagerness.

He is eager by that time to get at the enemy. He has learned a great deal about the science of war and wants to use this knowledge to wipe out the enemy and gain victory. But he always wonders—every man does—just how he will behave when that time comes. If he is honest with himself, he knows he will be scared—terrified.

The experienced soldier who has been through all this the first time and many other times has found out for certain that every man going into battle is scared.

His hands tremble, his throat is dry, he must swallow constantly because his "heart is in his mouth." He does idiotic things like looking at his watch every few seconds or examining his rifle a hundred times to be sure it is loaded.

Stoic Defense

The bad moments do not come during actual combat, however, but in the time of tense waiting just before. As soon as the frightened man is able to go into action, his fright is apt to be dispelled or forgotten because he is too busy fighting to remember it.

Encounters with the enemy are most terrifying when they are unfamiliar. As the soldier becomes used to gunfire, to explosions, to the sight of death, he gradually acquires the power to meet these things more stoically.

He does not lose his fear, but he learns to ignore it sufficiently to keep his attention mainly on the business of combat. And if he has in his trained hands a good weapon, this gives him a feeling of confidence—a sense of power.

Fear, when it is experienced, is intensely uncomfortable and seems often to be incapacitating. If the period of fright is prolonged, a man may feel that his nerves are "all shot" by it. It shatters morale. The soldier may be rooted to the spot paralyzed or immobilized by fear.

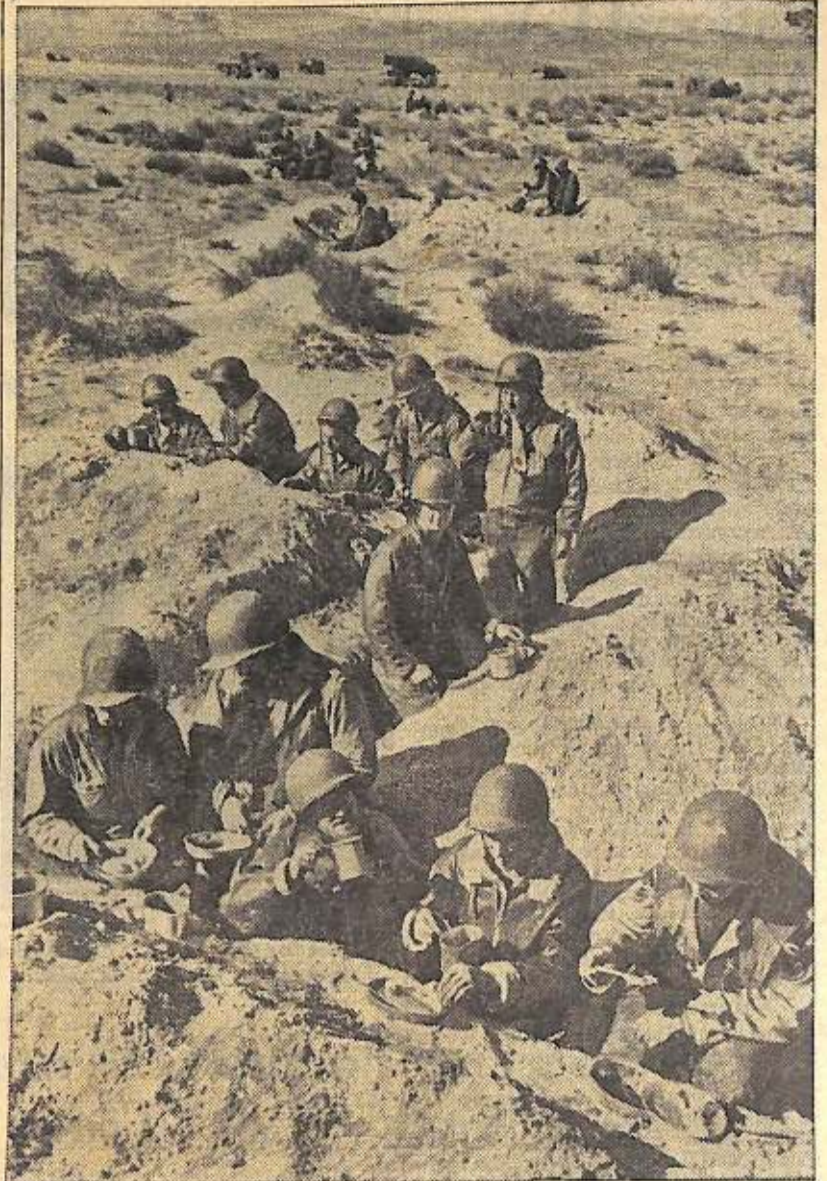
Nevertheless such awful moments before an attack, when each second seems an hour, may actually be useful to any soldier.

For fear is the body's preparation for action. The heart pounds faster, pumping blood more rapidly to the arms and legs and brain, where its oxygen is needed.

The lungs do their part by quickened breathing. Blood pressure goes up. Adrenalin, which is nature's own "shot in the arm," is poured liberally into the blood stream. Sugar is released into the blood to act as fuel for the human fighting machine.

Subtle changes in body chemistry, automatically effected by powerful emotion, serve to protect the soldier in action in ways he would never think of. He loses temporarily the sense of fatigue even though he may have been dog-tired.

It is sometimes difficult for a tense, frightened soldier to get started into



"Physical contact with friends helps fighting men overcome fear. Troops should, if possible, stick within sight but not too close during danger of attack." In this picture, troops in Tunisia eat dinner together in a slit-trench cafe before going into action.

combat—to begin the action that will relieve his fear. That part is taken care of by army training and discipline.

Months of training have taught the soldier to respond from habit to definite battle orders, even though in battle commands often cannot be given as in training. It has become second nature to him to carry out his own job as a member of the fighting team.

The fact that any action is so drilled in that it is mechanical helps when you are scared. No matter how distracted your mind may be by unfamiliar and terrifying sights and smells and sounds, you act from sheer force of habit. In fact, it is the habits which take care of a man whether or not he is too frightened to think clearly, like the habit of diving for cover when bombs come down.

Action Disperses Fear

Here are rules for fighting fear:

1—Action dispels fear—do something. In the time of suspense, when men are all ready for action but are waiting the signal to start, fear is at its height. If the period of waiting is to be prolonged—perhaps a delay until the weather changes—the time should be occupied with preparation for action. Fight fear with work—when expecting combat, when waiting on a raft for rescue, when waiting for enemy bombers to return.

2—Physical contact with friends helps. Men should, if possible, stick within sight in time of peril, but not too bunched up for bombs or shells. Just the presence of another man not far off, when no word is spoken, minimizes fear.

3—Roll calls help. Men in peril should be reminded that they are not alone, that they are an integral part of a close-knit organization, that each is important to it.

The artillery's "call out your numbers loud and strong" reassures each man that in the smoke of battle the others are still in their places, doing their parts. It also lets him know that the others, too, are keeping track of him. They will miss him if he is lost, will look for him. They are "all for one and one for all."

4—Knowledge is power over fear. Surprise is the most important element in battle. Thus men should be kept constantly informed of the dangers they may meet, of the weapons that may be used against them, of the tactics which the enemy uses. The known is never so fearful as the unknown.

Fear is Contagious

5—Control of action helps. To be afraid does not mean that a man must act afraid. Fear is contagious when it is expressed in action. If a man goes to pieces and becomes panicky, he must be removed from the sight of the other men if that is at all possible.

It is each man's responsibility to control the signs of his own fear if he can, so as to spare the others. And if he can manage to act as though he were calm, he may actually become more calm. At any rate, the opposite is true: giving in to fear tends to increase it.

6—Even statistics help. It is reassuring to know that of all the men in an army comparatively few are killed. The chances that any one man will be among those mortally wounded in any one battle are relatively small.

Fear just before combat is not, how-

ever, the most trying fear that men in the armed forces must sometimes face. That is, after all, a thing of the moment, and men are helped to face it by the excitement of action.

There is another kind of fear that must be endured for days and weeks—perhaps months or years—if men are besieged, cut off from help, deprived of adequate defence. Then the ever-present peril from the enemy may be aggravated by the greater perils of disease, famine, exposure. And there may be little chance for action.

Men in the present war have endured primitive sorts of hardships that would seem to be beyond human endurance—in Bataan, on Corregidor, alone on a rubber life raft for five weeks.

This means terror mixed with despair. The misery cannot be relieved; it can only be endured. Then they must maintain sanity, courage and life itself by their ingenuity in originating occupations for hands and minds.

Men battling alone against the sea welcome a chance to learn something of navigation, to contrive means for keeping track of the directions and distances they are being carried by current and wind. They think of songs to sing and of games to play.

Praying Helps

Nor may we forget the power of religious belief as an antidote to fear. When men get into a tight spot they pray. They pray hard and from the heart, and they feel better for it. Prayer works.

Fear is nature's way of meeting in an all-out way an all-out emergency. It is useful in mobilizing all the body's resources. Obviously, prolonged fear is horribly fatiguing. Long periods of anxiety are damaging in the extreme. But fear within limits increases strength and endurance.

There are a few men in every army who know no fear—just a few. But these men are not normal. They would be recognized by a psychiatrist as mentally deficient. They have a callousness of mind that makes them incapable of emotion.

Courage and fear are not opposites: they may fill the same breast at the same time. But armed with courage, no soldier need worry about his own fright. The coward, who must run when he is scared, is the one to dread terror.

None but the brave can afford to fear.

Lenten Message

MARK 12:2—"At the season he sent a servant to receive the fruit of the vineyard."

"As ye sow so shall ye reap." The man who does his good turn each day will in turn receive good from his fellow men. The man who attempts to gain his own end by lying and grasping methods will find that others use similar methods in their dealings with him. If you desire to live in a pleasant world, be friendly with those you meet and they in turn will meet you half way with kindness and good will.

NEWS FROM HOME

United Nations' Police Force Will Halt War

Military Organization Proposed By Senator To Keep Peace

NEW YORK, Apr. 11—A United Nations military police force, formed of units from the armies of each country, will be the best guarantee of peace after the war, Sen. Joseph H. Hall (Rep., Minn.) said in a speech to the Friend of Norway here yesterday.

"There is a vital difference between preparing for war and preparing for peace," Sen. Hall declared. "One nation alone can prepare for war and can, if it desires, plunge its neighbors and the whole world into war. But it takes many nations, studying, planning and working together to prepare for and to maintain peace.

"The mere existence of such an international force probably would obviate, in large degree, the necessity for its use," the Senator said.

Dorothy Thompson To Marry

CHICAGO, Apr. 11—Dorothy Thompson, newspaper columnist and author, told friends here this week that she will soon marry Maxim Kopf, Czechoslovakian painter, at her country home near Woodstock, Vt. Kopf came to the United States after escaping from a German concentration camp only to be interned in France.

Butter For Breakfast Only

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11 (UP)—Nobody ever misses breakfast at the White House, Mrs. Roosevelt said today,

First Post-War Cars Probably 1942 Models

NEW YORK, Apr. 11—Fred P. Sloan Jr., chairman of the General Motors Corp., said today that the first post-war automobile will probably be a repeat of 1942 models.

The only improvements on '42 cars will be those which can be made without important engineering changes, he declared. Future cars, Sloan said, will depend on developments in high octane gasoline and synthetic rubber.

because it is the only meal at which butter is served. The First Lady told reporters she wasn't worried about clothes rationing since what she had intended to buy would be sensible and lasting anyway.

Firemen, Whisky Save Cow

ELMSFORD, N.Y., Apr. 11 (AP)—It took 24 volunteer firemen and a pint of whisky to save the life of Minnie, a prize heifer and expected bovine mother, who fell in a swimming pool here. The firemen gave Minnie the whisky.

Low Heels Coming Back

NEW YORK, Apr. 11 (UP)—Low heels are "a boon to beauty," opera and radio singer Gladys Swarthout has decided. She said so here today, adding: "Women are beginning to realize that comfort means better carriage and shoes now have to be chosen for triple wear—daytime, afternoon and evening."

Food Talks May 18

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11 (UP)—The United Nations food conference will open at Hot Springs, Va., on May 18, the State Department announced yesterday. Most of the sessions will be closed to non-delegates with a summary of the proceedings to be issued after the session.

Urge Universal Flight Privilege

Civil Aeronautics Official Advocates Right to Fly Over Foreign Areas

MINNEAPOLIS, Apr. 11—L. Welch Pogue, chairman of the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board, in an Aviation Day speech advocated "the right of commercial air transit"—the right to fly through the air space of any nation.

Criticizing the argument that America and other countries cannot allow foreign commercial planes to fly over their territory for reasons of military security, he said that even though the Japs were not permitted to fly over Pearl Harbor before the war, they nevertheless were intimately familiar with every detail there.

The suggested agreement would include the right to land at agreed airports to refuel, make repairs, or shelter from bad weather, but not to discharge or take on passengers or cargo.

If necessary, he added, a 200-mile-wide lane, out of which it would be forbidden to fly, could be established in each country.

Free Auto Licenses

TRENTON, N.J., Apr. 11—Gov. Charles Edison, of New Jersey, has approved a State law by which men and women in the armed services will be given automobile drivers' licenses free of charge.

She's Been A Mrs. All Along

NEW YORK, Apr. 11—Margie Hart, former burlesque stripper now appearing in the legitimate production Havoc, has been the wife of Lt. Seaman B. Jacobs, stationed at New York Port of Embarkation Headquarters, since July 4, she said today. Margie said she and the lieutenant exchanged vows at Belton, Mo.

PRECISION BOMBING And its vast possibilities

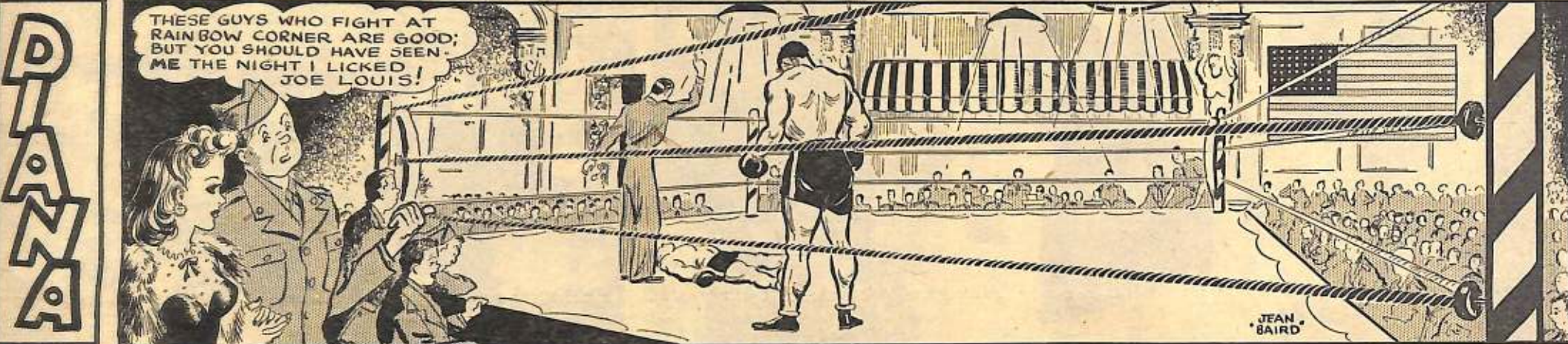


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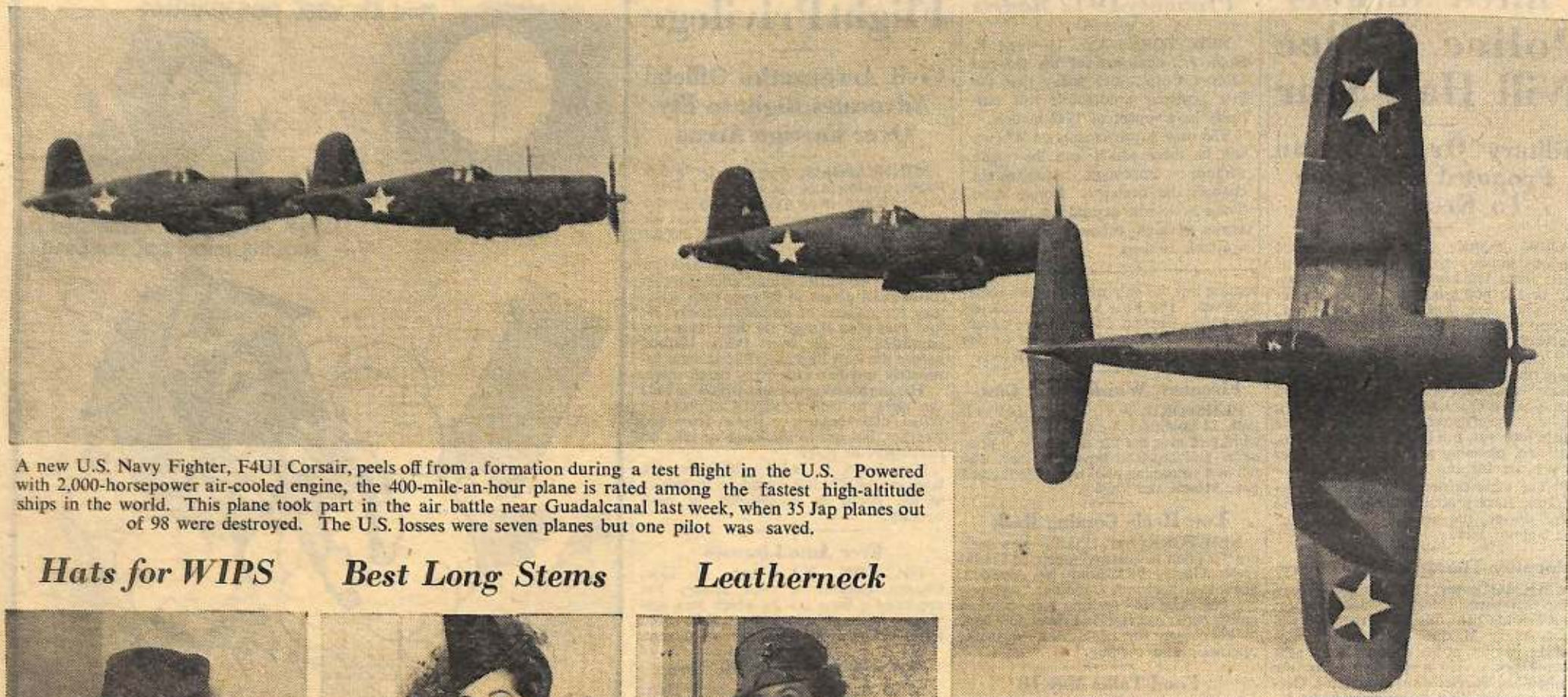
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The New 400 MPH Navy Fighter—F4U Corsair—Now in Action



A new U.S. Navy Fighter, F4U Corsair, peels off from a formation during a test flight in the U.S. Powered with 2,000-horsepower air-cooled engine, the 400-mile-an-hour plane is rated among the fastest high-altitude ships in the world. This plane took part in the air battle near Guadalcanal last week, when 35 Jap planes out of 98 were destroyed. The U.S. losses were seven planes but one pilot was saved.

Hats for WIPS

Best Long Stems

Leatherneck



Carol Shaughnessy, of Newark, N.J., tries on hats designed by the Department of Labor for the WIPS—women factory workers in war industries and services essential to America's war production.



Here are the loveliest pair of long legs in Hollywood. They belong to Wanda Stevenson, who is six feet tall. This selection was made by Charles Walters, one of the film capital's foremost dance creators.



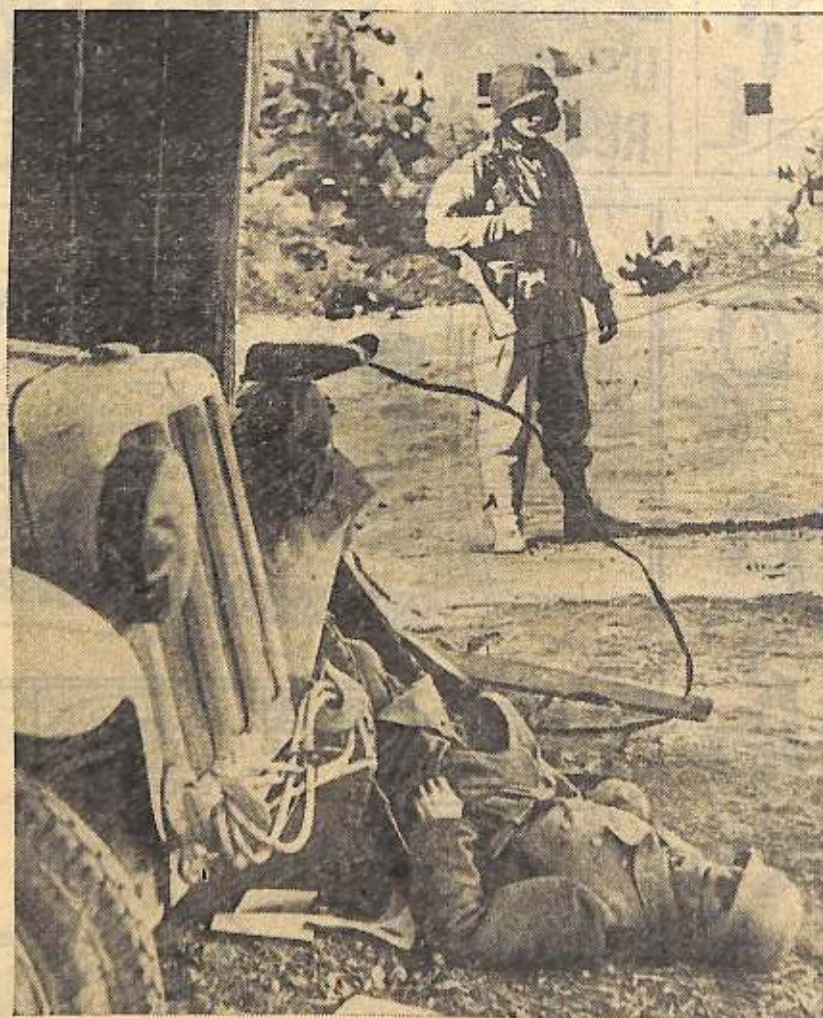
Lt. Louise Stewart models the officer uniform of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. The uniform is the same material as the male Marines, and the cap has a red cord and bears the Marine Emblem.

They Bought Candy But No Meat



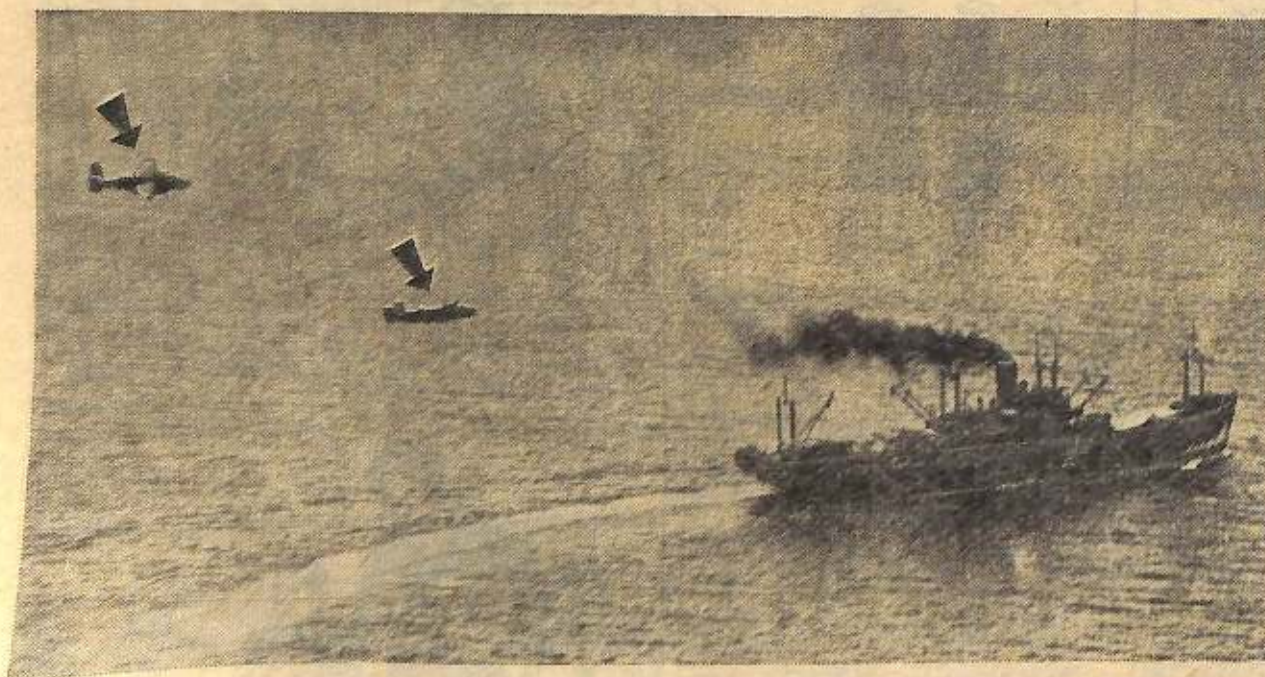
Keystone Photo
Stopping in Chengtu, China, M/Sgt. George McVicker, of Columbus, Ohio; Pvt. Earl W. Portmess, of Cumberland, Md., and T/2 Robert Wriglesworth, of Eau Claire, Wis., bought some candy but refused any roast ham or baked duck seen hanging overhead.

Fleeing German Didn't Get Far



This dead German tried to flee in a truck from a village in Tunisia but an American sharpshooter in a reconnaissance outfit found him and this is as far as he got.

Mast Height Attack In Bismarck Sea Battle



Two medium U.S. bombers roar in for a mast height attack on one of the 22 Jap ships sunk in the Bismarck Sea battle early last month. All but a handful of 15,000 troops were lost. The Allies lost only four planes.