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Travel Is Restricted

Unlikely, Though U.S. Refuses Ship Sale

Britain clamped down tight travel restrictions upon movement into Eire today in swift aftermath to De Valera's refusal to accede to the United States request that she oust Axis diplomatic representatives to prevent seepage of invasion informa-

The action, likely to prove a blow to pocketbooks in Eire-haven for war weary—came just two days after disclosure of Eire position, and will affect not only civilians but men in the services. The order affected all travel except

those on missions of vital military

while the border restrictions were anticipated generally as a result of the De Valera decision to keep his country aloof from the war, if was not expected in informed diplomatic quarters that it would be followed by imposition of

economic sanctions.

Earlier both the American and British oress had predicted an economic squeeze" on the Free State and cited the refusal of the U.S. to sell two badlyneeded merchant ships to Ireland to supplement her small merchant navy of

about ten vessels. Possibly this refusal was made before the exchange of notes. There was no expectation of military action. The State Department republished over the weekend the message sent by President Roosevelt to De Valera two years ago assuring Eire that the landing of American troops in Illette contributed on years ago assuring Eire that the landing of American troops in Ulster constituted no threat to the Free State—a pledge De Valera recalled Friday in rejecting the U.S. protest. Press dispatches from Washington suggested that republication of the note might be intended to point out that De Valera "grasped at something said two years ago under one set of conditions and sought to apply it to the entirely different conditions existing now."

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Mr. Roosevelt's message, handed to the
Irish minister in Washington Feb. 16,
1942, said there was "not the slightest
thought or intention of invading Irish
territory or threatening Irish security."

The Free State reply to the U.S. proposal that Axis diplomats be removed
from the country said such a step "is
universally recognized as the first step
toward war," and added that the Irish
government "could not entertain the
American proposal without a complete
betrayal of the democratic trust—Irish
neutrality—which represents the united
will of the people and Parliament."

Replying to the American contention
that the German minister in Dublin
possessed a radio transmitter, De Valera
said he had been "debarred from using
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He asserted that two German parachutists dropped over Ireland last December were "apprehended within a few hours" and "two other agents dropped and here since the war began met a similar

Ten foreign and two Irish nationals now are held in Irish prisons because they were "suspected of intentions to engage in espionage," De Valera said, "These are the facts and it is doubtful if any other country can show such a record of careful and successful vigilance."

The U.S. note, delivered to Dublin Feb. 21, said:

"It has become increasingly apparent that despite the declared desire of the Irish government that its neutrality should not operate in favor of either of the belligerents, it has in fact operated and continues to operate in favor of the Axis powers and against the United Nations on whom your security and the maintenance of your national economy

One of the gravest and most inequitable results of this situation is the oppor-(Continued on page 2)

By 1945 Reich Will Be Pushover-Montgomery

Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery, in a weekend inspection tour of British war plants, told workers that Germany would be "about right for toppling over" by the end of 1944.

Asserting that an Allied victory was now so certain that the only unsure thing was the date of the end of the war, he said that he did not have "the slightest doubt that if the battle front and the home front really get down to it this year we can get the whole thing almost finished —held so tightly that next year we just topple it over."

Eire-Ulster Reds Knock Out 500 Nazi Tanks

GIs Sleep on Floors, Chairs in London Bridge Dnieper

Economic Sanctions Seen Many Units Exceed Quotas in Passes To Jammed City

By Arthur W. White

Hundreds of American soldiers arriving in London on pass and furlough are failing almost every night to get beds at failing almost every night to get beds at ARC clubs and are being forced to sleep on chairs, floors and in a large air-raid shelter because many units are overstepping their London quotas, Maj. Ward J. Walker, Base Section Special Service officer, said yesterday.

Many units also are sending in men with passes improperly made out, thus adding to the problem of providing proper accommodation.

From 50 to 1,100 soldiers slept on floors and in the shelter, which was temporarily taken over for the job, practically every night in the last two months, Maj. Walker said.

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Base Section headquarters allots
London beds on a strength basis to
ETO major commands, which in turn
allot them to smaller units. Authority for
the quota system is given in Circular 99,
HQ ETOUSA (Dec. 21, '42) and Ltr. HQ
SOS, AG 080 (Jan. 10, '44) PGA.

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Maj. Walker's office is making a determined effort to convince unit commanders that unless they stick to their quotas all the efforts being made by the Army and Red Cross in London to accommodate troops properly will fail.

Here's how the system works: When a man is coming to London his unit commander should make out a pass on form TPM No. 3 (pink pass) or white furlough certificate (WD form 31) and designate a club to which he must ear designate a club to which he must go.
Every CO should have the name of a
club in which beds are allotted to his
unit and, if not, should go up through
command channels, if necessary to the
top, to get one, Maj. Walker said.
Under present arrangements, a man
should check into the designated club
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N. Britain Push Cuts Off Enemy

Marines Seize Airfield In Rabaul Drive; Jap Base Battered Again

U.S. Marines, pressing steadily northward on New Britain toward battered Rabaul, have seized the village of Talasea and its strategic airfield, cutting off an estimated several thousand Japs on Williamauz peninsula, north of Talasea, Gen. MacArthur's communique said

U.S. naval units, escorting a convoy of supplies to the newly-won base 170 miles from Rabaul Saturday night, caught a n Jap sneaking from an anchorage off the northern tip of Williamauz, sinking five packed with

troops and damaging another.

One was claimed by crewmen of a tank lashed to the decks of an American supply

Heavy and medium Solomons-based bombers meanwhile blasted Rabaul with 110 tons of high explosives without loss,

although raiding without fighter cover. American Cavalrymen on Los Negros in the Admiralties achieved further penetrations north and northeast of Momote airfield, gaining one section of the west coast of the island directly opposite Manus Island across the Leniu Straits.

Give us 15 more good days when we

can get the Jerries up and I think it will

mean the war is won as far as the Luft-

waffe is concerned," Capt. Walker

Mahurin, America's leading fighter ace

n the ETO, said yesterday.

While his prediction is definitely on the

sunny side, his statement showed how fighter pilots feel about the week's savage

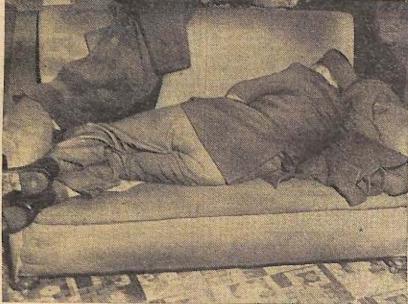
battles in which Thunderbolts, Lightnings Mustangs and Spitfires shot down 197 enemy aircraft.

Mahurin's score of 20 victories now is only six under the American record esta-blished by Eddie Rickenbacker in World War I. Before the war Mahurin was a

clerk in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Thus far in the Battle of Berlin, begun with the fighter sweep over the German

capital ten days ago, American fighters



Stars and Stripes Photo by Kane

Hundreds of soldiers have slept much less comfortably than this. GI pictured above is a frequent sight in London's Red Cross clubs and is caused by units which overstep pass and furlough quotas established for London.

$Luftwaffe Again Absent\ as Libs$ Hit Calais After Munster Raid

Unescorted Liberators of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe blasted the Pas de Calais so-called "secret weapon" coast yesterday for the second time in two days and returned without the loss of a single bomber to report the same astonishing lack of German fighter opposition encountered in Saturday's Fortress raid on Munster.

Not one enemy aircraft was sighted and not one bomber was lost when

the Fortresses, escorted by P47 and P51s, slashed 300 miles into Germany to Munster to hit the vital rail and waterways junction through clouds.

Thirty Forts and two Thunderbolts were lost at Munster in October in furious air battles in which 102 Nazi planes were shot down.

P38s which escorted Liberators to Pas de Calais on Saturday "played with each other for lack of something to shoot at," according to B24 crewmen.

P47s, in addition to escorting the Forts to Munster, carried out an offensive sweep over occupied Europe. Pilots reported heavy flak but no German planes as they shot up high-tension towers, gun-posts, machine-gun emplacements and

Not one U.S. bomber was lost in the day's operations, but four fighters failed

U.S. Marauders Saturday afternoon joined with small forces of RAF and Aiied Mosquitoes and Typhoons to hit targets in northern France as other RAF Typhoons carried out offensive patrols. Only one Typhoon was lost. The B26s vere escorted by Allied Spitfires.

In Saturday night's RAF activity, while Mosquitos bombed Hamburg and other objectives in western Germany, mines were laid in enemy waters. Only one aircraft

University Open to Veterans

MADISON, Wis., Mar. 12-The University of Wisconsin has approved a plan whereby war veterans will be able to enter as students even though lacking prerequisite educational credits by giving "satisfactory evidence that they are pre-pared to take advantageously the subjects open to them.

of 351 Nazi planes. Fighters alone got 83 Mar. 6 for a new day record, and then

matched it on Mar. 8, both times on Berlin

Mahurin likes to see Berlin as the tar-

Manurin tikes to see Berlin as the target. "It shows the trend more than anything else when we can go all the way there and shoot them up. We definitely have superiority now." Then he made his optimistic victory prediction. "Mahurin frankly admits that he is "scared to death" on every flight.

"I think a lot of us are," he added. A fellow pilot, however, asserted that

fellow pilot, however, asserted that Mahurin never showed fear in the way he dived into swarms of German fighters.

Mahurin, a good-looking, 25-year-old er who is all wrapped up in airplanes,

declared that he "gets lots of fun out of combat, especially after you've got a

15 More Days of Aerial Combat

And Luftwaffe's Out—Mahurin

A FIGHTER BASE, Mar. 12 (AP)- | and bombers have gotten a combined bag

Leipzig Photos **Proof of Havoc**

Four Important Aircraft **Factories Blasted Out** Of Production

Four important Nazi fighter, bomber and bomber-transport factories were either almost completely devastated or so severely damaged by the Fortress-Liberaseverely damaged by the Folliess-Libera-tor attack on Leipzig Feb. 20 that the Germans have been forced to suspend production until major repairs and plant rebuilding can be undertaken, USSTAF headquarters announced after a careful study of reconnaissance pictures.

In addition to the four aircraft factories, a Luftwaffe training station also was severely damaged.

In the Erla Me109 component and assembly plant, 21 buildings were de-stroyed, two partly destroyed, five severely damaged and 14 partly damaged.

Other reconnaissance reports revealed that Augsburg was heavily hit by the American daylight raid Feb. 25 and the two RAF attacks the same night. Hardly a factory of any importance in the northern part of the city escaped damage and the great MAN factory, the leading Ger-man producer of Diesel engines, was damaged extensively.

Toulon Targets Smashed

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Mar. 12 (AP)— First photographs of last Tuesday's heavy-bomber raid on Toulon showed today six vital military targets badly smashed.

Eight direct hits were made on a factory

producing gas and coke, five on a cable factory, three on an ammunition works and six bombs burst inside a submarine

and six bombs burst inside a submarine base in the wharf area.

A military repair shop was hit seven times and two sticks of bombs straddled a railway "bottleneck" where tracks converged as they left the freight yards. A photo interpreter said the lines appeared to have been severed. to have been severed.

Pagliacci' Dies in Character

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 12-Aroldo Lindi, noted tenor, collapsed on the stage of the San Francisco Opera House and died backstage a few minutes later while the audience thundered an ovation for his rendition of the role of "Pagliacci."

Taking the Consequences

NEW YORK, Mar. 12-Ralph Edwards, conductor of the "Truth and Consequences" radio program, has passed his Army physical and is awaiting in-duction. Edwards, 31, is married, has two

To Threaten New Trap

Destruction of 500 German tanks and armored cars, the equivalent of four divisions' equipment, in a big four-day battle on the front opposite the Rumanian border was reported by Soviet News Agency last night as Gen. Feodor Tolbukhin's Fourth Ukrainian Army swung into action across the swollen lower Dnieper,

Tolbukhin's seasoned troops, veterans of the campaign which wrested Melitopol from the enemy last fall, forced the river apparently near Kakhovka, and captured the town of

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Berislov, 40 miles from the Black Sea

Berislov, 40 miles from the Black Sea port of Kherson, in the rear of the Germans retreating from Krivoi Rog.

Only a few of Tolbukhin's great force appeared to have been engaged, but the mere fact that the steppes army was on the move again for the first time since it smashed the Nazis' left bank bridgehead opposite Nikopol a month ago indicated the Red Army's southern offensive still had not yet reached its climax more than a week after it began on Mar. 4.

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The river crossing appeared likely to trap possibly large forces of Germans retreating under the pressure of Gen. Rodion Malinovsky's Third Ukrainian Army advancing from the Krivoi Rog

Soviet News Agency gave no details of the tank battle on the First Ukrainian Army's front, but it seemed likely it may have been in the Tarnopol sector, where Russian reconnaissance planes earlier spotted 400 Nazi tanks coming up to the front lines

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The Germans brought up powerful forces, including heavy artillery and armored trains, to hold this anchor of their 450-mile southern front, but in spite of the strength pouring into the western section of the city Prayda said Red infantament was fasting the strength pour lines.

section of the city Pravda said Red infantrymen were fighting their way into the city house by house.

Red Star said the Germans, regardless of losses, were fighting fiercely for every hilliop, stream and road in that sector and making their main stand west of the city, where they mounted a large number of big guns on hills commanding the junction.

Counter-Attack at Proskurov

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A sharp German counter-attack was reported in the Proskurov sector, 60 miles east of Tarnopol, where Marshal Gregory Zhukov's men were steadily nearing the city. His troops around Kazatin, 35 miles northeast of Vinnitsa, already have reached the Bug River above the Nazi defense outpost of Vinnitsa.

On Zhukov's left flank, Marshal Ivan Koniev's Second Army group, forging ahead south of captured Uman, advanced 20 miles in 24 hours and yesterday was less than 15 miles from the Bug below Vinnitsa, thus threatening both that town and the Odessa-Lwow railway junction of Zhmerinka with encirclement.

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Some 225 miles to the southeast,
Malinovsky's cavalry reached the Ingul River running approximately north and south, with its mouth near Nikolaev, and occupied 75 miles of the east bank. At this point they were only 21 miles from

Moscow dispatches said Malinovsky's Third Army was pouring a tremendous stream of bombs and shells onto the river fords across which the Nazis were pulling back to the Bug. In some of the muddlest country of the Ukraine, engineers worked day and night to build corduroy roads to permit the tanks to advance

WMC Warns Coal Stocks Are Low, Miners Needed

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (Reuter)-

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (Reuter)—Additional miners to build up the nation's "dangerously low" coal stocks must be found, the War Manpower Commission warned today.

Disclosing that by April 1 retailers would have only enough coal on hand to supply customers for ten or 12 days, WMC said that a "heavy storm or any one of the numerous causes which might delay the movement of coal to customers. delay the movement of coal to customers could be disastrous unless stocks are in-

Indians' Own Main Street?

DETROIT, Mar. 12—Five Detroit business men claim Woodward Ave., the main street, still belongs to the Indians. They say there is no record showing that the thoroughfare ever was turned over to the city. They raised the question over a city ordinance controlling advertising signs and marquees.

AlliesAdvanced 150 Miles Into Burma in Week

Gen. Stilwell Says 'Valley Will Soon Be Ours': 800 Japs Killed

WITH U.S. FORCES, Northern Burma, Mar. 12 (UP)—American and Chinese troops commanded by Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill at a cost of only 39 casualties—two killed and 37 wounded—have advanced 150 miles through solid enemy held jungle and killed at least 800 Japs in seven days' fighting.

The week's whirlwind drive has been so successful that Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell has flatly predicted that "the Hukawng Valley will soon be ours."

Gen. Stilwell's troops are still mopping up Japanese remnants in two sectors while one Allied force is relentlessly pushing the enemy back, another force has

ing the enemy back, another force has crossed the Nampyek River and has cut the only motor road to Kamaing.

In Southern Burma Allied troops have ambushed Jap patrols west of the Mayu Range and are advancing steadily. East of the hills only a few scattered parties

of enemy troops are left.

RAF heavy bombers have attacked the
Mongaung-Kamaing road and dumps in the Mongaung area, Large fires were started and three direct hits were scored on a railroad bridge.

Speedy Burma Advance May Open Ledo Road

smashing a corridor across north Burma from China and open the Ledo Road from India.

His strategy in diverting an American infantry column into direct cooperation with his American-trained Chinese troops was a drastic revision of an earlier plan to make only a long-range harassing penetration into Burma.

Instead, the Americans have spread confusion in the Jap defenses by cutting in ten miles behind their lines. So determined is Gen. Stilwell to make

his operation a success that with key officers he has gone from New Delhi to advanced bases in Burma, Irom which he is issuing daily press releases, giving far more details about operations than are contained in the official communiques of the Southeast Asia Command.

Guns 9,000 Feet Up, World's Highest, Shell Burma Japs

DELHI, India (Reuter)—The highest guns in the world have gone into action on the Assam-Burma front, pumping more than 1,000 shells a day into Japanese bunker positions in the Chin hills.

The first salvoes were a salute to British engineers who hauled the artillery pieces behind bulldozers up a slender mountain road which rises to nearly 9,000 feet as it twists toward the mountain peak.

The first gun, drawn by a tractor, swung over the edge of a cliff as it rounded one of the sharp corners and for a moment it seemed as if both gun and tractor would plunge into the ravine hundreds of feet below. But, though the tractor slithered toward the brink it

For 12 hours, mostly in darkness, the gun hung in space while engineers put anchors in the cliff above the road and slings around the gun. Finally, with a bulldozer and block and tackle, they drew it back on to the road.

Brig. Gen. Graves, Flier, Missing in Action in Italy

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (AP — Brig, Gen. Davis D. Graves, commander of a USAAF Mediterranean fighter wing, has been missing in action over Italy since Feb. 8, the War Department has an-nounced. He is the sixth general now listed by the Army as missing in this war. The War Department also reported that Brig. Gen. Paul W. Kendall, whose assignment was not disclosed, had been wounded slightly in Italy Jan. 22,

Pacific Flight Record

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 12 (Reuter)

A four-engined Liberator transport plane set a new speed record by flying the 2,100 miles between San Fran-cisco and Honolulu in nine hours 27 minutes, beating the old mark by 15

Sub Toll in February Lowest of War for U.S.

U-boat sinkings of Allied merchant ships last month were the lowest of any month since the U.S. entered the war and the second lowest of the entire war, according to a joint statement issued by the U.S. and Britain.

San Antonio Quintet Justifies Its Name

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Mar. 12-The team occupying first place in the Municipal Basketball League here is appropriately named "Hippos.

When the first team is on the court it fotals 1,204 pounds of manpoweran average of more than 240 pounds per man. Willis Weatherford, 255, is the heaviest member of the cast, while 227-pound John Hobaugh is the lightweight.

LeMay Named Major-General

Curtis E. LeMay, one of the first American bomb group commanders in the ETO and a pioneer in the development of daylight precision bombing, has been promoted to major general only five months after he received his first star. At 37 he is one of the youngest major

Gen. LeMay, a Fortress division commander who planned then led his un-escorted B17s on the first successful shuttle mission to Africa on Aug. 17, 1943, is the tactician who devised the present tightly packed Fortress forma-tions which have become standard operat-

ing procedure for Americans both on the defensive and offensive.

The general, a native of Lakewood, Ohio, is a graduate of Ohio State university in 1928.

NEW DELHI, India, Mar. 12 (AP)— So fast is Lt. Gen, Joseph Stilwell forcing the pace in north Burma that a crisis is approaching which will make or break this year's Burma campaign. He has forced his way 150 miles into Burma and the Japs must now either withdraw troops from other fronts or see Gen. Stilwell accomplish his objective of smashing a corridor across north Burma

CAIRO, Mar. 12 (AP)—A 3,000lb. planeload of rifles, ammunition and helmets has been delivered personally to King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia by Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce, USAAF commander in the Middle East, as a token shipment of Lend-Lease war materials, it has been announced.

The gift was presented at an oasis as discussions on construction of a pipeline from Saudi Arabia to the Mediterranean got under way.

The unusual presentation served to introduce to Ibn Saud Brig, Gen. Benjamin Giles, who is succeeding Royce. Offering of the information of the control of t of the gift was Gen. Royce's last official act before relinquishing his post. Rich Arab dresses were presented to both

Foe Calls Raids, Red Push Preliminaries to Invasion

U.S. raids on Germany and new Soviet offensives on the southern sectors of the Eastern Front are the preliminaries to the invasion of Europe, according to German sources quoted by Budapest

"It cannot be denied," a broadcast said, "that the sudden onrush of more than 100 Soviet divisions in the south is closely connected with the U.S. raids on Berlin and with the invasion, which has been somewhat delayed."

U.S. Asked to Raise Pay Of Conscientious Objectors

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10—The Civil Liberties Union asked President Roose-vell today to increase the pay of conscientious objectors in work camps to a maximum of \$50 a month—the base pay of an Army private.

The committee said objectors received between \$2.50 and \$15 a month, plus maintenance. It added that 2,500 of them had dependants for whom no provision could be made.

Plant Hirings Fall Below Job Vacancies—Perkins

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins reported today that for every 1,000 workers carried on factory payrolls for January, 1944, 67 either had changed jobs or left manufacturing work turing work.

The rate of new hirings-64 per 1,000she called insufficient to maintain the employment level.

'Seeing Eye' Dogs Burned

ROYAL OAK, Mich., Mar. 12— Nineteen Doberman dogs valued at more than \$5,000 were burned to death in a fire that swept their kennels. They were being trained for blind persons.

Rome Must Not Be a Battlefield, Pope Warns All

Urgent Appeal Asks Axis And Allies to Turn Thoughts to Peace

Pope Pius XII made his most urgent appeal for peace yesterday on the fifth anniversary of his coronation. and radio listeners throughout the world heard the solemn papal warning that "those who turned Rome into a battle-field would for ever bear a curse."

The speech, made before a vast crowd assembled in St. Peter's Square, was broadcast by Vatican Radio. Condemning those who sought to destroy Rome, the Pope used stronger language than in any of his previous appeals, and besought both the Axis and Allied powers " to turn their thoughts towards peace."
"The destruction of Rome could never

be excused at the bar of history," His Holiness said. "This war has not spared any of the capitals of Europe, but our Rome belongs to the whole world, to the whole Christian faith. Those who would turn Rome into a battlefield would for ever bear a curse."

'All Quiet' in Italy Expected to End Soon

Scattered patrol clashes comprised all the land action yesterday on the Italian fronts, but clearer weather indicated that large-scale operations soon might again be practicable in the beachhead and

Cassino sectors.

It was disclosed officially that the U.S. 45th Division and the British Second Field Regiment of Royal Artillery distinguished themselves in the recent beachhead fight-

A highlight of yesterday's skirmishes was the repulse by Americans of another German infiltration attempt southeast of

Doug Fairbanks Jr. Gets Silver Star for Salerno

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Mar. 12-Lt.Cmdr. Douglas Fairbanks Jr., the film actor, has been presented the Silver Star by Vice Adm. H. K. Hewitt for meritorious conduct in action at the Salerno landing, Allied headquarters has announced. Fairbanks was one of 19 naval officers decorated by the U.S. commander in northwest African waters.

Nazis Credit 3 Aces With 250 Kills Each, 16 Others With 100

LISBON, Mar. 10 (UP)-Throwing light on Nazi methods of counting Allied planes destroyed, the Luftwaffe credits three pilots of the 42nd Fighter Squadron, now believed to be on the Russian front, with shooting down 250 or more planes each and lists 16 others who have shot down more than 100.

(In more than 4½ years of war, Britain's top air aces, the late "Paddy" Finucane and Group Capt. "Sailor" Malan, have been credited with 32 planes each.)

The three Germans with more than 250 kills as of last October were listed

250 kills as of last October were listed as Maj, Gunther Rall, Capt. Walter Nowotny and a Capt. Barkhorn. Maj. Herman Graf passed the 200 mark last

Crete Nazis Lose Convoy: Now Pinched for Food

CAIRO, Mar. 10 (AP)-Crete, Germany's biggest Aegean stronghold, has been feeling a food shortage, with only one loaf of bread for seven persons daily, since a combined RAF-USAAF sank the Nazis' last big ship in the Aegean, an official report has revealed.

The operation was described as the "most brilliant strategical operation" in that area this year.

The Americans first attacked the convoy, drawing off the air escort in a prolonged dogfight. This opened the way for British torpedo-carrying Beaufighters to score hits on a big merchantman and a destroyer and rake them with cannon fire.

Sandman at the Station

NEW YORK, Mar, 12-A "sleep nook" accommodating 75 will be opened in Grand Central Terminal for service-men who want to catch a snooze while waiting for trains

ETO Hospital Stages Dry Run Handling Invasion Wounded

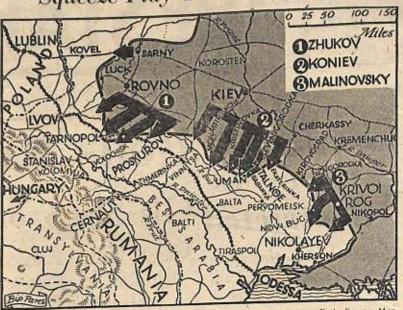
A STATION HOSPITAL, Mar. 12-A practice run of handling invasion casualties was held by enlisted men officers and nurses here.

serious wounds, and shock treatment was The exercise was the first of a series

planned to develop skill and teamwork in receiving a sudden influx of casualties Twenty-four men were assembled at a nearby railroad station to act as patients just brought from the "invasion front." They were examined by a medical officer, tagged, and carried in six ambulances to the hospital, where they were put to bed in wards and given necessary treatment.

Oxygen and blood plasma were "administered" to those simulating more of the control of the control

Squeeze Play Toward Rumania



Three Ukraine army groups under Marshal Zhukov, Gen. Koniev and Gen. Malinovsky, now joined by Gen. Tolbukhin south of the Lower Dnieper, smash forward on a 400-mile front to eject the last Nazis from southern Russia.

From Battling Japs to Shining Buttons

A Fightin' Navy Veteran Now Chauffeurs Colonel for Victory

Mar. 12-For a soldier whose anxiety for combat got him into the Army at 16 and sent him AWOL to enlist in the Navy under an assumed name for action in the Pacific, the Army has given Pfc Sam A. Lollor a strange job.

A self-styled "fightin' man" from Amarillo, Tex., and at 19 a service veteran of three years in three theaters, Lollor is now, ironically, part of the non-combatant SOS and a colonel's chauffeur to boot. He openly admits he is living the life of Riley in the Army, riding the gravy train he never saw in the Navy.

Lollor joined the Army at 16 because he convinced the recruiting office he was Assigned to a horse-drawn artillery

A U.S. GENERAL DEPOT, England, outfit, he decided he wasn't cut out to outfit, he decided he wasn't cut out to fight the war grooming a nag. While on furlough he joined the Navy under an assumed name, survived the sinking of the USS Lexington in the Coral Sea and action in the North African invasion before the law caught up with him and tossed him back in the Army.

The Tayan was charged and brought to

The Texan was charged and brought to trial, but, he said, his age "was taken into consideration and the punishment was rather lenient."

"The Army has its good points, like

driving colonels and good-looking secre-taries," Lollor said, "but the Navy gave me action."

(Editor's note: The Navy also has chauffeurs for officers and their secre-

London

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before 10 PM to make sure of getting his

But Thursday night, to cite just one case, a soldier arrived at the club named on his pink pass long before 10 PM, only to find all were gone. Every man occupying a bed there also had a legitimate pass to the same place. Obviously, many units with a bed allotment at that particular club must have sent into London more men than they were entitled to.

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So the soldier, with men who followed him in, and men from other London clubs where the same thing was occurring, had to go to Rainbow Corner, where bed reports are called in hourly from all ARC clubs, and wait there until late at night to hear whether one of them had vacancies.

When every bed is taken, and soldiers still are waiting in chairs at Rainbow Corner and elsewhere, they are collected and transported by Special Service to the shelter, which is equipped with

The solution to the problem, Maj. Walker said, lies in commanders making sure that their units have quotas, making sure they are not exceeded, and that the

name of the right club is on all passes.

In the past some soldiers themselves filled in the name of a club, causing undue congestion there, when probably the one at which their unit had an allotment was able to take them.

A check at Rainbow Corner last week showed many soldiers were arriving with-out pink passes—some of their typewritten and hand-written passes bearing rotes from COs saying they didn't have any. TPM No. 3 forms may be requisitioned from base section headquarters, Maj. Walker said.

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Regulations say that if soldiers can prove they have genuine accommodation at other than an ARC club they may visit London above their unit's quota, he added. However, frequently men have told COs they had "private" beds at hotels or civilian homes and supplied addresses thought up on the spur of the moment-a slaughterhouse, public houses and a Masonic hall have been among recent ones—and then gone to the Red Cross

Every bed taken in that way robs a GI who comes in late with a legal "quota claim" of his place to sleep, the Major

The latter, naturally, don't understand why they have to be turned away from their specified club and sent to a shelter, and Red Cross officials, who, in this matter are merely following Army instructions, have the same explaining to do every night.

Maj. Walker said that men with passes

Maj. Walker said that men with passes made out to another town should not come to London. Those passing through London on travel orders should go to a casual center, whose address can be obtained from the Red Cross or Base Section headquarters.

He added that London clubs have been asked not to accept reservations, either by asked not to accept reservations, either by letter or phone, because the present system, if properly carried out, insures automatic and smooth reservation and takes a considerable burden off postal and telephone facilities.

Eire -(Continued from page 1)

tunity for highly organized espionage which the geographical position of Ireland affords the Axis and denies the United Nations.

"Situated as you are in close proximity with Britain and divided only by an in-tangible boundary from Northern Ireland, where are situated important American bases, with continuous traffic to both countries, Axis agents enjoy almost un-restricted opportunity for bringing in-formation of vital importance from Great Britain and Northern Ireland into Ireland and from there transmitting it by various

"It would be naive to assume that Axis agents have not exploited these conditions to the full in Ireland as they have done in other countries. . ."

Shortly after Eire's reply was announced by Secretary of State Cordell Hull, news-men in Washington learned that the Free State's application to buy two merchant ships had been rejected.

ships had been rejected.

Earlier, the State Department released the text of a note to De Valera Jan. 6 rejecting the Free State's bid to buy an 8,000-ton merchantman. The note reminded Eire that two former American chips had been sunk while operating under ships had been sunk while operating under the Irish flag, presumably by Axis sub-marines, yet Eire had not protested to the Axis.

Arts-Hobbies Exhibition To BeTaken to N. Ireland

American and Allied troops and civilians in Northern Ireland are to see the American Forces leisure-time Arts and Hobbies Exhibition which was visited by more than 100,000 persons during its recent 17-day run at 215, Piccadilly-

London.

All the entries, sent in by soldiers stationed in all parts of Britain, will be taken to Belfast, where the exhibit, sponsored by the Army's Special Service Division and the American Red Cross, is scheduled to open Mar. 18.

Gilberts Heroism Wins James Roosevelt Medal

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 12 (Reuter) Lt. Col. James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, was presented with the scher seldest son, was presented with the Silver Star here yesterday for gallantry in action at Makin in the Gilbert Islands in November, 1943. Col. Roosevelt also holds the Navy Cross, awarded for gallantry in a commando raid in Makin in August, 1942.

72 Rescued After Vessel Is Torpedoed in Atlantic

CANADIAN EAST COAST PORT, Mar. 12 (AP)—Rescued after clinging 33 hours to the aft section of their torpedoed

ship in an Atlantic blizzard, 61 Allied seamen were brought ashore here.

Eleven other survivors were taken to an American port by a British cargo ship which picked them up. All the crew were cared and none was seriously injured. saved and none was seriously injured.

Won by Kelly, Says He'll Meet New Hero in Italy

Congressional Award Goes To Pittsburgh Rifleman For Series of Deeds

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today award of the Congressional Medal of Honor to T/Sgt, Charles E. Kelly, 23, infantry automatic rifleman from Pittsburgh. The award is the first to be won in fighting on the Italian mainland.

The citation outlines a remarkable

The citation outlines a remarkable series of voluntary exploits by Kelly against the enemy Sept. 13 and 14, following his landing with the Fifth Army forces at Salerno.

forces at Salerno.

Kelly, then corporal, according to the citation, "voluntarily joined a patrol which located and neutralized enemy machinegun positions. After this hazardous duty he volunteered to establish contact with a battalion of U.S. infantry which was believed to be located on Hill 315, a mile distant. He traveled over a route commanded by enemy observation and under sniper, mortar and artillery fire; and later he returned with the correct information that the enemy occupied Hill 315 in organized positions. 315 in organized positions.

Volunteers Again

"Immediately thereafter, Kelly, again a volunteer patrol member, assisted materially in the destruction of two enemy machine-gun nests under conditions re-quiring great skill and courage. Having effectively fired his weapon until all the ammunition was exhausted, he secured permission to obtain more at an ammunition dump. Arriving at the dump, which was located near a storehouse on the exwas located hear a storehouse of the car-treme flank of his regiment's position, Kelly found that the Germans were attacking ferociously at this point. He obtained his ammunition and was given the mission of protecting the rear of the storehouse. He held his position through-out the night

out the night.

"The following morning the enemy attack was resumed. Kelly took a position at an open window of the storehouse.

"One machine-gunner had been killed at this position and several other soldiers wounded. Kelly delivered continuous aimed and effective fire upon the enemy with his automatic rifle until the weapon. with his automatic rifle until the weapon locked from overheating. Finding another automatic rifle, he again directed effecautomatic rifle, he again directed effective fire upon the enemy until this weapon also locked. At this critical point, with the enemy threatening to overrun the position, Kelly picked up 60mm. mortar shells, pulled the safety fuses and used the shells as grenades, killing at least five of the enemy.

"When it became imperative that the house be evacuated, Kelly, despite his sergeant's injunctions, volunteered to hold the positions until the remainder of the detachment could withdraw. As the destachment could withdraw.

detachment could withdraw. As the de-tachment moved out, Kelly was observed deliberately loading and firing a rocket launcher from the window. He was suc-cessful in covering the withdrawal of the unit, and later in joining his own organi-

"Kelly's fighting determination and intrepidity in battle exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the

Fighting Family

One of the few men to escape injury in earning the Medal of Honor, Kelly volunteered for each of the missions for volunteered for each of the missions for which he was cited, just as he volunteered for military service at Pittsburgh May 26, 1942. In some 70 days of active combat, Kelly has become something of a legendary figure to his buddies of the 36th Division, who nicknamed him "Commando." He is one of seven sons of Mrs. Irene Kelly. All are in service, one stationed in England, a second in the South Pacific, another in the Merchant Marine "somewhere" and the remainder in this country.

Cobb Letter Asking Cremation, Burial

PADUCAH, Ky., Mar. 12 (Reuter)— Irvin S. Cobb, famous American humorist who died last week, in a letter written last December to be opened after his

death, gave these instructions:
"In death I desire that no one shall look upon my face. I ask that my body be wrapped in a plain sheet or cloth and placed in an inexpensive container and

immediately cremated.

When convenience suits I ask that a plain canister—nothing fancy there, please—containing my ashes shall be taken to Paducah, Ky., and that at a proper planting season a hole shall be dug in our family plot or elsewhere at Oakgrove by a dogwood-tree plant and the ashes strewn in the hole to fertilize the tree

"Should the tree live, that will be monument enough for me."

BBC Orchestra Plans Four Concerts for Yanks

Four symphony concerts will be given for American troops by the British Broad-casting Corp. Orchestra this week. The schedule: Today at 7.15 PM, Colston schedule: Today at 7.15 PM, Coiston Hall, Bristol; tomorrow at Depot G-25 (two concerts), and Thursday at 7.15 PM, Central Hall, Newport.

Two American soldiers will take part. Stefan Krayk, violinist, will play at Bristol; Lester J. Ferguson, tenor, will sing at Newport.

sing at Newport.

Medal of Honor Gen. 'Ike' Makes a Date With British Cadet Grads

Officers 'East of The Rhine'

SANDHURST, Mar. 12—"I hope to meet you east of the Rhine," Gen. Eisen-hower told the graduating class of the Royal Military College yesterday as several hundred officer cadets prepared to

join the Royal Armored Corps.

The supreme commander of the Allied invasion forces, paying his first visit to England's West Point, reviewed the cadets from the steps of the 130-year-old Administration Building. Some of the cadets had served under him in Africa as enlisted transport from the steps of the steps.

cadets had served under him in Africa as enlisted men, and now are training to serve as officers on the Western Front.

"Small-unit leadership will win the forthcoming ground battle," Gen. Eisenhower said. "You must master your job and master it quickly." He stressed the need for continued and lasting Anglo-American co-operation and added: "Every one, whether at the front or behind the plow, must do his duty every hour or have on his conscience the fact that he prolonged the agony our two nations are enduring."

Gen. Eisenhower presented honor belts to the top three men of the class and

to the top three men of the class and inspected the academy's facilities, includ-

ing a stone in the chapel which was the gift of West Point cadets in World War. I.

The Sandhurst course has been shortened to 26 weeks by war necessity. A small class is graduated each week, many men coming from the ranks.



Associated Press Photo

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander, takes the salute at the "passing-out" parade of officer cadets at Sandhurst, Britain's equivalent of West Point.

OnTourinETO

Hampshire Area to See New Production, 'At Your Service'

Seventeen USO-Camp Shows, including a new one, "At Your Service," and "Sunnyside Up," which was recently sent to Iceland from Britain, are touring the ETO circuit this week, "Boomps-A-Daisy," "Swing Time" and "Flying High" are resting.

In the cast of "At Your Service," scheduled to play the Hampshire area, are Eddie Cochran and Nadyne, magicians; Fred and Ann Carroll, comedians; Bert Redford, juggler; Veronica Wilson, singer and Harry Pooley and Teddy University Higham, musicians.

Other shows, with their locations for

the week, are:

Cornwall—"Band Wagon," Willie Shore, MC and comedian; Josephine Del Mar, singer.

Dorset—"Keep "Em Bulling," Joe and Jane McKenna, comedy team; Tommy Martin, illusion-

ist. Wiltshire—"Yankee Doodlers,* 24 soldier-

troupers.

Hampshire—"Rudy Starita and His Starlites,"
Rudy Starita, MC and vibraphonist; all-girl
orchestra.

Devon—"Full Speed Ahead," Carl Nixon and
Carmen Sands, comedy team; Gail Manners,

singer.

Gioucestershire—"Bubbling Over," Sid Marion and Cliff Hall, comedians; Howard Nicholls, justler.

Somerset—"Show Time," Syd Slate and Marty Barrett, comedians; Ronnie Reed, singer.

Northamptonshire—"On With The Show," George Freems, MC and consedian! Donna Sisters, singers.

Hertfordshire area—"Words and Music," Johany Voods, MC and comedian; Evelyn Case,

soprano.

Huntingdonshire area—"Loop The Loop," Lee
Simmons, MC and impressionist; Jack Powell,

Huttingdonshire area. "Loop he Loop, Dec Simmons, MC and impressionist; Jack Powell, drummer.

Bedfordshire area "Cagney Show," James Cagney; Norman Secon, accompanist.

Birningham area. "On The Beam," Freddie Lightner and Chris-Pin Martin, comedians; Val Setz, juggler.

Shropshire area. "Laugh Time," Bob Evans, MC and ventriloquist; Bobbe Arnst, singer, Northern Ireland. "USA Calling," Frankie Conville, MC and comedian; Del Ohrel, dancer, Wales. "Laffs From Home," Jan Murray, MC and comedian; Dick and Dinah, comedy acrobats.

Invitation to Educators

Cobb Letter Asking
Cremation, Burial
In Kentucky Bared

PADUCAH, Ky., Mar. 12 (Reuter)

Educators and teachers in the U.S. forces in the ETO have been invited by the Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters in Secondary Schools to visit English secondary schools, All officers and men interested have been asked to write the Education Officer, Special Service Division Hq., ETOUSA, APO 887.

Perils of the Home Front

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 12—Dewey Campbell, hotel clerk, told a court that Roger Ferguson, 33, of Detroit, nearly bit off his nose when he told Ferguson there were no rooms available. Doctors took 34 stitches in Campbell's nose.

given their lives to save civilians from

crashing planes.

He died Mar. 1 when the engine of the fighter he was checking failed on a test

17 USO Shows Red Cross Parties and Dances Will Mark St. Patrick's Day

Red Cross clubs will mark St. Thursday—Games night. Friday—Dance. Saturday—Play. Sunday—Basketball, 2 PM; discussion hour, 4 PM; dance. 8 PM. Patrick's Day Friday with parties and dances celebrating the Irish patron saint.

Programs for the London clubs appear in the Thursday paper; programs for other areas follow:

Bath
Tuesday—Movies, 10 PM. Wednesday—Swimming, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 7.30 PM.
Friday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Saturday—Open house,
3 PM. Sunday—Open house, 3 PM.

Bedford

Monday*-Discussion group, 8.30 PM. Tuesday

French: class, 7.15 PM; German class, 8.30

PM; dancins class, 8.30 PM. Wednesday—Dance.

Thursday—Games night. Friday—St. Patrick's

dance. Saturday—Movie, 7.30 PM; dance, 9.30

PM. Sunday—Movie, 3.30 PM; dance, 8 PM.

Monday—Movie, 9.30 PM. Tuesday—Trip to Higheliffe Castle, 1.45 PM; dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Movie, 9 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM; games night, 8.30 PM. Friday—Dancy, 8 PM; games night, 8.30 PM. Friday—Pennsylvania State dinner, 6 PM; show, 9 PM. Saturday—Trip to Canford School, 1.15 PM; dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Tea dance, 4 PM; recorded concert, 9 PM; bingo and bridge, 9.30 PM.

Bristol (Lyndale)

Monday—Movies, 9 PM, Tuesday—Pat at plano, 12.15 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Thursday—Pat at plano, 12.15 PM; boxing, 7 PM. Saturday—Pat at plano, 12.15 PM; St. Patrick's party, 7.30 PM; Sunday—Tour of Bristol, movies, 2.30 PM; Lee at plano, 4 PM; dance, 8 PM.

Cambridge

Monday—French class, 8 PM. Tuesday—Music hour, 8,30 PM. Wednesday—Basketball, 7 PM: movies, 7,15 PM; bridge and pinochle, 7,30 PM; dance, 8 PM. Thursday—Bridge, 7 PM: dance, 8 PM. sketching class, 8 PM. Friday—Dancing class, 4,30 and 8,30 PM. Saturday—Bridge, 8 PM. Sunday—Discussion group, 3 PM; basketball, 7 PM; dance, 7 PM.

Cheltenham

Monday—Camera club. 7,30 PM; photography class, 8 PM. Tuesday—American-British club. 7,15 PM. Wednesday—German class, 7,30 PM; French class, 7,30 PM. Thursday—Woodcraft, 7 PM; dancing class, 7,30 PM. Friday—Movies, 7 and 9 PM; music circle, 7,45 PM. Saturday—Entertainment, 10 PM. Sunday—Concert, 2,30 PM; dance, 3 and 7,30 PM.

Codford

Monday—Dinner, 6.30 PM; darts and ping pong, 7 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dramatic class, 9 PM. Thursday—Classical recordings, Friday—Dance, 8 PM. Saturday—Jam session and bingo, 9 PM.

Monday—French lessons, 7,30 PM; accounting lesson, 7,30 PM; classical recordings, 9 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Wednesday—Square dance, 7,30 PM; sketching, 8 PM. Thursday—Tour of Exeter, 2 PM; movies, 8 PM. Friday—Lecture, 2,30 PM; theater party, 6 PM; bingo, 9 PM. Saturday—St. Batrick's dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Open house, 3 PM; show, 8 PM; carioonist, 8,45 PM.

Monday—Bfingo, 9 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Wednesday—Craft shop, 8 PM; games night, 9 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Jess Friday—Jamborce, 9 PM. Saturday—Jam session, 9 PM.

Hanley
Monday—Tour of Wedgwood Pottery, 10 AM; bridge, 7 PM. Wednesday—Tour of Spode Pottery, 10.15 AM; dance, 8 PM. Friday—Tour of Minton Pottery, 10.15 AM; ping pong, 7 PM. Saturday—Tour of Mines, 9.30 AM; dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Tea dance, 3 PM.

Ipswich Monday—Hostess meeting, 8 PM. Tuesday— Movie, 8 PM. Wednesday—Open house, 8 PM.

ship, fighting it clear of the town. He neared an open field, but was too low

and the wing caught a tree, flipping the plane over, throwing Gumm from the cockpit to his death. Canon Wright requested a picture of

Village Honors Flier Who Died

To Save Its Civilians in Crash

A FIGHTER BASE, Mar. 12 (AP)—
The first Mustang pilot to shoot down an enemy plane over Europe, Lt. Charles F. Gumm, of Spokane, has been added to the list of American airmen who have

flight.

The story of Gumm's heroism in refusing to bail out of the plane, which would have crashed in the English town of Nayland, was told by Canon W. Wright, of St. James' Vicarage there, who came to this base to assure the pilot's mates that the townspeople were deeply touched by his sacrifice.

He said that many saw Gumm's plane falling toward the village and that there

Liverpool (Mt. Pleasant) Monday—Games night. Tuesday—Ping pong, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM. Thursday— Boxing matches, Friday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Regular features.

Manchester (Lever St.)
Monday—Allied night, 7,30 PM. Tuesday—
Games night, 7,30 PM. Wednesday—Movie
7,30 PM. Thursday—Hostess night, 7,30 PM
French class, 8 PM. Friday—Stag night, 7,30 PM
Saturday—Basketball, 3,30 PM; dance, 7,30 PM
Sunday—Chapel, 11,30 AM; dance, 7,30 PM.
Nosburg

Newbury

Monday—Hospitality, 7 PM; basketball, 7,30

PM. Tuesday—Basketball, 7,30 PM; dance, 8 PM.
Wednesday—Boxing, 7,30 PM; movie, 8 PM.
Writersday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Ping pong, 8 PM. Saturday—Movie, 7 PM, Sunday—Dance, 8 PM.

Northampton
Monday—Rotary club lancheon, 1 PM; dancing class, 8 PM, Tuesday—Dance, 8.30 PM, Wednesday—Dance, 8.30 PM, Thursday—Dance, 8.30 PM, Friday—Games night, Saturday—Dance, 8.30 PM,

Norwich (Bishop's Palace)

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Monday—Theater, 7 PM; basketball, 7.30 PM;
movie, 8 PM. Tuesday—Tour of Castle, 2 PM;
Blanch at piano, 7 PM; basketball, 7.30 PM;
classical recordings, 8 PM. Wednesday—Tour
of Cathedral, 2 PM; dance, 7.30 PM; basketball,
7.30 PM. Thursday—Fishing and picnicking,
10.20 AM; Blanch at piano, 7 PM; dancing
lessons, 7.45 PM; French class, 8 PM. Friday—
Tour of Norwich, 3 PM, St. Patrick's dance,
7.30 PM; boxing, 7.30 PM, Saturday—Fishing
and picnicking, 10.20 AM; boxing, 7.30 PM,
Sunday—Classical recordings, 11 AM; movie, 3.30
PM.

Norwich (Bethal, Office)

Norwich (Bethel Officers)
Wednesday—Tea, 4 PM. Friday—Games flight,
PM. Sunday—Dance, 4 PM.

Monday—Dance, 4 PM.

Okehampton

Monday—German class, 7 PM; dancing class, 8.30 PM. Wednesday—Music hour, 8 PM.
Thursday—Dance, 8.30 PM. Friday—German class, 7 PM. Sunday—Movie, 3 PM; spen house, 3 PM; show, 8 PM.

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Monday—Theater party, 8 PM; discussion group, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8,30 PM. Thursday—Hospital party, 5 PM; movie, 9,30 PM. Friday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8,30 PM. Siday—Dance, 8,30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8,30 PM

Salisbury

Monday—Basketball, 4 PM; Mill Pond club,
7,30 PM; basketball, 4, 230 PM; piano and
accordion session, 8,30 PM. Tuesday—Basketball,
4 PM; movie, 7 PM; card party; 8,30 PM; dancing
class, 8,30 PM; basketball, 9 PM. Wednesday—
Basketball, 4 PM; dance, 7,30 PM; symphonic
hour, 8 PM; ping pong, 9 PM. Thursday—Musical
tea, 3,30 PM; plano and accordion session, 8,30 PM.
7,30 PM; plano and accordion session, 8,30 PM.
Fiday—Committee meeting, 6 PM; dance, 7,30
PM. Saturday—Musical tea, 3,30 PM; basketball,
4 PM; dance, 7,30 PM, Sunday—Four of Salisbury Cathedral, 2 PM; symphonic hour, 3 PM;
tea dance, 4 PM; musical show, 7,30 PM; basketball, 9 PM.

Shrewsbury

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Monday—Ping poing, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dancing lessons, 8 PM. Wednesday—Movie, 8 PM. Thursday—Misic hour, 8 PM. Fiday—Dance, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Dance, 8 PM.

Southanpton

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Monday—Movie, 7,30 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 7,30 PM. Thursday—Dancing class, 7,30 PM. Spriday—Dancing class, 7,30 PM. Sunday—Dance, 7,30 PM. Sunday—Dance, 7,30 PM. Sunday—Tour of Winchester, 1.75 PM; music, 3 PM; movie, 7,30 PM.

Southport

Monday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Tuesday—
Movie, 2 PM. Wodnesday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Ping pong, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Open house, 3 PM; dance, 7 PM.

Swindon

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Monday—Table tennis, 7.30 PM; chess, 8 PM.

Tuesday—Dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Music, 7.30

PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday, Bingo, 8 PM. Saturday—Table tennis, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Recordings, 3.30 PM; table tennis, 5 PM; dance, 8 PM.

Taunton

Monday—Card lessons, 7 PM; French class, 7.30 PM; recordings, 8 PM, Tuesday—Boxing, 7 PM, Wednesday—Dance, 7.30 PM, Thursday—Boxing, 7.30 PM; ping pong, 7.30 PM, Friday—Dance, 7.30 PM; French class, 7.30 PM, Saturday—Movies, 6.30 and 8.30 PM. Warminster

Marminster

Monday—Committee meeting, 2 PM; card party, 7.30 PM; German lessons, 8.30 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Clay modelling, 8 PM; movies, 8 PM; classical recordings, 9.30 PM. Tursday—Dinner, 6.30 PM; dancing lesson, 8.30 PM. Friday—Horseback riding, 2.30 PM; dance, 8 PM, Saturday—Boxing, 7.30 PM, Sunday—Bike tour, 12 PM; movies, 1 PM; basketball, 3 PM; musical show, 7.30 PM.

ball, 3 PM; musical show, 7.30 PM; winchester

Monday—Tour of Winchester, 3 PM; lecture, 7.30 PM. Tuesday—French class, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Thursday—Tour of Cathedral and College, 3 PM; movie, 7.30 PM. Friday—Recordings, 8 PM. Saturday—Tour of Brethrens Hall, 3 PM; Pennsylvania State night, 6.15 PM. Sunday—Tour of Cathedral and College, 2 PM; dance, 7.30 PM.

Orphans' Fund Nears £50,000

Goal Set Up When Drive Began Likely to Be Surpassed This Week

Surpassed This Week

The £50,000 goal set for The Stars and
Stripes War Orphan Fund when it was
founded September, 1942, probably will be
reached and passed this week. The total
yesterday was £49,646, only £354 short of
the goal. Last week ETO units poured in
more than £1,200.

An Eighth Air Force fighter group commanded by Lt. Col. Glenn E. Duncan
contributed more than £460 to sponsor
four children. The group's slogan was
"Let's Give the Kids a Lift," and the biggest lift came from the service squadron
commanded by Maj. Aaron Yauger.

A contribution of £100, or slightly
more, to sponsor one child was sent in
by each of the following units: Co. B of
an Engineer general service regiment, and

an Engineer general service regiment, and Co. C of the same regiment, through 1/Lt. Gerard J. Bette; headquarters of an Infantry battalion; officers of a parachute infantry unit; headquarters and service company. service company, commanded by Capt. Fred W. Aron, of an Engineer aviation battalion; a depot headquarters, through Chaplain Joseph A. Jones; headquarters of a Signal company at an aviation depot, and Co. C headquarters of a medical

regiment.
Several general-fund contributions, including £15 from the Eighth Air Force Rest Home, also were received.

U.S. Congressmen Are Invited to Visit British Parliament

For the first time in history, members of the U.S. Congress will be invited soon to visit Britain's Parliament, it was learned yesterday. The project has all-party support in Parliament and already has been discussed in Congress. Women members are almost certain to be included in the delegation, which will be representative of Democrats and Republicans in both Houses.

Although Winston Churchill has addressed Congress, British political commentators believed it would be impossible for visiting congressmen to speak in the House of Commons.

"Plenty of other opportunities will, however, be found for them," one said. Arrangements will be made for con-

Arrangements will be made for con-gressmen to visit U.S. troops and obtain glimpses of the British war effort

AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial 1375 kc, 1402 kc, 1411 kc, 1420 kc, 1447 kc, 218.1m, 213.9m, 212.6m, 211.3m, 207.3m, Monday, Mar. 13

1100—Personal Album with Anita.
1115—Helle Swingtime (BBC).
1150—French Lesson No. 1.
1200—World News (BBC).
1205—Barracks Bag.
1300—World News (BBC).
1310—BBC Scottish Orchestra.
1330—Kate Smith (Return Engagement).
1400—Visiting Hour.
1440—Visiting Hour.
1440—Sound off.
1445—War Commentaries.
1450—Music While You Work.
1530—Off the Record.
1630—The London Studio Players.
1635—Off the Record.
1630—The London Studio Players.
1635—Outet Moment.
1700—Family Hour and Program Resume.
1730—Joe Loss and his Orchestra.
1900—World News (BBC).
18115—GI Supper Club.
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
1905—Red Skelton—with Harriet Hilliard and Ozzie Nelson's Orchestra.
1930—Command Performance.
2000—News From Home.
2010—Fred Waring Program.
20125—Leave and Learn.
2030—Contented Hour.
2100—World News (BBC).
2115—Front Line Theater.
2145—Melody Roundup.
2200—Village Store—with Joan Davis and Jack Haley.
2225—Pinal Edition.
2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Tuesday, Mag. 384. 100-Personal Album with Anita. 115-Hello Swingtime (BBC).

Gil Dodds Lowers Indoor Mile Mark to 4:07.3 SPORTS

DivinityStudent Also Captures 1,000-Yd.Event

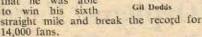
Mile Time Betters Record Held by MacMitchell, Fenske, Cunningham

NEW YORK, Mar. 12—Gill Dodds, Boston's self-punishing pastor, broke the world's indoor mile record last night, winning the Columbian Mile in 4:07.3, clipping one-tenth of a second from the old record held jointly by Glenn Cunningham, Cheek Econds and Legie MacMitchell. Chuck Fenske and Leslie MacMitchell.

Parson Dodds rested awhile, then re-turned and took the 1,000-yard run in

2:11,2, scoring the first double in the Knights of Columbus games since 1935, when Cun-ningham took the 1,000 yards in 2:10.1 and followed by winning the mile in 4:14.8.

Although running the last quarter in 63.9, Dodds paced himself so well earlier in the race that he was able to win his sixth 14,000 fans.



Burnham Second

Rudy Simms, NYU freshman, led the first lap, after which Dodds put on steam, caught and passed Bill Hulse, then running second. Hulse gave way to Don Burnham, of Dartmouth, after eight and one-half laps and they finished Dodds, Burnham, Hulse and Simms.

Dodds' quarter times were 60.8 and 59.8 for a 2:06 half-mile, and the last two quarters were 62.8 and 63.9. One clocker caught Dodds at 4:07.2, but the record stands at 4:07.3.

Pvt. Barney Ewell, of Camp Lee, Va., took the 60-yard dash, beating Ed Conwell, of NYU, in 6.2 seconds.

Dave Albritton, former Olympic high jumper, won his specialty with six feet six inches.

A Daytmouth team of Charlie Judge.

A Dartmouth team of Charlie Judge, Frank Fox, Bill Atkinson and Burnham took the two-mile relay, beating NYU, Colgate and Columbia with a time of 7:56.7.

Jim Raffert, NYAC star, won the two-mile event, besting Ensign Oliver Hunter of Columbia and Lt. Joe McCluskey. His time was 9: 14.5.

Jack Defield, national champ from Minnesota, won the pole vault at 14 feet flat, beating Milton Padway, of Champaign, Ill., by six inches.

Jim Herbert of the Grand Street Boys Club won the 600-yard run in 1:13.5, while Princeton took the college mile relay in 3:29 4.

Johnny Siegal Named To Navy Grid Post

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Mar. 12-Lt. (jg) Johnny Siegal, former Columbia and Chicago Bears end, has been appointed assistant football coach at the Naval Academy under Headcoach Cmdr. Oscar Hagberg, athletic authorities announced yesterday.

Siegal has been detached from Bainbridge Naval Training Station and will assume his duties as a dentist at the Academy hospital.

Canadiens Trip Red Wings, 4-3

Elmer Lach's Goal in Final Period Gives Canucks Winning Margin

MONTREAL, Mar. 12—The Montreal Canadiens increased their National Hockey League lead last night by beating the Detroit Red Wings, 4-3, on Elmer Lach's goal with 25 seconds remaining in the final period.

Hal Jackson tied the score for Detroit midway of the last period on a pass from Don Grosso. However, Montreal's furious efforts were rewarded at 19 minutes 35 seconds when Lach caged a pass from Toe Blake and Maurice Richard.

Syd Howe scored in the first and second stanzas for the Wings while Buddy O'Connor, Lach and Ray Getliffe tallied second-period goals, giving Montreal a 3-2 lead as the third period opened.

Leafs Blank Rangers, 5-0

TORONTO, Mar. 12—The New York Rangers took their second straight shut-out beating, bowing, 5—0, to the Toronto Maple Leafs here last night.

The Leafs racked up three goals in the first period and two in the final frame. Bill Boothman pushed in the first and last scores for the winners, with Bob Davidson and Lorne Carr tallying in the opening stanza and Reg Hamilton the last.

Hockey League Standings

W. L. T. Pts. W. L. T. Pts. Detroit . 23 17 6 52 Boston . 21 20 4 44 Detroit . 22 22 4 48 New York 6 37 4 16

Hockey Results

Cleveland 7, Pittsburgh 5 Hershey 5, Providence 3

Derby Preview

Muddy Track on Derby Day Is Hope of Alorter's Backers

By Frank Eck

iated Press Sports Writer NEW YORK, Mar. 12-If Alorter gets into the 70th running of the Kentucky Derby—and there's a good chance he will—don't be surprised if

he trails the field most of the journey. The bay colt owned by Al C. Ernst, Cleveland accountant, isn't any great shakes as a front runner, but when the oatburners come tearing down the stretch, it's almost safe to say he'll be there or thereabouts.

Winner of five races in 17 starts as a two-year-old, Alorter has been raised for distance and the mile and a quarter test at Churchill Downs on May 6 may be just what the doctor ordered. The doctor

just what the doctor ordered. The doctor in this case is Trainer Jack H. Skirvin.

If it comes up mud the rest of the horses better get goggles with windshield wipers because Alorter really kicks up a party because the company the second with puddle. There hasn't been a wet Derby though since 1928 when Reigh Count,

though since 1928 when Keigh Count, daddy of last year's winner, Count Fleet, won the run for the roses.

Alorter figures to be a pretty good price in the Derby. He hasn't triumphed since he came tearing down the Aqueduct tretch last September at 17 to 1 to hear stretch last September at 17 to 1 to beat a classy juvenile field in the Cowdin Stakes in the sloppiest kind of going.

Son of the Porter, Alorter is no stranger

the current winter sensation in Florida In a return match he finished second to Black Badge in the mud.

Shipped to Hawthorne, Alorter won the Joliet Stakes, then turned back Occupy, leading two-year-old last year, in the Primer Stakes at Washington Park. He also copped the Washington Park Juvenile Stakes, although he's not boasting about that score because he beat a ing about that score because he beat a couple of ladies named Doggone and

In the Arlington Futurity Alorter came from ninth place to finish third behind Jezrahel and Occupy. The charts say heavy footing and a great rush for

If the colt comes through as expected in his Derby trials, they may be singing "Al-ought-to" for Owner Al Ernst who to Churchill Downs, He won his maiden race there last April, beating Black Badge, has never won the Blue Grass classic.

Tipster at Work



The secret is out. Connie Mack uses old-time great Honus Wagner, to demonstrate to Pittsburgh baseball writers how he used to tip the bat of rival batters in the days when he served as back-stop. The tip spoiled many a hit for Connie's diamond foes.

SchneiderStops Michigan State

In Armored Force Eliminations

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
A SOUTHWEST TOWN, Mar. 12—
Three bouts failed to go the limit in the ring program here last night as the second

ring program here last night as the second round of an armored unit tourney got under way in the ARC club here.

In the feature bout of the evening, Harry Schneider, 146-pound Pittsburgh private, stopped the favorite, Pfc Kenny Williams, Chester, W. Va., 149-pounder, in 1:40 of the opening stanza when Referce Phil Cohen stopped the scrap. It was Harry's bout all the way after he landed a hard left to the head shortly after the opening bell and downed Williams for no count midway of the frame with a looping right to the head.

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In the opening scrap, Pfc Henry
Zillanzy, 140-pound Chicagoan, used an
edge in reach to outslug Pfc Eli Soque
Jr., of San Joe, Cal., 140. He crowded
Soque to the ropes twice in the first and
put him away at 26 seconds of the second
with a left to the head.

Pvt. Jesse Kittrell, of Griffin, Ga., 140,
won his second Army fight when he drew
an unpopular decision over Pvt. Ely
Robinson, of Decatur, Neb., 143. Robinson staged a vain comeback in the third in
an effort to overshadow the points stacked
up by the Georgian in the first two rounds.

an effort to overshadow the points stacked up by the Georgian in the first two rounds. A second-round TKO was awarded Pvt. John Rushing, Monroe, La., 132-pounder, when Pvt. Otis Michael, of Lexington, N.C., 138, failed to come out for the third

Sgt. John Jones, of Muskogee, Okla., 173, and Pfc Alfred Trybulski, of Gallitzen, Pa., 166, put on a fast match in an exhibition battle.

Aberdeen Quintet Downs Brooklyn Pro Team, 54-41

CLEVELAND, Mar. 12—The Aberdeen Proving Grounds basketball team beat the Brooklyn Eagles, 54—41, in the first game of the two-day invitation professional basketball tourney at Public Hall.

Cpl. Abe Novak, former New York ro, led the Bombers with 12 and Sgt. Angelo Musi, ex-Temple courtman, was next with 11. Bob Tough, former St. John's ace, was high man for Brooklyn with 15 points and his teammate, Ed Sadowskim formerly of Seton Hall, was next with 14.

Friday's Games
DePaul 80, Concordia 44
Jefferson Barracks 48, Scott Field 38
Lincoln 57, N. Carolina State 52
Valparaiso 72, Laporte 41
Saturday's Games
Cornell 46, Colpate 39
Dartmouth 59, Holy Cross 34
Phillips 77, Leavenworth Flyers 56
Sampson Naval 52, Muhlenberg 47

Williams in 1st Eleven to Play

Welter BoutFeaturesCard Dropped Grid Gamein '43; Big Ten Schedules Arranged

CHICAGO, Mar. 12—Michigan State, the only major mid-western school to drop football last year, will field an eleven this fall, providing a satisfactory schedule can be arranged, Ralph Young, athletic director, disclosed yesterday at the annual meeting of Big Ten coaches and athletic directors.

State cancelled ten games after 145 players on the 1942 varsity and freshman squads departed for service.

Young said he and Coach Charley Bachman would like to arrange a six-game schedule with schools using civilian players and hoped to renew rivalries with

players and hoped to renew rivalries with Michigan, Marquette and Purdue.
Meanwhile, Big Ten officials approved an unlimited spring football practice and adopted a schedule for 1944. The feature of the new schedule was the resumption of relations between Minnesota and lowa Pre-Flight and the dropping of the Northwestern-Ohio State game to permit the Buckeyes to meet Great Lakes, Oct. 21.

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The listing of the Minnesota-Scahawk game was a surprise as the schools were reported at each other's throat after the Gophers protested the use of officers in the Pre-Flight lineup last fall.

TwoKnockouts On SBS Card

SBS HQ, Mar. 12—The regular Friday night fight show staged in the ARC club near here saw two scrappers hit the canvas for the count and the referee stop one contest before it had gone the limit.

It took Pvt. Jethro Short, 147-pounder from Benton Harbor, Mich., just one minute and 42 seconds to polish off Pvt. Bob Kelly, Pittsburgh, 146, in the quickest finish of the evening.

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In other bouts;
Pft Joe Morroco, New York, 125, outpointed Pvt. Robert Nelson, Houston, Texas, 126, Pvt. Ramon Valentine, San Juan, Puertio Rico, 130, outpointed Cpl. Sidley Lamar, Chicago, 129, Pvt. Del Buono, Brooklyn, 142, outpointed Pft. Coule Garcia, San Santurce, Puerto Rico, 145, SiSgt. Earl Woods, Columbus, Oh.o, 137, TKOed Pvt. Manuel Laura, New York, 138, in 1:02 of the third.
Pvt. John Moore, Birmingham, Ala, 153, outpointed Pvt. Juarez Carlsbad, N.M., 154, Pvt. James Pacheco, Detroit, 151, outpointed Cpl. Bill Whitehead, New York, 143, knyoed Pvt. Borge Clark, Philadelphia, 150, in 1:10 of the third.
Pvt. Mike Martinez, Denver, 151, outpointed Sgt. Jesse Wallace, Washington, 155, outpointed Cpl. Raiph Hamilton, Detroit, 175, outpointed Cpl. Ed Bailey, Cincinnati, 171.

Giants Lose Bartell

ALAMEDA, Cal., Mar. 12-The Giants, holders of the cellar spot in the National League last year, have lost Shortstop Dick Bartell, who has passed his pre-induction physical. Father of two children and 36 years old, Dick expects to enter the Navy within three weeks.

By Milton Caniff



BakerWill Boss Tribe Should **Boudreau** Leave

Lou Faces Induction With Veteran Ready to Take Over

CLEVELAND, Mar. 12—The fortunes or misfortunes of war seemed to have destined the return of Del Baker to the ranks of American League managers.

The soft-spoken Del has been coach of the Cleveland Indians since he was disposed of as manager of the Detroit Tigers at the end of the 1942 season and is the number one choice to succeed Lou Boudreau as the Tribe's boss when the latter enters the armed services. Lou is now 1-A and believes he will pass all physical requirements.

latter enters the armed services, now 1-A and believes he will pass all physical requirements.

Baker, who is 52, served in the Navy in the last war and is beyond call now. He has proved his ability to handle a major league club as witnessed by his success with Detroit and his value as assistant to Michey Cochrane when the Tigers won their pennants in '34 and '35. He managed the club to a pennant in 1940 and made his presence felt as aide to Boudreau with the Tribe last season. His knowledge of the American League and American League players is second to none.

Del would save Alva Bradley precious time when Boudreau is inducted. Such an induction may come at a time when the Indians are battling for the pennant, and any delay in seeking a replacement would greatly handicap the Tribe's chances. Baker is capable of stepping into the breach on short notice. He cannot, however, replace Lou at short, and that will be hard to fill.

Short of Shortstops

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The Indians haven't a spare short-fielder since they sent Oscar Grimes to the Yankees a year ago. The Wigwam bosses made the mistake of depending too much on their player-manager, whose ability to play every game was never questioned.

Russ Peters, who filled the shortstop post whenever Lou felt like taking a rest

post whenever Lou felt like taking a rest or giving the understudy a workout, is now scheduled to play second as Roy Mack recently informed the Cleveland management he would remain at his war plant job rather than return to baseball. Peters engaged in 79 games last year and compiled a batting average of ,219. He alternated around the infield and was used as a pinch-hitter. Mack hit only one point more than Peters in 153 games, but his batting was never expected to aid the Tribe. He more than made up for his batting weakness with his brilliant fieldbatting weakness with his brilliant field-ing. Working with Boss Boudreau, Mack formed one of the strongest doubleplay

combinations in either major league.

A likely replacement should Lou go into the services is Jimmy Grant, utility third baseman acquired from the White Sox last season.

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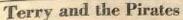
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Savold Outpoints Baksi; Bartolo Gains Feather Title

Blues Smash Lightnings For Grid Crown, 20-0



Two WAC quintets took time out from their duties this week to entertain Gls and British civilians at an East Anglia town, and when the smoke had cleared from the gym the Lib-Raider baskeers had swamped the Fort Belles, 56—19. had swamped the Fort Belles, 56—19. Cpl. Earline Embrey, sharpshooter from Coldwater, Miss., led the victors with 24 points. . . On the same card the GI Cosmops shaded a Fortress five, 47—46, the winning margin coming on a free throw by T/Sgt. Virgin Hinton, of Canton, Ohio. throw by T/ Canton, Ohio.

The — Infantry Division Blues, who haven't been beaten since they stumbled in the ETO finals last year, chalked up their 25th victim, trouncing the previously unbeaten Hoskins' Huskles, 45—36, on the losers' court Monday. The Blues also bowled over the — Paratroopers, 51—37, and dumped the Angels, 81—27. Sgts. Mike Holenda, of Allentown, Pa., and George Buckless, of Baltimore, again sparked the Blues.

Lt. Don Texdahl, of Oakland, Cal., swished 42 points through the hoop in two games to drive Lt. Tom Bowie's Original Thunderbolts to the Eighth Fighter Command cage pennant. . . . Texdahl netted 20 in the afternoon semifinals as the 'Bolts romped over the Head-quarters Jacks, 54—26, and scored 22 in his club's 64—48 triumph over the Buzz Boys in the finals.

The Alcon-Falcons erased a 19—16 deficit to defeat a Headquarters Squadron, 32—24, winning the Composite Command's basketball crown and running their season record to 19 wins in 21 tries. . . Sgt. Bob Roth, former Wayne U. ace from Detroit, headed the Edward with tan points six being scored.

Wayne U. ace from Detroit, headed the Falcons with ten points, six being scored during the quint's rush to the front.

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Officials and coaches named an All-Wing cage "cight" at the conclusion of their recent — Fighter Wing tournament.

Eight players were honored instead of the customary five because the race was so close. . . The squad includes: Lts. Dick Barger, of Denver, and Don Texdahl, of Oakland, Cal., and T/Sgt. Byron Milner, of Clayton, Kan., forwards. . . Centers, S/Sgt. Dick Moffatt, of Duquesne, Pa., and Cpl. George Hanger, of Staunton, Va. . . . Guards, Pfc Manny Kaplan, of New York; Cpl. Art Bergman, of Youngstown, Ohio, and Sgt. Frank Schelzes, of Sioux City, Iowa.

Don't run if an MP yells "Halt!"—
especially if you're in an East Anglian
city. . . The MPs attached to a Liberator division defeated the local British
gendarmes, 556—533, in a rifle match.
. . The bobbies admitted after the
match that the MP total was the highest
in any competition they knew of.

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Will claims of "ETO wrestling
champion" never cease? . . The latest
was submitted by Pfc Albert M. Alexinis,
of Brooklyn, who can't find any more
grunt-'n'-groan opponents in the Eighth
AAF Service Command. . . Alexinis
has been a mat artist for 13 years, during
which time he grappled with such maulers
as The Swedish Angel, the four Dusck
brothers and Abe Coleman. . . He'll
meet all comers, so he says. . . This
corner has his address for interested
parties. * *

The High Flyer quintet made it eight and nine in a row by defeating a Composite Command five, 43—32 and 42—25. Pfc Nick Fracrario, Joliet, Ill., hoopster, added 40 points to his total, while Pvt. John Seagrist, of Woodstock, Ill., netted 25.

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The SBS HQ court squad clinched the championship Friday night when they edged the — General Hospital, 40—39, after taking the first game, 31—26. In the second court battle, they were led by Pyt. Arkey Felton, of Rocky Mount, N.C., with 15 tallies.

Ohio State Loop Admitted To Minor League Assoc.

DURHAM, N.C., Mar. 12—William G. Bramham, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, has announced that the Ohio State League has formally qualified for membership in the association.

The circuit, which disbanded after the 1941 season, will operate as Class D with 1941 season, will operate as Class D with Joe Connelly, of Columbus, Ohio, as Joe Connelly, of Memory and Lima president and should Newark and Lima be admitted, will be an eight-team loop.

Patty Berg Not Retiring

NEW YORK, Mar. 12 (Reuter)—Lt.
Patty Berg of the Marine Corps Women's
Reserve denies reports that she is retiring
from golf—even for the duration.

Division Eleven Scores Over Eighth Air Force Titlists

SPORTS

By Gene Graff

A SOUTHWEST TOWN, Mar. 12— The powerful — Infantry Division Blues, coached by 2/Lt. James Holston, of West. Texas State College, added the ETO foot-ball championship to their already crowded trophy cabinet by defeating the Eighth Air Force Photo Lightnings, 20—0, here this after

Eighth Air Force Photo Lightnings, 20—0, here this afternoon.

The triumph extended the Blues' victory string to four straight against the strongest opposition in the ETO and handed the Lightnings their initial setback in four games. It also was the first time the fliers' goal line has been crossed this season, but the talented Blues did it three times on touchdowns by Halfback Jimmy Evans, of Williamsport, Pa.; Don Kelly, of Denver, Colo., and Jim Comerford, reserve end from Oswego, N.Y.

The Blues scored the first time they gained possession of the ball and there was no doubt at any time as to the eventual outcome

Fumble Costly

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The Lightnings received the opening kickoff and ran one fruitless play from scrimmage before Joe Long, end from Norfolk, Va., pounced on a fumble by Len Wall, Lightning halfback from Fairmont, W. Va., giving Division the ball on the Air Force 16-yard line.

Johnny Bayne, halfback from Warsaw, Ind., and Fullback Dick Dreher, of N. Hollywood, Cal., propelled the Blues to the 13 on successive line plunges. Then Evans, whose accurate passing and shifty running contributed largely to the Infantry

running contributed largely to the Infantry triumph, crashed over right tackle, shook off a mob of would-be Lightning tackless, and outfooted the enemy secondary to

Alert pass defense by the Air Force backfield staved off one threat during the scoreless second period and the clock checked another.

Janik Steps In

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In one sequence, three overhead pitches by Kelly were batted down by Chester Janik, former Marquette quarterback from Milwaukee, Wis., and Fullback Johnny Anglelich, former UCLA star from Madera, Cal., while the halftime whistle stopped the Blues on, the enemy on the three-yard stripe after Kelly completed successive passes to Charlie pleted successive passes to Charlie Scalzott, quarterback from Vandergrift, Pa., Bayne and Dave Swanson, lanky end

Pa., Bayne and Dave Swanson, tanky end from Tacoma, Wash.

The Blues had a 68-yard touchdown sprint by Scalzott on a quarterback sneak early in the third quarter nullified by a downfield pushing penalty, but they tallied the next time the ball changed hands. Kelly and Bayne drove from the 33 to the six in four plays, then Kelly raced round left end on a reverse from Bayne for the touchdown.

Ritchie's charges that boxing in Cali-

fornia is a "filthy, stinking business" col-

lapsed yesterday, after a two-day investi-

gation by a State Assembly public morals

After arguing all day Friday with the

After arguing all day Friday with the former lightweight champion and now a state athletic commission inspector, the committee found nothing in Ritchie's testimony warranting his charges of fixed fights. Everyone agreed that there is gambling on fights and the committee suggested that the athletic commission work closely with police to discourage for

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much gambiling.
Ritchic protested at not being furnished
counsel and steamed up when the com-

committee, due to lack of evidence.

Ritchie's Charges Thrown Out

In California Boxing Inquiry

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 12—Willie mittee told him he was merely a witness inchie's charges that boxing in Cali- and must answer questions or else be

A New Davis



Bodnar and Durnan Lead In Race for Calder Award

MONTREAL, Mar. 12-With the National Hockey League season due to expire within the next two weeks, the business of giving the various individual awards approaches. Usually there is a mad scramble for the cups awarded by the hockey folks, but this year there seems to be doubt about only one of them, the Frank Calder Award to the outstanding rookie of the year.

This trophy was instituted after the 1932-33 season; and this year it seems

DePaul Routs ConcordiaFive

CHICAGO, Mar. 12-DePaul's Blue Demons closed their regular basketball season Friday night, routing little Concordia College of St. Louis, 80-44. The Demons compete in the National Invi-tation Tourney in Madison Square Garden

George Mikan, DePaul's giant six-foot, nine-inch center, went on another scoring spree, hooping 34 of the victors' total on 13 field goals and eight free markers.

The triumph was the 20th in 23 starts

for DePaul.

Teddy Haste Home First

raced round left end on a reverse from Bayne for the touchdown.

Dreher's placement split the uprights, giving the Infantrymen a 13—0 lead.

A 28-yard pass from Evans to Johnny Thompson, sub end from Ludlow, Mass., and a lateral to Comerford when Lightning defenders closed in on Thompson, produced the Blues' third touchdown midway in the final period. Comerford dashing 11 yards. Dreher's conversion was good.

In Orange Blossom Stakes

MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 12—Teddy Haste, owned by Calumet Farms, broke the Tropical Park record for four and one-half furlongs in winning the \$5,000 added Orange Blossom Stakes for two-year-olds in 53.2 seconds. It was two-fifths of a second faster than the time established by Snarkling last Wednesday.

charged with a misdemeanor. Ritchie had brought affidavits from

Mike Belloise, who said he was offered a bribe at gun point to take a dive in 1939. He also had an affidavit from

Sam Lampe, manager of Luther "Slugger" White, charging that he was offered \$5,000 to have White dive. Lampe charged that his fighter, Billy Morris,

was also approached.

It was brought out in the hearing that bribing athletes in the state constitutes a felony, but the law was passed after the alleged attempts cited by Ritchie.

The committee is meeting here in three weeks to hear charges concerning fights

destined to be awarded to a Canadian (and you had better not spell it Canadien around Toronto). For this year either Gus Bodnar, the Leafs' 17-year-old forward, or George Durnan, the Canadiens' cooling the Burnan has finally come goalie, is due. Durnan has finally come along after several years in the minors to turn in a fine job in the nets for the pennant-winning Canadiens.

Two of the awards are virtually certain, although there is always the chance that a sleeper may come in and grab one of them. The Georges Vezina trophy for the season's outstanding goalie is practically in Durnan's hand right now.

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The Lady Byng trophy, given to the player with the fewest penalties, is almost assured Clint Smith, of the Black Hawks. Smith is so high in scoring and so low in the penalty department that there is little chance of anyone getting it away from him. Frank Boucher, Ranger coach, set some sort of a record for trophy collecting by bagging the Lady Byng cup seven times.

Bill Cowley has the best shares for the

times.

Bill Cowley has the best chance for the David A. Hart trophy for being the most valuable player, despite the fact that injuries forced him out of 14 games this year. If he had played all season, the Boston Bruins might be in the thick of the fight for the Stanley Cup, instead of trying to hang on long enough to get into the playoffs. There is precedent for the selection of Cowley in the choice of Eddie Shore, who won the award once, although he was out a good part of the season. he was out a good part of the season.

There is considerable difference of opinion on the matter of the rookie award. In Montreal they ask where the Canadiens would be without Durnan, which prompts the Toronto fan to ask where Durnan would be without the Canadiens. There is no doubt that Durnan has had a fine team in front of him all season, but neither is there any doubt that he has done 3

The award went to Gaye Stewart of the Leafs last year when he scored 47 points. Bodnar has far surpassed that total

Lion Center Returning

DETROIT, Mar. 12—That man is coming back to haunt headline writers and linotype operators! Alexander Wojciechowicz, Detroit Lion center and Wojciechowicz, Derroll Lion Center and former pivot of Fordham's famous "Seven Blocks of Granite," has been rejected by the Army because of an old shoulder injury and said he would be back

Split Decision In Heavy Tiff At the Garden

Phil Terranova Loses NBA Crown to Boston Puncher

NEW YORK, Mar. 12—Lee Savold, Paterson, N.J., blond heavyweight veteran and one of the leading title contenders, overcame a Madison Square Garden jinx Friday night and scored a startling upset over Joe Baksi, Pennsylvania coal miner and 4—1 favorite who upset Tami Mauriello in the same ring two weeks ago.

The officials disagreed on the verdict, Referee Frank Fullam and Judge Joe Agnello voting for Savold while Judge Jim Hagen chose Baksi.

It was a decision that satisfied the 15,947 fans, many of whom had seen Savold lose four straight fights in the Garden ring. He was beaten by Billy Conn, Jimmy Bivins and twice by Mauriello.

Plenty Left at Finish

Savold gave Baksi a 12½ pound weight edge, scaling 198 to Baksi's 210½. He seemed faster and hit harder than at any time previous as he scored over the Kulpmont coal miner. In previous bouts he always wilted near the end, but Friday he had plenty left at the finish.

He piled up an early lead over Baksi and though he rallied later, the coal miner couldn't quite overcome the advantage. Savold bloodied Baksi's nose early in the opening round with sharp lefts and continued the jabbing and hooking that had Baksi bewildered.

Baksi rallied in the fourth and fifth with a body attack, but Savold came back with a body attack after a slow sixth to win the seventh session.

Baksi staggered Savold in the eighth to win the stanza and they alternated on the next two sessions, Savold taking the ninth and Baksi the tenth. Plenty Left at Finish

Second Attempt For Bartolo

BOSTON, Mar. 12—Sal Bartolo made his second bid for the featherweight championship a successful one Friday night when he defeated Phil Terranova, of New York, in 15 rounds here.

Terranova was the second NBA tirle-holder to suffer defeat in three days, Sammy Angott having dropped his lightweight crown to Juan Zurita Wednesday night at Hollywood.

Bartolo scored effectively with a left jab to the delight of 12,130 partisan fans.

Terranova forced the fight, concentra-

ting his two-fisted attack on Bartolo's midsection, but he failed to slow the East Boston merchant seaman. Many ringsiders gave Bartolo every round except the fourth.

Bartolo was beaten by Willie Pep, New York-Pennsylvania champ, in a title bout

Zurita to Meet Jack Mar. 31

NEW YORK, Mar. 12-Promoter NEW YORK, Mar. 12—Fromoter Mike Jacobs reversed himself Friday night, announcing he had signed NBA lightweight champion Juan Zurita, of Mexico City, and Beau Jack for a tenround non-title bout here Mar. 31.

The bout replaces the scheduled Sammy Angott-Bob Montgomery tussle cancelled when Angott lost his title to

Zurita in Hollywood Wednesday night. Friday afternoon Jacobs denied em-phatically that he had signed the principals for a bout.

ODT Okays Exhibitions By Majors for Servicemen

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 - Major league baseball clubs received a slight boost from the Office of Defense Trans-portation when traveling was authorized for clubs indulging in exhibition games at

for clubs indulging in exhibition games at military camps.

The only ODT restriction was that camps be near spring training sites, meaning only those soldiers and sailors north of the famed Landis-Eastman line will be permitted to see the major leaguers in action.

By Al Capp

Li'l Abner









THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Italian Strikes

The increasing brutality of the German administration in Italy, far from cowing the Italian workers subject to German slave labor measures, has spurred them on to violent and effective action.

Large-scale strikes, which cannot yet be interpreted as a general strike, began in Northern Italy on Mar. 1. Street clashes between strikers and SS troops and Fascists have occurred in Florence, Bologna, Turin, Genoa and Milan. Only in Milan were the strikes sufficiently widespread to form a general strike, and for a time Milan was without gas, electricity or public transport.

The actual number of strikers participating in Northern Italian labor unrest is large. It includes not only the workers in the large centers of population but also thousands in the smaller industrial towns, particularly in the textile cities of Busto, Arsizo and Biella, where strikes have been going on intermittently since the December outbreaks.

While the unsatisfactory food situation in Northern Italy is a contributing factor in Italian labor troubles, the main motive is resistance to German labor deporta-

German police have for some time been rounding up Italians found in the streets, outside cinemas, and in food queues. On the pretext of searching for anti-Fascists, mass arrests of Italian labor have occurred and those arrested never return to their homes.

German police press gangs have been active in Alessandria, Novara, Aqui and scores of small towns and villages. The Italians know of these arrests. They also know the methods of retaliation used on families whose members evade the call-up for labor service, which includes confiscation of ration books.

As a result, resistance to Nazi-Fascist methods manifests itself openly in the strike. Non-partisan in character, strikes in northern Italy are "sla answer to Nazi press gangs. "slave Italy's"

The Flow Reduced

The Russian drive which enabled the Red Army to cut the Lwow-Odessa trunk line between Tarnopol and Proskurov still leaves the Germans a link with western Europe and will not cease to do so until Proskurov is captured.

The reason for this is that at Proskurov a branch line leaves the main route, bypasses Tarnopol to the south and reaches Lwow by a variety of routes. Thus the Germans, as long as they hold Proskurov, can use the line from Odessa as far as Proskurov, and then by using the branch line can bypass the area which is in Russian hands.

From Proskurov a number of good roads, as well as railways, run south and west. In addition to the branch railway mentioned above, another extension continues southward to Kamyenots-Podolski near the Rumanian border and has extended to link with the Rumanian system near Hotin, although in is not shown on the lates this con maps. A first-class road also runs parallel

Thus it may be suggested that the future course of operations in this area of the Ukraine now largely depends on the fate of Proskurov. When Proskurov falls the Lwow-Odessa railway will cease to have any value as a great trunk route. German forces in the southern Ukraine will then have to rely upon routes via Rumania to maintain contact with the west.

But it can be added that the present value of the Lwow-Odessa line has already been greatly reduced, for the cut has forced a diversion of traffic from a main to a single-line operation with all the re-strictions that such a diversion must impose upon rail transport services.

Magazine Distribution

Magazine distribution in this theater is automatic. There are 27 different publications included in a "unit set" now being distributed "for free" by the Education Branch SSD, Hq. ETOUSA-

Among the popular periodicals in-duded in each "unit set" are "The New Yorker," "Cosmopolitan," "Inside De-toctive," "Infantry Journal" and the "Saturday Evening Post."

Distribution works on the basis of one "unit set" for every 150 men or 50 hospital beds. Organizations not re-ceiving adequate numbers should com-municate with the Chief of Special Service ETOUSA APO 887.

Distribution will be as prompt and complete as you help the Army make it.

Hash Marks

Overheard in the Blackout. "One of

Overheard in the Blackout. "One of our sergeants is so dumb that even some of the other sergeants notice it."

Prize Story of the Week. One of those officers who "thinks of everything" recently arrived in the ETO—his footlocker



bulging with jars of his favorite sunburn lotion. To make the story perfect—he's an intelligence officer.

Pvt. Wallace R. Rogers vouches for this "propaganda" story which occurred during the Battle of Britain. Following a Nazi raid the BBC announced, "German raiders were over the London area and the Home Counties last night. Bombs were dropped at random, causing slight damage. No casualties have been reported." Later in the day the news in English was broadcast by German radio, The Luftwaffe was over England last "The Luttwaffe was over England last night. A diversionary attack was made on London, while our main force went on to Raytom. Random was heavily attacked and our pilots reported large fires were left burning."

And the "egg raffles" are still going on. Latest report comes from Pvt. Pete Desmond, who saw a GI bid 55s. for a dozen hen fruit.

Finance officers are exceptionally shrewd joes where the coin of the realm is concerned, but we heard of one today who is slightly red-faced over a little personal transaction. He was swinging a deal and got talked into accepting some Italian paper money. Back in England, he has just discovered that instead of currency he is the holder of an Italian war bond!

Our spy on the home front reports that sergeants at the training camps really try to be tough. For instance, a sarge had a mortar crew. He took 'em out early and kept them out late—with few breathing spells. Finally a couple of guys were so exhausted they fell asleep during a lecture. The sarge called a break for smoking, spotted the guys asleep, went over and shook them, shouting, "Hey wake up and take a ten-minute break!"

And then there was the little moron who stood in front of a mirror for two



hours trying to figure out where he'd seen

Overheard on a street corner, "Gee, I wish they would give second lieutenants the 'assimilated' rank of major in case they get captured!"

HUBERT

J. C. W.

"Steady boy, steady! It's just a cheap trick to shatter our self-confidence!"

Fighter Pilot Bucking in ETO Wins a Big Montana Stripe

A NINTH MUSTANG BASE, Mar. 12—Okay, Maynard Stapleton, get out that brush and blue paint and start painting. Bob Welden has shot down a German airplane.

That for Maynard Stapleton, and for the rest this:

2/Lt. Robert D. Welden used to live next to Maynard Stapleton's house back in Weldon, Mont.

Welden joined the Air Forces and got to be a PSI pilot. Just before he came overseas, Lt. Welden went home on leave and Maynard Stapleton, suspecting Welden would be overseas before long, said:
"Look, Bob, every time you shoot down a German fighter plane, I'll

paint a blue stripe around my house."

Maybe Stapleton didn't think Bob would shoot down a German plane, or maybe he figured the pilot would just forget about the blue-stripe deal, but he hasn't and what's more he told The Stars and Stripes about it and we are going to have our Lewiston (Mont.) correspondent check on the blue stripe around the house next door to Weldon's.

Last week Welden shot down an Mel10 and shared in the destruction of another. We don't care whether Maynard Stapleton paints one thick stripe and one thin one all around the house or one thick one all the way around and another thick one only halfway around, but he better get painting. Welden's not done yet.

Murray Defends Labor, Directs Plea to Troops

PITTSBURGH, Mar. 12—Soft-spoken, balding Philip Murray, president of the CIO and head of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, is concerned over what soldiers overseas think about organized labor at home, especially

Murray believes that the strike situation on the home front has not been as serious as many soldiers seem to think, and he points to labor's shattering of

back up his claim. Let the record speak for itself, Murray says.

"Every work stoppage that occurs in a war plant, whether it lasts for four hours or four days, is splashed over the country," he declared, not without some bitterness.

Yet, said Murray, who bosses one of the two largest labor organizations in America, you almost never hear the other side of the story, and he read from a letter sent to the steelworkers' union by Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, chief of the Army Service Forces—"The War Department is most grateful, for the almost published by the steel of the s in 1943 and recognizes this record to have been a major contribution to the success of the armed forces of the United Nations."

nary human beings in any given situation and which neither union chiefs nor government can gauge exactly in advance or prevent until the counter-reaction sets in.

the pledge is still in effect, Murray affirmed. But he emphasized that the conditions under which the pledge was given originally have changed and that wage adjustments to today's higher living costs are needed to check the dissatisfac tion among some workers responsible for

by SGT. DICK WINGERT

in regard to war-time strikes and threats of strikes.

all production figures during the war to

Murray would like soldiers to consider the "human equation" in judging labor for the work stoppages that have occurred, as well as taking into account all the other factors involved.

By "human equation," Murray said he meant the unpredictable reaction of ordi-

"Most of my time is spent in persuad-ing men to go back to their jobs rather than persuading them to strike," he

What about labor's "No-Strike"

As far as his organization is concerned.

many of the current work stoppages.

He recalled President Roosevelt's answer to the "No-Strike" pledge at the time it was given—that if living costs rose beyond the point where established wage limits could be considered adequate, ad-justments would be made.

At the moment, Murray is deep in

Wingert

negotiations along with other CIO leaders for a general pay increase all along the line in CIO contracts up for renewal. He's also plugging for a guaranteed annual wage for the steel workers,

Philip Murray is 57 and considered one of the more conservative of the nation's leaders. Scottish-born, he speaks quietly and earnestly, seldom raising his voice, and is a great believer in the theory that just "talking things over" can settle most of the problems of labor and management.

Murray discounts the popular belief Murray discounts the popular belief that American workers, especially those in the steel industry ,are making more money during the war than they know what to do with. To back up his claim, he went to the files and pulled out at random one of several thousand case histories being compiled by the union to show how workers are making out under today's living costs.

The "case" was that of a 48-year-old

The "case" was that of a 48-year-old steel worker from Gary, Ind., with a wife and two children, whose financial life had been charted down to the last cent over the these three th the three-month period from September through November.

This worker had earned a total of \$817.9 for the test period, or an average weekly wage of \$62.92, which included overtime. His hourly wage was higher than many in the industry—\$1.21.

Here's where his money went during the three months, as shown on the

Rent	-	\$120,00
Fuel, light, gas, ice	-	107.25
Food		243.62
Clothing		67.32
Insurance, soc. sec.		22.45
Three war bonds		56.25
Taxes		92.68
Doctor bills		27,40
Sick-room help		26.00
Household furnishings		64.40
Toilet articles	4.	4.72
Books, papers, movies		8.54
Dues, gifts		7.00
Tobacco, liquor		20.50
Transportation		25,00

Added up, this worker's living costs totaled \$893.13, or \$75.17 more than his total wages for the three-month period.

Murray said it was the "hidden" rises the cost of living that have fouled up in the cost of living that have fouled up the workers. Like being forced to buy shoes made of cheaper-grade leather, for example. The cost in dollars may be the same for the shoes, but they wear only half as long as the pre-war product. Although Murray is far from the battle-front, he isn't unacquainted with the way men at the front look upon warding

men at the front look upon war-time strikes. He gets frequent letters from his son, Joseph Murray, 28, a soldier in the Signal Corps somewhere in the Medi-

"I can conceive of no one doing a greater task than the front-line men," Murray said, "and I'd a damn sight rather be over there than where I'm sitting."



Swastika Saga

They march relentless in broken rank The small crusaders of modern age, Bearing the banner of Nazi creed, Shrilling a tune of Pied Piper gauge.

Aryan types, and stainless of blood The Bible loved in the fabled past, Wavering not on the crowded road, Their distant heritage glimpsed at last!

We are the future mothers of men, A dominant race shall be our gift!". Childhood that never was slaked with dolls Promising pain as a holy thrift,

What will THEY make of a broken world? What fires tend at an empty grate? How will they fashion another youth? What promise of peace rededicate?

Adele Kelley Thompson,

The Army

TWO companies of Army Engineers recently completed a 1,500-man camp in 30,654 man-hours, the equivalent of 100 men working 38 eight-hour days.

Camps, virtually small-sized cities, are constructed in their entirety by the engineers who begin by surveying and breaking ground, lay paved streets and sidewalks, construct Nissen huts, and complete facilities such as sewage systems, water towers, electricity and plumbing water towers, electricity and plumbing.

Many of the men had no similar civilian experience, but now are able carpenters, bricklayers, plumbers and painters.

The battalion, of which the companies are a part, in two months completed three camps and worked on two others. It is doing work normally allotted to units several times its size.

Pvt. Callistus Kelly, of Philadelphia, has met his 98-year-old grandmother in Ireland—and he's having trouble keeping up with her. The husky paratrooper, transferred here as an instructor after duty on the Italian front, learned he was stationed near his grandmother's farm, and he lost no time in meeting her. "She always sets the pace when we walk over the fields to church on Sunday mornings," he said.

A unique probem in military courtesy and discipline will face Pvt. Lester G. Purtyman, of Bell, Cal., if his hopes are realized and his wife Frances comes to the ETO. The 22-year-old medical soldier at a general hospital recently resided word from his wife that the had ceived word from his wife that she had been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps.

* A letter postmarked in Newark, N.J., Sept. 15, 1942, finally has caught up with 1/Lt. Kalman I. Nulman at an ETO base section headquarters. Addressed to "Cpl. Nulman" in Hawaii, the letter chased Nulman through nine-APOs. It was written by Cpl. David Sheir, of Van Reypen, N.J., Nulman's former law partner in New York.

A SOLDIER and his mother who had not seen each other for five years were reunited at an ETO hospital through the efforts of 1/Lt, Hannah M. Borgers.

The soldier, Sgt. Keith Dowden, of New York, left England for the U.S. with his mother at the age of five. Five years ago his mother returned to England. Dowden was convalescing in a hospital recently when Lt. Borgers heard of the matter. In less than an hour she had Mrs. Dowden on the telephone, and the same afternoon the mother arrived at same afternoon the mother arrived at the hospital,

Notes from the-Air Force

LT. Col. Donald J. M. Blakeslee, age 26. officially credited by the Air Force as the first USAAF fighter pilot to guard bombers over Berlin, has been promoted to full colonel and awarded an oak leaf

cluster to the Silver Star for "gallantry in action" leading a fighter group on 38 missions

His Mustang unit destroyed 16 German planes escorting bombers to Berlin Wednesday, Blakeslee, a for-

mer Eagle Squadron leader who flew 120 Spitfire sweeps and

240 combat hours before transferring Lt. Col. D. Blakeslee to the USAAF in September, 1942, has been flying executive officer of his group since last July. In that time he has flown more than 230 AAF sorties and more than 400 hours. In addition to his new decoration, he holds the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the DFC with oak leaf cluster and the British Distinguished Flying Cross, presented him by King George at Buckingham Palace in the summer of

As Blakeslee tells it, he came into the war for a strange reason. As a civilian holding a reserve commission in the infantry, he flew his own plane at Fair Port Harbor, Ohio, hefore the war, but a friend Harbor, Ohio, before the war, but a friend cracked it up.

"I had to have another plane," Blakes-lee explained, "so I joined the RCAF." That was in August, 1940. He came to England in January, 1941.

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I/Lt. George N. Nye, of Compton,
Cal., bombardier on the Fortress Spare
Parts, doesn't believe in wasting good
American TNT. When his ship, piloted
by I/Lt. William H. Johnson, of
Minneapolis, was forced by mechanical
trouble to turn back from one of last
week's Berlin raids, Nye steered the ship
directly to a German airdrome, then did
a beautiful job of bombing its operational
buildings before Spare Parts headed
home. 非

THE Round Trip Ticket, a Fortress, did a solo "sightseeing" trip Thursday over Berlin—less than 1,000 feet over the city pavements—and got back to tell the tale. Due to oxygen failure after the bombardier, Lt. Mayer Taylor, of Philadelphia, did his duty to his target, and trying to evade enemy fighters, the Round Trip Ticket had to keep low all the way back to home base, where it arrived two hours late.

NEWS FROM HOME 64 Pct. Favor

Dewey Over Willkiein Poll

N.Y. Governor Is Gaining In Popularity, Gallup Survey Shows

NEW YORK, Mar. 12 (Reuter)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York is a substantial Republican favorite over Wendell Willkie for the Presidential nomination and his popularity is on the increase, according to the latest Gallup poll.

Sixty-four per cent of Republican voters, asked to state their preference if candidates were limited to Dewey and Willkie, preferred the New York governor, while 27 per cent favored Willkie. Nine per cent were undecided.

In a poll taken last November the figures for Dewey were 55 per cent and for Wilkie 35 per cent, with ten per cent undecided.

undecided.

Voters supporting Dewey said they preferred him because of his administrative record and because he was fearless and energetic. Willkie was praised by his followers for speaking his mind on problems, his broad grasp of issues and his liberalism and progressivism.

Republican voters who would support Gen. Douglas MacArthur as a candidate said they valued his familiarity with war problems.

Jalopy Tax to Jump

TOPEKA, Kan., Mar. 12-William L. Jungdahl, taxation commission chair-man, says the rule on automobile depre-ciation has been reversed this year. Although cars are older, the tax valuation will be increased \$50 to \$100 over 1943. He explained that the value of cars was increasing because of their limited

2 Die in Oil Plant Blast

MARCUS HOOK, Pa., Mar. 12 (Reuter)—Two men were killed and two others seriously injured when the research unit of the Sun Oil Co.'s new \$13,000,000 high-octane gasoline plant exploded here Flames shot 200 feet into the air and raged for nearly an hour. The blast shook every house in town.

Navy Takes Mike Todd

NEW YORK, Mar. 12-Michael Todd. 36, theatrical producer, has been inducted into the Navy. Married and father of a 14-year-old son, Todd produced a number of Broadway hits, including "Mexican Hayride," "Star and Garter" and "Something for the Boys."

Six Die in Hotel Fire

RICHMOND, Va., Mar. 12 (Reuter)— Six people were burned to death and 12 others badly injured yesterday when fire destroyed the three top floors of the fashionable Jefferson Hotel here. The dead included a state senator, four women and a sailor.

Hopkins 'Resting Well'

ROCHESTER, Minn., Mar. 12 (Reuter)—Harry Hopkins was described as "resting well" in a report issued yester-day by the Mayo Clinic. Hopkins entered the clinic last week for a physical checkup.

From Fire Into Frying Pan

CLEVELAND, Mar. 12 (UP)-Hundreds of cattle, sheep and hogs were shot by squads of police yesterday when a fire in the city's huge Union Stockyards drove the animals into the city's streets.

Hendrik Van Loon Dies OLD GREENWICH, Conn., Mar. 12 an Loon, author

(UP)-Hendrik Willem of best-seller histories and biographies, died here yesterday of a heart ailment. He was 62.

Citizenship for Michele

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 12 (Reuter)—Michele Morgan, 24-year-old Frenchborn film star, was granted U.S. citizenship yesterday. She came to Hollywood from France in 1940.

ARP for Liberty Bell

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 12—A fire-proof underground air-raid vault will be built for the 212-year-old Liberty Bell close by Independence Hall.

A Private's Enterprise Is the Public's Delay

BOSTON, Mar. 12-The Boston Elevated Railway found out today why one of its subway trains was delayed at Friend St. station a few days ago. It happened this way:

Pvt. John P. Conway came home on an unexpected furlough. As he stood on the station platform he noticed a pretty young woman guard stick her head from between two

It was Conway's wife, who had cars. taken a subway job without telling She explained what happened him.

"I'm afraid we held up the whole system while he hugged me. Then the motorman yelled at me to close my doors."

Tar With Gobs of Love To Offer Loses a Taker

PITTSBURGH, Mar. 12-This sentence in a letter from her sailor husband in the Pacific won Mrs. Walter J. Kaiser a divorce:

"I sort of wish we lived in a country where more than one wife was permitted because if a man ever loved two women it's me.'

Mrs. Kaiser told Judge John P. Egan that Kaiser fell in love with another woman and married the latter in Breckenridge, Minn.

AdulteryInvolving Heiress Puts Golfer Behind Bars

MIAMI, Mar. 12-Admission that he MIAMI, Mar. 12—Admission that he lived in open adultery with Joan Feigenspan, New Jersey brewery heiress, resulted in sentence of a year at hard labor in Florida State Penitentiary for Mario Ricciardi, of Bernardsville, N.J. Ricciardi testified he was the father of two children, had separated from his wife after he met Miss Feigenspan, and had gone to Miami to get a divorce so that he could marry the young heiress.

Miss Feigenspan testified she and Ricciardi had been living together in Miami four or five weeks and that she knew he

four or five weeks and that she knew he was married. Asking why she wasn't being tried on a similar charge, the court was told her testimony was needed to prove the charge against Ricciardi. Ricciardi was Jersey public-links golf champion in 1942.

Meeting in London Mar. 28 Shunned by U.S. Airlines

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12—Nineteen U.S. airlines invited to a conference of air-transport companies in London Mar. 28 at the call of British Northeastern Airways have announced a decision not to participate.

Meanwhile, a three-man Senate subcommittee composed of Sens. Bennett Champ Clark (D., Mo.), Josiah W. Bailey (D., N.C.) and Ralph O. Brewster (R., Me.), announced plans to study proposed post-war aviation policies "to determine what steps are best calculated to permit the U.S. to retain the leadership in air transportation which it attained before the war and to which its resources entitle

Lend-Lease Extension **Finding Little Opposition**

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (AP)— Legislation to authorize extension of Lend-Lease for another year has met no opposition and may be reported with unanimous approval by the House Foreign Affairs Committee. "There might be some debate when the question of appropriations comes up," said Rep. of appropriations comes up," said Rep. Sol Bloom, chairman, "but no one seems to object to continuing the program as long as it is needed."

96 Pct. in ETO HaveInsurance

Average Soldier Holds A \$9,000 Service Policy, War Department Says

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12-About 96 per cent of soldiers stationed in the ETO and in the U.S. are covered by National Service Life insurance, according to a War Department announcement. In both the ETO and America the average soldier subscriber has a \$9,000 policy.

By the end of January, 1944, the Veterans' Administration had approved Army policies totaling \$75,000,000,000, the equivalent of more than half the volume of life insurance in force with commercial insurance companies in the

A recent three-month check of military personnel leaving one of the nation's largest ports of embarkation revealed that 96 per cent of all officers and men destined for overseas duty were covered by NSLI.

The maximum coverage of \$10,000 was held by 90 per cent of the men and 97 per cent of the officers and WOs going overseas. The average protection for the men was \$9,500 and for the officers and WOs \$9,800.

Total applications for NSLI, due to requests by some applicants for more than one policy, are in excess of 10,000,000. A year ago approximately 4,500,000 policies were in force for approximately \$26,000,000,000.

Their Billets Doux To Nazi Captives Trap Three WACs

DENVER, Colo., Mar. 12 (UP)-Three WACs have been sentenced to four to six months' imprisonment for writing love letters to German prisoners of war, and two other WACs are accused of the

same offense, it has been revealed.

Also, eight U.S. soldiers have been charged with aiding German prisoners to escape. Three of the soldiers confessed their guilt; all will be court-martialed.

The discoveries followed the escape of two German prisoners from a camp near

FDR Studying Question Of French Recognition

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12-President WASHINGTON, Mar. 12—President Roosevelt has taken over study of the entire question of recognition of the French Committee of National Liberation as the provisional government of France, Acting Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. said.

Shortly afterward, Mr. Roosevelt told newsmen he had nothing to announce regarding recognition, but hoped to have something shortly.

something shortly.

Organized Mother Love **Battles the Demon Rum**

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (UP)-Printed tracts entitled "Use Your Bible to Battle the Bottle" were distributed by temperance leaders at a congressional committee meeting which was considering a new Prohibition law.

Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, 72-yearold president of the WCTU, said her organization stood for "organized mother love battling against the entrenched liquor czars.

Other drys claimed that "bouts with the rum pot" were causing the sugar shortage, plane crashes and war-plant absenteeism.

Denver Republican Wins Congressional Election

DENVER, Mar. 12—The Administra-tion received a setback with the vic-tory of Dean Gillespie, Denver Repub-lican business man, over his Demo-cratic opponent, Maj. Carl Wuertele, in an election to fill a vacant seat in the House, Gillespie polled 41,418 votes to 38,440 for Wuertele, a wounded Pacific air veteran. The district normally is Democratic.

Charges GOP Killed GI Ballot

Lucas Says Federal-Vote Bill Fell Before 'Pure Partisan Politics'

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12—Sen. Scott W. Lucas (D., Ill.), co-author of the Administration-sponsored Green-Lucas soldier-vote bill, charged today that Republican politics was responsible for Congress' failure to approve a uniform federal ballot for servicemen.

"Plain, pure, partisan Republican politics and nothing else" wrecked the bill, he told newsmen.

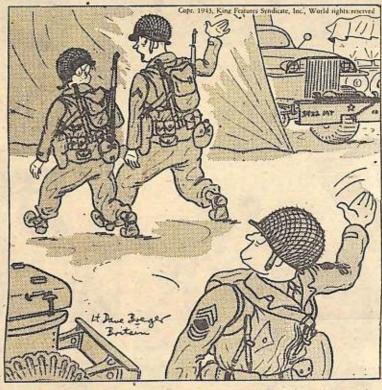
Speaker Sam Rayburn of the House meanwhile announced he would support

meanwhile announced he would support a compromise vote bill worked out by Senate and House conferees, providing a restricted federal ballot.

Hobo King Kicks at Cushions

BUFFALO, N.Y., Mar. 12—Jeff Davis,
"King of the Hoboes," arrived from
Chicago aboard a de luxe coach and did
plenty of complaining. "It was terrible,"
he said. "Give me the good old days
when a hobo could ride the rods in
comfort." He claimed the coaches were
either too hot or too cold and there
"weren't enough eats." He said he came
to Buffalo "on business."

PRIVATE BREGER



"We're distant relatives. He was my parents' first child and I was the sixteenth!"

Diane









By Milton Caniff

I ALLA TIME SEE PITCHERS WHY, ONLY THIS HERE MISS LACE RUNNIN' CLOSE ORDER CABLED WITH SO-JERS ... WHICH GENERAL OUTFIT IS IT SHE BUDDIES-UP MARSHALL. WITH, D'Y'RECKON ? TO CHECK ON THAT FOR ME



SURE SPORT! THAT





Blondie

Male Call

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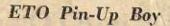




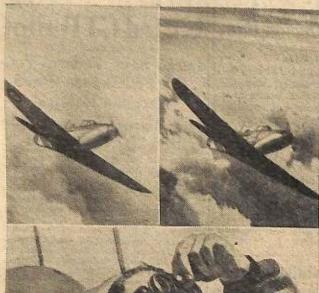




New 'Magic Eye'



A Jack of All Trades





Adjusting his special goggles, this lookout can make plane blurred against bright sky, appear in good focus.

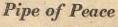


Presenting Pfc Curt Poff, winner of an air force GI "beautiful legs" contest. 'Twas all in fun.



GI Joes serving with the Fifth Army in Italy find a new use for the ever-useful Jeep—serving as powerhouse for a buzz saw.

'She Floats Through the Air'





Even an MP is a welcome sight to this pipe-smoking Bougainville youngster who escaped from the Japs.

Youngest 'Coed'



Keystone Photo
To beat Hollywood man shortage, Janice
Chandler, above, posing as a sheik, left,
was exposed when she refused to strip.





An English youngster tests a machine gun at a Liberator division sponsored air force exhibit in an East Anglian town. More than 6,000 attended the show.

Plasma Given Under Fire



^ nn Landess receives the first war tuition scholarship awarded by Boston on of graduates killed on active duty. Her father lost his life at Oran.



Here's where a supply of blood plasma proves a worth. A Marine doctor and hospita corpsmen administer plasma to a wounded Marine near the spot where the man was hit;