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Dummies Hit Back on Infantry 'Blitz' Course

Reaction Is Tested To Unexpected Attack

By Paul Lange

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer A U.S. INFANTRY UNIT, England, Jan. 13-You're running like hell with bayonet fixed. An "enemy jumps at you from behind a tree; you stick him. Another drops down from a tree; stick him, fall down, go on; wade across a stream, jump into a pit and sling a couple of grenades.

Thus a typical assault over this infantry outfit's "blitz" obstacle

infantry outfit's "blitz" obstacle course where the enemies are dummies but surprise you none the less, and you're a lucky soldier if you get home with rear headquarters dry.

The "blitz" course has been designed to test just how well a soldier will react, to attack from unexpected quarters. The course was constructed by an ammunition and pioneer question of a battalion headquarters unit under 2nd Lt. John W. Hirschmann, Milwaukee, Wis.

"We built the course as rugged as possible to enable the boys to get some idea what can confront them when they go into actual combat," Lt. Hirschmann explained.

Difficulties of Course

Throughout the course, the men must wind through thickly wooded paths, up and down slippery, muddy slopes, across streams bridged only by slender logs, over and under barbed wire entanglements and over difficult log barriers.

Dummies, representing machine-gunners and snipers, are posted at the most unlooked-for places and the infantryman comes upon his "enemy" before he realizes it. The dummies, operated by remote control, drop from trees, pop out from behind bushes and come at him on pulley wires.

pulley wires.
"He's go "He's got to use the appropriate weapon almost instinctively," Lt. Hirschmann pointed out. "He just can't stand there in amazement wondering what to do. He must know 'right now 'whether the situation demands the use of the rifle, the bayonet or a hand grenade."



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

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All around the course, the soldier is fired upon with blank ammunition. While on guard for shots from the "enemy "he must also watch out for booby traps and anti-personnel mines which explode if he touches them.

more difficult situations the GI encounters as he goes through the course:

"The soldier's first obstacle is to cross a log over a stream. Half way across he is fired upon. He might want to turn back, but he can't. If he tried to change his course, he would either get a cold touches them.

the grenades the boys carry are minus the powder, but with the fuse still intact.

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Lt. Hirschmann describes some of the

cover available and return the fire.

"After firing, he runs to the spot he thinks the 'enemy' is hidden and finishes him off with his bayonet. Then he proceeds down a wooded path. Before advancing far, he hears a klaxon, telling him he is under machine-gun fire. He drops into a nearby hole, learns where the (Continued on page 4)

To Save Forces In Oil Fields

Russians Find Resistance Stiffening All Along Caucasus Line

MOSCOW, Jan. 13 (AP)—The harassed German troops in the North Caucasus appeared today to be attempting to make a stand to cover their forces occupying the Maikop oilfields and the Black Sea

Red Star, the Army newspaper, reinfantry into counter-attacks supporting them for the first time in some sectors with aviation, in an effort to check the

The battle became more violent, the dispatch said, but the Russians continued to push the enemy back, and occupied several more inhabited points. Simultaneous continued to the stable became on the right taneously, they bore down on the right flank of the German forces defending the Sal River line on the Lower Don. The Russians struck south of the Sal River in a westward drive, between Zimovniki

and Martinovskoye.

The hardening of the German lines indicated that the Nazis were trying to halt their retreat, or at least slow down the Russian pursuit after they lost a number of key cities around Mineralnye Vodi in

the heart of the North Caucasus.

Red Star said the Russians were still executing swift surprise attacks, outflanking enemy positions and forcing the Ger-mans into further flights.

Garrisons which the Germans left behind for rearguard action were reported to have been encircled and exterminated (Continued on page 4)

Nazis May Try Commando Raids, Defense Head Says

The possibility of a large scale German commando raid on England, with the object of crippling the British war effort,

object of crippling the British war effort, was described yesterday to the Institute of Civil Defense, London region, by the senior regional civil defense officer.

"The invasion of Britain isn't a possibility we can ignore," he said, "Hitler is or soon will be a desperate man. Even if Hitler is unable to launch a full scale invasion he might think it worth while to launch a big commando raid with the object of crippling our war effort."

Nazis Straining U.S. Bomber Crew Rescued, Three Days in Stormy Seas

CAIRO, Jan. 13 (AP)-The crew of an American medium bomber arrived in Cairo today for a rest after three days at sea in one of the worst Mediterranean storms known in years.

The first 25 hours they spent in a rubber lifeboat and the remaining two days in an RAF rescue launch which was itself disabled and almost

capsized.

Their plane fell into the sea when a motor failed while returning from a raid.

"We plunged right into a wave 15 feet high and got an awful jolt as we struck."

2nd Lt. Monroe P. Schwartz, Philadelphia, said. "We managed to get out, however, and got into a rubber boat. We were tossed around and never thought we could last it out until we were nicked in could last it out until we were picked up.
"That night the air went out of one side of our boat and the valve froze so

we could not blow it up again. Then the boat began to leak. Next morning a searching plane spotted us, and dropped us chocolate and a note saying 'help coming.' That afternoon the launch came. "They pulled us aboard and we fell exhausted on the deck. They wrapped us in blankets. Then the storm got worse and the launch was tossed about almost as bad as our rubber boat. The rudder was torn off and we drifted helplessly. was torn off and we drifted helplessly. All thought the boat would be overturned, but God was good to us and we finally reached the shore, 200 miles from where we should have put in."

others in the crew were 1st Lt. John Holmes, Des Moines, pilot; 2nd Lt. John Robbins, Pitman, N.J., copilot; 2nd Lt. Percy B. Watkins, Birmingham, Ala.; Sgt. Harry Deeley Jr., Youngstown, Ohio, ship gunner; and Sgt. Trevor M. Anderson (RCAF), Victoria, B.C., radio operator.

Forts Hit Lille;

industrial town, yesterday, pacing spread attacks by American, British. Dominion and Allied aerial units on enemy-occupied Europe.

The Forts smashed at war production plants and railway yards at Lille, and observers reported numerous bursts on the targets.

RAF Bostons, escorted by USAAF Spitfires, bombed the airfield at St. Omer, France, and Venturas, with escorts, blasted the airfield at Abbeville, France.

" Many squadrons of RAF, USAAF, Dominion and Allied aircraft carried out covering and supporting operations, in the course of which three enemy fighters were destroyed," a communique said.

Three Fortresses are missing from the Lille raid. There were a number of encounters with enemy aircraft.

Retraining for Civilian Jobs Proposed by Aide to Knox

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—Men in the U.S. armed services would be retained in the services after the war for re-training in civilian pursuits, then mustered out at controlled rates, under a plan advocated by Dr. Joseph Barker, special assistant to Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the

Declaring that when men were called from civilian life into the services, they were re-educated for duties, he demanded: were re-educated for duties, he demanded. "When men are to be mustered out and returned to civil pursuits, why shouldn't they be re-trained for those activities in precisely the same way?

Dr. Barker, quoting President Roose-velt's Congressional message that service men have a right to expect full employ-ment after the war, added "to have the right to expect full employment in indus-tries that have been re-converted to the economics of peace means that men mustered out of the services will have to be re-trained for places in the newer industrial activities.

industrial activities.

"It isn't sufficient to say that they can and will return to the jobs they had before their call to service. In many cases, those pre-war jobs may be non-existent," he declared.

U.S.FlyingBoat Beats Sub Pack To Save Convoy

Lone Catalina Sinks One, Drives off Five in Three Hours

By Tom Bernard

Stars and Stripes Navy Editor For more than three hours the crew of a U.S. Navy Catalina flying-boat held a marauding U-boat pack at bay in the North Atlantic and finally sank the sixth it had sighted while a Britain-bound convoy steamed safely by 30 miles away. This was the story told yesterday

London by the 10-man crew of the PBY under command of Lt. (jg) Lowell L. Davis, USNR, Vina, Ala., who has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Davis lifted his heavily laden flying-boat from its base two and a half hours

before dawn one day last month and set out in search of a British plane reported crashed in the Atlantic. Several hours out the Navy plane contacted a convoy headed for a British port. It hovered overhead on the look-

out for enemy submarines. Forty-five minutes later they saw a U-boat, but the raider crash-dived and was too far below the surface to attack

when the aircraft reached the scene. The glare of the morning sun prevented

the plane from bombing a second sub, sighted a few minutes later. In the next two hours three more subs and submerged by the time the flying-boat

flew close enough to attack. Sighting another U-boat on the sur-(Continued on page 4)

70,000 German Troops In Tunisia, Giraud Says

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan. 13 (delayed) (AP)—Gen. Henri Giraud, in a speech yesterday declared that 70,000 Germans have arrived in Tunisia and now oppose the Allied forces.

He told officials at Niamey, in the desert, that "a well equipped army that fights well is facing the Anglo-American troops and the French army... opera-

troops and the French army . . . opera-tions might have been more rapid, but the price would have been out of propor-tion to the results."

Forts Rip Air Cover **Of Rommel**

Destroy 20 Nazi Planes On Ground, 14 More In 75-Mile Fight

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan. 13 (AP)—Flying Fortresses ripped a terrific hole in Rommel's slender air cover, upon which he is dependent for a successful retreat into Tunisia, by destroying 34 aircraft in the air and on the ground in a raid on Castel Benito airdrome, 10 miles south of

Tripoli.

In all, during the day, the U.S. Army Air Force operating over North Africa accounted for 36 German planes, an official spokesman said.

Flying Fortresses led the attack by knocking out 20 planes on the ground at Castel Benito and then, in a running 75-mile battle in the sub-stratosphere, blasted 14 more German fighters from the sky and damaged another 10.

Air activity dominated both day and night warfare as ground reports indicated only patrolling in the Bou Arada and Goubellat areas.

Hit From Roth Sides

Hit From Both Sides

Working like the gears of a well-oiled machine, the Allied air forces struck at Rommel from all sides.

In the Middle East the RAF and U.S. Air Forces with the Eighth Army blasted Rommel's transport lines leading to Tripoli. In Tunisia RAF Bisleys launched a guerrilla attack against the Nazi supply line near Sousse, by ranging the highways in the light of the moon and blasting trucks and transports with bombs.

ing trucks and transports with bombs and machine-gun fire.

The converging air forces from North Africa and the Middle East are now hitartica and the whote East are now insting Rommel where he can least afford it by destroying his protecting air cover with raids on airfields and disrupting attempts to withdraw forces by continuous day and night blasting of the narrow coastal roads leading into Tunisia.

Nazis Go After Forts

Apparently instructed to stop the Fortresses at all costs, the Germans attacked the escorting P38s and ran into the concentrated fire of the Fortress formation's guns. All the big American ships returned to their base, although one plane had only two motors and did not show up until two hours after the others had landed.

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had landed.

As RAF and American planes with the Eighth Army blasted Rommel's transport lanes leading to Tripoli, P38s crossed the border of Tunisia into Tripolitania in offensive sweeps in the Ben Gaden area.

American fighters, sweeping along close to the ground, encountered a long line of Axis transports carrying troops.

Spread Hayon Among Transks

Spread Havoc Among Trucks The cannons and heavy machine-guns of the speedy fighters ranged up and down the column, leaving a trail of smoke and destruction. The official air force spokesman estimated that at least 50 trucks were damaged and five filled with

troops destroyed. On the way back the P38s shot up a seaplane near Gabes. Me109s intercepted the P38s on their return. In the dog fights which followed the only American loss of the day occurred. One P38

was shot down. B26s topped off the aerial show by scoring a hit on two bridges, one between Sousse and Sfax.

\$190-a-Month Private Called Costliest Soldier

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)-Pvt. Anthony Christian, 38, an unemployed housepainter on relief before his induction Nov. 7, was labeled today " one of the costliest soldiers in the world." For his services as a private Uncle Sam would have to pay \$190 a month.

Three weeks after induction he required an appendix operation at an Army hospital, and while he was recuperating at his home in Astoria, L.I., draft officials discovered he had 12 dependents. This would require the Government to pay \$50 a month as his private's pay, plus \$140 dependency allotment to the wife and 11 children.

Draft officials said Christian was registered as unmarried, but he asserted he listed all 12 dependents in his first questionnaire and explained again when registering personally

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North African Bag

The stage is now set and the curtain is rising on the " second act " of the North African drama. Thousands of troops and vast quantities of war material have been moved laboriously into place for the big scene.'

Pushing west, the Eighth Army under General Montgomery has reached Wadi Zemzem and is probing Rommel's new positions, seeking soft spots before smashing ahead with another quick powerful

In the south, fast-moving French columns are heading north, one along the Tripolitania-French Africa frontier, another 150 miles further east. These forces have taken Tachiumet, Fort Charlet and Murzuk, all well inside Tripolitania, and are continuing their rapid advance, driving all enemy forces before them.

In the west, the British First Army under General Anderson, and the American Fifth Army under General Clark are pushing east. German radio yesterday reported Anglo-American attacks in two sectors of the Tunisian front, one at Seimou, between Bou Arada and Goubella, the other north of Pichon.

In the north, warships, including units of both the British and American Navy, under the command of Admiral Cunningham, are guarding the sea lanes. Night and day they are also striking at Axis convoys attempting to operate between Italy and North Africa.

Under the command of General Spaatz, air power in the North African theater is being rapidly built up. Enemy columns, installations, supply depots and ports are being subjected to ever-increasing destruction from the air. Air superiority, while still contested by the Axis, is gradually passing into Allied hands.

Commanding all forces in North Africa, General Eisenhower directs a " combined operation" that he conceived and planned. Slowly his plan unfolds, and his circle of steel presses in on the Axis Soon Rommel will be forced to fall back, and the time will come when he can move back no further. Then the mouth of the North African bag will snap shut, with the Afrika Korps safely inside.

Oil For War

Hitler's plans for victory were well laid. His early success on every front proved how carefully his military machine had been built. But every machine needs oil to keep it running smoothly, and today Hitler's machine needs oil so badly it's beginning to squeak. Every squeak indicates friction; with friction comes wear; and with wear comes the inevitable breakdown.

Hitler originally planned to have all the oil he would need to assure victory. He planned first to secure this oil in 1941, and to get it he attacked Russia. That year he failed.

In 1942 the principal Axis goal was oil to be secured from the rich Russian Caucasian fields. A desperate drive was made. Lines of communication were stretched to the limit to enable battling mechanized German armies to advance and seize the life-giving pools near Grozny. Thousands of tons of precious " reserved " fuel was consumed by the Axis armies in this attempt, which again failed to reach the goal.

It is now known, and has for a long time been suspected, that one reason for the reduced effectiveness of the German army and air force has been the need to save every drop of high octane gasoline and every quart of precious lubricating oil. The shortage now acute is growing desperate, and Allied plans do not include giving Hitler an opportunity to recoup his diminishing supplies.

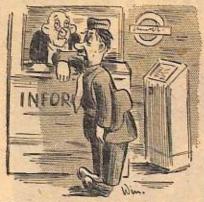
This winter Axis armies are engaged along 2,000 miles of the Russian eastern front in battles that are still further reducing the Axis oil reserves. The African campaign is also playing an important part in the toll on Axis oil, and on the Western front the construction of fortifications and the protection of vital industrial centers cost Hitler tons of oil each day

. . . and tanks are running dry. Oil, the " black stream " that gives life to every war machine, is drying up in front of Hitler's eyes, and he has no source from which to secure a "trans-

Hash Marks

French sharpshooters report that Italians do not mind long-range duels, but object to close quarter fighting. They also report finding large quantities of garlic in captured Italian outposts. Garlic being one of the best means of keeping the enemy at long range, we presume.

Some remarkable things happen to check-girls, taxi-drivers, information bureau clerks and others in London



whose contact with soldiers is frequent and, on occasion, beautiful.

The GI, for instance, who approached the Travel Inquiry kiosk at Kensington Station might have been considered among the beautiful ones. At any rate he was beautifully lit up, something like

a cathedral at Christmas.

"Where would you like to go, Young
Man?" inquired the polite attendant.

"I wunshum infamation." said the soldier. "Shum travel infamation."

"Yes, Sir, Right you are, Sir. And what's on your mind?"
"Jush tell me one thing. How does a guy get back to Bean Blossom, Indiana?"

Tokio has banned the showing of American movies in Shanghai—only Japanese, German and Italian films may be shown. Next week: that famous Axis production, "Comedy of Errors."

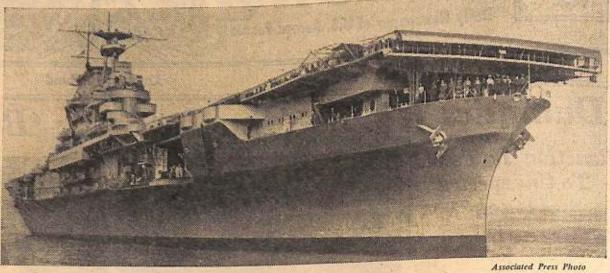
We take no sides in this issue but merely serve to present the facts. The Denver Rocky Mountain News syndi-



cated weekly magazine "Parade" held a poll all its own, with due respect to Dr. Gallup. The poll was on the all-important subject, "What branch of the army produces the most romantic boy friends." Of 100 girls voting in the poll, the following results were tabulated: cavalry, 27; infantry, 19; artillery, 18; paratroops, 15; signal corps, 10; quartermaster, 10; and armored division, 1, Said the girls, "we like the cavalry because we like boots and the smell of horses." The surprisingly low vote raked in by the armored division was partially explained cated weekly magazine "Parade" held armored division was partially explained by this remark, "Those boys are always in too damn big a hurry."

J. C. W.

The Hornet Stung Before It Died



This is the U.S. aircraft carrier Hornet, sunk Oct. 26, 1942, by Jap divebombers and torpedo planes off Santa Cruz Island in the Pacific. According to Jane's Fighting Ships, the Hornet was laid down in Sept., Its displacement was about 20,000 tons and it carried a complement of 1939, and completed Oct., 1940. More than 100 aircraft could be launched from its flight deck and 2,900 including flying personnel. catapulted from the hangar deck. The Hornet cost \$45,605,000.

Crew Fought in Vain To Save Carrier As Japs Struck

The aircraft carrier Hornet sank four Japanese transports of 10,000 tons and hit 12 warships and three auxiliaries in the five months before she was sunk, Navy Department announced in Washington yesterday. She also destroyed at least 60 Jap planes. All but 129 of the crew of 2,900 were saved.

Here is the vivid story of the gallant fight to save the Hornet, bombed by Japanese planes north of Santa Cruz in the Southwest Pacific on Oct. 26. The Navy Department announced the loss of the vessel shortly afterward, but did not identify it as the Hornet until this week Charles Hornet until this week. Charle McMurtry, Associated Press correspond ent who wrote the story, was burned in the attack when a flaming Jap plane plunged into the sea a few feet from him.

By Charles McMurtry Associated Press War Correspondent

WITH THE U.S. FLEET, Southwest Pacific (delayed)-The Japs had smashed down upon our carrier force north of Santa Cruz in all-out, victory-at-any-cost bombing attack on that October morning. In six minutes of concentrated, vicious assault by torpedo planes and bombers, they had left the ship dead in the water, with six fires raging. Power, lights and radio gone. But we weren't licked yet.

I recall the all-gone feeling that swept me when I realized the carrier was help-

less. A stationary target. Unmaneuver-able. Couldn't dodge even a minnow. Yet we faced the real danger of a return attack.

On the flight deck fire was raging where a flaming Jap plane had smashed through the deck. There was smoke from other bomb hits. Officers toiled and sweated side by side to form bucket brigades: It looked hopeless. The pumps were not operating. There seemed to be

a thousand men passing thousands and thousands of buckets.

So hopeless it seemed that there came an order: "Prepare to abandon ship."
But almost immediately came wonderful words in brisk, confident tones: "Belay that! Belay that! Fires under control."

A cruiser came alongside and took us

in tow.

"Okay, keep a sharp lookout," sang an order on the bridge. "They're coming back."

Never for an instant did the gunnery officer lose sight of the necessity of

Never for an instant did the construction officer lose sight of the necessity of keeping lookouts vigilant, alert to danger. His terse, incisive "Keep a sharp lookout" seemed forever to be penetrating all noises.

Right over horizon, right over there." All eyes strained to see whether it was enemy or friendly plane. It was like that for hours. As soon as one plane would be identified as friendly and nerves began to unwind, there would be another shout:
"Plane coming, bearing 150."

We became aware of the acrid smell of smoke from the flight deck. A changing breeze was blowing the fumes our way and begriming our clothes. The signal

and begriming our clothes. The signal bridge fire seemed to have burned out.

"Boy, what a souvenir," exclaimed a man near me. He held a bomb detonator and thrust his finger through a hole in his lifejacket. The detonator, two and a half inches long and half an inch in diameter, had torn through the heavy pads of his Mae West jacket and had gone through his blue denim shirt. Yet he hadn't even felt it. He just felt a he hadn't even felt it. He just felt a weight in the fold of his shirt and in-vestigated, and found the detonator right over his stomach.

"I've been saved by my girl's picture, by money, and now by this. Boy, am I lucky," he exclaimed.

'Going to Save Her'

Came the order: "Hang onto your ammunition. Stand hang onto your ammunition. Stand by your guns to the last, we're going to save her." It was the assistant gunnery officer again. For a time it had appeared that they must jettison ammunition to remove the danger of explosion. "We're going to save her." Wonderful words!

words!
Overhead was our battle flag, waving in the breeze. About one-third had been burned away. Yet it flew straight out from the mast, its field of 48 stars un-

touched by fire.

Below, the bucket brigades were making unbelievable progress. Between smoke puffs, the bodies of two Jap fliers were visible. They were suspended horizon-tally, one above the other, the pilot and heir ship when it-hit the deck. The bodies were a few feet below the deck. They appeared to be suspended in space, though actually held there by the wreckage.
"Lookouts, keep sharp lookout." The

"Lookouts, keep sharp lookout." The assistant gunnery officer's voice again. "Straight ahead. There. Straight ahead." The gunnery officer himself spotted a grey shape speeding out of a cloud directly over us. Hiding in the cloud it already was inside the screening ships.

It was 11.09. Just an hour after the first attack

first attack. "Enemy! Enemy ! Open fire ! " the gunnery officer shouted as his binoculars picked up the rising sun on the

As guns opened up, the plane dived almost on the carrier and loosed a bomb. He couldn't miss such a perfect stationary target, but he did. The bomb exploded with a great geyser of water 30 or 40 feet off the bow—almost in the exact spot just vacated by a destroyer. Our guns

fired, but the Jap got away.

"Fire on portside!" lookout cries excitedly. "Just over horizon. Aye-aye, fire portside."

The Japs had sent another attack group after another of our carriers. Blobs of black smoke hung in the sky. But the Jap planes and our own ships were out of

We heard a little more firing. Then all was quiet. The other force must have repelled the attack.

"Water, water." That oft-repeated shout brought us back to our own bucket brigade, still active while we watched this

newest enemy attack.

It seemed as if someone was always shouting for water as men ceaselessly passed pail after pail along that 400-foot line. The sun was hot but the men dared

not shed the hot, bulky lifejackets.
"See those planes. Kind of going in a circle. They may be sneaking up on

They came closer. Our own. What a relief! A double relief—to know they were not enemy planes and that 16, count 'em, 16 of our own divebombers got back safely. They signaled that they would land on another carrier and turned away. "Where have they been?" A sailor asked a question that had been on many

" Engaging the Japs in the clouds when the second wave of Japs swept in from the other side. Our boys did all right," the gunnery officer replied. "Boilers started... Engines turn-ing." The ship throbs. Hope we can get

up steam,

"Ask if able to steer." The reply was encouraging: "Rudder jammed but working on it."

"If we can get by until dark we'll be okay. Danger is in an afternoon have we don't have to abandon be okay. Danger is in an afternoon attack. Hope we don't have to abandon

It is nearly 2 p.m. All fires are out. The most seriously injured are treated and the doctors are rushing to aid the others. The flight deck is being cleaned up.

Ordered to Leave

If the engines function and the rudder

is freed, we could get under way. Smoke and steam was coming up from the battered stack. It was a hopeful sign.

Then came the worst personal blow of the day. The communications officer found me, and said: "You are to board that declarate and the control of the day. that destroyer, aft. Tell whoever's in charge you are to go by boatswain's chair with the wounded."
"What? No. I want to stay."
"Captain's orders."

I knew the captain was too busy to argue. Dejectedly, I made my way aft where the destroyer was alongside. I felt disgusted. I wanted to stay aboard until the end—until the carrier made port or went down if that was to be her fate. But I realized the captain's position. As long as there was danger of a new attack, it was his duty to get off the passengers and the wounded.

So I went. Maybe it's better that way. I didn't see the ship go down.



"No. This doesn't mean it's all over, and peace has been declared." "Only Private Homer Smith being awarded the Croix de Guerre,"

Inspection

(It happens all the time, damn it.)
Whip tension to its highest pitch.
Create a background of suspense.
Cooperate without a hitch.
Build it up till its immense.

Get a move on-new broom sweeping Work and drive your willing men.
Wake them early from their sleeping
The job done once—do it again.

When it all is scrubbed and clean
Fall the men right into line.
Look with pride upon the scene—
The hut's agleam—the men look fine.

You're ready now for that inspection

Ere things go slack—the normal way.

A bulletin—a slight correction—

It will take place another day.

Pvt. Jack Zurofsky.

Man or Hog

Do you walk into your P.X. After you have drawn your pay And look upon your rations Like a vulture on its prey ?

Do you always draw your rations And then move out through the door ? Or linger at the counter Always waiting there for more ?

Did you ever stop to figure That those rations that you drew Were the same for all the men With no extras there for you?

Man is somewhat like a sausage; Always slick upon the skin;
But you never can be sure
How much hog there is within.

Pfc Don Smith, Engrs.

Yanks, Red Sox Place Three On All-Star Squad

Joe Gordon Tops Voting; Cooper and Bonham Lead Hurlers

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 13—The New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox each placed three players on the 1942 All-Star baseball team selected for Sporting News, the baseball weekly, by 260 members of the Baseball Writers' Association of

America.

Hurler Tex Hughson and flashy Shortstop Johnny Pesky, both of the Sox, made
the team after their first full season in the
big time. Other new comers to the AllStar lineup were; Cardinal Pitcher Mort
Cooper; Ernie Bonham, New York
Yankee hurler; Enos Slaughter, Cardinal
right fielder; Johnny Mize, Giants' first
baseman, and Dodger Catcher Mickey
Owen.

Tight Race for Third

Joe Gordon, second baseman of the New York Yankees, topped the voting with 255 out of a possible 260. Cooper was second with 250 and Red Sox Outfielder Ted Williams was third with 219. Joe DiMaggio, Yankee center fielder, who made the All-Stars for the sixth consecutive year, finished fourth in the yoting with 210, whereas he had been unanimous choice the three previous years. mous choice the three previous years.

Stan Hack of the Cubs and Ken Kelner of the Indians brought out the closest voting in a tussle for the hot corner spot with Hack nosing out Kelmer, 95—91.

The Lineup

The All-Star team lines up as follows, with the votes cast for each player and the runner-up:

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Left field—Ted Williams, Red Sox, 219;
Enos Slaughter, Cardinals, and Charlie Keller, Yankees, nine each.
Center field—Joe DiMaggio, Yankees, 210; Pete Reiser, Dodgers, and Terry Moore, Cardinals, 14 each.
Right field—Enos Slaughter, Cardinals, 138; Mel Ott, Giants, 55.
First base—Johnny Mize, Giants, 189; Dolph Camilli, Dodgers, 49.
Second base—Joe Gordon, Yankees, 255; Bobby Doerr, Red Sox, four.
Third base—Stan Hack, Cubs, 95; Ken Keltner, Indians, 91.
Shortstop—Johnny Pesky, Red Sox, 87; Vernon Stephens, Browns, 43.
Catcher—Mickey Owen, Dodgers, 109; Walker Cooper, Cardinals, 62.
Pitchers—Morton Cooper, Cardinals, 250; Ernie Bonham, Yankees, 197; Tex Hughson, Red Sox, 124.

Farm System Head For White Sox Dies

CHICAGO, Jan. 13—Bill Webb, manager of the Chicago White Sox farm system, died yesterday of a heart attack while en route from his office to Comiskey Park.

Webb, who was 47, joined the White Sox in 1935 as a coach after a long minor league career as a manager, player, coach and scout, in which he was connected with the clubs at Duluth, Birmingham, Pittsburgh, Akron, Newark, Buffalo, Toronto, Binghamton, Galveston.

He was put in charge of the Sox farm system in 1940.

Carr Leading Ice Scorers

Cowley Follows, But Leafs Still Have Most of Loop's Top Scorers

NEW YORK, Jan. 13-Lorne Carr, of the Toronto Maple Leafs, leads the National Hockey League scorers

the National Hockey League scorers by the slim margin of one point with Bill Cowley, of the Boston Bruins, close on his heels in the tight race. Syl Apps and Billy Taylor, Carr's team mates, are two points out of first.

Carr's 37 points were made in 27 games during which he scored 19 goals and made 18 assists. Cowley has been in one less game, 26, and scored but nine goals. However, his point total is boosted by the 27 assists he has made. Apps has been in 24 games, scored 19 times and made 16 assists. Taylor has been in 27 contests, scored 11 times and made 24 assists.

The other League scorers, with the number of games played, goals, assists and total points are: Lynn Patrick, Rangers, 26, 11, 22 for 33 points; Buzz Boll, Boston Bruins, 28, 19, 13, 32; Gaye Stewart, Toronto, 25, 19, 12, 31; Max Bentley, Chicago Black Hawks, 23, 13, 18, 31; O'Connor, Montreal Canadiens, 26, 8, 22, 30; Doug Bentley, Hawks, 23, 14, 15, 29; Blake, Montreal, 26, 13, 16, 29.

Four of the first 11 leaders in the

Four of the first 11 leaders in the League scoring are Maple Leafs.

Bruins Blank Hawks, 3-0 BOSTON, Jan. 13-The Boston Bruins

whitewashed the Chicago Black Hawks, 3-0, adding two more points to their lead in the National Hockey League race.

Tossing the Leather in Rainbow Club



Sgt. Dom Covino, Granville, N.Y. (left), and S/Sgt. Rickey Capella, New York, exchange lefts during the first round of a no-decision exhibition bout, Both fighters are members of an Eighth Air Force boxing team.



Stars and Stripes Photos

Leather flies between Pvt. Billy McHale, Philadelphia (left), and S/Sgt. Chink Broussard, New Iberia, La., after an exchange of blows during one of the five Stars and Stripes bouts Tuesday in the Rainbow Club.

NEWS FROM HOME

American Farms Vital Arsenal For United Nations, FDR Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Presi-ent Roosevelt yesterday praised the ation's farmers for the work they had dent Roosevelt yesterday praised the nation's farmers for the work they had already done "in the United Nations' greatest arsenal for food and fibre." and expressed confidence that they would rise to the even greater tasks ahead.

In a statement on Farm Mobilisation Day the President said " the production victory they had won in 1942 was among the major victories of the United

"In terms of total food supply the United Nations are far stronger than their enemies," the President declared. He said that food was as precious as oil and steel and that the United Nations could not afford to waste any of their supplies.

"Therefore United Nations are pooling their food resources and using them where they will do the most good.

"Although 60% of the world's population are farm people, only 2% of that population are American farmers. But that 2% have the skill and energy to make this country and the United Nations the greatest arsenal for food and fibre," the President said.

War Plant From Mudguards

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (UP)—Vital war machinery is being made from old car mudguards in some parts of China, according to Henry Carpenter, chairman of the Tour Committee Cooperative League of the United States, who recently returned to New York from a special mission in China mission in China.

Describing the conditions under which the Chinese were building up their war industries, he said that in other places machinery was being made entirely from wood as no metal was available. Thousands of the workers were living in caves throughout the winter, he said.

Latest in War Medals, Fellows MIAMI, FLORIDA, Jan. 13—Five hundred Miami women were wearing orchids today. James and Thomas Donn presented \$3,000 worth to volunteer air raid workers at the army information center. For "meritorious service in war time."

Navy's Planes Best Armed CHICAGO, Jan. 13—Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, has declared in a magazine article that experts who criticized the U.S. Navy's planes being

"This superiority," he wrote, "does not exist in fighter planes alone, for American dive and torpedo bombers are the strongest and most heavily armed in the world."

East Side Helps Bombed-Out

NEW YORK, Jan. 13—The Grand Street Boys Club, composed of youths living in the east side, has presented a cheque for \$5,000 to Capt. Arthur Marsden, M.P., to help maintain Grand Street House, an English home for mothers and children bombed from their homes.

Bartholomew in Air Force

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13 (UP)— Freddie Bartholomew, now 18, entered the U.S. Army Air Force today for ground duties. Bartholomew, a London boy, will automatically become a U.S. citizen after three months.

Messenger to Garcia Dead

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11—Maj. Andrew Rowan, who won fame as the bearer of the "message to Garcia" in the Spanish-American War died Sunday, the U.S. Army announced,

Roosevelt Asks More For Ships

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)-President Roosevelt asked Congress yesterday dent Roosevelt asked Congress yesterday to provide a supplementary appropriation of \$4,000,000,000 for the maritime com-mission's expanded merchant shipbuilding

Rockefeller's Golf Course To Be Giant Training Site

NEW YORK, Jan. 13—The private golf course of John D. Rockefeller, near Lakewood, New Jersey, will be the Spring training site of the New York Giants, President Horace Stoneham, of the Giants, announced last night.

Lakewood, 65 miles from New York, is only 17 from Asbury Park, where the New York Yankees will train. The temperature at Lakewood is said to average about 63 degrees in the daytime from March 15 to the 25.

The Giants will commence their training on the former date and the players

ing on the former date and the players will live at a small hotel and ride to and from the training ground in horse-drawn carriages, which abound in Lakewood.

Landis Sympathizes With Writers in the Spring

CHICAGO, Jan. 13—Kenesaw Mountain Landis, 76-year-old baseball commissioner, feels so sorry for the baseball writers who no longer will cover the Spring training in the sunny South. Said Landis wryly, "Gentlemen, I wish

you a pleasant Spring training period. I have a tear in my eye for you."

Mules Solve Transport Problem

COLUMBIA, S.C., Jan. 13—The Lake Forest Golf Club here has the answer to the ban on pleasure driving. A 19-passenger mule-drawn wagon, fitted with board seats, meets the club members at the end of the city bus line a mile from the club house.

Illini Flatten Badgers, 52-40

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 13-Sharpshooting Andy Phillip of Illinois staged a one-man scoring show with 24 points as the "Whizz Kids" flattened Wisconsin, 52-40, in their Big Ten tilt here. The Illini took an early lead and smothered the Badger attack throughout the game

Wildcats Trip Michigan For First Big Ten Victory

EVANSTON, Ill., Jan. 13-Northwestern's hoopsters gained their first Big Ten victory of the season here yesterday by defeating Michigan, 49-32.

The Wolverines forged into an early lead with machine-like set shots, but the Wildcats began peppering the basket and led at the half, 21—16. Otto Graham paced Northwestern with 17 points.

Gophers Lose, 48-41, As Iowa Evens Record

IOWA CITY, Io., Jan. 13-The Hawkeyes of Iowa avenged last Saturday's defeat at the hands of Minnesota by defeating the Gophers here yesterday,

Tom Chapman sparked the Iowa attack with 12 points and Gene Nesmith's brilliant defensive play stopped repeated Minnesota rampages.

Basketball Results

Iowa 48, Minnesota 41,

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Northwestern 49, Michigan 32, Indiana 61, Ohio State 31.
Illinois 52, Wisconsin 40.
Toledo 57, Marshall 41.
Geneva 48, Bethany 37.
Fort Monmouth 53, Mitchell Fleid 43.
George Washington 66, Duke 53.
South Carolina 43, Wake Forest 24.
Louisiana State 32, Alabama 29.
Vanderbilt 54, Auburn 39.
DePaul 46, Loyola 38.
Dakota Wesleyan 33, Augustana 31.
Drake 31, Iowa State Naval 25.
St. Johns 50, Gustavus Adolphus 48.
Millikin 42, St. Ambrose 40.
Lawrence 70, Ripon 44.
Hope 50, Albion 29.
Texas Tech. 53, Hardin Simmons 30.
West Texas 60, New Mexico 45.
Texas Christian 27, Rice 23.
Lewiston Normal 48, Boise Jr. Col. 38.
Denver 46, Colorado State College 41.

Golf, Skiing Hardest Hit By OPA Ban

Baseball, Track and Field Expected to Boom In '43

NEW YORK, Jan. 13—International News Service, in surveying what the OPA ban on pleasure driving will mean to the sports world in 1943, says that golf and skiing will suffer the most from the loss of fans participating while sidelines like fishing, hunting and trotting probably will be completely abolished as major pastimes. Football and tennis will more than likely be able to continue on a reasonably active scale, with baseball, track and field booming.

George W. Blossom, president of the

George W. Blossom, president of the United States Golf Association, com-mented, "It's perfectly obvious that golf mented, "It's perfectly obvious that golf will be hurt more than any other sport. Hundreds of millions of dollars are tied up in golf courses far from any public conveyance. Some of them, always on the borderline financially, will have an awful time surviving. But I know they will do everything they can to exist, not only as a patriotic gesture, but with an eye to the future."

Skiing Hit First

Skiing was one of the first sports to feel the effect of the war when all ski trains were abolished during the first weeks of last season. Some ski areas are dependent upon special trains because the overnight accommodations have closed down. Others are trying to keep open for the avid bands of skiers who will ski even if they must reach the slopes on hands and knees. Skiers who are traveling this year on regular trains are remain. ing this year on regular trains are remain-ing longer at the resorts.

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Ford Frick, president of the National League, is positive that baseball will be helped rather than hindered by the new restrictions. Frick said, "The game should attract lots of new fans who can't get to their favored sport or recreation. All the National League parks, with the possible exception of Cincinnati, are easily reached by street car, bus or subway. Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt says that no player will be exempted from the draft on grounds that he's a baseball player. You can be certain that next season every man you see in baseball uniform has a legitimate right to be doing what he's doing."

Melrose Tickets in Demand

Dan Ferris, president of the AAU, and Holcombe Ward, president of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, said that their organizations expected to stage that their organizations expected to stage major track and tennis events this year. Ferris pointed out that track events are usually held at arenas or college grounds easily reached by public carriers. He added that the demand for tickets to the annual Melrose Games in Madison Square Garden in February was bigger than ever. Ward stated, "Big tennis tournaments will continue to be played at Forest Hills, N.Y., the Triplea Club, St. Louis, the River Forest Club, Chicago, and the Maryland Club, Los Angeles.

Hoosiers Swamp Buckeyes For Ninth Straight, 61-31

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 13—Indiana's basketballers turned on the heat twice here in two great rallies that blistered Ohio State, 61—31. Indiana Guard Dick Wittenbraker kept the ball flying from repeated fast breaks and the Hoosiers rolled to 19, points to Ohio's two in the first up 19 points to Ohio's two in the first

The Hoosiers duplicated this scoring in a splurge in the second half, splitting the Buckeyes' defense with shifty court tactics. Forward Ralph Hamilton led Indiana with 13 points and ran his scoring string to 107 points in nine straight Indiana victories.

Frankie Parker in Army

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 13— Frankie Parker, former Davis Cup tennis player, has been sworn into the U.S. Army. He will specialize in aviation camouflage.

News on the Air

News is broadcast on both the Home and Forces programs at 7 AM, 8 AM, 1 PM, 6 PM and 9 PM. An additional broadcast is on the Home Service at Midnight. Sports news from America is presented by The Stars and Stripes on the Forces at 7 PM every day.











Guadalcanal. U.S. Hits Munda

Ground Forces Progress Against Japs on Solomon Island

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Jap planes bombed Guadalcanal and the Americans attacked a Jap outpost there, stated a Navy Department communique from Washington today,

The communique stated that during the morning of Jan. 11 an enemy plane dropped five bombs on the U.S. positions in the area southwest of an airfield on Guadalcanal.

The communique continued, "the casualties included one killed and several wounded.

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"Today a force of Marauder medium bombers with Airacobra and Lightning escorts bombed the Jap airfield at Munda on New Georgia Island,

"No air opposition was encountered but ack-ack batteries were active. The results of the bombing were not reported. All the U.S. planes returned.

"Small-scale offensive operations against enemy outposts on Guadalcanal are progressing satisfactorily, and several small enemy positions have been isolated."

More than 800 Japanese planes have been destroyed in the Solomons area by U.S. pilots since August, a victory of six U.S. pilots since August, a victory of six planes destroyed for every U.S. plane lost, according to an announcement last night by the Navy Department in Washington.

Allied Attack On Timor

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Jan. 13 (UP)—Allied ground forces, allied the Japanese at Sanananda Point, have made further advances.

The remaining Jap positions there—the last in Papua—are being subjected to intense bombing and strating from a low altitude by Allied aircraft.

Long-range fighters and attack planes yesterday bombed and strafed the trail to Komiatum destroying the bridge there. Another formation executed a strafing

to Komiatum destroying the bridge there. Another formation executed a straing sweep along the coast to Amboga, it is revealed in today's communique from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters.

Although it is known that Australian and American troops are closing in on Jap positions in the area, specific movements and details are unavailable, according to a spokesman at Allied headquarters.

Other air attacks carried out by Allied aircraft include a successful raid on Timov.

Timor.

Beaufighters carried out an extensive attack on the Japanese airdrome at Fuiloro, Timor, yesterday morning, destroying one plane on the ground and peppering runways, buildings, huts and motor transport, as well as construction equipment and adjacent roads.

Chinese Advance on Japs

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CHUNGKING, Jan. 13 (AP)—The
Chinese High Command said today that
Kushih, 36 miles northeast of Sangcheng,
and other points in Honan province had
been recaptured from the Japs.
The recapture of Sangcheng was announced on Monday.
The communique said that the advancing Chinese were closing in on enemy
positions in the direction of Kwangchuan
and Kwangshan after successful counter-

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Japs Say Hornet Fliers Hit Tokyo NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—A Japanese broadcast asserted today that the U.S. aircraft-carrier Hornet, which was identified Monday by the Navy Depart, identified Monday by the Navy Departs.

identified Monday by the Navy Depart-ment as the carrier sunk Oct. 26 in the battle of Santa Cruz Island, was the vessel which carried the planes that raided Tokyo

The broadcast, which was beamed for Japanese communities in East Asia, said, without giving the authority, that it was disclosed that the Hornet "brought disclosed that the Hornet "brought North American bombers during the attack on Japan."

The Japs characterized the sinking of Hornet as revenge for the Tokyo raid, adding " our imperial air units had been concentrating on this ship."

New 'Johnny Doughboy' Show Tomorrow Night

The second in a series of four weekly

The second in a series of four weekly radio programs direct to America over the Blue Network from the American Red Cross Hans Crescent Club will be broadcast tomorrow, 9,30 to 9,55 PM.

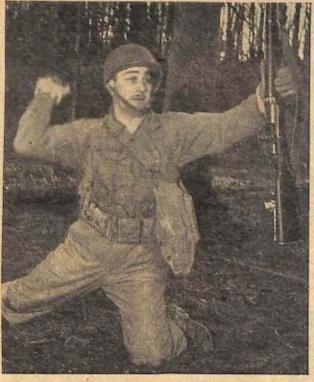
Featured on the "Johnny Doughboy Reporting" broadcast are Pfc Warren Bryan, Hackensack, N.J.; Cpl. Thomas Palmer, New York City; S/Sgl. Larry Roemer, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Cpl. Heinz Arnold, Patchogue, L.I.

Tomorrow night the weekly dance will be held at the Hans Crescent.

Help Wanted Department

Pfc. James A. Campbell, a field artillery man stationed somewhere in England, has received a \$5 money order from "Big Sis" of Lake Charles, La. Campbell reports to this department that he knows no one by that name and asks help in finding the right James Campbell. Anyone know him ?

Nippons Bomb 'Enemies' Are Booby Traps On Obstacle Course



Before advancing far, he hears a klaxon, telling him he is under machine-gun fire . . . he kneels and heaves his grenades."



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

"The climax of the assault course comes when he encounters an enemy rifleman near a house. He quickly jabs the enemy, but just as he (Pvt. Harry Paruso, Brockway, Pa.) does, another enemy rifleman drops from a tree (right), almost knocking him off his feet."

Allies Seize Still Other Algerians in Slaying Of Adm. Darlan

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan 12 (AP)—More persons of prominence have been arrested in Algiers in connection with the assassination of Adm. Darlan,

spokesman declared today. He said the murder was being investi-

He said the murder was being investi-gated by the military and was proceeding without consideration of the prominence of the persons involved or of their political beliefs.

"There now appears to be no doubt that the murder of Adm. Darlan is the result of a conspiracy reaching in many directions," he said, adding that new per-sons had been arrested in addition to the 12 originally held.

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Among those arrested are known to be some persons who aided the American landings and participated with Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark on his secret mission to Africa before Nov. 8 when the American troops landed.

Catalina Beats Nazi Sub Pack

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face, Lt. Davis flew the Catalina into the clouds and then attacked in a dive with the sun at his back.

gunner and silenced the cannon.

"The sub blew its tanks, apparently intending to crash-dive," Davis said. "We ran right in on his track and dropped a depth bomb just forward of the commitment towar"."

of the conning tower."

James J. "Jigger" McGuire, AMM
3c, 25, Brooklyn, N.Y., said: "I saw the spray from the bomb break around the conning tower. The explosion lifted the sub right out of the water, shook it and depend it down below the surface."

dropped it down below the surface."

Ens. Earle B. Abrams, 26, Clinton,
Conn., co-pilot, "thought it was going
to shake the tail off."

A huge lake of oil spurted up from the U-boat. Then five floats popped to the surface. Five men were on two of them but they soon slipped from the floats and disappeared.

disappeared.
Other members of the Catalina's crew are Ens. Wallace Pierce, the navigator, Wellfleet, Mass.; Alfred W. Jones, ACMM, Akron, Ohio; Carl Fischer, Sea. 2c, Ross, Cal.; Frank Haywood, ARM3c. Moundville, Ala., and George J. Brown, ACRM, Cradock, Va.

OKAY I

More Arrests Dummies Hit Back On 'Blitz' Swept Mines In Africa Plot Course Testing Men's Reaction

(Continued from page 1) fire is coming from, and tosses a grenade

"Again he gets up and continues down the path. He runs into a barbed-wire fence. Just as he gets one leg over the fence, he is fired upon. He must keep going over the fence and head for cover.

"Down the path a little further he is surprised by an 'enemy' rifleman pop-ping out from behind a tree. He bayonets

"On along the path he sees an out-of-the-way object, a billfold, a piece of equipment or some sort of a trinket. He knows he shouldn't pick it up, but his curiosity gets the best of him and he starts to lift the object. Ker-bang! It turns out to be a 'booby' trap. He is dumbfounded for a few seconds,

Meets 'Sniper 'Fire

"Gathering his senses, he goes on and comes upon a log obstacle at the base of a steep slope. A sniper fires at him as he is climbing over the logs. He keeps

must keep right on going through, pick cover and toss a grenade,

"Near the end of the course he stumbles onto a shack. He is met by fire, coming from one of the windows. As he returns the fire the 'enemy' flees out the door. The wise soldier will not give chase to the fleeing man, but investigate the house to leave if there are vestigate the house to learn if there are any more 'enemy' hidden there. But some might try to capture the fleeing man and forget all about the possibility of more 'enemy' in the shack.

Double Pitfall

"The climax of the course comes when he encounters an 'enemy' rifleman sitting under a tree reading a newspaper. He quickly jabs the 'enemy' with the bayonet, but just as he does another 'enemy' rifleman drops down on him from up in the tree and almost knocks him off his feet. He has to be quick to get him with the bayonet."

The group responsible for constructing

comes upon a log obstacle at the base of a steep slope. A sniper fires at him as he is climbing over the logs. He keeps right on going over, takes cover behind a tree and returns the fire. When he does return fire, the 'enemy' comes rolling down the incline. Figuring he is clear, he starts up the slope. Just as he does another 'enemy' comes rushing at him on a pulley wire. He engages him with a bayonet.

"As he nears the top of the incline, if he isn't crawling he will be seen and fired upon by 'machine-gunners.' He will have to toss a grenade to neutralize the nest.

"His next obstacle is a barbed-wire entanglement. He starts to work his way through the mixture of strands. If he makes too much noise he will attract machine-gun fire. If he does he may try to back out of the entanglement, but he The group responsible for constructing

With Planes **RAF** Coastal Command's

Successful Device

Told in Booklet The use of Wellington bombers as aerial minesweepers " to clear Britain's coasts of German magnetic mines is revealed for the first time today by the

British Air Ministry in a booklet, "Coastal Command." For three years the RAF kept its secret of how Wellingtons were used to cope with Hitler's "secret weapon" that threatened to cut vital sea routes to the British Isles during the last three months of 1939, before ships were equipped with DeGaussing gear to neutralize the magnetic mines. The Air Ministry breaks the silence in its booklet.

Fitted with hoop-shaped wiring extending all around the planes which received current from an auxiliary engine of the ordinary Ford V-8 type, the Wellingtons flew out to explode the mines.

Explosions Jolted Planes

"When mines exploded," the booklet states, "the Wellingtons were severely jolted and their crews had no warning to brace themselves, for they could not know what moment they would pass over a mine."

mine."

Minesweeping from the air, it said, was carried out for four months, after which it became unnecessary, because by that time ships were properly equipped to neutralize the mines.

The role played by American-built Hudsons, Catalinas and Liberators in Britain's war against the U-boat and in fighting the "Battle of the Atlantic" also is emphasized in "Coastal Command."

The RAF's watchdogs of the air, operating from Coastal Command stations, attacked 587 enemy submarines, escorted 4,947 convoys and flew 55,000,000 miles during the first two years of the war, according to the booklet. according to the booklet.

It was a Catalina, manned by an RCAF crew, that sighted the German battleship Bismarck, and relayed the ill-fated vessel's position to the British fleet.

Russia - -

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during yesterday's occupation of six more Caucasian towns

Caucasian towns.

The rearguards at Nikolaevskaaya and Karras, between Piatigorsk and Zheleznovodsk, tried to withdraw to the west, Red Star said, but their line of retreat was cut. Essentuki was protected by pill-boxes, casemates, anti-tank ditches and landmines, the dispatch said, but the fall of Kislovodsk exposed the flank of this position and the enemy fled, abandoning arms.

Strong German counter-attacks were also reported on the lower Don front.

The newspaper Izvestia said that an important communication line was threatened by one enemy assault, but Red army reserves reached the front line overnight, covering nearly 40 miles on a column of several hundred captured mules, and repulsed the counter-attack.

mules, and repulsed the counter-attack.

The Germans were reported to have been thrown back on the defensive in this sector and finally forced to retreat.

The Don offensive, hampered by snow-covered steppes and the cold wind which burned the faces and inflamed the eyes of infantrymen, proceeded at a slower pace than the Caucasus push, but the Russians pressed steadily on to prevent the enemy from re-grouping his shattered the enemy from re-grouping his shattered divisions for counter-attacks.

DSCs Awarded to Three

Distinguished Service Crosses have WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)-Secre been awarded three American-born pilots of the RAF and RCAF.
Pilot Officer Graham Stanley Hunam,

Akron, O., received the decoration for "success with almost unfailing regu-larity" in operations over heavilydefended areas.

Born in Bronxville, N.Y., but a resident

of Durban, South Africa, Pilot Officer Brian Robert McNair was cited for "great skill and efficiency" as a navigator-bombaimer. Pilot Officer Ernie William Weyle was

awarded the DSC for winning the confid-ence of his crew by his leadership and skill. He was born in Los Angeles but lives in Birmingham, England.

Jewish Servicemen Meet

An invitation to American servicemen of Jewish faith to attend a meeting Jan. 24 at 3 PM in the Mowbray Synagogue Hall, is extended by Mowbray, a Jewish literary and social society. The synagogue is located on Mowbray Road, Edgware, Middlesex.

'Speed-Up' Bedaux Held American - Born Pilots For Trading With Foe

tary of State Cordell Hull disclosed today that Charles Bedaux, the American industrial efficiency engineer, had been arrested in North Africa on a charge of trading with the enemy. Mr. Hull said the news Bedaux's arrest had reached him, but he had not been informed of the details.

Bedaux, self-made multi-millionaire who came to America from France about 35 years ago, started as a semi-skilled aborer and later made a fortune as an efficiency expert by selling an idea to increase production power of labor by "stream-lining" its movements. Many Americans call his idea the "speed-up plan," and Bedaux himself "the archenemy of labor."

Call for Soldier-Actors

Special Service Section, London Base Command, which successfully produced "Just Married," has issued a call for soldier-actors preparatory to rehearsals

by Chic Young

Blondie

SUPPER BLONDIE

-I THINK I'LL

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MINUTES

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

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