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# Ice Cream, Sodas Soon In the ETO

PX Importing Fountains, Freezers, Ingredients For Many Units

By Arthur W. White

Stars and Stripes Staff Write Ice cream, sodas and the kindred concoctions that are as much an institution to the American as tea is to the Briton soon will be available to many units of the U.S. Army in the U.K., the Army Exchange Service disclosed yesterday.

An imposing number of soda fountains, ice cream freezers, "cokedispensing" machines and the necessary ingredients are expected to arrive soon and will be installed in a long list of PXs selected by Army authorities for a variety of reasons. The actual number will not be released, however, until all

News of the impending revolution in PX facilities here was withheld until the equipment, ordered in October, actually got moving in this direction, PX officers

And That Ain't All

The announcement disclosed also that enough one-pound boxes of chocolates will be available here to provide each, soldier with one box at Christmas, and that soon the PXs will be selling abbreviated lightweight editions of many more

popular magazines.

The fountain equipment, PX officers said, will be comparable to the best used in drug stores at home, and arrangements have been made to send six civilian technicians to help install the machines and instruct GI or civilian soda-jerkers

in their use.

The ice cream will be made in PXs from a concentrated mix which will be sent from the U.S.

Some men (it was understated yester-day) may conceivably want more than one soda at a sitting, so a system of ration-ing probably will have to be introduced. An official said a survey showed that in many cases American servicemen prefer "drug-store drinks" to beer. Coca-cola and Pepsi-cola soon will be

served to soldiers at permanent bases in glasses from latest-type dispensing units which will be filled from barrels shipped from the U.S. Bottled coke, manufactured in Britain, still will be served to most units, however.

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Although kinks still have to be ironed out of the program, he added that arrangements should go smoothly from now on, and that ETO soldiers should soon be seeing their favorite mirages from eating distance. The big worry has been sweating out the dispatch of the machines from the U.S. from the U.S.

The announcement about the candy

said there would be enough to provide every man with one one-pound box. An official added, however, that if some soldiers don't get any by Dec. 25 that is no reason for complaint because some consignments may be slightly delayed.

Two qualities will be on sale, one priced at 5s. 8d. the other at 3s. 9d. Ration

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## U.S. Troops Asked For More Bananas For Sick Children

Another appeal for bananas—to help save the lives of nine British children suffering from the rare disease, coeliac—was made to U.S. servicemen through The Stars and Stripes yesterday.

The surplus of fresh and dehydrated bananas contributed by U.S. soldiers and saliors in November, when they answered anneals to aid two abildest appeals to aid two children, has nearly been exhausted, a British Red Cross representative said yesterday, and the number of coeliac-stricten children has since increased to nine.

Fifty bananas weekly will be needed for at least three weeks, until the British Ministry of Food can arrange a steady supply, according to the British Red Cross. Bananas are essential to the diet of the nine children. Because of their rare illness, they can derive no nourish-ment from ordinary fats.

Any contributions should be sent to the British Red Cross, 43 Belgrave Sq., London, SW1.

### Germans Unveil Pictures Of a New Flame-Thrower

The German press yesterday published its first pictures of a new flame-thrower specially designed as an anti-tank weapon According to German radio, its parti-cularly fierce heat melts the armor plating of even the heaviest tank models. It was said to be in use in Russia.

# 'I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas'



Hubert After He Heard Ice Cream Was ETO-Bound A Mild and Bitter Jerk Now Will Get a Soda.

# PXs to Sell'Target: Germany'; Book Tells 8th Air Force Story

"Target: Germany," the official story of Eighth Bomber Command's first year of war against Hitler's European fortress, will be placed on sale in PXs in the ETO within two or three weeks, it was learned yesterday.

The book-hailed by high Air Force officers and the press as a magnificent picture of the part American bombers are playing in knocking Germany-out of the war—has been published in New York, and a limited number of copies

of the war—has been published in New are being shipped here. In addition, the British Government is making arrangements to publish a large number of copies, possibly half a million, for public sale.

The book will sell in the PX for 2s. 6d., or may be sent home for 3s. Royalties will be turned over to the Army Air Enrees Aid Society.

Forces Aid Society. Besides giving the American people the first comprehensive picture of the Eighth Air Force's work, and of what the fliers go through on their missions, the book also portrays clearly the importance of each ground and combat man's job in the

In addition, "Target: Germany" lifts the veil of secrecy from several fascinat-ing chapters of America's war history in the European theater.

It reveals the fact that Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, the Eighth's commanding general, made a flying trip to Casablanca while the Roosevelt-Churchill conference was on last January and "sold" the war council on the continuation of daylight bombing specific targets.

Up to that time the work of the Eighth had been to a great extent experimental in nature, and there was some question, the book reveals, as to whether the then com-paratively small American force should be incorporated in the RAF's night

Gen. Eaker was handed a set of questions. In answer, he gave seven carefully reasoned arguments-and as a result the Eighth Air Force carried on its daylight missions to the present huge-scale operations. The seven points were:

1-Day bombing permitted destruction of relatively small targets like individual plants and factories that could not be found, seen or hit at night.

2—Day bombing, being much more accurate than hight bombing, meant that a smaller force could destroy a given target. This economy, in turn, would mean that eventually simultaneous attacks

could be made on several targets, split-ting enemy defenses and reducing losses. 3—Day bombing, or the threat of it, kept enemy defenses alerted 24 hours a (Continued on page 2)

### Montreal Police, Firemen Gain Demands after Strike

MONTREAL, Dec. 15—A 12-hour strike of police, firemen and public works employees ended early today as city officials agreed to recognize the Canadian Congress of Labor as the collective bargaining agent for city employees.

Municipal workers walked out as a cold

wave sent the temperature below zero. Both the police and firemen set up squads to work in case of an emergency.

# Germans Begin New Attacks 60 Miles From Kiev

New England Shivers;

20 Below at Bangor, Me.

BOSTON, Dec. 15-The weather Bureau today sent out a warning that

the cold wave which has lasted for

several days shows no signs of letting

up for the last 24 hours.

The temperature hit 20 degrees below zero in Bangor, Maine, and

hovered around zero in communities

further to the south. In all sections of New England, 15 deaths from the cold

were recorded

## Russians Forced To Quit One Town; Soviets Gain In Dnieper Bend

Fresh German attacks, made with the largest force the Nazis have mustered at any one point since they launched their counter-offensive against the Kiev salient, are being made less than 60 miles west of Kiev, dispatches from Moscow said last night.

Main center of the renewed Nazi drive, which previously had been halted, is south and southwest of Malin, the town on the Kiev-Korosten railway 10 miles west of

the Teterev River.
(The Germans claimed yesterday to have reached the Teterev on a broad

The Germans began their new drive with 150 tanks and four infantry regiments, and were attacking in the Radomisl

ments, and were attacking in the Radomisl area. Radomisl itself, whose evcuation already has been announced by the Russians, lies on the banks of the Teterev some 20 miles south of Malin.

New tactics were being employed by the Nazis. Moscow said that German panzers were being "dug in" so that only their turrets showed, and that these helped to balk Russian counter-attacks. Small tank units were said to be advancing by night, off the roads, while similar units were being sent out by the Nazis to decoy major Russian tank forces Nazis to decoy major Russian tank forces into the field of fire of the buried German

Meanwhile, heavy battles continued in the Dnieper Bend, with the Germans being forced steadily back. Southwest of Cherkassy, Red Army units were approaching Smyela, an important road and rail junction 30 miles from the

"The only response received in Sofia," the dispatch said, "is continued Anglo-American bombing and the reiteration Dnieper.

There was no word from Moscow on he progress of fighting near Kirovograd the progress of highting near Kirovograd. Berlin said that fierce fighting continued in the Nevel sector of White Russia, while the Germans told of a new and heavy Russian assault near Zhlobin, farther south. Berlin also admitted a penetration of German lines after an attack by Red troops near Leningrad, the first land fighting reported from this sector in some time.

# Balkans reports, passed through Stock-holm, said Bulgarian opposition parties had demanded resignation of the pro-German regency and added that the army was attempting to oust Premier Dobri Boshilov and replace him with pro-Ally Col. Damian Veltchey Col. Damian Veltchev Lone Infantry Private Peels Off \$7,400 for a \$10,000 War Bond

the ETO war bond score nearly sky-high by investing a total of \$9,300-more than two-thirds of it contributed by a private in war bonds.

Bulgaria in Bid

To Leave War

Unconfirmed reports that Bulgaria

already has sent peace feelers to the U.S. and Britain were heard in world capitals

yesterday, under-scoring growing senti-

ment inside Germany's most powerful Balkans satellite in favor of quitting the

A New York Times dispatch from Cairo

said that Bulgaria offered to negotiate peace on the basis of the Atlantic charter

if guaranteed territories she has taken from Greece and Yugoslavia.

that the sole terms are unconditional surrender."

Pvt. Charles McCarthy, of New York, a station hospital, signed over \$7,400 in the awed presence of his company commander, Capt. Charles R. Stineburg, of Indianapolis, and thereby became the owner of a \$10,000 bond.

There was no official evaluation of

Three enlisted men have just booted, or company funds, and came up with the

or company funds, and came up with the clause that an individual soldier can purchase a bond as big as \$100,000 in his own name. McCarthy's face recovered. T/Sgt. Frank T. Mihalisko, of Amasa, Mich. line chief at a bomber station, laid \$1,150 on the line to purchase a \$1,500 bond at his station. An eight-year veteran in the air corps, Mihalisko saved the money by putting away each month a the money by putting away each month a certain amount of his pay besides his

Indianapolis, and thereby became the owner of a \$10,000 bond.

There was no official explanation of how Pvt. McCarthy came into possession of such a sizeable sum, but his colleagues intimated somewhat sadly that luck had had something to do with it.

Members of the hospital personnel section thought they,'d hit a snag when they saw that under the Series E war bond plan the maximum bond an individual soldier can buy in his own name is \$5,000. When they told McCarthy, they said, "his face fell a mile."

Then T/4 Leslie Kinser, of Springfield, Mo., dug into the Series F plan, customarily used for purchase with unit

# Eighth Army Gains 300 Planes Strike Four Airfields And a Port

More than 300 bombers and fighters of the 15th Air Force, striking the greatest Allied air blow yet delivered in the Balkans, hammered four Luftwaffe fields near Athens and the port of Piraeus Tuesday,

and the port of Piraeus Tuesday, coincident with fresh British gains in southern Italy which brought the Eighth Army within six miles of Ortona, on the Adriatic.

The new large-scale air attacks, marking the first time that four targets in Greece were hit simultaneously, far overshadowed last summer's 177 Liberator assault on the Ploesti oilfields, which until Tuesday was the heaviest attack struck in the Balkans.

The 300-plane strength of the raiding force bore out Lt. Gen. Henry H. Arnold's assertion a few days earlier that Germany and her satellites in the Balkans, Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, were in for "terrible blows" from the air this winter.

12 Fighters Shot Down

The bombers hammered Eleusis, Kala-makis and Tatoli airfields, all just outside Athens, and Piraeus harbor, which was almost totally destroyed during the Ger-

almost totally tlestroyed during the German invasion of Greece in 1941. Twelve of 35 Nazi fighters which came up to intercept the Fortresses, 'Liberators and Lightnings were shot down. Three additional enemy planes were destroyed in other operations, for the loss of five Allied ships during the day.

On the southern Italian front, the Eighth Army widened its bridgehead across the Moro river to one mile in depth and five miles in length, in spite of tenacious German resistance and stubborn counter-attacks with tanks. Canadians and Indians, spearheading a fresh attack, drove into Caldari, six miles from Ortona, taking more than 200 prisoners.

In a surprise night raid Sunday on the village of Berarti, two miles from Ortona,

village of Berarti, two miles from Ortona, the Canadians caught the Nazis off guard, captured the commanding officer of a battalion of the 361st Panzer Grenadiers regiment along with his adjutant, four other officers and 140 men. After killing many others, they withdrew with captured equipment.

Action on the Fifth Army front was limited to artillery and mortar exchanges and patrol clashes near Venafro. In this sector a captured German said his commanding officer had told him they were fighting "tough wild men from Texas."

Luftwaffe in Action Again

ALGIERS, Dec. 15 (AP)—NBC re-ported that the Germans yesterday sent 100 fighter-bombers over the Fifth Army's positions. It was the greatest force since they attempted to fight off the Salerno

# Draft Data Stolen By a Wife to Keep Hubby a Civilian

YONKERS, N.Y., Dec. 15—Mrs. Carmela Topazio, an assistant chief clerk in a draft board, admitted, according to the FBI, that she had destroyed the draft records of her husband three times so that she could keep him out of the Army. Mrs. Topazio, 26, married her child-hood sweetheart, Joseph J. Topazio, 24, ast month.

According to the FBI, Mrs. Topazio also admitted stealing the thraft records of her brother-in-law, Vincent Rubeo, 22, from another draft board in the same building. The FBI said that because his draft records kept disappearing Topazio staved out of the Army for a year and

Topazio now is in 1-A, while Rubeo is appealing a similar classification.

## Appointment of Marshall Seen When FDR Returns

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (UP)—The forthcoming return of President Roosevelt is expected to bring with it the formal announcement of the appointment of Gen. George C. Marshall as commander-in-chief for the Allied attack on western Europe.

It is thought that he will retain his post as chief of staff, but his duties will be taken over by Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, now deputy chief of staff, who would thus become acting chief.

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#### 'Army Talks'

The above topic could well be the theme for an editorial. However, the reason for this subject appearing here today is to supply you with material on the theme for the "Army Talks" discussion for the week of Dec. 20. It is suggested that you clip this information and make use of it. Commencing next Thursday, subject material will be included in the form of questions and answers in the special weekly supplement of The Stars and Stripes.

In the issue of "Army Talks" for study the coming week, Crane Brinton, Harvard historian, examines the "Problems of Organized Peace." Citing examples from modern and ancient history, he says that, in the main, there have been two methods of unifying states. He defines these as Imperialism and Federalism.

Imperialism, the traditional way in which a strong country adds to its territory by seizing the lands and resources of its weaker neighbors, tends to be unsuccessful in the modern world. Federalism, the adding of territory by the consent of the inhabitants, is the modern and successful way, he says.

Brinton's article is intended to provide a background for discussion of the problems the world will face when the fighting ends. He believes that some kind of international organization to keep peace is inevitable. "For the average man and woman all over the world-"For the average even in enemy countries, with the possible exception of Japan-war has lost whatever glamor it may have had in the innocent days of 1914." Describing the League of Nations as too ambitious, he points out that nations do manage to reach agreements among themselves, such as the international postal union, and suggests that something similar be expanded to almost the full list of activities which the League failed in trying to put into effect.

Brinton also suggests that economic interests affecting whole geographical regions and cutting across national boundaries might be the foundations for regional unions of nations. Just as the Tennessee Valley Authority operates for a whole "natural" region, so it might be possible to set up, for instance, a Danube authority, covering south Europe - or a Scandinavian central Authority for the countries in the ex-treme north.

The author's conclusion is that the aims of international agreement designed to insure lasting peace cannot be achieved unless the common people in the great

democracies can make a real beginning toward attaining them.

Three books having a bearing on the subject Brinton has written about are:
"A Time for Greatness," by Herbert Agar: "One World," by Wendell Willkie; and "U.S. Foreign Policy," by Walter Lippmann, A study of these books with the current issue of "Army Talks" will the current issue of "Army Talks" will provide material for discussing such questions as:

What will be the reaction of the United What will be the reaction of the United States when the war ends? Will the country turn to isolationism or internationalism? Will the country achieve a unified policy in either direction? Should such war agencies as the Lend-Lease Administration or AMGOT be continued after the war? Is there any good reason why, if the League of Nations failed, another similar world committee might not now succeed?

## Brazilian Troops Overseas

"The announcement that a Brazilian expeditionary force would soon be serving with the Allies overseas has a historical importance which exceeds the immediate military effect of the proposed contingent, however great that may be," claims the New York Herald Tribune editorial, "for the role of the Americas in world affairs has been largely passive.'

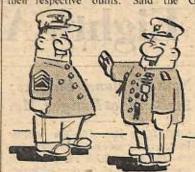
But now Brazil is projecting the influence of Latin America across the seas in a most positive fashion, with doubtless the primary intention of showing the world that she means business in her war against Germany. Already Brazil's collaboration with the United States in guarding the sea and airlanes of the South Atlantic has been of great aid to the Allies. And now an expeditionary force provides a dramatic quality which points up all the assistance rendered to date and makes more vivid the comradeship in fluence of Latin America across the seas makes more vivid the comradeship in arms which this struggle has brought to the Americas.

# Hush Marks

Then there was the conscientious supply sergeant who remarked to the new recruit, "If, by the way, the pants and blouse happen to fit properly, come back and get them changed here." them changed here."

Our spy on the home front sends word of a fate worse than death, maybe. In Columbia, S.C., a man was caught stealing stamps. The judge sentenced him to write. "It is wrong to steal," 5,000 times—with a post office pen!

Dusting off our file of the oldest jokes we have on hand, we found this one. A soldier and a marine were bragging about their respective oufits. Said the GI,



"When we presented arms, all you could hear was slap, slap, click." The marine replied casually, "With us it was slap, slap, jingle." "Yeah," asked the fall guy, "What was the jingle?" "Our medals," snapped the marine, as he reached for another lager.

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A PX officer asked one of the sweet

A PX officer asked one of the sweet young clerks, "I notice that sergeant who spent so much time at your counter went away without buying anything. What did he want to see?" "Me—at 8 o'clock," replied the sweet young thing coyly.

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Next time you're on the true this one.

Next time you're on KP try this on your mess sergeant. Scientists say that when you peel a potato you throw away valuable vitamins and minerals.

What a difference a little time makes! The big fellow in the line of men entering the draft induction center carelessly tossed a cigaret butt on the floor. When an undersized MP standing by said,



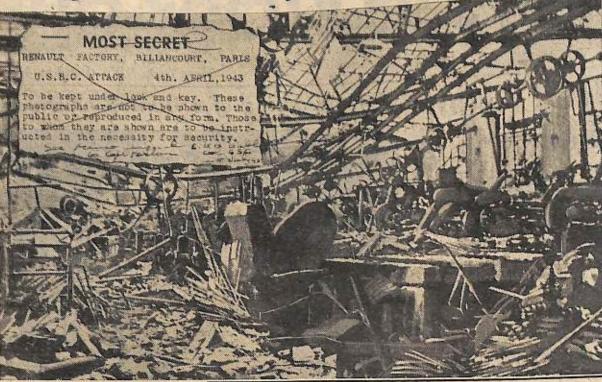
"Pick it up," the big guy leered, "Pick it up yourself: I ain't in the army yet." On the way out the same big fellow (now in olive drab) met the same undersized MP. "Pick it up," said the little guy. The big

At least one CO we know of is toying with the idea of making his men eat more carrots, or something. A GI in the leading truck of a blacked-out convoy flipped a lighted cigaret butt out of the window. Mistaking it for the trucks tail light, the driver of the vehicle next in line turned down the side road where the burning fag fell. The entire convoy followed.

Famous Last Words (in the ETO):
"I'll get my flashlight fixed tomorrow. It
won't be too dark tonight."

Come to think of it, it's too bad the Army didn't get swooner-crooner Frank Sinatra. We'd liked to have heard his version of "As Time Goes By" while peeling a bucket of spuds.

# Target: Germany; a Page of History



Out of the secret files comes this picture showing what American heavy bombers did to the important Renault tank and truck factory in the suburbs of Paris last Apr. 4. This used to be the machine shop.

# New Book Reveals Full Story of U.S. Bombing

(Continued from page 1) day, with the consequent loss of manhours in production.

4—Day bombing would reduce conges-tion in airdromes, air space and com-munications in the U.K. As the aerial space of both the RAF and USAAF con-tinued to grow, problems arising from such congestion would become more and more acute.
5—The combat crews of the Eighth

Bomber Command were not equipped or trained for the totally different technique of night bombing. Switching them over would involve a long training period at a time when delay was unthinkable. The losses from crashes during the transition period would probably exceed losses from

enemy action.

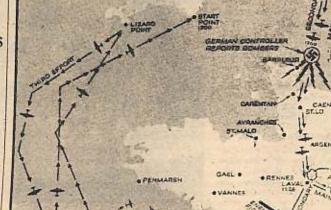
6—Day bombing imposed a serious strain on the fighter strength of the Luftwaffe. The number of enemy fighters destroyed could hardly fail to have a cumulative effect on the morale of Nazi further pilots.

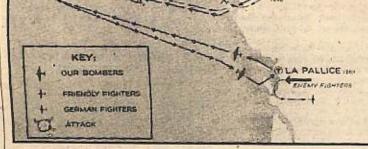
fighter pilots.
7—Finally, day bombing offered unique opportunities for cooperation with the RAF. The two types of bombing were complementary. Abandoning one would weaken rather than strengthen the other.

#### Careless Talker Arrested

Interesting circumstances surrounding Gen. Eisenhower's departure from England to direct the North Africa landings also are revealed in "Target: Germany." A special train carried Gens. Eisenhower, Clark and Doolittle and high-ranking British officers at 2 AM, Nov. 5, to a south coast town, where the "bodies," as Interesting circumstances surrounding south coast fown, where the "bodies," as they were referred to in official orders, were taken by automobile to waiting Fortresses. All departed except Gen. Doolittle, whose plane developed faulty

brakes.
"That night, Nov. 5, a careless enlisted man talked too much in a local pub about the events of the day," the book relates. "He was immediately arrested, charged with a most serious violation of security. By" while illustrated next day when Gen. Doolittle's plane was attacked in the Bay of Biscay





Three-pronged blow at targets in France on July 4 split Nazi fighter defenses effectively. Two formations struck across Channel (right) while a third (left) skirted the coast for surprise attack on the La Pallice U-boat base. Force attacking Nantes turned out to sea for the return trip; the other two virtually retraced their inward routes.

mines, about the size of shoeboxes, fired by anti-aircraft guns in an attempt to stop the Forts; the tragic ending of a Fort whose crew mistook the Brest peninsula for the English coast and swept low for Nazaire, when Fortresses flew in a 7,000 to 10,000 feet instead of the customary 20,000-plus, with the result that every ship was hit by flak.

The heretofore secret stories told—though news—are far from being the major feature of the book.

#### · Questions Answered

The Eighth's development, the trials that faced its commanders and crews, the that faced its commanders and crews, the experiments that were tried to find the key to successful daylight bombing against the toughest opposition in the world and the tension that gripped the Air Force until its methods had been tried and proven—these form the real content.

Scattered through the book are quotes from combat officers and men that will

Scattered through the book are quotes from combat officers and men that will raise the eyebrows of any American at home who may read the daily communiques complacently and ask why the Eighth Air Force doesn't go out every day, and in greater force, and with more sensational results.

day, and in greater force, and with more sensational results.

What is probably the first published map showing the routes taken by Forts or Libs on a specific raid tells the story of the triple-pronged blow at occupied France on July 4 this year. The targets were the Gnome and Rhone Aero Factory at Le Mans, an aircraft factory at Names.

were the Gnome and Rhone Aero Factory at Le Mans, an aircraft factory at Nantes and the U-boat installations at La Pallice.

Two strong Fortress formations flying parallel courses crossed the French coast just east of the Cherbourg peninsula shortly after noon to hit Le Mans and Nantes

by four Ju88s. It succeeded in escaping only after a sharp running fight."

Numerous other facts previously security-bound also are published, including the use by Germans of parachute mines about the ire of checkers.

All of the significant raids during the

All of the significant raids during the first year of operation, those that were costly, those that were highly successful, are described in "Target: Germany," frequently in detail that has not been permitted previously for publication. The limited but important part played by the Liberators and Marauders during that first year is described in detail.

Summing up, the book says: "On Aug. 17, 1942, 12 Flying Fortresses

on Aug. 17, 1942, 12 Flying Fortresses stepped accurately but not heavily on the little finger of the Nazi war machine. They penetrated 50 miles into France, dropped 18 tons of bombs on the marshalling yards at Rouen and returned

"On Aug. 17, 1943, three American aerial task forces, totalling more than 350 Fortresses, struck two hard blows at the industrial heart of Germany. Two of the forces, dropping 424 tons of bombs on Schweinfurt, fought their way back to Britain. The third force, hitting Regensburg with 298 tons, roared on across the Mediterranean. As the brakes squealed on African runways and the tired men climbed down, a cycle became complete. The Eighth Bomber Command's first year over Europe was ended. over Europe was ended.

## Picture Incomplete

"What the year proved," what it added up to, cannot be summarized in a phrase. The official figures: 16,977 tons of bombs dropped, 2,050 enemy fighters destroyed, 472 bombers and 4,481 men missing, do not give the complete picture—any more than Goebbels' mid-August statement that the war in the air was Germany's most serious problem."

An inventory of the 124 attacks made

An inventory of the 124 attacks made by the Eighth Bomber Command in its first year included: U-boat operating bases, 22; U-boat building yards, 19; ship repair yards, 4; airfields, 18; German air force installations, 11; synthetic rubber plant, 1; magnesium, aluminum and nitrate works, 1; transport and shipping facilities, 26; industrial plants (tire, automotive, steel, etc.), 6; aircraft factories, 8, and industrial targets of opportunity, 8. shortly after noon to hit Le Mans and Nantes.

As the Germans frantically prepared to defend those areas, still a third formation of some 70 Forts, which had made a wide swing out to sea, struck La Pallice 200 miles south.

The Nazi defenses were split effectively. The Le Mans force bit the target and went back on virtually the same route it had taken coming in. The Nantes force swing westward to sea and skirted the French coast to England. The La Pallice force smashed the U-boat installations and leaded back to sea for another wide detour home. U.S. losses were less than three per cent, and American guns



"Progress is a wonderful t'ing-look what des pills did for your sore feet!"

# Section

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# BLACK GANG

How it feels to be "down below" during what the German radio announced as "the most successful U-boat attack ever carried out against an Allied convoy," told by one who was serving in that convoy at the height of the intense submarine warfare last winter.

#### By Don Hewitt,

Merchant Marine Editor

struck eight bells. The third mate passageway. coming on for the eight to 12 watch stamped the snow off his boots Everyone else made for the boat deck as he came in from the wing of the

Watch that bastard up ahead; he's been all over the ocean," said the chief mate, who was being relieved of the watch. "She's turning ness. about sixty-four revs. Watch yourself. We're up on his tail again."

The wind whined for a second as the mate opened the door to go below. Again everything was quiet. The ship rose and fell in the long, high swells. The vessel shipped occasional sprays over the foredeck. A faint glow from the compass light shone on the AB's face as he stood at the wheel, "Right a little," said the third, "Right a little," said the AB.

The telephone from the radio shack rang sharply, breaking the momentary silence. "What's up, momentary silence, "V sparky?" asked the third.

"Just received a distress message. Somebody got it, but didn't give his position.

"Probably down in the Caribbean somewhere," answered the third, with an air of nonchalance. "Okay, sparky, I'll tell the old man."

### 'They Got a Corvette'

Suddenly a snowflake rocket lit up the horizon. "Hey, mate," said the AB, "they got one of the corvettes." "Captain," said the third, bursting

into the skipper's room, "they just knocked off one of the escorts. "Okay," said the old man, "ring the general alarm."

The nerve-wracking clanging of the alarm turned the crew out of their bunks. A poker game in the messroom was forgotten. A jack-high straight lay sprawled on the table. A dog-eared copy of "Film Fun" was tossed across the room. A portable mate-vic droned out the last bars of "As "Six Time Goes By"-all forgotten in the

HE clock in the wheelhouse everywhere men poured out into the

The gun crew made for the turrets.

the came in from the wing of the everyone but the black gang!

Sixty feet below decks, down the black gang!

We're heading about six three, beneath the level of the water, the statch that bastard up ahead; clanging of the alarm didn't mean run for safety. It meant stick to your jobs, It meant an utter feeling of helpless-

> The oiler looked up through a maze of gratings to the hatch above-a hell of a long climb if you had to get out in a hurry. Almost four more hours on this watch. Four hours to wait while enemy U-boats swarmed around the ships. Four hours down under the sea, lower perhaps than the sub-marines themselves. The clock on the dial panel ticked off the seconds. It was easy to read a slide rule or work out formulas back at the academy on Long Island. How steady The huge engines throbbed monotonously.

Each member of the black gang went on about his duties. The oiler passed by on his rounds. He forced a smile and then paused and cocked his head.

### 'Shook Like a Wet Dog'

A depth charge rumbled astern. The floor plates shivered. Another

one. This time closer. All the machinery seemed to vibrate.

"Up two revs," shouted the mate through the speaking tube. The engineer reached over and turned the throttle. Another depth charge rumbled. This time the entire ship shook like a wet dog shook like a wet dog.

"What's going on up there?" said the engineer through the tube.

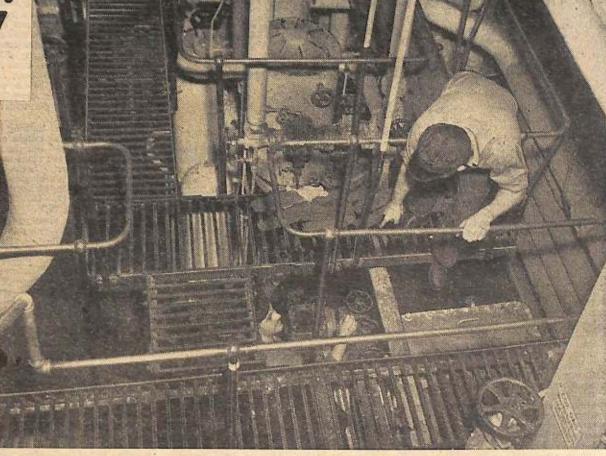
"Nothing much-just got one of the corvettes. The destroyers are tossing ash cans around. Can you hear them?

'Can we hear them? It sounds like they're dropping them in the shaft alley," shouted back the en-

gineer.
"What're we turning?" asked the

"Sixty-six."

"Make it sixty-eight. We'll give



The engine cadet, a green wideeyed kid from New Hampshire, was making his first trip.

was his hand now? How clear was his mind when the lives of other men depended on him? Sure, he was scared, so was every last man on the ship. He thought about New Hamp-shire and about the three-quarter inch plate that stood between him and his ever seeing home again. Not much protection in the face of 500 pounds of T.N.T. Still, no time to think about that. If anything went wrong now they'd be dead ducks for sure, Stragglers don't have much chance when there are U-boats around.

#### He Knew His Job

"Hey, cadet," the engineer shouted, give the fireman a hand with those burners." Now he had something to do. Now he knew he'd be okay. There were a lot of guys up above counting on him, and he sure as hell wouldn't let them down. He started to whistle as he headed toward the burners.

"Only bosuns and damn fools whistle," the engineer shouted, whistle," the engineer shouted, you're no bosun." The whistling stopped.

The fireman was on his first trip, too. Just three weeks out of the Maritime Training Station at Hoff- wrecked engine room with twisted dangerous jobs in the merchant man Island, N.Y., but he knew his pipes and smashed gratings, and each marine, and in a branch of the service job. He'd never been aboard a ship one saw himself down in that inferno that has the highest casualty rate of them all, brother, that's dangerous his train from Iowa arrived in New York, but he'd been trained at the station by men who had been going to sea since before the last war. He also thought about the other guys depending on him.

The fireman bent over the burner. He'd done this a hundred times back at school. His hand shook a little, not enough to notice. He knew that those burners had to be kept free of carbon. The ship had to give off as little smoke as possible or else at dawn the black smoke from their stack would give the lurking U-boats something to follow. Not only this ship but the whole convoy depended on those burners being clean.

## The Kid Lends a Hand

The wiper who didn't stand a watch, but who did only day work, tapped the third assistant on the shoulder. "What the hell are you doing down here?" the third asked

"Thought you might need a hand," said the blonde 17-year-old kid.

"Get the hell out of here. You looking for trouble?" said the engineer, motioning toward the ladder. kid grinned as he started up.

"That kid's got a lot of spunk," confided the engineer to the oiler. Not even old enough to be drafted and he picks a spot like this for him-

A dull thud to port and a harsh "Up two" through the speaking tube. aking his first trip.

"Tanker just got it and the blaze is lighting us up like daylight. The old man says to make tracks away from

> Again the engineer reached over and turned the throttle. The throbbing of the engines seemed to get louder. The cadet looked over at the side of the ship. Any minute a big ugly tin fish could come crashing in. He walked over to the water fountain. His throat felt a bit parched.

bravery. He thought about the cadet who climbed back into an engine room frothing with live steam to drag out an injured oiler. He thought about the cadet who volunteered to stay below with the chief engineer and try to bring the ship in, even though she already had two torpedoes in her, and another liable to come any second.

Before midnight four more ships were torpedoed. Up on the boat-deck the second assistant engineer and his men on the 12 to 4 watch saw each one of them go down, saw one ship get it midships. No one said anything, but they all knew. They pictured a

"Okay boys, let's get going," the second assistant said to his gang. The fireman looked back at the blazing tanker as they trooped into the passageway leading to the engine room hatch.

And so on through the night and next day-watch after watch trooped down the ladder figuring that they were going below for the last time. Ship after ship in the convoy shimmied, threw out a red flash, heeled over and sank.

His Thoughts Travel Back
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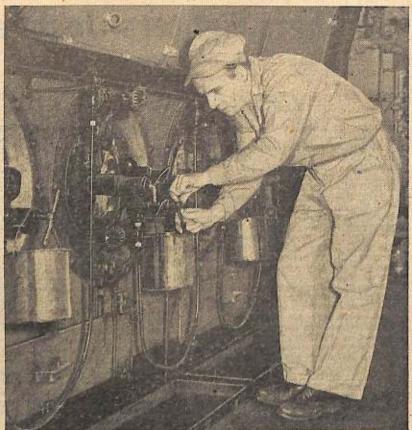
He may be at school who had been cited for one moment of relaxation. Even bravery. He thought about the cadet after one gruelling attack is over there is no feeling of security. The attack may be resumed without warning

In the beginning of the war a ship was towed into port with a hole big enough to drive a car through ripped in the side of the engine room. The deck gang brought the ship in, but it was the black gang who volunteered to go back into that wrecked engine room to man the pumps which kept the vessel afloat.

No one is drafted into a black gang, and they're made up of salts, and landlubbers, New Yorkers and Texans, older men and young kids, who know when they sign on that they are volunteering for the most dangerous jobs in the merchant



"What's going on up there?"



The Black Gang went about its duties.

# Ace In The Hole

The USS Card proved the flat tops, with their fighters and escorts, were a match for Hitler's U-Boat wolf-pack

By Jack Foster

Stars and Stripes Navy Writer

A N insight into the combined operations of the U.S. Navy's seagoing and skygoing sailors in the Battle of the Atlantic against Germany's greatest sea weapon—the U-boat—was made public recently when a Presidential Unit Citation was awarded the USS Card, an escort carrier, her air squadrons and her escort vessels. As a team the unit destroyed more vessels. As a team the unit destroyed more submarines than any other group in naval history with the loss of only one vessel,

an over-age destroyer.

The Card, a baby flat top converted from the hull of a building merchant ship, carried Composite Squadrons One and Nine flying Grumman Avenger torpedo bombers and Wildeat fighters. Her escorts were the destroyers Borie, Goff and Barry of the 1917 class, each displacing 1,190 tons. The Borie went down after ramming a buse submarine in midocean.

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When the Allies bridged the Atlantic convoy routes with a protective cover of aircraft and began sending more and more Axis subs to the bottom, strategists of the Unterseebooten Fleet increased the antiaircraft armament of their vessels. When the first of these nosed into Atlantic waters in September the Card and her flying and floating auxiliaries went out to meet them.

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Their first successes were told in a Navy Department release accompanying the cita-

tion award.
"An indication of the manner in which the Card has been carrying the fight to the U-boats is to relate the account of her activities during three consecutive days,"

"Her Air Group had drawn first blood from the enemy only a few days before and her pilots were chafing for more

Lt. Asbury H. Sallenger, USNR, Goldsboro, N.C., an Avenger pilot, was the first to find it. Ranging far from the carrier early in the morning he spotted two surfaced subs and went in for the attack. He damaged one so severely with his bombs that it could not subspace and is solved.

He damaged one so severely with his bombs that it could not submerge and received the coup de grace a few moments later from other torpedo planes and strafing Wildcats. The other sub was listed as a probable kill.

Another sub had been detected meanwhile by the Borie. The destroyer took full anti-submarine action but the results were doubtful. The two actions indicated, however, that a wolf pack was hidden beneath the tossing seas in the vicinity.

Lt. Sallenger took off again the next morning with Ensign John F. Sprague, USNR, Sunnyside, Wash, flying alongside in a Wildcat. Again a pair of subs were encountered and another battle was on. Lt. Sallenger told of it later.

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"The weather was poor when we took off, with a solid overcast, rain squalls and poor visibility. Sprague was flying on my wing" he said. "All at once I spotted two U-boats, only 150 yards apart, moving slowly on almost parallel courses.

"I signalled Sprague to attack and he made a beautiful strafing run, giving that sub a methodical going over with his machine-guns. But as I followed him in I got some AA in my fuselage, putting out picion of an undersea raider they pock-

my inter-plane communication and elec-trical systems and also damaging the vertical fin of my plane and the rudder. Everything happened suddenly, and the damage to my electrical system prevented the release of bombs on my first run.

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"I pulled up and out for a second attack, with my engine popping and cutting out. Meanwhile, Sprague was making another excellent strafing run on the other sub.

"When I went in on my second run I got hit again and the wing burst into flames. I made my 'drop,' however, and looked back to make sure my bombs exploded in the proper place. The explosions, which seemed to go off right under the sub, covered it with water.

"My wing was now burning badly, so I

covered it with water.

"My wing was now burning badly, so I dropped my remaining bombs and made a water landing. It put out the fire on the wing. I got out of the plane and saw that the turret gunner, James O'Hagen, AMM3c, USNR, Washington, D.C., was out all right, but saw no sign of the radio operator, John D. Downes, ACRM, USNR, Beechhurst, N.Y.

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"I swam into the plane to look for him, but got only half-way into the tunnel when the plane sank. I looked up to see Sprague going in for another attack, and then O'Hagen and I got the life raft inflated. I didn't see or hear Sprague again."

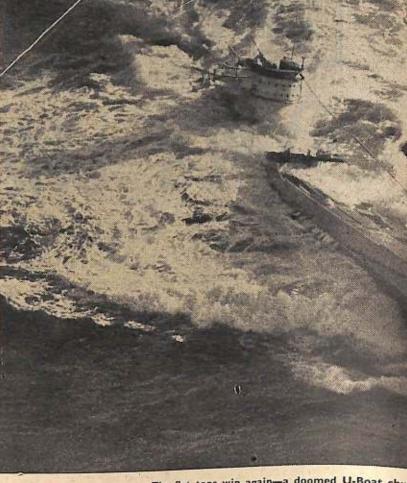
Lt. Sallenger and O'Hagen paddled their raft through oil slick from the stricken U-hoat.

U-boat.
"It was so new we could smell fresh oil,"

Later they were spotted by planes from the Card and picked up by the Barry after seven hours aboard the raft.

The Borie was busy again on the second

day, attacking a submarine with depth charges. Another G-boat was attacked by a plane from the Card and the depth charges of the Goff, and was listed as a probable kill.



The flat tops win again-a doomed U-Boat chur

marked the surface with exploding depth bombs. Results ranged from "negative" to "possible."

Then the Borie changed her course and raced off on a night foray away from the unit. In a few hours a radioman in the wireless shack aboard the Card picked up a message from the old destroyer.

"Scratch one pig boat," it read. "Am searching for more."

searching for more.

The Borie had found her prey. Her depth charges already had finished one and she charged another at full speed. Her sharp prow crashed over the enemy pigboat, puncturing the raider's skin.

In the next few moments the Borie and

the U-boat fought hulls-together. A Reuter's dispatch told of the dramatic

"The Nazis tried to fire their guns and the Borie's crew shot and threw everything they had at them—including shotguns, pistols and rifles. One threw a knife which

hit a German sailor in the stomach, knocking him into the sea.

"The destroyer's guns fired point blank at ranges of between ten and 40 feet before the U-boat ripped loose. The force of the ramming had opened holes in the Borie's hull but before sinking she circled the crippled U-boat and fired the death blows."

The Borie's sister ships raced to the scene



'Chutes demand painstaking care from S/Sgt. Partee and Cpl. Alfonsi.

# They Fix Anything! Business is never dull who operate a

OU walk into the shop and see the big on with his job. He's Cpl. Lester G. Riley, year ago June, on maneuvers," says

spect 'em and dry 'em and pack 'em. But that's just a part of our business, almost a sideline. What we really run here is a custom tailoring shop."

At the back of the shop hang some uniforms to be pressed, three or four shirts for alteration, a cap some ground officer has left to have the crown cut low and rakish, four-engine style. On shelves are newly made mechanics' caps, cocky jockey numbers with red leatherette visors. Nearby a man is hunched over a sewing machine, stitching an earphone into a flying helmet. Strewn about on tables are other priority items awaiting his attention—a couple of flak-ripped chute harnesses, a torn flying suit, a Mae West with broken strate.

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The man working with the helmet under the flashing needle looks up, grins and goes

says. . we run a short order custom shop. Gun covers, nose covers, turret covers, anything. Or take the licutenant who just left. He wanted a carrier for his oxygen bottle. We turned it out for him in covers, anything. Or take the licutenant who just left. He wanted a carrier for his oxygen bottle. We turned it out for him in covers, anything. Or take the licutenant who just left. He wanted a carrier for his oxygen bottle. We turned it out for him in covers, anything. Or take the licutenant who just left. He wanted a carrier for his oxygen bottle. We turned it out for him in covers, anything. Or take the licutenant who just left. He wanted a carrier for his overs, anything. Or take the licutenant who just left. He wanted a carrier for his overs, anything. Or take the licutenant who just left. He wanted a carrier for his overs, anything. Or take the licutenant who just left. He wanted a carrier for his overs, anything. Or take the licutenant who just left. He wanted a carrier for his overs, anything. Or take the licutenant who just left. He wanted a carrier for his overs, anything. Or take the licutenant who just left. He wanted a carrier for his overs, anything. Or take the licutenant who just left. He wanted a carrier for his overs in the senion. The provide in the number of the oversing, says Summer. "The number of the vening," says Summer. "You oughta hear the spirituals around here in the evening," s

# Bombers, Fighters—Just Pals

By George Maskin Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

HAT makes a member of a Flying Fort crew suddenly leap upon a flier -identified as a fighter pilot-and embrace the fellow, even though they're strangers?

And, what leads the Fort gang to throw parties for the fighter men, such as the affair held recently at an Eighth Air Force Bomber station and to idolize them as THEIR heroes in this war?

1/Lt. Warren Bacon, of Portland, Ore., who has completed his 25th ride over Germany, will tell you why the bomber gang goes overboard for the fighters.

"They're the most welcomed sight in the world—over Germany, France and Norway," Bacon started out. "They make you feel 100 per cent better, and much

"You stand a better chance of completing the job, as it should be done, because with the fighter protection you can concentrate on precision bombing. Byfore we had the fighter escorts we faced a double job-fighting and bombing.

"Today, if one of our ships is damaged by flak and drops out of formation, no longer does the crew sweat the trip home by itself. In fact, in pre-fighter days, if you became a straggler, your changes of getting home were thinner than some

Lt. Bacon pointed out that during the first half of his missions the German fighters produced the biggest headaches for the bombers. Now, flak does, German fighters have ceased to be any appreciable

fighters have ceased to be any appreciable cause of worry and trouble.

"The Messerschmitts rarely ever smashed through one of our formations," the Lieutenant continued. "They'd wait for a straggler, then 15 or 20 of them would jump the ship forced to fall behind. Even with all the guns a Fort has, the odds of winning that fight were small.

"Now, our stragglers have protection from the fighters. The Germans hesitate attacking a B17 moving off its regular course. They don't appear to relish a Fort's guns and those of our fighters. If we must abort, it's the same thing. We can breathe easier."

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Lt. Bacon pointed to a chart showing the raids made by his group since arriving in England. Significant, indeed, are the figures which reveal that until mid-August, the number of German fighters shot down by Americans in one raid was as great as the figure now bagged in half a dozen, if not more.

"That's not because our shooting eyes have failed us suddenly," Lt. Bacon added. "Nor have those German fellows learned to dodge us. The reason is simple: with the increase in the number of our fighters, the German fighters have decreased.

the German fighters have decreased.

"It's evident to us, the German fighters banked on the flak to bump us out of line and for clear sailing to complete the 'kill.'

The flak still is there, but the clear sailing

isn't, which blows up the Nazi plans and

makes their work less and less effective."

The chart, incidentally, showed that on the particular group's first raid of Emden in May, they knocked down 15 Mes. Shortly afterward they flagged 18 in a trip to Paris. More recent visits to the same spots by Forts resulted in the erasure of no Germa cart. German craft. There wasn't any around to buck the Forts and the fighters.

Lt. Bacon's brother B17 members joined in the praise of their "fighting" guests.

"It's a shame they can't go deeper into Germany," Col. Archie J. Old Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., a Wing Operations officer,

said.

According to 1/Lt. Clarence Kiesler, of Taylor, Tex., a lead navigator, the new pilots invading German territory have no idea "what we used to go through."

"Raids today are 'milk runs' compared to those of three months ago—thanks to the fighter escorts," Lt. Kiesler explained.

Major Jack W. Hayes, of San Diego, Cal., told of his experience returning from Bremen the day before.

"We had trouble, and had to turn

"We had trouble, and had to turn around. Immediately two fighters picked us up and we coasted merrily home without the slightest bit of trouble, without a gun cracking. In July, minus our fighters, well

—I'd hate to think of what might have happened to us. We probably wouldn't be here to toast those fellows."

Lt. Col. Stanley I. Hand, meantime, had a confession to make to the pursuit ship operators.

operators.

"There was a time when we didn't think we needed fighter protection," Lt. Col. Hand said. "We know differently today: Many of us owe our lives to the Fighters, and together we'll knock Hell out of the Hun,"



Fighter pilot L. E. McCarthy and Bomber pilot W.F. Bacon talk it over-



I fought to keep her affoat but her skipfeared she would capsize during the
ph and gave the order to abandon ship.
2 Goff and the Barry, maneuvering in
heavy seas, took all but 27 of the crew
on the stricken vessel. Next morning,
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on her own carrier's planes.
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# Weather Is His Business

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"Rain? Depends on the prebaratic tendencies of the pseudo-adiabatic sferies," he says, with a fond glance at his wind sock, "It's raining right now in Wales and the upper Bronx."

At briefings he's more specific. "You can expect about four to six tenths cloud coverage over the target," he likes to tell the combat crews, who find him about four to six tenths infallible.

But for all that, Cloudy gives the lie to Mark Twain. Not only does he talk about the weather—he does something about it. In a passive sort of way, anyhow. For, as he frequently points out, "I don't control this weather in the ETO—I just predict it." And with the former statement, at least, there seems to be little foom for argument.

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Weather in the ETO is one of those jokes you smile at externally and weep about inside. It's the greatest secret weapon against aircraft ever devised. Hence the Eighth Air Force's weather forecasting-system, as extensive and effective as you'll find anywhere in the world today. If not always sure-fire, it at least enables us to fool some of the enemy all of the time and all of ourselves, including the weathermen, all of ourselves, including the weathermen, only some of the time. Which, judging by results, seems to be the right formula for

results, seems to be the right formula for winning the air war in Europe.

Lt. Schmidlein's weather office is typical of those at other Eighth Air Force and RAF stations throughout England. At his command is just about every known scientific weather device excepting an anemometer and a direct wire to Arpad, the New York World-Telegram's rooster. An anemometer, incidentally, is an instrument soon to be installed which indicates, through an intricate combination of dials, lights and buzzers, which way the wind is blowing and how hard. It will completely obviate any further need for looking out the window at the wind sock.

at the wind sock.

Weather forecasting is a large scale, cooperative venture. Into Lt. Schmidlein's office via teletype flows a constant stream of local observations from hundreds of other stations in Britain, Iceland, the

Even in the ETO rain depends on the prebaratic tendencies of the pseudo-adiabatic atmospherics, so say the Expert's

Schmidlein himself swells the chorus by reporting hourly his own local observa-tions, which include type and height of clouds, present weather (rain, clear, fog,

Azores, and such neutral countries as Spain and Sweden, plus reports from five weather reconnaissance planes flying fixed daily routes out over the Atlantic and back.

Schmidtain himself swells the charus by foregoing are qualified observers. Understudying them are two student observers: Cpl. William M. Oakley, 19, of Barnsdale, Oklahoma; and Pfe Johnny L. Moore, 19,

they wolf their coffee and sandwiches, accepts their jeers or cheers with a sheepish grin, and finds out what the weather actually was. This intelligence he passes on post haste to higher headquarters.

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The most important part of the weather officer's job, oddly enough, is making forecasts. But the most fun is in making local observations, probably because of the variety of tricky gadgets involved.

Outside Lt. Schmidlein's office, which is in the flight control building on the edge of the flying field, a short gravel path leads to his instrument shelter, a little white birdhouse on a post. Inside are a maximum and minimum thermometer and a psychrometer.

ometer.

Exactly 150 and 1,500 feet from the shelter are two black and white striped posts, used to gauge visibility. For the same purpose Schmidlein has taken a jeep and driven across country to measure distances to other visible objects—trees, hangar, even a faraway wireless tower. It is from the shelter, also, that he observes the flights of his balloons. These are the usual toy size but are scientifically inflated



It looks like rain, Lt. Schmidlein tells an assistant, Pfc John Moore.

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whien, Tenn.; Sgt. Harry D. Bow-5, of Dayton, Ohio; and Pvt. Olen Land, 22, of Rochelle, Ga.-"Y" Land to the rest of the boys he he's six feet four.

me of the men specializes, but Land by works with the chutes more than other equipment and knows them miside out. "We load them on the and take them off again after each of the says, "inspecting them every of that and oil. Every 30 days they're and and given a good going over, a quarter-inch or less we mend here. Bything bigger we send the chute to the says of four inches or more. depot. A rip of four inches or more or a whole new canopy panel, even the panels are seamed into sections

lety, e chures hang for 24 hours to dry repacking," says Land. "We have line motor outside blowing hot air a. After the chute has dried, it takes 45 minutes to repack. We look the 7 over again at that time, watching ally for any trace of oil or moisture. The church halp keep the canopy of prevent milder.

"In packing, the shroud lines go in first, then the canopy, then the pilot chute, then the rip cord and seal. A properly packed chute will open in 21 seconds, the elastic sides of the pack snapping back and releasing the pilot chute when the cord is pulled, breaking the seal.

"Most of our chutes here are chest type. The boys like them better than the seat type, which are a little awkward when you're scrambling out a hatch. However, it depends mostly on your position in the

"Our chutes are 24 feet in diameter, have 24 panels and a pilot chute 24 inches square. The shroud lines are 16 feet long and each one has a tensile strength of 450 pounds. The canopy has the same strength per square inch. Our new chutes are nylon and even better than silk. Altogether the pack and harness weighs 25 pounds.

"We inspect and repack from 500 to 600 chutes a month. Besides that we inspect and pack life-rafts, load first-aid kits and run our tailor shop. Work? Sure... we're open 24 hours a day and last week was the first time I'd been off the buse in two months. But don't think any of us begrudge the time. We'd hate to think somebody's chute didn't open because of some oversight of ours. It hasn't happened yet and we don't aim to let it."

hail, etc.), ceiling, visibility, cloud cover-age, pressure, pressure tendency, tempera-ture, and relative humidity.

of Norman, Oklahoma. The job is just temporary for Moore, who is "sweating out a flying cadet appointment I got when

Observations coming into his office are Observations coming into his office are posted on a large map of Britain, Europe, and the eastern half of the Atlantic. Standard weather map symbols indicate conditions at each reporting station and give an overall picture. Concentric isobars, or aerial contour lines, are drawn to connect points of equal atmospheric pressure, and job points in the isobars, revealing giant faults or crevices in the air structure, are connected by long red. revealing giant faults or crevices in the air structure, are connected by long red, green, purple, and blue lines representing "fronts." The general effect is that of an iridescent spiderweb, and the general significance is moot. Other things remaining equal, which they never do, bad weather immediately precedes a warm front and immediately follows a cool front. Good weather, if any, comes between fronts. All of this, however, is subject to change without notice, especially in the ETO.

Schmidlein frequently assigns the job

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my squadron was in training back at Cut Bank, Montana."

A new map is posted about every six hours and tacked on the wall beside earlier maps. There are four of them up at all maps. There are four of them up at all times, giving a sort of moving picture of the weather over the past 18 hours. It is chiefly from these maps that forecasts are made, and in this Lt. Schmidlein has the assistance of two qualified forecasters: T/Sgt. Glenn L. Heaton, 28, of Charleroy, Pennsylvania, and S/Sgt. Arthur O. Muetzenberg, 24, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Schmidlein and his assistants put out two

Schmidlein and his assistants put out two local forecasts daily and furnish additional ones on demand. At the drop of a hailstone they'll tell you all you need to know about surface winds, upper winds, weather, visibility, clouds, freeezing level and other items. Also, the weather officer is on hand at every briefing with forecasts for each leg of the route to the target and back. Schmidlein frequently assigns the job of map posting to Cpl. Robert Block, 25, of Bogardus Place, New York City, a former city clerk. He got his training as a weather observer at Pine Camp, New York. Others who help out on map posting include Sgts. John P. Thomas, 23, of Cleveland, Ohio; Milburn J. Mills, 25,

to insure a constant rate of climb. They are used to measure ceiling, or cloud height,

are used to measure ceiling, or cloud height, and, with the help of trigonometry and a theodolite, to determine upper wind directions and speeds. At night ceiling is determined by sighting along an alidade to find the angle at which a vertical searchlight beam 1,000 feet distance hits the clouds.

Lt. Schmidlein prepared for his present job at the Army Air Forces School of Meteorology at New York University, to which he was assigned immediately upon enlistment in the spring of 1942. At that time he was just two and a half months short of an A.B. at Fordham, where he was a member of the track team. Upon completing the weather course he was awarded a B.S. from NYU and a commission.

His task today is about as tough a one as you'll find in the ground echelon of an Eighth Air Force heavy bombardment group, chiefly because of the irregular hours. He has to attend every briefing

# nat's In It For the GI Joe?

By Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.

EDITOR'S NOTE: For all of you who soldiers you have sent off to the various froms of the world, Senator Lodge has me inspiring message of hope and guidance. From his own experience on the African battle front, he is able to tell you that a man is a better man for having been part of the greatest fight in history, and that he will return more cognizant of and that he will return more cognizant of real and lasting human values.

"HE practical, tangible rewards to a man in military service are few indeed-assuming, in the first place, that he even gets out of it alive and whole. There may be promotion and Prestige for the professional soldier, and men sometimes learn a trade or skill they can use in time of peace.

To this list should perhaps be added the exceptional cases of men whose war tervice enables them to write a book or play or movie scenario which brings them mancial rewards, and the still more exceptional case of the man whose military Political career.

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But such tangible rewards will not come to most men. In fact, even some of the less tangible rewards will not be theirs.

The adventure of front-line action, which can be the most vivid and stirring experience in life, is not an inevitable part of every man's military service. Actually he is far more likely to have prolonged periods of boredom, broken by sharp moments in the shadow of death.

Then, for every soldier who harvests the glory of war in decorations and honors there are many, equally brave, whose valor will not be recognized. It is not even probable that continuing popular acclaim will be theirs once the war is over.

Certainly, the past shows us that an outstanding war record is no guarantee of political or business success. The mass of people who have not actually experienced war presently tire of hearing

The war veteran, to be sure, does have a privileged legal status. He receives deferment, pensions, bonuses, disability pay and hospitalization. Moreover, every effort will be made after this war to give him a job. After all past wars, however, the wandering and unemployed war vet-

In his fight for a free new world, what does the soldier himself stand to gain? America's Senator soldier has a message for the men on the battlefield eran was an all too familiar sight; for analysis, the stream of history has always your fellow man. You form friendships

the jobs, naturally enough, were in the been determined by the man at arms, hands of the men and women left behind.

If, therefore, you are looking for a practical reward as a result of your wartime service, you will probably be disappointed. Naturally, you might be expected to ask yourself: "What is there in it for me? Can I expect to come out of this war with real gains of some sort -assuming, of course, that I do not become a casualty?"

The answer is that you can. There are many profound and lasting satisfactions wartime service can bring.

First of all, you are making a decisive contribution to a cause in which you believe. You may not be fighting primarily to establish the "four freedoms" among all the peoples of the world, but you can certainly have the satisfaction of knowing that you are fighting for the very life of your country and for all the people in it whom you hold dear. To almost any man, the knowledge that he is fighting to protect his own family makes a vital, basic appeal.

If you have a sense of history, there is the satisfaction which comes from being a member of a profession which has such an immemorial status. In the last

Then, there is a satisfaction in the knowledge that you are physically, mentally and psychologically able to meet the greatest of life's tests. It is good to know that you are in every way as wellequipped to meet the demands of war and peace as the man next to you.

There is also a great satisfaction to be derived from overcoming obstacles-and war consists largely in overcoming obstacles. For example, the night is dark; no one has slept or eaten for many hours; the bridge is destroyed-yet the tanks must be moved forward over the river. And somehow it is done. Some-how trees are cut down, boards are nailed together and the tanks are moved over in time to have a decisive effect on the general tactical situation.

Take another example. A soldier is wounded. Thanks to your ingenuity and training, you are able to take effective first-aid measure and get him to a point where he can receive adequate medical care. Perhaps you save his life. What deed could rank higher on any roster of rewards?

mes from being Lastly, your human relationships are which has such stepped up. Service as a soldier teaches In the last you as nothing else does to appreciate

and affections for men in a way that is otherwise impossible. To experience at first hand all of the gaiety and humor, all of the determination and endurance, and all of the courage and self-sacrifice which men demonstrate in combat, will permanently change and improve your view-point about your fellow men.

Service as a soldier gives you a sense of proportion about what is important and what is not. It makes you appreciate the good things of life you once took for granted. It stops you from the habit of fussing about trifles.

Service as a soldier should make a normal man psychologically mature so that, spiritually speaking, he has both feet on the ground and is no longer the prey of fear, superstition or gossip. He is able to see himself clearly in relation to life as it really is.

Finally, service as a soldier increases the quality—if not the quantity—of your life. It can make you more of a person than you ever were before or than you could become without it. You become one with the life and with the stream of history of your country. Most important of all, the grim test of war can enable you to realize and fulfil your true relationship to God.

Groucho Marx on

Building a Super Secret Weapon:

T has recently come to these shifty old eyes that the U.S. Army has announced the Bazooka as an official weapon in World War II. That pleases me moderately because the inventor of this lethal instrument is my friend Bob Burns. It seems that this Bazooka shoots rockets at enemy soldiers, and if that doesn't do the trick, it plays a few choruses of the "Arkansas Traveller" for the coup de grace-that's French for those who care for French.

Now, I'm not one to belittle such a great achievement. But truth compels me to announce that Bob Burns's Bazooka is already obsolete! It's as out of date as a porter-house steak. You hear it from my own lips-I who have invented the Super-Bazooka. This amazing new weapon operates on exactly the opposite principle from the old one. Briefly, where Bob Burns's Bazooka shoots rockets at Nazis, my Super-Bazooka will shoot Nazis at Bob Burns. This doesn't have much to do with winning the war, but it seems like a good idea in general.

#### Its a Super-Bazooka

But then, the Super-Bazooka is merely one among countless other inventions of mine. For example, Marx's Military Dice. These cubes are equipped with cleats on each face and are especially adapted for use in rocky terrain. Pull up a bayonet and sit down and I'll tell you the whole gripping story of my rise to obscurity as a secret-weapon genius.



In 1937, by popular demand, I decided to retire from public life and seek what had always been my true goal-content-ment. "A loaf of bread, a jug of wine that's how

Omar Khayyam put it. As far as I'm concerned you can switch the wine for a bottle of beer (you know what kind!).
And while you're about it you can switch the bread for a

Ah, Contentment!

But soon the bugles of war aroused me from my lethargy. In rapid succession, I was rejected by the Army, the Navy, Marines, Wacs and Waves. I even tried to enlist in the Spars as a Sparring partner, but they said I was too feminine.

In desperation I offered myself to the Wags. However, at the induction test, I proved gun-shy and also bit a technical sergeant as he was examining my dew-

## Man or Mouse, Who Knows?

For weeks I was utterly crestfallen, but one day I looked myself straight in the eye-not an easy trick with bifocals. "Am I a man or a mouse?" I demanded. I a man or a mouse?" I demanded. (Readers are invited to send in their votes. All ballots marked Rat will be discarded unless there is cheese attached.) Anyway, I boarded a train and after three days on the rods, I arrived in Washington and

went straight to the War Department.
"Lafayetie, I am here!" I announced. They threw me out. I then buttonholed Secretary Stimson or General Marshall-I forget which one it was, but whoever he told me that they were pretty led up at present. "Who are you, well filled up at present, anyway?" he asked.

"Who am 1?" I parried. "Why, I'm America's greatest inventor. Gad, sir, have you never heard of Marx's Dropped Living Rooms for Fallen Arches?'

"Why, naturally!" he cried. "And the fact is, Mr. Marx, we have an opening for an inventor.

The opening proved to be a window on the twelfth floor. In less time than it takes to tell, I was dusting off my pants on the side walk.

#### Quizz Answers

The U.S.S. Battan.

Eleven.

From 1:30 to 5:30 PM, a special arrangement for warworking housewives.

Edinburgh. Copenhagen. Vladivostock, Edinburgh is about 16 miles north of Copenhagen; more than 900 miles north of Vladivostock.

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Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau and W. A. Julian, U.S. Treasurer.

A criminal act; the legal term for maining a person by depriving him of the use of any of his members necessary for defending himself.

Pilots whose planes carry no guns and whose speciality is photo reconnaissance in the ETO.

A Bear wants the price to drop so he can buy at the lowest possible level. A Bull speculates to sell when the price rises.

A tool used by printers for locking up a page of type.

By short wave broadcasts urging U.S. eliziens to "Borrow now and buy things; ask for higher wages; don't buy War Bonds."

Let me tell you about some of my most infernal machines. Look out, Mr. Censor . . . Here I come!

also the next three paragraphs. Let us take up the story again as I enter my private laboratory one dark evening in March. The reason it's dark is that I neglected to pay my light bills during those three months we skipped. I am now gainfully employed as a secretweapon designer on a piecework basis-\$22.50 per dozen secret weapons-10 per cent off to wholesalers. This particular night I have been assigned to an especially difficult problem: how to fit three lieutenants and a light howitzer into an upper berth. Howitzer like to try that?

#### Scotch And Beer Did It

I worked into the wee sma' hours, drinking Scotch and a certain brand of beer. Beads of perspiration started on my forehead and trickled down my face to my neck, forming a rather becoming bead necklace. I knew I was getting close but I attributed this to the Scotch. The first 15 attempts brought nothing at all. The sixteenth produced a formula by which high-octane gasoline could be manufactured from old, shoelaces. I tossed it aside with an impatient frown. My seventeenth attempt was also a But finally-finally on the eighteenth try, I captured the magic formula! Mad with excitement I flung up my hands. One hit the ceiling and the other landed in a wastebasket. could scarcely believe my great good luck. Rushing out of my laboratory, I ran through the house in a frenzy of joy.

"Eureka!" I shouted. "Eureka!" Eureka is my wife. She came tripping down the stairs in her nightdress and

Let us skip the next three months and almost broke her fool neck. After she regained consciousness, I whispered the secret to her.

#### The Censor's BACK Again

Here it is in a nutshell, the famous Marx Upper Berth Theory:

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I'm sorry, the censor from the War Department has just arrived. (Here, keep your fingers out of that humidor. Hawknose!) However, I'll try to give you an idea of some of my other recent secret weapons, in spite of him:

No. 387KL44Y-A double-pistoned xxxx for xxxx and xxxx which facilitates xxxx in emergencies such as xxxx but on the other hand xxxx.

No. 58396X2D-A turbine-driven xxx xxxx for the purpose of xxxxxx xxxx and in the same operation to xxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxx regardless of xxxxxx xxxxx. --

Well, what's the use of going on further? I'm sure this gives you a pretty fair idea of my work. It also gives you a pretty fair idea of the censor.

My greatest invention of all, thoughmy chef d'ouevre-if you don't mind a little restaurant French-is as follows: I jigger of xxxxxx xxxx of brandy xxxxx of lemon. Dash of xxxxxxx Ice well and xxxxxx Serve with xxxx in tall glass.

I call it the Marxotov Cocktail, and my plan is to lob it over into enemy trenches in individual thermos bottles. If this secret weapon affects Nazis the way it affects my friends, all our boys will

have to do is march over their prostrate bodies: I've only known one person who was

strong enough to down a Marxotov Cocktail without batting an eya; it was the champion steamfitter of Los Angeles County, a Miss Diana Tiffin. It's interesting to see women emerging as the tough sex after all these centuries. It sounds incredible, but I know a man who recently married a furniture mover.

#### Marxotov Cocktail Is OK

On second thought, that isn't so incredible. All women are furniture movers. A friend of mine married the most violent furniture mover I ever saw. Once I visited their home and on the third day became so confused I sat down in a potted begonia and put my feet up on the French maid.

After demonstrating the Marxotov Cocktail to a Secret Military Commission, was deluged with honors from the government: I received the Order of the Purple Heart, the Order of Distinguished Service and an order from the collector of Internal Revenue to pay up my incometax or else.

Shortly after this, I received a commission to solve the vital question that is uppermost in every American's mind today, briefly: When the war is won, what shall we do with that dirty so-and-so in Berlin by the name of Adolf xxxxxxxxxx?

(Aw, shucks, I thought that censor had dozed off. I'm sure everyone else has. And why can't I mention xxxxxxxxxx any-Oh, well, censors are all a little queer. I'll just call xxxxxxxxx something else- For instance, Willard M, Schickel-

I'll tell you what we'll do with Willard M. Schickelgruber. We'll say, "Now, look here, Willard M. Schickelgruber, we're going to let you go back to your old-job. For the next 50 years you're going to paper the new Pentagon Building in Washington. You can start on the first floor and paper it with pages from 'Mein Kampf' and old German communiques. When those run out you can paper it with paid-off United States War Bonds! And then, Willard M. Louse, if you get through with the first floor before 50 years have elapsed, you can start the second

How's that for a peace plan? My motto is: "Buy a Bond and Keep Willard M. Hitler Hanging!" (Let's see you censor that, Hawknose!)

From This Week



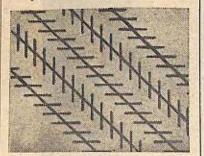
1—Do you know the first aircraft carrier named for an American campaign in the present war?

2-Be quick on this one-How many months have 30 days?

3—If your wife wrote and informed you that she had a war job and was working the "apron shift," would you know what her working hours were?

4—Arrange the following towns in order from North to South: Edinburgh, Copenhagen, Vladi-

5—It's tricky—but the long lines are: (a) circumstantial, (b) concentric, (c) tangenital, (d) centric, parallel?



6-It may surprise you to know that States who are not allowed to buy War Bonds. Name them.

-Mayhem is: (a) a fly used by fishermen, (b) a form of worship, (c) a criminal act, (d) a dish served in GI messhalls, (e) a disease of the glottis?

-Who are the "Focus Cats" and why is it their duty "to run from the enemy"?

The Bears and Bulls are big figures on the N.Y. stock market. What is the difference in their tactics?

10-What is a quoin?

11-How is Hitler trying to create inflation in America?





# LIU, Oklahoma Aggies Triumph in Garden Opener



Dame grid bosses turned down a bid as guest eleven ar the Sugar Bowl, but Notre Dame's basketball team accepted the bid to play Tulane in the New Year's Eve

to play Tulane in the New Year's Evegane before the pigskin classic... The word is out that Leslie O'Connor is the gumshoe who does all of Judge Landis' investigating. Landis has always been certainly doesn't apply to O'Connor. Young Johnny Lujack literally filled Angelo Bertelli's shoes when Bert was called by the Marines. John asked for a new pair of shoes and was issued a new pair of shoes and was issued a pair that Bertelli had ordered but never had a chance to wear. Leland "Bunky" Morris, the 142-pounder who played a lot of guard for Syracuse without ever receiving a serious injury, though opponents sometimes outweighed him by as much as 90 pounds, was discharged from the Army for a knee injury he received while playing touch football.

Corbett May Boss Coast Loop

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Jack Corbett, who once owned the
Syracuse club, is the front runner in the
speculations as to who will be the next
president of the Pacific Coast League.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is taking a poll to see whether
to continue with its annual basketball
tournament.

Lt. Len Eschmont,
former Fordham star who sparked Del
Monte Pre-Flight this year, is due for a
transfer to the Norman, Okla., Air Station
almost any day. How the Boomers could
have used him a little earlier.

Navy
Lieutenant Norman Ross, former Bucknell star, and Army Lieutenant Bob
Murphy, who lettered at Georgia Tech,
will be opposing coaches when ArmyNavy play their second annual Lily Bowl
game in Bermuda,

Sports has funny angles. If a fan goes

Sports has funny angles. If a fan goes to a race track he is urged to bet two bucks here and there, and if he goes home without having wagered he is the unusual horse follower. Yet if a fan in a ball park makes a ten cent wager on anything concerning the game and a park cop sees him, he gets tossed out on his

Trojans Have Six for Six

Going into this year's Rose Bowl game, Southern Cal, boasts a record of six wins Going into this year's Rose Bowl game, Southern Cal, boasts a record of six wins in six previous Bowl appearances, while the Huskies of Washington have played three Bowl games and still have to win their first one. They dropped two and tied one. Southern Cal's last appearance in the bowl was in 1940 when it spanked Tennessee, 14—0. The Huskies last played in the Pasadena Classic in 1937, when they took a 21—0 lacing from the Pitt Panthers . . Led by Indian Jack Jacobs, of Oklahoma, who was ably backed by Bob DeFruiter, of Nebraska, Jumpin' Joe Williams, of Ohio State, and Jimmy Nelson from Alabama, to mention only a few stars, the March Field eleven rolled over the Trojans, 35—0, on the day that Southern Cal. got the Rose Bowl bid. That was the worst beating that any Trojan eleven has suffered in 54 years. This is sure some Bowl season.

Somebody brought up the jinx conver-

Somebody brought up the jinx conversation when talking about the Notre Dame upset. Taking a glance through the records, there seems to be some base to the idea. Not since Rockne's death have the Jeish been able to get through in the idea. Not since Rockne's death have the Irish been able to get through an undefeated season. They've had some fine ball clubs, and in their good years they always wallop the tough clubs, but turn around and blow one to an outfit turn around and the blow one to an outfit turn around and the blow one to an outfit turn around and the blow one to an outfit turn around and the blow one to an outfit turn around and the blow one to an outfit turn around and the blow one to an outfit turn around and the blow one to an outfit turn around and the blow one to an outfit turn around and the blow one to an outfit turn around the blow one t that doesn't figure as formidable. absolutely invincible role of the Ramblers seems to have been put away with

# Help Wanted -AND GIVEN

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"JIM." we have a letter addressed to you from Jour Aunt Bess, of Buffalo. N.Y. If you will see us your full name, unit and APO, we will send if on to you.

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FIELD Bag, at Edinburgh Red Cross Club on Nov. 27; has my name and last four numbers of my serial number, 8052 on it.—Cpl. Chester, Sperandio, care of Help Wanted.

# St. George Eleven Wins In High School Feature

NEW YORK, Dec. 15-St. George High School, of Evanston, Ill., whipped the previously undefeated Mount St. Michael's, of New York, before 10,000 here in the first high school football game seen in the Polo Grounds in 15 years.

The New Yorkers scored 14 points in the first period and six in the final period. St. George's tallied six in the second period, 13 in the third and six in the last period.

# Touchdown Club To Honor Little

Lion Coach Cited by Group For Aiding Football In Wartime

NEW YORK, Dec. 15-Tommy Mangan, chairman of the Touchdown Mangan, chairman of the foundown Club award committee, has announced that Lou Little, coach of the Columbia football team which lost eight games in eight starts, will receive the club's annual award for the outstanding contribution for perpetuating the game for the for perpetuating the game for the

"It is the intent of the committee that this year's award to Little also serve as a symbol of recognition to all coaches who have carried on their work under difficult war-time restrictions and conditions,

Little was one of the first coaches in the country expressing the desire to continue football despite war-time difficulties.

# **Jockey Denies** Bribe Charge

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 15—Jockey Matthew Quinn denies he offered a bribe to the late Joe Pannell to pull his mount in the first race at Marlboro track Nov. 27. Pannell filed a charge against Quinn with the Marlboro officials who suspended Quinn.

suspended Quinn.

A statement accusing Quinn of offering \$150 to Pennell to pull his mount was signed in the presence of stewards by Pannell and his wife. Pannell was killed in a spill during the eighth race at Charlestown, W.Va., Thursday, when his horse fell and two others piled on top. After hearing available witnesses, Chairman Frank Small Jr., said commissioners would seek advice from the Attorney General's office and decide if Pannell's widow could testify.

# Bierman Raps 'T' Formation

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 15-Marine Lt. Col. Bernie Bierman, former Minnesota football coach, characterizes the T formation as a war-time flash-in-the-pan and says it "will be just another formation

and says it "will be just another formation after the war."

Bierman said the T is good football, but hardly a cureall. "I cannot see it sweeping the country when conditions return to normal," Bierman said. "I don't think the T will be any moge widely used than the single wing or any other standard formation."

Bierman's Minnesota teams Bierman's Minnesota teams

powerhouses and Bierman said the T is useful only for deception and no good for power.

## **Dutch Dorman Renamed** Manager of Wilmington

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15 — Fred "Dutch" Dorman, of York, Pa., has been re-appointed manager of the Wilmington (Del.) Blue Rocks in the Inter-State League. The announcement of his re-appointment was made by Robert Carpenter Carpenter Jr., president of the Philadelphia Phillies.

With Dorman's reappointment Carpen

With Dorman's reappointment Carpenter also said that Eddie Glennon, of Philadelphia, would remain as business manager of the Rocks. The Phillies recently acquired the Wilmington club as

# Chicago Bears' Passing Aces



New York Times Photo Sid Luckman (right) and his understudy, Bob Snyder, trade passing points in practice session for the coming world professional grid championship game.

# Luckman Available to Bears For Championship Tilt Dec.26

CHICAGO, Dec. 15-The Chicago Bears will have Sid Luckman's services for the pro grid championship game here Dec. 26. Luckman leaves after that for the Maritime Service, in which he has an ensign's commission.

Bronko Nagurski journeyed to Chicago from his farm at International

Falls, Minn., expecting to play next Sunday. Nagurski left before learning of the Giants' victory last Sunday over the Redskins which necessitated the postponement for another week of the

The Bears' coach, Luke Johnson, claiming to be deadly serious, said, "We are going to divide the Bears into two squads, one to prepare for the Giants and the other to prepare for the Redskins. The result of Sunday's game in New York will decide which squad starts in the playoff game."

#### Bears Threaten To Cancel Game

CHICAGO, Dec. 15-Ralph Brizzolara. general manager of the Chicago Bears, says the championship game Dec. 26 will be called off unless Bill Osmanski is eligible to play for the Bears.

Osmanski played a few games for the Bears early in the season before being commissioned in the Navy. He obtained leave to play with Chicago in the championship game, Brizzolara submitted a list to the League offices of players for the title game and the list came back minus Osmanski's name.

Brizzolara claims Osmanski is eligible

Brizzolara claims Osmanski is eligible and "must be allowed to put on a uniform or I will call off the whole thing."

Brizzolara must attend to the matter of refunding the comparatively negligible sum of \$118,000 advance sale already in coffers should he be serious about the cancellation.

## Giants Expected to Be 8-5 Favorites Over Skins

NEW YORK, Dec. 15-Despite the Giants' two straight victories over the Washington Redskins, bookies still quote Fastern Division playoff at the Polo Grounds even money.

Even money in this case means you give the bookie two points and take your pick. This price is not expected to remain because of the plentitude of money on the Giants. United Press reports that the Giants probably will be 8-5 or better by game time.

#### Pick Sugar Bowl Officials For Engineer-Tulsa Game

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15—President Joseph B. David, of the Mid-Winter Sports Association, has announced the officials for the New Year's Day Sugar Bowl football game between Georgia Tech and Tulsa,

John J. Lynch, of Holy Cross, will be referee: John Wildorf, Missouri, umpire; Bus Haskins, Oklahoma, head linesman, and Gabe Hill Jr., Wofford, field judge.

# Connie Mack Says He's Not Worried About Bobo's Past

FREDERICK, Md., Dec. 15-Despite Bobo Newsom's reputation as a clubhouse lawyer and Connie Mack's desire to make all his ballplayers gentlemen even if they wind up last, Connie

has had a keen eye on Bobo for a long

on Bobo for a long time.

"I think we will get along fine," Mack said while inspecting the Ath-letics' training field here. "I am not worried about New-som's past, but I am som's past, but I am figuring on what he is going to do for us in the future."

Newsom, mean-while, at his Harts-ville, S.C., home, growled into the tele-phone, "I haven't got a word to say." As an afterthought, Bobo observed, "And if I had, I wouldn't say it."

## Basketball Results

Bainbridge Naval 57, Curtis Bay Coast Guard 36
Bethany 62, Geneva 44
Camp Grant 48, Lawrence College 35
Davidson 52, Catawba 51
DePaul 84, Chicago Teachers 23
Duke 52, Columbia Air Base 33
Ft. Devens Reception Center 49, Boston Coast
Guard 46
Indiana 44, Wabash 27
LIU 56, Brigham Young 41
Loyola 33, American 26
Norfolk Naval 82, Richmond 34
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Oklahoma Aggies 39, CCNY 27
Southern Methodist 51, Bergstrom Field 46
Southwestern Texas 50, Texas 41

## Lulu Constantino Beats Guido at St. Nick's Arena

NEW YORK, Dec. 15—Lulu Constantino, New York lightweight, staged a strong finish to take a ten-round decision from Al Guido, of Harlem, in the feature bout at St. Nicholas Arena.

Guido took the first three rounds, but Constantino then pulled even and won the last five by a wide margin. Constantino, at 134, outweighted Guido one pound.

### Hockey League Standings

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# **Brigham Young** Loses, 56-41 to Blackbird Five

Aggies, Paced by Kurland, Subdue CCNY, 39-27

NEW YORK, Dec. 15-New York teams broke even with their western opponents before 13,409 spectators as the Madison Square Garden basketball season got under way last night with Long Island University's Blackbirds clipping Brigham Young University, of Provo, Utah, 56—41, in the opener of the twin bill and Oklahoma's Aggies, up from Stillwater, taking CCNY into camp, 39—27, in the finale. in the finale

LIU caught the Mormon defense nap-ping in the opener, racking up a 14-point lead before the visitors could find the scoring range.

Alfred Bair, Mike Byzurta and Irving Rotherburg did the damage for the Brook-lynites, while Carl Schofield, Neil Welling and Ernie Wilkinson found the range for the invaders. However, the Blackbirds started pulling away to a 20—7 lead after ten minutes and at the half had a 33—20

Rothenburg Tallies 18 Points

After eight minutes of the second half, After eight minutes of the second man, LIU had pushed its advantage to 48—27, and there was little doubt then as to the outcome. Rothenburg was high man for the losers with 18 points and Welling led the losers with 12.

The Oklahoma Aggies, bulwarked by Bob "Foothills" Kurland, seven-foot center from Jennings, Mo., who continually pawed City's shots from the basket, led the Aggies to their triumph in the clincher. the clincher.

The winners lagged at the start and were losing, 7—0, before Kurland started dunking baskets to pace the Aggies to a 17—13 lead at the half.

City's dogged guarding kept Burland away from the basket during the second half, but Bill Hance and Seldon Smith sneaked in to score for Oklahoma.

Sid Trubowitz of CCNV and Kur-

Sid Trubowitz of CCNY and Kur-land tied for scoring honors with 17 points each.

# Cowley's Goal TopsHawks,4-3

BOSTON, Dec. 15—The Boston Bruins jumped into second place in the National Hockey League last night by edging the Chicago Black Hawks, 4—3, before 8,000 spectators at the Boston Garden.

Bill Cowley caged the winning goal after 15 minutes and 18 seconds were gone in the third stanza with Bep Guidolin and Norm Calladine sendering

assists.

Bill Mosienko, Cully Dahlstrom and Clint Smith tallied in each period for the Hawks, while Herb Cain netted one for Boston in the opening frame with Art Jackson going in for the Bruins in the second and third.

## American Circuit Prexy Warns League Managers

NEWHAVEN, Conn., Dec. 15-In an ultimatum particularly directed at Eddie Shore, general manager of the Buffalo club, Maurice Podoloff, president of the the next manager to leave the bench to abuse an official would be "automatically and indefinitely suspended."

Shore has been fined \$500 and \$100 already this season for such actions, Podoloff said.

### Ex-Western Loop Hurler Took Rowe for \$4,592

DETROIT, Dec. 15—Ralph E. Baker, former Western League pitcher, is at liberty under \$1,000 bail after pleading guilty of misappropriating \$4,592 given him by Lynwood "Schoolboy" Rowe, Phillie hurler, as payment on a \$35,000 annuity. Baker will be sentenced Dec. 30.

In accepting a plea of larceny by conversion, Judge John Maher dropped a second count of embezzlement. Rowe said he gave Baker the money in 1941 and '42.





Of Allied Relief

# Air Offensives In Pacific Hint **New Invasions**

## Gasmata 'Softened-Up'; Bougainville And Marshalls Hit

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—Heavy U.S. air attacks in three sectors of the broad Pacific battlefield yesterday supported the statement of Secretary of Navy Frank Knox that the "preliminaries were over" in the Pacific and the U.S. was ready to "deliver powerful offensive blows against the Japs."

New Britain, whose invasion would constitute easily the most important ground move to date in the island-to-island operations toward Japan, got its second heaviest raid of the war yesterday when Liberators plastefed Gasmata with 250 tons of bombs.

This latest blow carried the air offensive on the key Jap-held island in the Southwest Pacific into its third month. Since Oct. 13, the Fifth Air Force from New Guinea and the 13th Air Force with

New Guinea and the 13th Air Force from New Guinea and the 13th Air Force with Navy and Marine planes from the Solomons have hammered the island with more than 3,000 tons of bombs.

After massed weight of the air forces virtually knocked out Rabaul, on the northeastern tip of the island, the planes suddenly switched last month to targets in the western end, where the Libs attacked yesterday. attacked yesterday.

Invade at Signal

Gasmata is believed to be the target of an imminent MacArthur assault from New Guinea, and military observers believe his forces could invade at a signal.

Five hundred miles to the west the 15th Air Force struck with equal fury at the Jap positions on the northern end of Bougainville, in the Solomons.

More than 250 tons of bombs were hurled on airports and Jap military installations.

In the central Pacific, two new attacks on the Marshalls at Wotje and Jaliut by U.S. Seventh Air Force heavies were announced today in Pearl Harbor. The bombing was effective and only light anti-

aircraft fire was met by the raiders which attacked without loss.

The U.S. Seventh Air Force has rounded out the first month of concentrated raids on the strategic Marshall Islands, apparently in a campaign to soften the defenses of that enemy outpost for an American invasion. American invasion.

Jap Counter-Attacks Fierce Jap counter-attacks have marked the latest stages of the grim battle raging along the northeast coast of Guinea.

In the Ramu valley area, directly south of the great enemy stronghold of Madang, Australian forces have smashed back three separate Japanese counter-thrusts in the past 24 hours alone.

## Knox Says Jap Shipping Losses Not Exaggerated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, commenting on an article in a British publication, denied

that American claims of Japanese ship-ping destroyed were exaggerated. He called the Axis radio report that the super-battleship Wisconsin had been sunk "a fairy story."

## Germans Use Air Convoys To MoveTroopstoBalkans

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 15 (AP)-Two hundred huge German transport planes landed crack troops at the Sofia airport just before the last Allied air raid on the Bulgarian capital, Budapest dispatches reported. It was indicated that communications, were so independed by capability cations were so interrupted by guerrilla activities that the Germans had to resort to the air to convoy troops.

## Jap Premier States 1944 To BeWar's Decisive Year

Premier Tojo, in a Tokyo broadcast yesterday, declared that 1944 would be the decisive year of the war. "The next the decisive year of the war. "The next phase of the war will further increase our difficulties," he said, "but we are determined to make 1944 the year of

### AFN Radio Program

Operated by Radio Branch, Special Service Division, SOS, ETO

On Your Dial Thursday, Dec. 16

1100—Of Jive.

1115—Personal Album—Betty Jane Rhodes.

1139—Band of RAF Tech. Training Command.

1200—California Melpdies.

1200—Al-Time Hit Parade.

1225—Oniet Moment.

1300—World News (BBC).

1310—Barracks Bag—A grab-bag of entertain-

1400 Sign off until 1745 hours.

1745-Program Resume-Spotlight on

Morgan.
-World News (BBC).
-GI Supper Club.
-Seven O'Clock Sports' - Cpl. Johnny

1900— Seven O'Ciock Sports'—Cpl. Johnny Vrotsos.
1905—Boston Symphony.
2000—News from Home—Nightly roundap of News from the U.S.A. presented by The Stars and Stripes.
2010—Fred Waring Program.
2025—Weekend Leave—Suggestions as to what to do on that leave that may be coming up.
2010—Croshy Music Hall.
2100—World News (BBC).
2110—Novelty Time.
2125—Mail Call.
2125—Mail Call.
2125—Gay Ninetics Revue.
2225—Final Edition.
2230—Sign off until 1100 frours Friday. Dec. 17.

## Army Rushes to Aid Blackout Victim NEWS FROM HOME **HouseApproval**

# Pony's Leg Broken In Collision with U.S. Vehicle

A GENERAL SUPPLY DEPOT, Dec. 15-The Quartermaster Corps, Medical and Veterinary Corps and the Ordnance Department revealed a new type of combined operations—American style—when they worked together to treat a pony injured in a blackout entanglement with a U.S. Army vehicle.

Bambi, a pony about four feet high, trotted out onto a highway one dark night and maneuvered straight into the Army vehicle. The next morning the pony was found with a broken leg by the wife of a British Army officer.

In the meantime, the driver of the vehicle had reported the accident to Maj. Arthur Lunceford, of Chattanooga, Tenn., investigating officer of this depot. Maj. Lunceford located the owner of the pony and, acting swiftly to save the animal from being shot, called in Capt. Julius Werner, of New Rochelle, N.Y., head depot veterinary, and his assistant, Capt. John Utterbach, of Steamboat Springs, Colo.

The veterinarians sent out an S.O.S.

The veterinarians sent out an S.O.S. to a nearby Army hospital commanded by Col. Roland B. Moore, of Portland, Me., and Lt. Col. Jack Spencer, of Portland, Me., rushed to the rescue with the hospital's portable X-ray unit.

Bambi's straw-insulated Bambi's straw-insulated quarters became a temporary field hospital when the unit arrived. Three enlisted technicians—S/Sgt. Charles D. Baldree, Houston, Tex.; T/5 Roy O. Ventura, Quincy, Mass., and T/5 Homer C. Bloxom, Ponca City, Okla.—took an X-ray which revealed that the pony's knee was broken



Bambi tries his GI cast for size, assisted by a few of the Army officers and men who rushed to his rescue after his blackout tangle with an American vehicle.

needed. T/Sgt. Charles Heyman, Dallas, Tex.; T/3 James Catterel, Philadelphia; hospital, administered sodium pentothal, a recent innovation in anesthesia. Capt. Charles Klech, Wheeling, W. Va., of the depot's ordnance crew, worked for hours on the salint. on the splint.

Bambi's anatomy carefully before insert-ing the needle for the injection.

was broken.

A special splint—three rods running from pony's ankle to the rump and bent according to the contour of the leg—was

# WACsPlanning3StateNights; Ice Cream Soda Programs for London Clubs Is ETO-Bound

Mostyn

Thursday—Basketball practice, 7 PM; Mississippi and Arkansas reunion dinner, 7.15 PM; square dance, 8 PM, Friday—'Quiz Me, '9.30 PM, Saturday—Dance, 8 PM, Sunday—Tea dance, 3 PM; symphonic recordinas, 8.30 PM, Monday—Roller skating party, 6 PM, Tuesday—Movica, 6.15 and 8.15 PM; Basketball practice, 7 PM; fireside party, 10 PM, Wednesday—Theater party, 5.30 PM; dancing lesson, 6 PM; glee club, 8 PM, Thursday—Basketball practice, 7 PM; square dance, 8 PM.

Thursday—Hostess night dance, 7.30 PM.
Saturday—Tea dance, 3 PM. Sonday—Tea hour,
4.30 PM; dance and show, 6 PM. Tuesday— Fun and games night, 7.30 PM. Wednesday— Theater party, 8 PM.

Reindeer (Officers) Thursday—French conversation class, 8 PM, Friday—Movies, 8.30 PM, Monday—Bridge, 8 PM, Wednesday—Bridge lecture, 8 PM,

Women's Service Glub
47 Charles St.
Thursday—Louisiana state night, 7,30 PM, Saturday—Mdine state night, 7,30 PM, Tuesday—New Mexico state night, 7,30 PM.

Charles St.

Thursday—Dinner dance, 7 PM, Sunday—Buffer dance, 7 PM; classical recordings, 2.30 PM. Tuesday—Movies, 7.30 PM.

Washington

WACs stationed in the ETO will hold 7.45 PM, Wednesday—Table tennis tournament three state nights at their Red Cross Service Club, 47 Charles St. (London), Milestone
Thursday—Conversational German group, 8
PM; recorded concert, 9:30 PM. Friday—Dancing
class, 7 PM; dance, 8 PM. Saturday—Horseback
riding, 14 AM; Milestone varieties, 11,30 PM.
Sunday—Tour of London, 10 AM; open house,
informal dancing, 7 PM, Monday—Movies, 8:30
PM. Tuesday—Theater party, 5:30 PM; games
night, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dancing class, 7 PM;
dance, 8 PM. during the coming week. Tonight will be Louisiana night. On Saturday, women from Maine will gather and New Mexico rooters will take over Tuesday.

At the Mostyn Club, home of the state nights, the spotlight tonight will be on servicemen and women from Mississippi and Arkanese.

and Arkansas.

Programs for clubs outside the London area appear in Monday's paper; those for the London clubs follow:

Thurnday—Secretary to write home for you, 7 PM; bridge club, 7.30 PM; Barney Stockley at piano, 9 PM. Saturday—Victory varieties, 8 PM. Sunday—Tea dance, 3 PM; movies, 8 PM. Dance, 8.30 PM.

Rainbow Corner

Thursday—Night club, 7.30 PM; dance 3 PM; art and hobbies class, 10 AM. Friday—Art and hobbies class, 10 AM, Friday—Art and hobbies class, 10 AM; dance, 7.30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 3 PM; movies, 2.30 and 6.30 PM; night club, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Dance, 7.30 PM, Toesday—Boxing, 7.30 PM, dance, 3 PM, art and hobbies class, 7 FM, Wednesday—Show, 8 PM. Daily except Wednesday—Portraits by Harold.

- Eagle

Friday—"Welcome borne party," 10 AM-10 PM. Tuesday—Movies, 3 PM.

Columbia

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Thursday—Dramate classes, 8.30 PM; dancing lessons, 8.30 PM. Friday—Night club dance, 7,30 PM; GI talent night. Saturday—Farlough club meeting, 10.50 AM; dance, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Holly sathering party, 10.30 AM; December birth-day ball, 7.30 PM. Monday—Dramatic classes, 6.30 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Movies, 7 PM; Columbia carollers, 9 PM. Taursday—Dramatic classes, 6.30 PM; dancing lessons, 6.30 PM.

Hans Crescent

Thursday Dance, 7.30 PM. Saturday Dance, 30 PM. Sanday Golf match, 9 AM; tour of etiticast Lane, 10 AM; sea dance, 3 PM. Mon ay—Movies, 9 PM. Tuesday—Dancing lessons.

To Be One Pound a Month

Terry and the Pirates

Administration.

# Thursday—Archery, 2.30 PM; German class, 7 PM; variety show, 8.30 PM. Friday—Shorthand class, 7 PM; movies, 8.30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8.15 PM. Sunday—Tea dance, 3 PM; movies, 9 PM. Monday—Archery, 2.30 PM; French class, 7 PM; Spanish class, 9 PM. Tuesday—Danking class, 2.30 PM; dance, 8.15 PM. Wednesday—Irailan class, 7 PM; chess instruction, 8 PM.

After Conference Leaders

TEHERAN, Dec. 15 (AP)-In memory CHICAGO, Dec. 15-Civilians will be of the recent three-power conference, the Teheran municipality has decided to name allowed no more than one pound of butter a month in 1944, it was announced vesterday by Tom G. Stitts, chief of the Dairy President Roosevelt and Marshal Stalin and Poultry Branch of the War Food

1944 Civilian Butter Ration | Teheran to Name Avenues

Landis Leaves for U.S.

Stifts told the American Butter Institute the production of butter would be maintained at the pre-war level of slightly more than 2,000,000,000 pounds.

CAIRO. Dec. 15 (AP)—James M. Landis, director of economic operations in the Middle East, has departed for Washington for consultations.

## Fountains, Coke Machines And Like Are Coming To End the Famine

(Continued from page 1) cards will be checked off as the boxes are sold.

The arrival of the bulk of the order follows a recent intensive tour of eastern U.S. by an Exchange Service officer who has just returned to the ETO. He said yesterday that servicemen will have women factory workers back home to think, more than anyone else, when they

He found that virtually all plants in the east were working at full pressure to meet orders already placed. It looked like ETO Joes were going to have to do without and candy was on top of his "shopping list."

He visited dozens of candy factories in a 2,000-mile trip, asking for help to fill

the order.

The response was unanimous, he said.
The workers promised to give at least one extra hour each night, and three extra hours on Saturdays to help meet the ETO

The materials were available, it was just a question of woman-power and everyone came through. One little plant in Massachusetts turned out 65,000 pounds of chocolates

The New York Times, describing the officer's tour, said that "probably most of the boxes will be given to soldiers' English girls and other native folk who have been kind hosts." It is expected many of the boxes will provide gifts for thildren over here for whom hundreds of

many of the boxes will provide gifts for children over here for whom hundreds of soldiers now are planning holiday parties. It also was announced that abbreviated light-weight "overseas" editions of the New Yorker, Saturday Evening Post, Colliers, Liberty and Ellery Queen 'tec stories will be on sale at PXs on Jan. 1, starting with this month's numbers. Light-weight copies of Life already are available.

Another phase of PX activities

Another phase of PX activity was the recent donation of thousands of Christmas trees to American units in the ETO, which will be delivered by Christmas,

Coal Supply Cut

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—A reduc-tion of civilian coal consumption to seven-eighths of last winter's allotment was ordered by the Solid Fuels Administra-

## Plans Expected Foreign Affairs Committee Reported Favoring UNRRA Project

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—The House Foreign Affairs Committee will undoubtedly approve and underwrite the nation's financial participation in the vast UNRRA program for relief and rehabilitation in war-torn areas.

A poll of the committee's members today showed an overwhelming belief that

today showed an overwhelming belief that the United States must work with its war partners to aid oppression's victims. The survey showed a clear majority favoring a pending measure to create

legislative machinery to carry out the objectives decided on at the UNRRA

Atlantic City meeting.

Of the committee's 24 members, 16 definitely expressed approval, two were undecided and six could not be reached.

#### Fats' Waller Dies

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15 (AP)—The body of a Negro identified as Thomas (Fats) Waller, 39, internationally known orchestra leader and song writer, was taken from a train here. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

## No Salute Brings Arrest

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 15 (AP)—MPs from San Diego to Los Angeles have been instructed to arrest soldiers who fail to salute commissioned officers. The orders were issued as the result of numerous complaints.

## She Uses Commando Tactics

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 15 (UP) —When a man jumped out of the bushes and seized 25-year-old Mary Bishel, she grabbed his ankles and threw him on his back. "It wasn't anything," she ex-plained. "I had just been to see a com-mando movie."

## 9,915 Girls Arrested

EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 15 (UP)—The WCTU of this city reported that 9,915 girls under 21 were arrested in the nation in the first half of the year. Most of the arrests, the WCTU said, were for drunkenness, vagrancy, disorderly conduct and prostitution.

#### Iowan Dies in Fire

GILMORE CITY, 'lowa, Dec. 15—Mrs. Elmore Edginton, principal of the Gilmore City public school, was burned to death when she ran back into the blazing school to make sure that all of her 300 pupils were safely out of the building. The fire, believed to have started in the basement, swept through the school in a few minutes.

### 11 Killed in Collision

BATH, N.Y., Dec. 15—Eleven war workers were killed and a number of others were severely injured when a bus en route to the Ingersoll-Rand factory at Painted Post collided with a bus. Daniel Maroney, of Binghamton, the driver of the truck, said the bus was on the wrong side of the road,

## Rag Dolls Sell for \$12

NEW YORK, Dec. 15—A war-time shopping spree has sent the prices of Christmas articles soaring. In Fifth Avenue shops rag dolls are selling for \$12 and handbag prices range from \$44

## Jersey Court Prohibits Doris Duke's Reno Suit

NEWARK, N.J., Dec. 15-Mrs. Doris Duke Cromwell was enjoined by the New Jersey Chancery Court today from proceeding with her divorce suit in Reno.

Ruling that Mr. Cromwell still was a resident of New Jersey, the court replaced a temporary restraining order granted James H. R. Cromwell Nov, 12 with a permanent injunction.

### Money in Circulation Increased in November

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 - The Treasury Department announced today that during November money in circulation in the states averaged \$145.05 per

This was an increase of \$5 over the average for the preceding month, the

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