

Calais Gets 43rd Attack In 57 Days

6 Types of Bombers Hit Area in Day-Long Series of Blows

The much-battered French department of Pas de Calais was the objective of every warplane reported flying from Britain yesterday. Eighty-five miles long, 50 miles wide at its broadest point, the section has been pounded on 43 of the last 57 days to become one of the most frequently bombed areas in the world.

American Liberators, in strong force, made their fourth attack in five days on the unidentified targets.

The hard-working Marauders, flying their 11th mission in 15 days, went across the Channel 200 strong, then fanned out in a dozen or so bombing forces to rip the fortifications in France that have been attacked every day in the last eight days.

P-47 Thunderbolt fighter-bombers also attacked two Nazi airfields in northwest France. In addition RAF Mitchell mediums and Boston Typhoon fighter-bombers showered bombs on the area.

From all these operations, two medium bombers and four fighters were reported missing.

All of the returning Allied fliers again reported that Nazi fighter opposition was practically nil, though flak was intense throughout the area.

"The flak was so heavy it looked as though someone had built a flak Macadam dream highway right up there into the sky," said 1/Lt. Eldon Jamison, of Kansas City, Kan., pilot of Mississippi Mudcat, a B26.

"We stirred up a hornets' nest, then did all the stinging," asserted S/Sgt. William Mitchell, of Salon, Conn., engineer-gunner on the Marauder Bonnie Lee. It was his 36th mission.

Damaged Airfields Shown

Meanwhile, Eighth Air Force headquarters announced that photographs taken by reconnaissance planes showed great damage to the nine Nazi airfields in northwestern France which were attacked by Forts and Libs Feb. 5 and 6.

Hangars, workshops, barracks and other buildings were destroyed, and numerous bomb craters were observed on the fields themselves. At one fighter training field, Chateauroux, there were ten direct hits on taxi strips and servicing tarmacs and 130 bursts on the landing areas. Other fields hit included Chateaubaud, Caen, Parcay Mesley, Villacoublay, Avord, Orleans-Bricy and St. Andre de l'Eaux. The ninth field was not named.

RAF and RCAF Spitfires escorted the B24s yesterday. Renewal of the heavy-bomber offensive against the secret emplacements across the Channel from Britain marked the 16th day of operations for the U.S. Strategic Air Force in the last 19 days.

The Liberator raid went "according to Hoyle," in the words of 2/Lt. Lee E. Cole, of Cleveland, command bombardier (Continued on page 4)

Report Finland Has Red Offer

Juho Paasikivi, former Finnish Prime Minister presumably in Stockholm to arrange a peace with Russia, has had one conference with Mme. Kollontay, the Soviet ambassador to Sweden, and expects to meet her again, a Finnish legation source in Stockholm said yesterday.

This information, close to an official admission that armistice talks are well under way, was cabled by an Associated Press correspondent in the Swedish capital a few hours after the New York Times printed an unconfirmed Berne dispatch listing the supposed Soviet terms.

Reporters in Stockholm relayed an unverified rumor that the Russian terms were being sent to Helsinki yesterday, and at the same time they reported that former Prime Minister Elias Erkkö, who has been in Stockholm with Paasikivi, was returning to the Finnish capital last night. They did not elaborate on the obvious possibility that Erkkö might be the messenger.

The Times report described the supposed Soviet terms as more generous than those accepted by the Finns in 1940 after their defeat in the winter war. The paper said Finnish action was expected by today, with tomorrow set as a tentative deadline for the entry of Russian troops into Finland.

The terms were said to include Russian annexation of the entire Karelian Isthmus and Lake Ladoga, together with Sortavala and Vipuri; the naval base at Hangoe, at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, and a slice of the Petsamo region in the far north.

Aerial 'Freight' Cars Soon to Fly Aid to China

NEW DELHI, India, Feb. 15—Armored "freight cars of the air"—world's biggest sky transports—will be in use by spring flying supplies from India to China, Maj. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, chief of the Allied Eastern Air Command, said today.

The new transports, carrying larger pay loads at higher speeds and equipped to defend themselves, "will enable us to fly supplies to areas of China we have been unable to serve before," Stratemeyer said.

Reds Threaten Supply Line to Staraya Russa

30 Mi. From Pskov; Nazi Units Hacking at Trap in South Also Periled

Russian infantrymen, sweeping forward on a 100-mile front in the north, developed a strong threat to the supply railway feeding the enemy stronghold at Staraya Russa and advanced within 30 miles of Pskov yesterday as the annihilation battle involving ten trapped divisions in the south took a grim turn for the Nazis, with German relief forces themselves threatened by a switch of Soviet mobile guns.

Even as the Nazis fell back at both ends of the Eastern Front, Berlin radio announced the opening of a heavy Red Army offensive against Narva, in Estonia, and disclosed Russian landings from the Gulf of Finland behind German forces defending the Narva area.

Berlin also revealed that the Russians had crossed the lower Dnieper and established a beachhead opposite Belaya Lepetikhá, 25 miles south of Nikopol.

The Red Army advance on the northern front, covering 30 miles south from Luga in 48 hours, brought ski-trooper spearheads close to the main road from Shimsk, which runs little more than 30 miles north of the lateral supply railroad stretching from Pskov—at the southern end of Lake Peipus—to Staraya Russa.

Nazi Tanks Threatened

In the Ukraine Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's sudden switch of strong mobile artillery around to the southern side of the diminishing Kaniev pocket menaced the considerable armored force thrown in by the Germans in a hope of breaking the ring surrounding their ten trapped divisions.

Despite the relief column's dangerous position, the Nazi high command continued to pour in reinforcements and succeeded, in fact, in driving a wedge into the Russian lines.

But Moscow dispatches, reporting Soviet claims that a good half of the original trapped German force already had been accounted for, said rescue now was out of the question, with 20,000 German dead counted in areas seized by the Red Army and an estimated 30,000 more killed or wounded inside the ring still in Nazi hands.

Meanwhile, Berlin radio reported the Russians had opened a new battle in the eastern Dnieper Bend in an attempt to capture Krivoi Rog.

Cruiser to be Launched

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—The light cruiser Oklahama City will be launched Feb. 22 at the Cramp Shipbuilding Co. yards.

A Second Front That's Up to Stalin

Reich Now in Red Bomb Range; Soviet Studies USAAF Tactics

By the Associated Press
With the Russian battlefield pushed as close to Berlin from the east as the English Channel is from the west, the Red Air Force is coming into position and strength to take over its share in bombing the Reich—probably by patterning its long-range raiding on American Fortress-Liberator tactics.

Soviet air experts are known to have made a close study of the American-style strategic mass bombing.

Strategic bombing—long-range raids to cripple the Reich's war power—would be virtually a new field for the Red Air Force, which heretofore has concentrated almost exclusively on tactical bombing—supporting ground operations along the battlefield and directed at rear communications.

Although the United States has fur-

Drive Opens to Win All Cassino; Bridgehead Advance by British Regains Area Lost to Germans

Benedictine Monastery Bombed Of Necessity to Rout Out Nazis

Planes Rip Enemy Lines North and South of Rome



This is a view of St. Benedict's monastery on top of Mount Cassino, overlooking Cassino itself, smoking from incessant Allied shellings.

U.S. Forts Score Direct Hits on Famous Structure; Germans Scurry From Shrine They Fortified And Held Despite Allied Warnings

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Near Cassino, Feb. 15—Flying Fortresses laid stick after stick of high explosives across the peak of Mount Cassino this morning and great clouds of smoke rose over the German-fortified monastery founded by St. Benedict 1,600 years ago.

The attack by 15th Air Force bombers followed a warning in 11,000 leaflets dropped yesterday that destruction of the stronghold was a military necessity.

Nurse Tells of Landing In Balkans and Escape

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 15—Fourteen Army nurses, 13 enlisted men and four members of a U.S. plane crew came down in the Balkans in a forced landing last November and made their way through German lines to the Allies in Italy, one of the nurses revealed today.

The pilot landed in enemy-occupied territory after failing to find Bari, Italy, where the plane was to have evacuated wounded troops to North Africa.

"Too many lives might be taken and too much is at stake to reveal our benefactors or the terrible happenings of those weeks," said Lt. Gertrude Dawson, 29-year-old former stewardess for an American airline.

Whether monks and refugees still in residence there had heeded the warning was not known. The Germans had fortified the structure with big guns and turned it into a huge pillbox, in defiance of an appeal from the Vatican to spare the historic site.

An official announcement from Allied headquarters this afternoon said the first wave of Forts flew over at 9:30 this morning. After this attack, between 50 and 100 Germans fled from the famous monastery. The second attack sent 200 more scurrying out, and these were blasted by Fifth Army guns. Direct hits were scored on the monastery, it was stated.

A Berlin admission of the raid said: "This oldest monastery in the west has been destroyed by British bombers," while Berlin radio added: "German quarters announce that the British and U.S. governments had been officially told that there were no German gun emplacements or artillery observation points in the monastery."

Eisenhower Backs Plan For Invasion News Stress

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has given his "heartiest support" to the theory that plans for news coverage of the European invasion should be woven into the battle plans, Elmer Davis, OWI director, said today.

Davis said he hoped arrangements for gathering news would be as well developed as they were in the invasion of the Marshall and Gilbert Islands in the Pacific.

Senate Votes to Help Feed Nazi-Occupied Countries

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—The Senate today unanimously passed a resolution calling on Secretary of State Cordell Hull to cooperate with Britain, Sweden and Switzerland in setting up a relief system to feed the starving populations of Belgium, Norway, Poland, The Netherlands, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

U.S. infantrymen, with one-third of Cassino already in their hands, opened an all-out offensive yesterday to expel the Germans from the shell-torn city only a few hours after B17s had wrecked the historic Benedictine monastery, transformed into a fort by the Nazis and the biggest obstacle in the 12-day American drive on the stronghold.

As other U.S. heavy bombers smashed at German communications both north and south of Rome, British troops on the Anzio beachhead beat off several enemy infantry attacks near Carroceto, then moved slowly ahead to regain all of the territory lost since Kesselring launched his first counter-attack Feb. 3.

Large-scale fighting in other sectors of the beachhead quieted yesterday, but dispatches from the front said German movements indicated that they were regrouping for another attack. Nine German divisions were reported in readiness along the beachhead lines, with eight others in reserve, the United Press said.

Bitter Fighting in Cassino

In Cassino bitter hand-to-hand fighting was in progress. Some U.S. infantry units were reported crawling up the hills overlooking Cassino itself in a final effort to dislodge the Germans from their pillboxes and open the way for the drive to the Via Cassina—the road to Rome.

Before the Flying Fortresses attacked the Benedictine monastery American troops were withdrawn a safe distance from the target, but as soon as the smoke moved into their former positions.

German radio said the monastery was enveloped in flames following the attack and denied the structure was being used for military operations.

"In view of the complete destruction of St. Benedict's, the repeated declarations of the German command that the abbey was outside the military sphere are no longer valid."

On the Eighth Army front patrols were fighting their way through thick snow still blocking mountain passes on the east coast.

In the air, strong formations of U.S. heavy bombers made concentrated attacks on rail networks at Verona, rail junction controlling the exit from the Brenner Pass to Milan and Venice.

More than 1,500 sorties were flown by the Allied air forces yesterday.

Foxholes at Anzio Echo: 'Thank God, We've Got a Navy'

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Feb. 15 (AP)—A British Tommy in the last war, lying in a shellhole after a disastrous defeat, was reported to have said: "Well, thank God we've got a navy."

Many British and American soldiers on the Anzio beachhead are saying that now and with reason, for naval units are blasting away at all parts of the German front line, and at many vital communication, assembly and supply points behind the enemy lines. Six-inch long-range guns of cruisers can fire on any target five minutes after Army observers spot it, under a new system of liaison developed between ground forces and the navy.

Present sea support is in the hands of the British Navy, with some Dutch ships participating, while in the initial landing the American Navy also played a big part.

In the beachhead battle, warships day and night have shelled the coast between Anzio and the main Fifth Army front, effectively closing the coastal road to the Germans. A light-metal high explosive shell, almost like an ack-ack shell, is used.

Truce Granted Germans To Gather Cassino Dead

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—A three-hour truce in the battle for Cassino was observed yesterday to allow the Germans to gather their dead. It was the second truce requested by the Germans in three weeks.

Bodies of more than 200 Nazi soldiers were removed yesterday, including 43 that Germans carried to a point midway between the lines.

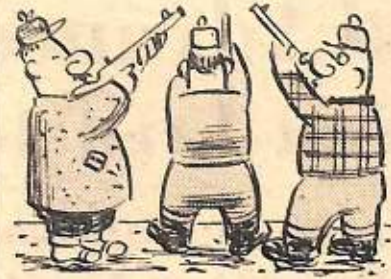
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Hash Marks

Life is rugged down in the Illinois hills. Four men and a dog went hunting coons the other day. After several hours of hunting had produced no coon, the dog suddenly turned on the hunters and chased them up a tree, where they remained until dawn, when the dog—tired of it all—walked away.

Out in Idaho three hunters took a bead on a flock of geese. All fired at



once. One goose dropped—the one at which ALL had aimed.

Excitement on the London Front. A Major, who is quite a jokester, eased into a barber's chair and asked for a haircut and shampoo. Then, in an act reminiscent of peace-time days, he reached into his pocket and pulled out an egg. "How about making it an egg shampoo?" he queried. "Tis said at least three people in the shop fainted before they discovered it was just a gag."

Have you ever read Max Baer's famous declaration? Max boasts: "I am the man responsible for starting the war. It's this way: I knocked out Max Schmeling and that made Hitler mad. The following year I knocked out Carnera and that made Mussolini mad; then I beat up a Japanese wrestler and that made Tojo mad!" Go get him, boys!

Boys will be boys. A British newspaper reports that small holes found in a cinema screen at Sutton were caused by boys shooting with sling-shots at the villain in a film. Bet the screen really takes a beating when the newsreels show Hitler.

Why we'd like to be Home—Reason No. 46453738. The latest fashion notes from the home front indicate that the fair



damsels are going to be almost as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard. The new style notes call for low V necks, skirts above the knees, no back and no stockings. The idea is patriotic—to save cloth, we understand.

Quotation of the Week: According to his wife, film star Tyrone Power has changed since he became a captain in the Marines. Said she, "He used to be such a plain, simple, modest fellow, but since he is a Marine he is so proud." My, my! J. C. W.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Hey, guys, wait for me! I been lookin' for a crap game all day!"

Fliers Don't Even Rib Each Other in Fun Any More

By Earl Mazo
 Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

There are probably no two branches of any military service which have as much mutual admiration and respect as bomber airmen and their fighter escort in the ETO.

Experienced bomber men talk with reverence about the men who fly as their escort; and fighter pilots look on bomber people with a sort of awe. "Those bomber boys surely can take it," is the common expression.

While there can be no tangible method for determining numbers or percentages, most Fortress, Liberator and Marauder men know that were it not for the ever-growing Thunderbolt, Lightning and Mustang cover (plus RAF support, mostly for the mediums) a lot of their men would be on the "missing in action" instead of "active flying" lists.

This reporter on several occasions has

Masters of the Sky

Over Kiel last month, a big unit of Mustangs was circling the target area at will as our Fortress formation came over. The Mustangs seemed the masters of everything the Luftwaffe could send up. When an occasional German poked his nose through the overcast he was either chased off or shot down.

Recently, on two Liberator missions, that support was at its best. En route to Frankfurt last week our Liberator was forced out of formation at the German border, and we had to make the mad dash back across Europe alone. Normally this is back, and most of us aboard were beginning to resign ourselves to that fact when three Thunderbolts showed up from nowhere and carried us home. The Lib pilot, 1/Lt. Dave Thompson, of Salt Lake City, who is nearing completion of



To Fortress and Liberator airmen vapor trails like these, five and six miles up, mean fighters—and lately those vapor trails more frequently have signified escorting Thunderbolts, Lightnings and Mustangs rather than attacking Jerry planes.

his operational tour, said he never had seen anything as beautiful as those P47s.

The next day the mission was to Tours, beyond Paris, in southern France. Our escort, first P47s, then P38s, was good, but for a few minutes as we neared the target, the friendly fighters left to cover another formation. In that short period, a group of FW190s jumped a Liberator section to our left, and before the Lightnings returned one Lib slid out of formation and blew up like a giant firecracker. Around bomber stations, the stories of single Thunderbolts, Lightnings and Mustangs which have buzzed around stricken heavies even beyond the fighter fuel range are as common as those of most Air Forces heroics, but they are always greeted with a hushed respect.

A Friend From Home

Recently, two Thunderbolts shepherded a crippled Fort across the Channel to a safe landing in England, perhaps saving the lives of every man on the B17. When the word got around, one of the P47 pilots, 1/Lt. Charles J. Garvey Jr., found out that a waist-gunner, S/Sgt. Herschel [name], was a childhood friend from Chattanooga.

On several occasions, Forts and Libs have reciprocated by escorting stricken fighters. There is the story of one of the strangest formations ever seen over England: a Liberator escorting three battered aircraft—another Lib, a Fort and a P38—all in formation, back from Europe.

Really effective all-the-way escort for American bombers began in July, when drop tanks were installed on P47s. Before that, Thunderbolts joined RAF fighters in supporting Fortress and Liberator withdrawals from attacks on the Continent.

In mid-October, P38s went into action, taking the heavies even farther into Germany, and in December they were joined by Mustangs. The Thunderbolt, Lightning and Mustang strength here is, of course, a carefully guarded secret, but none knows better than the Germans that not only is it "adequate" but is growing daily.

Lt. Col. Jack S. Jenkins, of Levelland, Tex., commander of a Lightning group,

spoke the minds of most fighter men when he said, "You become a confirmed escort man after you see one big bomber go down in flames."

And 1/Lt. Jack Weiss, of Minneapolis, pilot of the Liberator Big Noise, added the bomber sentiments with, "I hope those fighter boys realize how much we love 'em." Weiss said that when he came down from his final operational mission.

'For 'Em All

"I might be typical," he added. "I could talk about flak and enemy fighters, but I figure the most important items in my finishing up were those P47s, P38s and P51s—I'm for 'em all."

On one occasion a P47 group, landing after escorting heavies deep into Germany, got word that one unit coming out of the continent, without cover, was having a rough time of it with persistent German attacks. Immediately the Thunderbolts gassed up, and without drop tanks, headed out again for the withdrawing bombers, reaching them in time to finish up the fight with the Luftwaffe and to escort out a few of the stricken heavies.

Many times bomber men have credited their escort with more Germans destroyed than the fighters, in the heat of battle, could count for themselves. An outstanding case was that of Maj. James H. Howard, the Mustang pilot who was formerly a Flying Tiger. In the Oschersleben-Halberstadt raid of last month he waded into about 30 attacking Germans, and claimed only two destroyed. The bomber men who saw it all said he shot down at least six.

There was a time when fighter and bomber fliers—like cruiser and battleship men in the Navy—always greeted each other with friendly insults.

"Is that peashooter of yours on the blink again?" the bomber man would ask. And the fighter pilot would retort with some jibe concerning "glorified truck drivers" or "turtles of the air."

Today in the ETO all that is changed. Praise has replaced the good-humored insult—and the bomber man almost always buys the drinks.

The Witness

Behind the liberation of Leningrad and the Leningrad area lies an incredible story, a tale of suffering and of triumph over suffering that is unsurpassed.

It all began on August 21, 1941, two months after Hitler invaded Russia. On that day the Germans announced the final assault on Leningrad. Their troops were in the suburbs and the city was surrounded.

But overnight the entire Russian population sprang to arms. Writers, artists, professors and priests after brief lessons handled machine-guns and threw hand grenades. Each street corner became a bastion and barricades blocked every highway. The citizens gave battle and there was no retreat.

The attacking German force consisted of some 300,000 riflemen, four divisions of motorized shock troops and 1,000 tanks. After repeated assaults this force was turned back. It was then decided by the Germans to starve Leningrad into submission.

Without fuel or food the Russians fought on. Dogs and cats disappeared. They were eaten. Wooden houses were chopped down by the hundreds to provide fuel. In factories men and women worked night and day, while shells from enemy guns dropped on them. At one time factory workers marched from their benches straight to the front line; they beat off a German attack and then marched straight back to work. Casualties were high from fires, bombs, shells, hunger and cold; but the people held on.

In the spring 300,000 were able to clean up the debris and bury their dead and plant vegetables on every inch of soil; but the job of forging weapons continued, for tanks, guns and shells were needed to beat back the Germans.

And they made those weapons and threw back the Germans. Today Leningrad is free, saved from Britain and Malta. In the hearts of our own GIs it is beating the Japs in the jungles of the South Pacific. It proves again that no man is beaten until he himself admits it.

Leningrad is the witness.

GI Samaritans

Two months ago an appeal for bananas, fresh, dried or flaked, was published in your paper. This appeal was made on behalf of a number of young children, dangerously ill in British hospitals. The children were all suffering from a rare disease that prevents the digestion of normally supplied fats.

Bananas, it was discovered, could be eaten by those suffering from the disease and the vegetable fats contained in them safely assimilated by the patients.

Thanks to GI generosity, banana supplies were received from far and wide. Only recently one hospital reports that a telegram arrived with the information that 12 cases of bananitis were on their way from a Welsh port.

Perhaps the most amazing response came from an airman in the USAAF who brought a supply from Africa by plane and delivered his bananas personally to the hospital where they were badly needed.

We know you will all be pleased to learn that every child is responding to treatment and only one is still dangerously ill. The bananas provided the life-giving fats that were needed and you provided the bananas.

The Fur is Flying

The "meanest animal in the world" is making the fur fly to help win this war. That's the latest word from the Fish and Wild Life Division of the Department of Interior.

The "meanest animal" tag belongs to the savage wolverine, an animal whose fur doesn't frost up like others, all of which is strictly good news to U.S. airmen who have found that wolven linings made of fur other than wolverine frequently frost up and become uncomfortable.

As a result, the wolverine has been "drafted" to supply linings for aviators' helmets. Other furs have gone to war, too. Mink may be the perfect fur for blondes, but for GIs who want to keep warm in Arctic and stratosphere temperatures, rabbit, squirrel and muskrat are the tops.

According to latest reports, more than 16 million furs of all kinds were contributed for use by the armed forces in 1943; so be kind to dumb animals . . . they're in this war to the last pelt.

Sweets from South America Bolster Candy Ration of U.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP)—Sweets from South America are helping sugar-short North Americans satisfy their craving for candy.

Uncle Sam's southern neighbors are exporting to the United States hard candy, chocolate, gum and peppermint—even lozenges. They come from Cuba, Mexico and from as far away as Argentina.

The bright wrappers are unfamiliar to most North Americans. There is "Eucalpto" gum, manufactured in Argentina; peppermint lozenges with a tangy taste, made in Buenos Aires; peppermint candy drops manufactured by a London candy company in Buenos Aires, and rich chocolate, made in Provincia de Santa Fe, Argentina.

Cuban candy, sold over the counters of United States five and ten cent stores, is mostly sugar. The Cubans have plenty of good sugar and with the addition of glucose, citric acid and vegetable color dyes, the candy fills sweet tooth of young and old.

"Of course, North Americans will have to be 'educated' to the taste, color and wrappings of most candy from South America," says Charles A. Morela, executive vice-president of the Maslorens Export Corp., one of the largest import-

export companies operating in South America.

Morela says his company, founded 230 years ago in Spain, now is importing from Cuba some 50,000 to 75,000 pounds of hard candy each month. "We have agreements with 26 candy manufacturers in Cuba at the present time," he adds.

"The United States right now could easily absorb up to 5,000,000 pounds of good candy from South America every month," Morela asserts. Only shipping difficulties, price disagreements and material shortages have prevented this, he believes.

Argentina supplies the highest quality candy now reaching the United States, and is able to produce as much as 1,000,000 pounds each month for export. Argentines are particularly known for rich chocolate, peppermint flavored mints and soft centered strawberry drops.

Venezuela produces one of the best candies of its type in the world, Morela says, a delicately flavored, smooth textured chocolate resembling somewhat the pre-war Swiss and French products. Manufactured in Caracas, the candy is made for Venezuelan consumption only. "High costs and prices prevent the import to this country of Venezuelan chocolate, at least for the present."

Fans Riot When Georges Fails to Appear in Nazi-Controlled Bout

Carpentier and Schmeling in 'Kissing' Exhibition

By Tony Cordaro
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

In a democratic boxing match 23 years ago Georges Carpentier, then European titleholder, fought world heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey in Boyles' 30 Acres at Jersey City, N.J. The fight attracted the first million dollar gate in the game's history.

Recently in a Nazi controlled Paris exhibition the Frenchman and Max Schmeling, former heavyweight kingpin, put on an impromptu "kissing" exhibition.

This all came about when Carpentier limped into the ring to explain his failure to take part in an exhibition arranged for his benefit by friends.

Shelled Out 2 Million Francs

Previous to Georges' appearance in the ring, customers, who shelled out more than 2,000,000 francs to witness the exhibition, rioted, tearing up seats and sending them hurtling into the ring. When the German police were unable to restore order, Carpentier was rushed into the ring.

To finish this off, there was an amazing scene when Schmeling, who won the world's heavyweight title via the foul route in 1932 from Jack Sharkey, hopped



Georges Carpentier



Max Schmeling

into the ring and kissed Carpentier on both cheeks.

Carpentier has been running a bar opposite the grave of the French Unknown Soldier.

As a collaborator, Carpentier's bar had been popular with the Nazis, but lately business had fallen off.

A report a month back indicated that the former French boxing idol was not on good terms with the Underground group because of his close association with the Germans.

In 1921 the Dempsey-Carpentier fight drew \$1,626,580. The Manassa Mauler successfully defended his title by knocking out the Frenchman in the fourth round.

The record-book reveals that Carpentier was recognized as the world's light heavyweight champion from 1920 to 1922.

The Carpentier-Dempsey bout was one of Tex Rickard's greatest promotions. Due to his size, the Frenchman trained for the fight behind sealed doors. It was rumored, but not confirmed, that the Frenchman stepped into the ring against the Manassa Mauler weighing less than 170.

Carpentier made his most serious bid for victory in the second round when he planted a well-timed right smash to Jack's chin, but it was the only solid punch he landed.

Dempsey's punches to the solar plexus weakened the Frenchman early in the fight, and it was no contest with the exception of Carpentier's brief stand in the second round.

Persley Steals Show Again in Rainbow Card

Steps Out of His Weight Bracket to Decision a Chicago Welter

Wily little Art Persley, Negro private from New York, again injected the fireworks into the Rainbow Corner fight show last night, making an unscheduled appearance on the 11-bout card.

It was Persley who last week brought the crowd to its feet as he outpointed Pvt. Jesse Puente in a lightweight go. Last night Persley stepped up into the welterweight bracket and soundly shellacked Sgt. Stan Stockins, 145-pounder from Chicago.

Stockins was one of ten paratroopers who appeared. The skyemen took seven of their contests.

Giving away four pounds to Stockins and standing a full head shorter, Persley was on his way from the opening bell. He blitzed Stockins throughout, dodging under the Windy City puncher's longer reach to tag him hard with lefts to the face and a right to the body.

Although Stockins stood up under the barrage, he weakened in the third, going down once early in the frame.

Both Men Hit Canvas

In an exhibition of street fighting, Pvt. Pete Negrete, Los Angeles 120-pounder, overcame a long reach to take a decision from Pvt. Ray Teeter, 125-pound paratrooper from Cincinnati, Ohio. Both scrappers hit the canvas, Ray for the count of four midway in the first stanza, and Pete for three in the third, neither boy being hurt, although Negrete's nose was bleeding in the third.

Paratrooper Pvt. Joseph Mancuso, 145-pound New Yorker, won a close decision over Sammy Johnson, 147-pound Negro private from Jacksonville, Fla. With Johnson carrying the fight all the way, Mancuso was content to duck and stay away from the hard-hitting Sammy, shooting occasional lefts and rights to add up his points.

Airborne favorite Cpl. Andrew Sfrisi, 172-pound Philadelphian, chalked up the flying men's second straight as he outmaneuvered Corner clown Cpl. Ray Fanna, of Tulsa, Okla.

Overcomes Weight Deficit

Spotting Hanna 12 pounds, Sfrisi took a round to puzzle out the Sooner's lackadaisical style. Then, although he rarely seemed able to punish Hanna, he overcame a weight deficit and right in close that built up a winning point margin.

In the first of two featherweight contests, Pfc Paul Pinkston, paratrooper from Portland, Ore., outpointed MP Pvt. Murray Sellers, of New York. Sellers, at 129, sported a three-pound weight advantage, but back-pedaled through all three rounds in a slow piece of business.

In the first bout that failed to go the limit and the second featherweight scrap, Pvt. Andrew Molino, 129-pounder from Los Angeles, hammered out a NKO over Cpl. Owen Miller, Syracuse, N.Y., 127-pounder, in one minute 31 seconds of the third.

Molino Has Easy Time

The bout was Molino's from the opening bell, when he took the offensive and belted Miller with lefts and rights to the frame and head throughout the round. The second was slow enough, but the third opened fast with Molino repeating his first-round performance, having Miller in a corner with a bleeding nose when the referee, Steve Hamas, stopped the fracas.

Pfc Ralph Olson, 139-pound Peoria, Ill., scrapper, made a strong comeback in the second frame and KO'd Pvt. Pat Cormier, 137-pound QM scrapper from Oldtown, Me., in one minute 44 seconds, giving the paratroopers the first kayo to their credit.

The first was fairly slow with brief flurries of action, in one of which Cormier staggered Olson with a right to the head. When the bell opened the second, Olson took the initiative and drew blood with lefts to the face, a few seconds later staggering Cormier with a hard right to the head. Shortly thereafter he connected with a right to the face that put Cormier away.

In other bouts: Pfc Ted Tabor, Oakland, Cal., 163, outpointed Pvt. Lawrence Dobbins, Cleveland, 157. Pvt. Horace Vick, Fort Sumner, N. Mex., 139, outpointed Pvt. Emanuel Sinneros, Denver, 135. Pvt. Charles Lois, Spokane, Wash., 151, TKO'd Pvt. John Jackson, New York, 151, in 37 seconds of the third. Cpl. Arthur Yeoman, San Francisco, 173, TKO'd Pvt. Mike Rybak, Chicago, 172, in 1:26 of second.

By Al Capp

Revolta Cops Texas Crown

His 273 Edges Nelson Who Misses 25-Foot Tying Putt

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 15—Johnny Revolta, of Evanston, Ill., shot a 68, sat around the clubhouse until two of his closest rivals had failed to tie him, then collected a \$1,000 War Bond, first prize in the Texas Open golf tournament.

Revolta, who led the field throughout, covered the 72-hole stint in 273.

Byron Nelson, of Toledo, Ohio, finished one stroke behind Revolta, deadlocked with Harold "Jug" McSpaden, of Philadelphia. Nelson and McSpaden each won \$650 in bonds.

Nelson missed a tie when his 25-foot putt on the last hole stopped one foot short of the cup. McSpaden finished with a brilliant seven-under-par 64, not quite good enough to overtake Revolta.

Allie Stolz Wins Over McIntire in Bloody Fight

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 15—Allie Stolz, Newark, N.J., lightweight contender, won a ten-round decision over Bobby McIntire, of Detroit, here last night in a bout marked by generous blood donations by both participants.

Stolz drew blood in the second round and McIntire in the fifth, and kept it flowing throughout the rest of the fight. The United Press gave Stolz seven rounds, McIntire two and called one even.

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Lost SHIRT and cap.—Will the person given my cap and shirt at the Manchester Red Cross Club the other day please return them to the club? My shirt has my number. T/Sgt. Chevon and 8th Air Force shoulder insignia, cap has Signal Corps braids.—T/Sgt. A. Schwartz, ASN 7071054. WALLET, brown leather, contains £10 and personal papers. Will settle for the return of all but the ten quid.—Lt. Frank R. Kutak. COAT, service cap, gloves and scarf given to wrong party at Caledonian Hotel check room, Edinburgh, Feb. 4.—Capt. E. G. Kurner. RING, gold, Army insignia and initials I.R.V., at Shrivenham. Reward.—Capt. Irving Swartz. FOUNTAIN pen, Parker Lifetime, at information desk, Southport ARC Feb. 5. Reward.—S/Sgt. Harry Karpis.

Found PHOTOGRAPH of youngster in uniform, wearing Sam Brown belt and saluting. Write "Hooker." Film Exchange TRADE 10 rolls of 620 for No. 616.—T/S Leon R. Tilton, 32146734. TRADE 3 3/4 by 4 1/4 Super xx film packs for 2 1/4 by 3 1/4 film packs.—Sgt. William J. Petralis. TRADE practically new \$300 Scandall 120-base camera for a Roliflex or Speed Graphic accordion.—Sgt. Harold Johnson, 16067232. WHL trade five rolls V620 and two rolls FX620 for 120s.—Lt. Mildred Quackenbush. Wanted SLEEPING bag and air mattress.—Lt. John W. Konins. For Sale PIANO Accordion, 120 bass, has one change. £38.—Sgt. Albert Zigon. Texas A & M Reunion RESERVATIONS for the Texas A & M reunion, Feb. 19 at 6.30 PM at the No. 3 Grosvenor Club, London, must reach The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, care of The Times, Printing House Sq., London, EC4, by Thursday.

Notre Dame Cagemen Subdue Violets, 59-53, In Garden Tilt

NEW YORK, Feb. 15—Notre Dame's basketeers crashed to an early lead and remained ahead throughout to stop New York University, 59-53, last night at Madison Square Garden in their traditional meeting, which opened a twin-feature. In the finale, St. Francis edged Brooklyn, 46-41.

Leo Klier plunked nine baskets and two free throws through the hoop for 20 points to spark the Irish and receive the Catholic Youth Organization trophy as the outstanding player on the floor.

Klier's set shots and John Kelly's steady work under the basket sent the Irish to a 31-27 margin at the intermission. Notre Dame managed to protect its advantage in the second half and never relinquished the lead.

Sid Tanenbaum, of NYU, took scoring honors for the evening with nine goals and three charity conversions for a total of 21 points. Tanenbaum's defensive work also was outstanding. He checked Johnny Lujack, Angelo Bertelli's successor on the gridiron, to two foul shots.

Mrs. George Kogan, widow of the Notre Dame coach, died last year after the Irish thumped NYU last year. Trophy to Notre Dame to be kept until next year's game.

Query to President Did Not Mention Player Draft—Spink

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15—J. G. Taylor Spink, publisher of the Sporting News, declared he was speaking only for himself when he asked President Roosevelt for a statement explaining baseball's wartime future. Spink's communication brought down a storm of protest from Clark Griffith and Judge Landis, who were quick to stress that Spink did not represent baseball when he penned the query.

Spink pointed out that his letter made no inquiry regarding application of Selective Service to ball players, but related solely to the availability of players in war plants when the baseball season opens.

"I pointed out that fewer than 2,000 players would be required for the major and minor leagues this summer," Spink revealed, "and I asked whether these players, when filling the recreational wants of the nation, would not be just as useful and essential as they are in industry."

Buckeye Prexy Appeals Paul Brown's Draft Status

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 15—Howard Bevis, Ohio State president, has appealed to the Massillon, Ohio, draft board to defer Paul Brown, Buckeye football coach who was reclassified I-A this week.

"We are not asking for Brown's deferment because he is a football coach," Bevis said, "but because he is part of the physical instruction staff. We have a great many Army and Navy troops stationed on the campus and their physical well-being is our responsibility."

Allie Reynolds Joins Holdouts

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 15—The holdout crowd has been joined by Allie Reynolds, Cleveland freshman pitcher last year. Reynolds, who is draft exempt because he's working in an aircraft factory, said the contract contained an increase, "but not enough to lure me back to the diamond this year."

Lopez Signs With Bucs

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 15—Veteran Al Lopez, who caught 118 games for the Pirates last year and was charged with only one passed ball, returned his signed contract today from his home at Tampa, Fla.

Li'l Abner



British Boxers Top Flyweights

Ring Magazine Gives Eight Of First Ten Slots To Fighters Here

NEW YORK, Feb. 15—Britain virtually dominates the world flyweight division, according to "Ring," foremost American boxing publication, which gives the first three positions to English glovers in its latest listings.

Jackie Paterson is recognized as champion, with Peter Kane second and Sammy Reynolds third. In all, eight of the first ten places are occupied by British boxers—George Parks is ranked fifth, Joe Curran seventh, Hughie Cameron eighth, Norman Lewis ninth and Johnny Shaughnessy tenth.

Mills Third Among Light-Heavies Freddie Mills, British favorite who battles Bert Griffin, was ranked third in London while awaiting reply to his challenge to serve as world champion.

Lloyd Marshall and Nate Bolden. Beau Jack and Sammy Angott are considered equal contenders for the vacant lightweight throne. Ronnie James, in the ninth slot, is the best English boxer in this division. No British boxers figure in the middleweight, welter, feather and "duration" heavy brackets.

Jimmy Bivins heads the "duration" heavyweight group, trailed by Tami Mauriello and Lee Murray. Manuel Ortiz holds the bantamweight title, British standouts in this class being Jim Brady seventh, Al Phillips ninth, and Tommy McFlinchey tenth.

Armstrong to Meet Constantino

NEW YORK, Feb. 15—Former three-time champion, Henry Armstrong has been matched for ten rounds with Lulu Constantino, New York lightweight, at Boston Arena, Mar. 3.

CAGE RESULTS

- Camp Grant 56, Minnesota 38
- Denver Legion 74, Fort Logan 46
- Defauw V-5 37, Indiana State Teachers 33
- Eckers 53, Hill Field 22
- Floyd Bennett Field 42, Bendix Aviation 35
- Fort Sheridan 52, Camp Ellis 48
- Great Lakes 60, Purdue 46
- Iowa State 58, Nebraska 35
- Lowry Field 71, Patterson Field 50
- St. Francis 49, NYU 53
- Notre Dame 71, Brooklyn College 41
- Salt Lake Air Base 51, Camp Kearns 37
- San Diego Naval 62, Compton Jr. College 27
- Warrensburg Teachers 41, Washburn 40
- Whitman 53, Northwest Nazarene 31

Milnar Enters Army Feb. 27

CLEVELAND, Feb. 15—Al Milnar, St. Louis Browns southpaw, has disclosed he goes into the Army on Feb. 27, having received a 30-day furlough from his draft board to settle his business affairs.

Dodgers Hit Hard as Walker, Bragan Are Classified 1-A

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 15—The Brooklyn Dodgers suffered a double jolt today when draft officials scribbled "1-A" after the names of outfielder Dixie Walker and catcher Bobby Bragan.

Bragan, an infielder-turned-catcher, was an innocent party in the Brooklyn clubhouse squabble last summer which resulted in the sale of Bobo Newsom to the St. Louis Browns. Bragan dropped Newsom's pitch to Vince



Dixie Walker

DiMaggio and Bobo flew off the handle; Leo Durocher suspended Newsom, the club went on strike and then Newsom was peddled.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 15—Almost before Branch Rickey, Dodger prexy, recovered from the shock of possibly losing Dixie Walker and Bobby Bragan to Uncle Sam, he received another blow—a letter arrived from Pitcher Bill Saylor, of Portland, saying he had enlisted in the Air Force and awaited call.

And that wasn't all. Another note arrived from an Indiana war plant asking for character references for Billy Herman, veteran second baseman. Herman, 35, was recently reclassified and is almost a certain casualty for the Dodgers.

By Courtesy of United Features



News From Home

Willkie, Already in Ring, Brings Hat In, Too, Outlines Campaign

Says Republicans Must Prove GOP Can Better Win War and Peace

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15 (Reuter)—Wendell L. Willkie, long regarded as a certain candidate for the Republican nomination for President, formally announced that candidacy today and outlined the foundations of his campaign.

Willkie said the Republican Party could win the 1944 election only by presenting proof to the people through its nominee and its platform that the war could be fought as effectively, or more effectively, with a Republican instead of a Democrat in the White House.

He declared that the Republican Party had a better understanding than the Democratic Party of post-war social and economic adjustments which will confront the U.S., and that Republican interest and understanding of the U.S. role in world co-operation was stronger and deeper than that of the Democrats.

'Give War to Military'—Bricker WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 15—Gov. John W. Bricker, of Ohio, who has announced his candidacy for the Republican Presidential nomination, declared tonight:

"A change in the administration, with conduct of the war placed squarely in the hands of the military leaders, would implement and improve the war effort."

"As we are fighting to maintain self-government, it is President Roosevelt's duty to give the people a fuller insight into developments of the war and also to announce his personal plans in relation to a fourth term."

"The greatest discouragement for the future lies in the fear of the people that the burdens of government may not be lessened when the war is won and that bureaucracy will not be cured."

Serum Rushed to Save Child

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15—A four-day nationwide search for a supply of influenza meningitis serum has ended, and the life of 13-month-old Anna Bradley may be saved.

Some of the serum was found in Chicago and some at the University of Pennsylvania. The child is suffering from a strange malady which requires the rare serum, of which there is only a small amount in this country.

Breakup After Bustup

CHICAGO, Feb. 15—Circuit Judge Robert J. Dunne ordered Clarence A. Brickner, 44, to stop advising his eight-year-old son Robert to demolish furniture in the home of Brickner's former wife, Mrs. Cortez I. Jordab, who divorced Brickner last August and remarried. She charged that Brickner sent the boy to break a chair and other furniture.

Blind Man Held as Robber

WASECA, Minn., Feb. 15—A blind man was arrested on a charge of burglarizing two places and stealing an automobile in Little Falls. According to Sheriff R. G. Lowe, the blind man,

Soldier Cast to Broadcast AFN Variety Show Today

The American Forces Network will present a special ETO soldier variety show at 12:30 PM today. The show also will be broadcast throughout the United States by the Mutual Broadcasting system.

Headlining the show will be an army band under W/O Louis Farraro, of Teaneck, N.J. Others to appear are Pic Elio Agresta, of Cleveland, cornetist; T/Sgt. John Lyle, of North Carolina, vocalist, and Cpl. Arthur Cunningham, of Brooklyn, xylophonist. Cpl. Syl Binkin, of St. Louis, regular AFN broadcaster, will announce the program.

Today's program: On Your Dial 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

- Wednesday, Feb. 16
1100—GI Five.
1115—Hymns from Home.
1130—South American Way.
1200—Fubilee.
1230—17th U.S. Army Band.
1300—World News (BBC).
1510—Barracks Bag—A grab-bag of entertainment.
1400—Visiting Hour.
1430—Sign off until 1700 hours.
1700—Sign on—Billy Cotton's Song Shop (BBC) and Program Resume.
1730—Lone Ranger—Hi-O-Silver Away!
1800—World News (BBC).
1810—GI Supper Club.
1845—Army Talks.
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
1905—Carnival of Music.
1930—Kate Smith Program.
2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
2010—Fred Waring Program.
2025—Human Interest in Books.
2030—Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge.
2100—World News (BBC).
2115—RAF Theatre Orchestra.
2130—Fibber McGee and Molly.
2140—Hall of Fame.
2230—One Night Stand with Bob Chester.
2255—Final Edition.
2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Thursday, Feb. 17.

Gabby Street Shags \$5,000 Fly in Storm

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 15—While 2,500 persons watched in a swirling snowstorm, Charles (Gabby) Street, manager of the 1931 world champion St. Louis Cardinals, caught a brand-new baseball tossed from the top of a 20-story building in downtown Charleston.

The ball later was auctioned at a War Bond rally for \$5,000. Street's catch duplicated his feat 36 years ago in catching a ball thrown from the top of the 555-foot Washington monument.

Wallace Hagen, 21, has abnormally acute hearing and acted as lookout man in one burglary.

Difficult to Pay, Too LANSING, Mich., Feb. 15—The State House of Representatives has passed a resolution urging Congress to simplify the Federal income-tax form. Calling the form too complicated and difficult, the resolution said it could not be filled out without the assistance of experts.

Jumbo Stops Traffic MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 15—A ten-ton vaudeville elephant strolled through main streets here for two hours while motorists parked their cars and pedestrians scampered for cover. The elephant's trainer coaxed Jumbo back to the theater before any damage was done.

Wounded Out of Action WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 15—Pvt. Joseph Lewandowski, of the Marines, went through the Guadalcanal campaign without a scratch. Home on leave he blew off the ends of two fingers while cleaning his service pistol.

Congressman to Join Army LAFAYETTE, La., Feb. 15—Rep. James Domengeaux, serving his second term in Congress, will resign and join the Army, in which he has two brothers. Domengeaux is 35, an attorney and single.

Sen. Bridges Marries ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 15—Sen. H. Styles Bridges, 45, of Connecticut, and Miss Dolores Thauwald, 26, of St. Louis, employed in the State Department in Washington.

Guide to Popularity CHICAGO, Feb. 15—Because of meat rationing, Herman Demovsky is having lots of visitors. Scores of claimants showed up when Herman announced he had found a 300-pound hog in his basement.

Iowa Liquor Rations Cut DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 15—Whisky rations for Iowans were reduced to one pint for each permit holder in the last week in February and one-fifth of a gallon for March.

Soldier's Family Dies in Fire GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 15—Mrs. Julie Bono, 21, wife of Cpl. Genetaro Bono, was burned to death with her two infant children when fire destroyed their home three days after Cpl. Bono ended a furlough and returned to camp.

More Winners Named In Army Art Exhibition

Four more winners in the caricature section of the U.S. Forces Arts and Hobbies Exhibition at 215, Piccadilly, London, were announced.

Full names and addresses are not available in all cases because some competitors failed to supply them.

First prize, already listed, went to T/5 Kovarisky, Anatol, N.Y.

The others are: Second prize, T/4 S. Trachtenberg, Philadelphia; third, Pvt. Charles E. Key, Mayville, Ky.; fourth, T/4 Cliff Sandton, Chehalis, Wash.; fifth, Cpl. Sydney Rosenber, N.Y.

Third prize in the mural section is to be divided between Frank W. Springsteen and Keen, who worked on the same mural; and fourth prize will be split between Pvt. Virginia Roschman and Sgt. John Koenig. Fifth goes to Pic Boris Mukovoschik, N.Y.

In the watercolor section, Pvt. Richard L. Cook, Chicago, tied for second place with Cpl. Robert Newsom, N.Y.

Here's What Happens to Your V-Mail



Soldier processors feed V-Mail letters into the "Recordak Airgraph Recorder," which automatically films them on to the micro film. The recorder can operate as fast as letters can be fed to it. Safety, speed and the tremendous saving of shipping space are the main advantages of V-Mail. This is a scene from an Iceland post office.

Allies Hammer Bordeaux Plot Calais All Day Excites Nazis

(Continued from page 1) and observer in a group lead ship. "We kept on our schedule all the way," he said. "As far as gunners were concerned, it was an easy ride," said S/Sgt. Joseph F. Gallagher, of Philadelphia, a left-waist gunner. "We saw no enemy fighters."

A group lead bombardier, Capt. John Fino, of Martinez, Cal., flying on the Lib Why Daddy, said, "We had an almost perfect bombing pattern. We could see the target for 30 miles."

Flak was "damn tough," several Lib crews said, and two gunners expressed special thanks for their pilots. "I'm a pilot who doesn't get one of those flak bursts," said S/Sgt. J. J. Ladd, of Miami, waist gunner on the Swamp Angel.

More than 200 Marauders, breaking into approximately a dozen separate formations once they crossed the Channel, made running attacks on the French targets with what crews describe as "pulverizing" results in a 40-minute bombardment.

Describing visibility as good, F/O Richard E. Robinson, 20, of Pittsfield, Ill., pilot of the Liberty Lady, reported that the Marauders' bombs "flooded the target like a gigantic and metallic steel wave." S/Sgt. J. W. Winstead, of Morton, Miss., tail gunner on the Hearse, said the bombs "looked like popcorns bursting over a hot fire."

F/O F. L. Holt, of Wallace, N.C., brought his Marauder Gasparilla the Second back to base safely with 150 flak holes in the fuselage. The crew escaped injury.

1/Lt. J. Raymond Ladd, of Quincy, Mass., pilot of Rainbow Corner, had one engine knocked out by flak just before reaching the target. Coming home against a stiff cross wind, he made a safe landing.

Almost simultaneously RAF Typhoon fighter-bombers were diving to attack other military objectives in northern France. The Typhoons, all of which returned safely, reported having encountered no enemy fighters. Many bombs hit the target areas, they said.

The medium bombers were escorted and covered by RAF, RCAF and Allied Spitfires, supported by RAF Mustangs.

U.S. Denies Asking Britain To Tighten Up Censorship

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—Under-Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr., today denied London reports that the State Department had asked Britain to tighten up her censorship, particularly on foreign affairs of interest to the department.

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Feb. 15 (AP)—German police have taken over the whole of the Bordeaux area from the remaining representatives of the Vichy government and arrested hundreds as the result of discovery of an underground plot to dynamite the great steel Bordeaux railway bridge across the lower Garonne.

German troops were rushed to all strategic points of Bordeaux, while police began a roundup of Frenchmen suspected of anti-Nazi activities.

Barbed-wire road blocks were placed in streets leading to the port area and make deliveries only at certain hours on certain roads. The entire area around Teynac and other airdromes in the region has been evacuated.

Nazis Reported Bragging Of a New Battle Plane

Pictures of a twin-engine, single-seater Henschel plane specially built for low-level, front-line attacks were published yesterday in the German aviation journal Der Adler, according to the German Overseas News Agency, quoted by Reuter.

It was claimed that this "battle plane" won a name in the Russian fighting. Prominent features were said to be the "pike's head" front of the fuselage and the angular form of the fuselage itself.

Jap Planes Virtually Strangers At Rabaul, Marshalls—Knox

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—U.S. planes are operating almost unopposed over Rabaul and the Marshall Islands, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox told a press conference today.

Rabaul, he added, has "practically lost its usefulness as a major base," with American forces "vigorously pounding away" at Japanese installations in and around it.

Knox announced at the same time that the Allied sea blockade of Germany was being tightened with the British Admiralty's decision to forbid the Bay of Biscay to all ships except by permission of the British Navy.

"A considerable amount of goods are smuggled through the Bay of Biscay," Knox said. "Almost all of Germany's blockade runners land in the Bay of Biscay. This action should halt any attempt to smuggle goods from Spain to France across the bay. Eventually it will eliminate the transport of goods to Germany through France."

The Secretary said that the almost complete absence of Japanese fighter planes and weak anti-aircraft fire over the Marshalls indicated "the seriousness of the (enemy's) supply problem and a shortage of planes and ammunition."

He described as belonging to "the humor department" recent Japanese claims that 1,065 out of 4,363 American planes raiding the "impregnable stronghold" of Rabaul between Jan. 1 and Feb. 9 had been shot down for the loss of 76 Nipponese fighters—a ratio of 14 to 1 in favor of the enemy.

"I think our losses were about 30 to 40 planes in and around Rabaul during this period," Knox said with a chuckle.

Allies Occupy Island in Strait Off N. Britain

New Landing Unopposed; Japs Driven Back on Cape Gloucester

ALLIED HQ, New Guinea, Feb. 15—Unopposed Allied troops have seized Rooke Island in the Vitiaz Straits between New Britain and New Guinea, and U.S. Marines have cleared the Japs from several miles of coastal territory in a drive eastward along Cape Gloucester, on New Britain, Gen. MacArthur's communique disclosed today.

Allied troops landed early Sunday at Rooke, and within a few hours had taken all objectives. It was believed in naval circles that Rooke would be used for anchorage and repair bases for light naval craft harassing Jap barge traffic along the New Britain coast at night.

On Cape Gloucester, U.S. Second Marine Division units captured the wrecked village of Gorissi and drove all enemy forces inland or farther east.

Meanwhile, more than 200 Solomons-based U.S. planes attacked two airfields at Rabaul, New Britain. Five Jap planes were shot down, while 179 tons of bombs rained down.

Fifth Air Force Liberators, escorted by fighters, struck airdrome and military areas at Kavieng, New Ireland, while mediums hit Gasmata, 55 miles northeast of U.S. positions on the southern coast of New Britain.

In one of this theater's biggest dive-bombing missions, RAAF planes struck Siar Island, off Madang, in the Bismarck Sea. U.S. planes, meanwhile, kept up low-level attacks on Madang, the New Guinea base, virtually deserted except for Jap rearguard units.

PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 15—U.S. carrier-based aircraft "in considerable force" have struck the Jap-held atolls of Eniwetok and Ujelang in the Marshall Islands, scoring many hits on airfields and military installations, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz disclosed today.

Jap bombers, making their first air attack in the Marshalls in two weeks, bombed Roi Island, in Kwajalein atoll, inflicting moderate damage and light casualties, Nimitz added.

British Artist Exhibits Paintings of Fort Base

A series of 25 oil paintings depicting atmosphere and life at a Flying Fortress station was placed on exhibition yesterday at Harrods department store, Brompton Road, London.

The paintings are the work of a British artist, Colum Gore Booth, 30, of London. Booth served with the Irish Guards and was discharged after Dunkirk.

Navy Lt. Andrews Wins Alabama Poll by 44 Votes

UNION SPRINGS, Ala., Feb. 15—Navy Lt. (jg) George A. Andrews, 37, has won the Democratic primary election for congressmen from the Third District, defeating by 44 votes J. Hubert Farmer, a Dothan attorney. They ran for the unexpired term of the late Henry B. Steagall. Andrews was prosecutor before he joined the Navy a year ago.

Terry and the Pirates

