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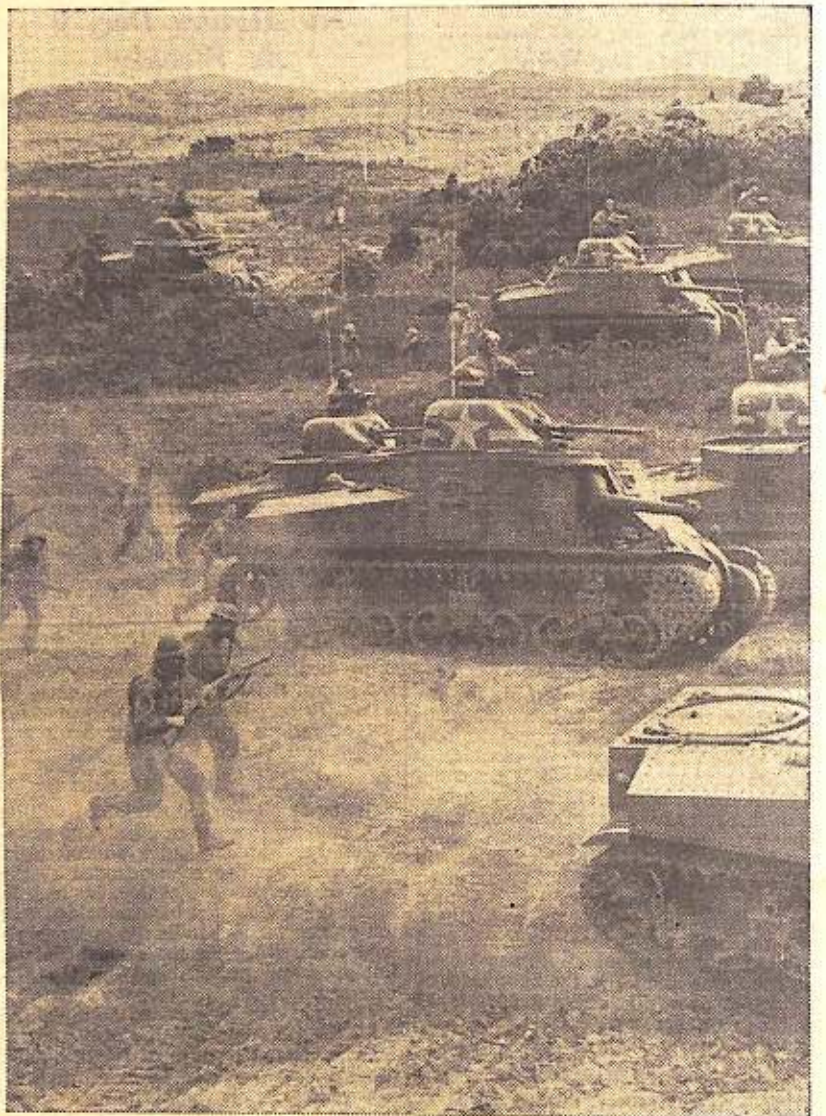


Pfc Melburn Henke, of Hutchinson, Minn.—the first American soldier to set foot on Irish soil last Jan. 27, 1942—reads the first edition of The Stars and Stripes. Henke left the ETO early last fall and is believed to be fighting with the U.S. forces in Tunisia. Note painting of the historic landing in Belfast harbor (right).



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Oveta Culp Hobby, director of the U.S. WAACs, were two distinguished women visitors in the ETO last November. Mrs. Hobby inspected the British ATS, the First Lady visited troops in Ireland, Scotland and England.

## First Large Scale Maneuvers



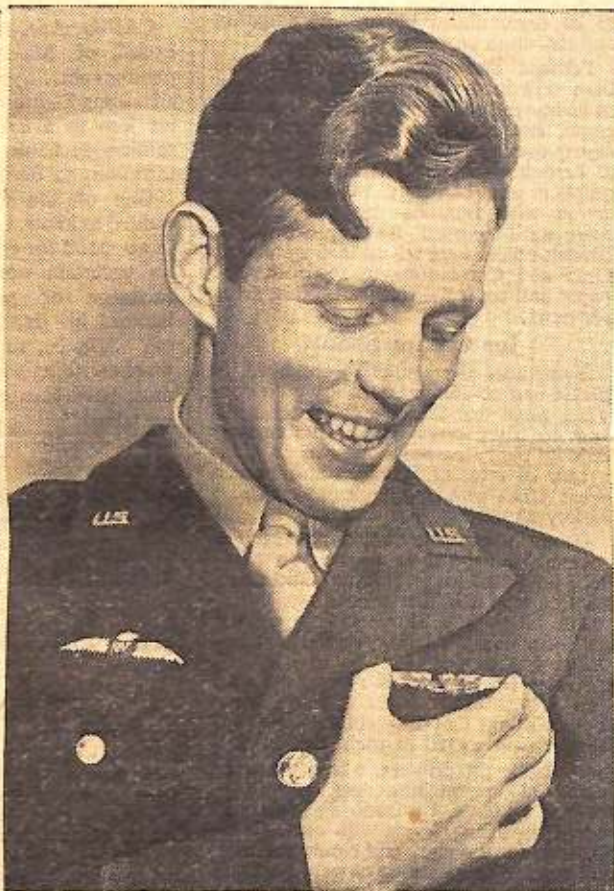
Northern Ireland's stump-studded hills were the scene of the first large scale maneuvers last June. Today many of these men are in North Africa, battling the Axis.

## Dieppe Hero Decorated



One of the few Americans who took part in the Dieppe raid last August and the first American to receive a British decoration in this war, was Cpl. Franklin M. Koons, of Swea City, Iowa. Admirable leadership and conspicuous gallantry were stressed in his citation.

## New Wings for Eagles



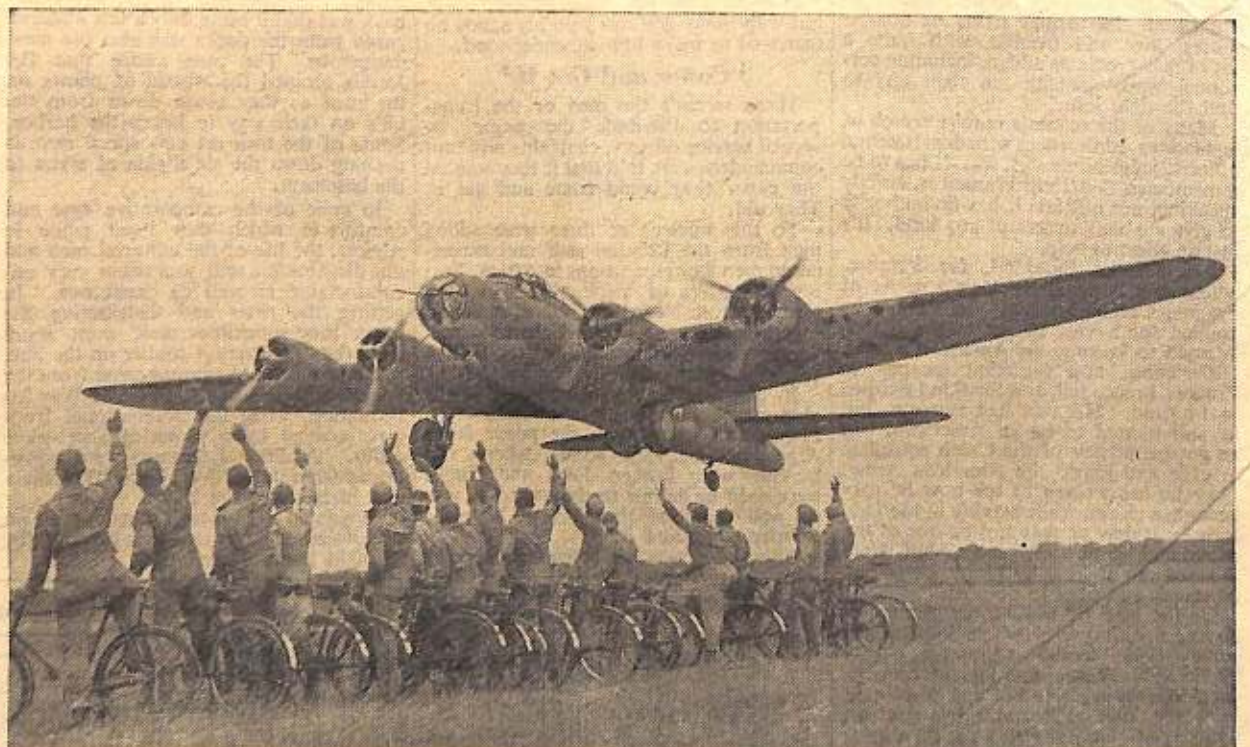
Following his transfer from the Eagle squadron with 83 other pilots in October, 1941, 2/Lt. S. M. Anderson, of Indianapolis, Ind., examines his new U.S. silver wings. Anderson, like all other Eagles, also wears RAF flying insignia over his right breast.

## Inspection by England's Royal Pair



In a day and a half visit with U.S. forces in Ireland last June, England's King and Queen inspected a contingent of Marines, saw infantry training from a peep, and ate and chatted with soldiers in GI mess halls.

## Rouen Was First Target of Flying Fortresses



On Aug. 17, 1942, 12 American-manned Flying Fortresses struck, for the first time in this war, over German-occupied France, bombing a rail center at Rouen. Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, now commander of the Eighth Air Force, made the initial trip as an observer in a Fort called "Yankee Doodle." This picture, taken shortly after the raid, shows a Fort leaving on a mission, as ground crews watch from their bicycles.