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Torpedo Boats Protect Vital Panama Base



Speedy American torpedo boats churn the waters protecting the vital Panama Canal. These boats are dynamite to U-boats because they carry enough of it to sink a whole fleet of them.

A PRO's Job Covers

Just About Anything

BERMONDSEY, Mar. 16-1/Lt.

Ian Fraser, of the Eighth Air Force

public relations staff, led a party of American airmen and two actresses -Bebe Daniels and Ellen Drew-

through a munitions factory here in part of the local Wings for Victory

week program. A girl working on the

production line halted the lieutenant

"Are you selling kisses for War

Without a blush, Lt. Fraser took the proffer ed half-crown for a war savings stamp and kissed the gal.

In civilian life Lt. Fraser is a pro-

fessor at Columbia University in New

Yanks Observe

St.Patrick'sDay

A foine St. Paddy's day to yez. From wan ind of th' isles to th' ither this day, the sojers from America (where

—an' didn't me own sister, Molly, write 'twas so ?—the streets are pure gold for the pickin') will be afther hilpin' us to celebrate the birth of a grand man, Sint

Though the shamrock's hard to find,

there'll be a few av thim scattered about the land, and the Rid Cross is jist before distributin' thim to the soldiers while they

In Belfast and Londinderry, they'll be

dancin' the Irish jigs o' the night, the while in London they're plannin' parties with green paper an' all at the Washington an' the Rainbow clubs. The Mostyn club won't be havin' its shindig in honor o'

the Saint until tomorrow night. Hunting-don and Southport, and a few of the ithers, also will be wearin o' the green

This afternoon, they're makin' a pilgrimage Downpatrick way where it's said the Saint was buried. The Yanks'll be welcome, O'Callaghans, Reillys wance removed from Drogheda, Caseys, Giovanellis an' all.

11 More Cargo Vessels

Bring U.S. Total to 1,114

ing of 11 more merchant ships today bringing the total completed since Dec. 7

1941, to 1.114.
Since the first of this year, the announcement said, 211 Liberty ships, 45 long-range cargo vessels, eight tankers and eight special ships for the Navy have

been launched.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16-The Maritime Commission announced the launch-

and asked:

Savings Stamps?

1st Army Units Capture Ridge Near Tamera

British Move Up Without Fight After Shellfire Drives Enemy Out

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Mar. 16 (AP)—The Allies occupied a strategic wooded ridge in northern Tunisia and routed enemy patrols with artillery fire near Gafsa today, while American bombers blanketed the Luftwaffe base at Mezzouna with tons of fragmentation bombes.

bombs.

The struggle for air supremacy in Tunisia broke out with new fury, while ground activity still had the character of the "lull before the storm."

British infantry, which previously failed to clear out the German elite troops from the forested ground four miles south of Tamera, in the Sedjenane sector, struck forward again and found the enemy had withdrawn meanwhile to new positions protecting the Sedjenane road.

Franch Repulse Patrol

French Repulse Patrol

French forces supplies with American guns turned back a patrol of enemy armor advancing along the road between Gafsa and Metlaoui, where the French have been consolidating recently won positions.

Mezzouna airfield, 50 miles southwest of Sfax, was hit by two heavy American air raids inside of five minutes. Marauders with a Lightning and Spitfire escort rained many fragmentation bombs from one end of the field to the other and bursts were seen among 12 single and twin-engined

Axis aircraft.
Mitchells and Warhawks immediately followed with another attack and reported hits among grounded Axis aircraft believed to be Ju88s.

Large clouds of smoke arose from the rget. Four enemy fighters trying to intercept the American raiders were shot

American Flying Fortresses, with (Continued on page 4)

NightRaidsFire Nazi Munitions

The RAF's concentrated night raids on Nazi war industry in the Ruhr and south-western Germany have smashed vital pro-

western Germany have smashed vital production centers, left fires burning in some cases for three or four days and brought about martial law in some of the bombed areas, it was learned in London yesterday. RAF reconnaissance planes brought back pictures from Nuremberg which showed that the big MAN Diesel engine works and the Siemens electric works there were damaged severely Mar. 8. Fires were reported burning in Nuremberg for two days after the raid. berg for two days after the raid.

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From Stockholm came reports that martial law was imposed on Essen after the raid of Mar. 6, and evacuees were said to be pouring out of the ruined city.

A traveler from Munich told newsmen in Stockholm that Munichers had declared of the raid there last week: "It is the beginning of the end; the sooner the war is over the better for us, even if we are defeated."

Four German bombers of a force estimated at 20 were shot down over England Monday night, the Air Ministry reported. The Nazis said Grimsby, in the northeast, had been raided.

Russians Quit Kharkov, Push Ahead Elsewhere

The Russians have evacuated Kharkov, principal city in the Ukraine, in the face of furious German ground attacks heavily supported by the Luftwaffe, and have established a new line east of the city, it was admitted in Moscow yesterday.

The city, recaptured from the Germans on Feb. 16, was abandoned Monday on orders of the Russian High Command, evading the German attempt to

encircle and crush the Soviet forces defending the city. The spring thaw and the badly damaged communications in the

Kharkov area contributed to the defeat.

On other fronts, however, Red armies continued to penetrate the Nazi lines.

A big German defense belt south of Lake Ilmen has been smashed by Marshal Timoshenko's units in renewed attacks on the German positions on the northern front, where the frost still holds, and are surging closer to Staraya Russa, the Nazi bastion guarding the gates to the Baltic.

Smolensk Threatened

On the central front, where the Red armies are advancing knee-deep in water and melting snow, the threat to Smolensk is developing from three directions.

From the bases at Rzhev and Vyazma, Gen. Sokolovsky is pushing out columns northwest, west and southwest, and each has made considerable advances in the last 24 hours.

The column on the northwest has reached Baturino, 30 miles northeast of Smolensk, a town which it captured after an advance across half-frozen marshes, which the Germans had believes impassible.

The Russian commander chose the more difficult route of approach, surprised the German defenders who had been expecting an attack from a totally different direction, and broke into the town after a short but stiff fight.

A second column, moving due west along the Smolensk-Vyazma railway is now nearing Yartsevo, only 30 miles from Smolensk and one of the strongest Nazi bases east of it. The third column, mov-ing southwest, has captured a town north of the Suchinichi-Smolensk railway line. These Russian columns are believed to be moving through great forests filled with Russian guerrillas, who have been waiting their chance for nearly two years; the

(Continued on page 4)

French Rebels Defy SS Troops in Alps; Ranks Swell to 5,000

Allies Map Campaign To Defeat U-Boats

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16 (AP)-Members of the British, American and Canadian high command have reached "complete agreement" the best methods of defeating the Axis submarine menace in the Atlantic, the Navy Department announced today.

Only a few days ago Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said there was no evidence of extraordinary concentrations of German submarines in the Atlantic. On the other hand, wellinformed authorities have expressed the opinion privately that the German naval command is gathering its forces for an undersea campaign of unprecedented ferocity.

Senate Weighs 'World Police' For After War

Isolationists Will Battle U.S. Participation in **Enforcing Peace**

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16—The question of American collaboration in international affairs after the war was placed squarely before the Senate today. A resolution was introduced by two Democratic and two Republican Senators, which would commit the United States to a policy of international collaboration after the war. The isolationist group intends to make a major fight against its acceptance. acceptance.

The resolution supports the idea of an international police force to maintain the

Peace.

It also said that something stronger and more effective than the League of Nations was required but that until the senate indicated its position regarding post-war collaboration the United States could not effectively ask the Allies to join in any post-war collective effort.

Wheeler for Isolationism

Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, Montana Democrat, raised the tattered isolationist flag today with a statement of his "unalterable opposition" to the creation of a post-war United Nations police force. Sen. Tom Connally (Dem., Tex.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he could not go along with the proposal exactly as written, but that he did favor a United Nations force to curb any future aggression. Vice-

to curb any future aggression. Vice-President Wallace, who has favored such a program in several speeches, gave the resolution whole-hearted support.

Wheeler's opposition forecast a grouping of isolationist Senators remini-scent of the "little group of willful men" who led the successful fight against American participation in the League of Nations after the last war.

Saying he would oppose the resolution to the limit," Wheeler predicted that (Continued on page 4)

Vichy, Italian Units Reported Refusing To Fight Them

Revolting Frenchmen, entrenched in the mountains of the Haute Savoie district near the Swiss frontier, held out last night in the face of crack German SS outfits being moved in for an all-out assault.

Their number swelled to an estimated five to six thousand, the rebellious French youths are led by former officers and non-coms of the French Army and are well supplied with arms and ammunition. Food was their greatest

difficulty.

Sympathetic peasants of the Alpine country have been supplying them with whatever they could spare, but an attempt was being made yesterday to draw a cordon around the guerrilla-controlled zone which would starve the rebels out.

Guards Won't Fight Them

Vichy authorities ordered the Garde Mobile to crush the revolt, but the guards, along with Italian troops in the neighborhood, were reported to have refused to open fire—leaving the job of wiping out the rebels to German troops.

A Fighting French spokesman said in London last night that Vichy authorities, the Germans and the Italians were pouring in reinforcements to the Haute Savoie and a battle seemed imminent.

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Recruiting was going on throughout all of France, and Frenchmen who had decided they would rather fight it out than accept German labor draft orders were

A German radio report, not confirmed A German radio report, not confirmed by any Allied source, said that British officers, experienced in guerrilla and commando fighting, had been dropped from RAF bombers to aid the French.

If that report is true—and British authorities said they knew nothing about it—it means that the revolt is being regarded in Allied military circles as of major importance.

200 Forced to Surrender

The desperate situation of the revolters was indicated by the fact that one group of 200, surrounded and hopelessly outnumbered, accepted German surrender offers yesterday and laid down their arms. Instead of being given the freedom they had been promised the men were loaded into trucks, under armed guards, and driven away. No word of their fate has leaked out.

A German ultimatum to surrender or

leaked out.

A German ultimatum to surrender or die expired Monday afternoon. Within a few minutes, German bombing planes appeared over the rugged peaks and dense forests where the French have taken refuge. Reports to Algiers, broadcast by the Fighting French radio station there, said the rebels had opened fire with stolen German anti-aircraft guns and had shot down three of the Nazi planes.

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Martial law has been proclaimed throughout the whole district, but despite that Frenchmen from as far away as Paris, Lyons and Marseilles are re-ported to be reaching the mountain hide-

The German columns, blundering through the narrow mountain roads, are increasing their danger with every yard that they advance. Already, one report stated, the defenders have resorted to a device first used by the Swiss against

Napoleon's troops.

A report from Zurich said that guerrilla demolition squads had dynamited Alpine cliffs overhanging the town of Clusax, and that a landslide had filled the valley and half buried the town.

Gen. Armand Cartier, reported in com-

mand several days ago, is still leading the guerrillas as far as was known in London last night.

An experienced mountain fighter, for-(Continued on page 4)

Fire Training Ordered For All Units in ETO

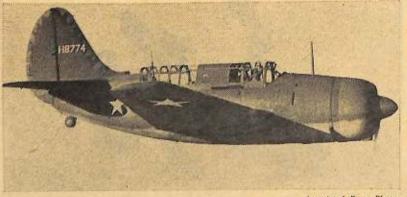
Every unit of the U.S. Army in Great Britain is going to get special training to fight fires, including those caused by enemy action, it was announced yesterday

by Headquarters, ETO.

Units are to set up fire-fighting organizations, the order declared, with special platoons, trained in the use of major fire-fighting equipment, stationed at important interest in the second station of the second seco ant installations and working with the British National Fire Service.

Special training in the handling of in-cendiaries and in fire-prevention technique will be given under the plan.

A Hell-Diver for the Army



Associated Press Photo

Delivery of a new deadly dive-bomber to the U.S. Army, with a greater speed, range and striking power than any other plane of its type now being used in the war, has been announced by Curtiss-Wright. Called the A-25, the new plane is the Army's version of the Navy's SB2C-1 Hell-Diver. It is a two-place, midwing plane with a 1,700 horsepower engine. Details of its speed, armament, range and bomb capacity are military secrets,

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Kharkov is lost. A Russian com-munique has announced this fact in the following words: "Today our troops, after tense and fierce fighting, on the order of the High Command, evacuated the city of Kharkov.'

The Lost Prize

The German thrust that retook Kharkov was similar to thrusts used by Rommel in the Middle East. It succeeded for reasons similar to those that have made war in the desert a see-saw affair . . . namely, shorter and better supply lines in the possession of the victorious com-

A quick look at any map of Europe reveals the fact that Kharkov is an important communications center. When the Red Armies took Kharkov they did so is cold weather when the German adn cold weather, when the German advantage of good communications was temporarily equalized by frozen ground which enabled the Soviets to use improvised transport to keep supplies moving forward. But as the Russians advanced them left cumply depots and reserves. they left supply depots and reserves behind, and as the Germans withdrew they fell back on reserves which the Nazi High Command was quickly assembling for a counter-stroke.

Then came the thaw, and the Germans launched their offensive, using shorter and better lines of communication. As a result, they were able to throw a superior weight of men and material against the Red armies. It was the old rule of "Get there fustest with the mostest men" operating in favor of the Nazis, and they

victory, though costly, The victory, though costly, was worth the price in the eyes of German military men. Their success will enable them to save von Bock's divisions in the Donbas seriously threatened by the rapid Russian advance. It has also given them a pivot on which to swing an offensive towards. Caurasia this spring as they towards Caucasia this spring as they attempt to nullify recent Russian vic-

Military experts admit the Germans have relieved the pressure on von Bock by retaking Kharkov; but it remains to be seen whether they can continue their counter-offensive and eventually secure the rich oilfields that eluded their grasp last summer. And in assessing the im-portance of the Kharkov reverse, it must be remembered the Russians are still ad-vancing in the north.

St. Patrick's Day

On this day . . . March 17th " ivery mither's son will be a-wearing o' the green," for at home and abroad Americans, regardless of race or creed, celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Many of us during the past year have visited St. Patrick's tomb, have traveled by jeep over the hills he walked hundreds of years ago, and the day now possesses a new interest for thousands of GI Joes.

Regarding St. Patrick the man, history records he was born about the year 389 at Inverdea, at the mouth of the River He was educated a Christian and was imbued with reverence for the Roman Empire.

As a youth of sixteen he was carried off by a band of Irish marauders and spent the next six years tending herds of sheep for an Irish chieftain near a mountain named Slemish in county Antrim. Escaping from Ireland, Patrick was landed in Gaul, and after many hardships entered a monastery at Lerins.

Ordained, he headed back to Ireland with two friends to spread the Christian

with two friends to spread the Christian faith in that still heathen land. Landing at Inverdea, at the mouth of the River Vartry (East Ulster), he began his missionary work on the shores of Strangford

His work soon attracted the attention of the High-King Loigaire. A number of trials of skill between St. Patrick and the King's heathen priests ensued. final result seems to have been that the Irish monarch, though unwilling to embrace the foreign creed, undertook to pro-tect the Christian in his work.

During the balance of his life, St.
Patrick spent his days spreading the
Christian faith, establishing new churches and converting Irish kings and people. In his work his struggles with the Druids (heathen priests) attracted wide attention, and it is believed the fable of his driving the "snakes" from Ireland was folk-lore reference to his victory over heathen

priests and worship.
St. Patrick won, it is recorded, and drove the "snakes" from Ireland. Today

we honor his name.

The "snakes," however, still remain in other parts of the world. This year it will be our duty to drive them out of Europe. While we cannot all be St. Patricks, we can look to this great leader as an example, for he possessed the qualities which go to form a strong man of ties which go to form a strong man of action and he possessed an enthusiasm which enabled him to surmount all diffi-

Hush Marks

Due to the manpower shortage, they have had to use girls as ushers at many worddings back in the States. But we are happy to report that they have found no suitable substitute for the bridegroom,

* * *
Here's the latest technique of draft board examiners as reported by our spy on the home front. You report for



examination . two doctors stand one looks through one ear one looks through the other they can see each other, you're rejected!

Apparently beggars can be choosers in these busy days on the home front. A thief returned to a house he had robbed in Pueblo, Col., and placed a string of pearls and other articles on the front step. Attached to the goods was a note which read, "Sorry, I don't like fakes."

* * *

Every time a guy in the army starts talk-ing about all the back pay due him, he starts talking in terms of fabulous figures, but any Joe will have to go a long way to beat Hugh F. Deakins, a Marine QM clerk. The other day, Deakins collected a check for back pay totalling \$21,269.29. In the Marines 35 years, he had allowed part of his salary to accumulate each month. Recently he became a warrant officer and had to settle up his accounts. had to settle up his accounts.

Registering for service with the Army, a 19-year-old rookie had the following repartee with his classification officer. "Tell me the job for which you are best fitted," he was asked. "Shooting Japs," was the quick response. "Well, tell me

From S. and S. Correspondent Ralph Martin comes the story of Photo Freddie. Photo Freddie is a pilot in a German recon plane that has been coming over a certain area every day, taking pictures, then scramming. The GIs in this particular spot in Tunisia were a bit puzzled until some medics from a nearby evacuation hospital popped up with the explanation that Photo Freddie always comes around just when the nurses of the hospital go out in the field to take their sunbaths.

An air corps lieutenant, who has seen action in lots of places, took advantage of a few days in London to step in at a



barber shop. Whisking the hot towels around, the barber asked, "Haven't I shaved you before, sir?" Sighed the lieutenant, "No, I got that scar in Tunisia."

Crash Crews Keep Unending Vigil

Jobs Infrequent, But It's Hot Work When They Get It

By Andrew A. Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. FIGHTER STATION, Mar. 16-Crash crews don't have any fun. When it rains they watch it rain, and when it doesn't they watch American pilots make three-point landings.

This crash crew business isn't what it's cracked up to be," Pfc Walter Merrill, of Worcester, Mass., claims. "I've been on this job for six months and I never seen a good crackup yet."

They jokingly gripe about it, but the fact remains that no work for the crash crews means good flying.

Various airfields under Eighth Air Force command have their own systems about how their crash crews should work, but they are agreed on the fundamentals. At every station where American planes are landing there is a crash truck and crew standing by 24 hours a day.

The percentage of takeoff and landing crackups of American planes in England is close to zero.

Occasionally a heavy bomber pilot puts his ship down too near the middle of the perimedal track and runs off into the soft muck at the end of the runway.

On these rare occasions, the crash crews roar to the scene and usually find the crew laughing, kidding the pilot, and the ship, if it's a Fort, up to its ball turret in mud.

The crash trucks have been taken over with the fields from the RAF. They are equipped with a 400-gallon water tank and a 25-gallon tank of chemical solution. With a twist of a valve on the truck, the chemical mixes with the water and the combined 425 gallons of liquid will produce 4,000 gallons of fire-smothering

The crash truck, "crash tender" to the English, is a glorified fire truck. It carries 520 feet of double jacket hose and an additional 20 feet of special suction hose for use in case one of the water reservoirs at different points on the field is handy.

Hold Tight

A four-cylinder motor aboard produces enough pressure to throw 250 gallons of water 50 feet. The same stream will throw anyone holding the hose the same distance in the other direction unless two hefty Air Corps firemen plant their feet and hold tight.

The crash crews behave just about as firemen home-and when they get to town after a dull day they are apt to behave just as the traditional visiting fire-

Some of the boys have been firemen. Take "Pop" Benjamin. For 25 years before he joined the army, "Pop," "Sgt. Joseph " on the books, tried to convince the taxpaying people of the Texas half of Texarkana that the fire department had saved them enough money every year to be worth twice what they were being paid. " Pop " is the chief of a crash crew at a bomber station now, and like a good chief he's still fighting for better equipment and more of it.

A few weeks ago " Pop " Benjamin and his crew had their first assignment on the field, when a Wellington came in one



In an asbestos suit, Pfc Joseph M. Theis, of Bloomfield, Ill., member of crash crew at an American fighter field in England, walks through fire to test his equipment.

dark night with flames from her port | twice these tests have ended uncomfortengine streaming back over her wing.

On duty that night were Pvt. Ray T. Eicholy, Minneapolis; Cpl. Edward Dixon, Okmulgee, Okla., and Cpl. Edward J. Kaminiski, Lansing, Ohio. This crew went to work as soon as the bomber stopped rolling, saved the \$200,000 ship and helped the crew escape uninjured.

Waiting for a job, some of the crews read, sleep, or just argue with the pill rollers on duty next to them in the " meat wagon." When the bombers come back from a raid the crash crew on duty is one of the best unofficial authorities on how many took off, how many aborted, and how many are coming in. Officers who wander out to the control tower and don't want to bother control tower officials with questions ask them for the box score as they pass. Men working in the hangars who didn't watch the takeoff wander out to watch the bombers come

Spare-time Mechanics

Some crash crews aren't content to sit and wait for the crashes that never-or almost never-come. At a USAAF fighter station the crash crew has a mascot, and they devote their time to taking care of it. The " mascot " is a Piper Cub which is used as a taxi by the ranking officers on the field. These crash men are converted mechanics. They know Airacobras, Lightnings and Thunderbolts, but for the time being they are content to service their "Pipersmitt," as they call it, and stay on tap for crash landings.

T/Sgt. James J. Mindeck is chief of the crew at this fighter field. He's 20 years old-got his rating as a mechanic, and holds the label of flight chief.

Members of his crash crew include S/Sgt. William Thorsen, New York City S/Sgt. Oscar White, Riverton, N.J.; Pvt. Kenneth Reinerio, Montreal, Wis., and Pvt. Gene Mattila, Townsend, Mass.

Most of them worked in a garage back home. They are all mechanics; it is important that crash crews know what a plane is all about.

Crash Jobs

If there is a bad smash the crash crew has to get the trapped pilot, or crew (if it is a bomber), out in the shortest possible time. If they know what to cut and what not to cut, their job is quicker.

The truck is equipped with metal cutters and a pair of shears with handles insulated to withstand 20,000 volts. They have another high-voltage fire axe and several small knives that look like miniature scythes. These sharp instruments are blunt at the tip so that they can be slipped under a flier's harness without cutting in. With their razor-sharp edge they cut through parachute straps like warm mar-

There aren't any brass poles, and no false alarms, but there is plenty of authentic firehouse atmosphere around the place. Regularly the crash crews go tearing out on a dry run; once in a while they empty the 400-gallon tank on their truck in a wet dry run.

To test equipment crews often pour a little used drainage oil on an open spot of ground, touch a match to it and walk through in their asbestos suits. Once or

ably when the man standing in four feet of flames suddenly found that the English damp inside the suit had turned to steam, and he was being cooked in the best double boiler fashion. Otherwise the suits are satisfactory.

The firemen's job is one long wait, but it can be dangerous. Asbestos suits weren't made just for dry runs.

If a bomber takes off with a belly full of bombs and wings full of gas, and then aborts before it reaches the channel, the pilot has a big job landing the loaded plane. It has been done countless times without accident, but there is always that

If the ship cracked up there probably would be a fire. The crash crew's work is to extinguish the fire before it reaches the gas tanks. The bombs are reasonably safe unless fire explodes the gas tanks.

With asbestos suits and asbestos blankets to cover the men with the hose and chemical extinguishers, the job calls for work with the danger of explosion at any time.

Forts and Liberators carry enough bombs over target areas to destroy an entire field if they were to explode simultancously anywhere on the field itself.

The crash crews' jobs are dull for long periods, but there are interesting possi-



Salvage

The German sub, she lurks out there To sink our ships, So please take care Lest lack of food may cause despair. That means defeat.

Cut on bread as a beginner, Who cares if you get some thinner. Your real goal is, come out winner. Ain't that the truth?

Be careful, too. Try saving butter.

Member waste goes in the gutter, Making all Mess Sergeants mutter. Jeepers, Creepers.

You're 'titled to enough to eat, And seconds too; but not much meat. Your plate when finished, clean and neat, So don't waste food.

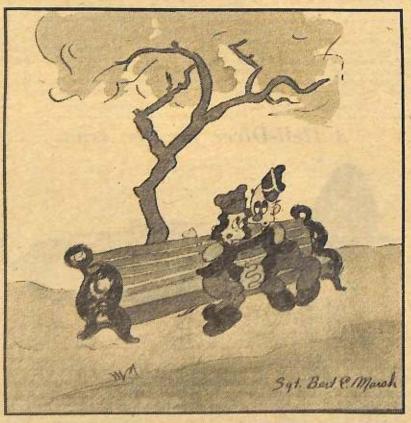
The Good Book says, " Let there be light" Refers to day and not to night. So save a bit with all your might. Please douse that glim.

All haste makes waste," it has been said So pause and think and use your head, Remember first, and save instead. That's now your job.

Now is the time you must begin Conserving rubber, paper, tin, And other things, if you're to win. Let's all Salvage.

We must do this, and what is more Keep Huns forever from this shore, And more than even up the score. It's now our job.

Mess Sgt. Musgrove.



"Now would be a good time to look at my wife's picture."

Willy Mariner Scores Record Kayo in 45 Seconds

Cards Feel Losses Most In Outfield

Replacements Needed for Terry Moore and **Enos Slaughter**

By J. Roy Stockton St. Louis Post Dispatch Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 16-Billy Southworth's Cardinals probably will find themselves the favorites of the boys with the crystal balls when all the votes are in, but the world champs have their problems as they face the defense of their title won from the fabulous Yankees last Fall

To begin with, Southworth will have to replace two World Series stars, regulars who carried the major load throughout the season. They are Terry Moore, brilliant center fielder, and Enos Slaughter, slugging, skilful right fielder. Terry's in the Army, Panama-bound, and Slaughter is in the Army Air Corps. It's no joking matter to lose the best two-thirds of your outfield.

Still Rich on the Mound

In addition, the Cards will miss Johnny Beazley, who beat the Yanks twice in the World Series and is now a second lieutenant in the Air Corps. But the Cards are still rich in pitching material and it's relatively easy to take up the slack.

Mort Cooper, Harry Gumbert, Howie Krist, Howard Pollet, Max Lanier and Ernie White all are expected back and compose by all odds the most potent pitching staff in the majors. In addition, much is expected from George Munger, Murry Dickson and Harry Brecheen, rookies called up from the farm clubs.

The infield prospects are almost

The infield prospects are almost equally bright. Johnny Hopp and Ray Sanders will be competing for the first base assignment. Jimmy Brown will be back at second, Martin Marion at short and Whitey Kurowski at third. Whitey was rejected by the Army because of an elbow injury suffered while a boy. Whitey broke up the final World Series game with a ninth innings homer. with a ninth innings homer.

Only One Department Depleted

Behind the plate, Southworth has the dependable Walker Cooper and Ken O'Dea with Sam Narron available for the bull pen, occasional pinch hitting or emergency duty.

So, in summing up, it appears that the outfield department is Southworth's only serious problem, whereas every other club has at least two departments seriously depleted.

Billy still has Stan Musial as an outfiel Billy still has Stan Musial as an outlier nucleus. He's counting on Rookies Harr Walker, Coaker Triplet—who alternate with Musial last year in left—and Buste Adams from Sacramento and Dean Cla from Houston to plug the gaps left b Slaughter and Moore.

Sinkwich Lines One Up



Frankie Sinkwich, the athlete of 1942, lines up the sights of a machinegun at Camp Pendleton, near Oceanside, Cal., as accurately as he did passes for the University of Georgia last season. With him at the gun are Pvt. John Brodie (left), of Detroit, and Sgt. H. E. Capps, of Mulberry, Fla. Sinkwich is now in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Skiers Leave Coaches Want

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y., Mar. 16— Reporting at their Bear Mountain "Spring training" ground here, the Brooklyn Dodgers found the field under

two inches of snow and learned that the skiers had left only the week before.

The players immediately adjourned to the neighboring West Point field house which President Branch Rickey has obtained for three hours each day as an alternative to the Bear Mountain playing fields

lt now appears that the Dodgers are likely to use their West Point diamond when the weather clears, leaving Bear Mountain to their farm club, the Montreal Royals. The Dodger fans will not be permitted on the cadet reservation to watch their favorites rehearse.

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NEWS FROM HOME

Home-Preserved Food up 51%, Ordnance Nine in Ulster Factories To Use Bigger Cans

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16-The De-1 in 1917. The book served as number partment of Agriculture estimated today that home-canned food would increase 51 per cent this year to an all-time high of 5.200 million jars

Commercial packing firms will also preserve bumper quantities of food in a new, larger can, designed by the War Production Board to conserve supplies of sheet steel, solder and tin.

In place of the standard can, about a in place of the standard can, about a pint in size, the new containers will hold five-sixths of a gailon. On government purchases alone, the WPB figured, use of the new can will save 2,600,000 cubic feet of shipping space this year.

400-Passenger Plane Planned

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Mar. 16—Harry Woodhead, president of the Consolidated Aircraft Co., told the Society of Automotive Engineers here that his company had a wooden model of a 400-passenger plane already built. He warned, however, that it might be three or four years before such ships could be put into service. such ships could be put into service.

Does His Bit-and More

MASSENA, N.Y., Mar. 16—Lloyd Converse, 42-year-old fireman at the new plant of the Aluminium Company of America, here, went to work at his night shift today with a telegram from War Production Board Chairman Donald M. Nelson in his pocket. The wire congratulated him for having walked 20 miles to work through a blizzard and, after working his own shift, worked an additional eight-hour shift for a worker absent because of the storm. Nelson said Converse's determination "will be an inspiration to every American war worker." tion to every American war worker.

Empey A Guard

BURBANK, Calif., Mar. 16—Arthur Guy Empey, whose experiences in the British Army in the last war were pub-lished under the title "Over The Top," is now a guard at an aircraft plant here.

A native of Ogden, Utah, Empey was
33 when "Over The Top" was published

Mickey Rooney Unfit

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 16-Film juvenile Mickey Rooney was rejected by draft board physicians, it was announced here yesterday, because of high blood pressure and a heart flutter. Rooney's 4F classification served to sidestep, for the time being, the question raised by his studio, MGM, as to whether film actors, techni-cians and writers were entitled to draft deferment as necessary workers in an in-dispensable industry.

Cannon Production Up

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16-Eight thousand aircraft cannon were produced last month in the United States, Robert Patterson, Assistant Secretary of War, said in Washington.

In the same month, he added, 2,000 anti-aircraft guns, 7,800 weapon-bearing fighting vehicles, 1,244,000 cartridges and nearly 2,000,000 H.E. shells had also been

Snow to Flock Creighton Game

NEW YORK, Mar. 16—As the National Invitation basketball tournament prepares to swing into action tonight, Metropolitan coaches Joe Lapchick of St. Johns, Ed Kelleher of Fordham and Joe Daher of Manhattan have the most peculiar complaint of all. They all regret not having drawn first-seeded Creighton as their first-round opponent.

Apparently nobody who saw Creighton edge Long Island by one point at the Garden in mid-season was impressed by the Bluejays. Many thought the officials' bungling enabled them to win. Despite the Bluejays' impressive record of 19 victories and one loss—to Great Lakes—including two victories over Kansas, the local sages believe the Bluejays are vulnerable to an infiltration attack.

They have a powerful attack of their own, but they are inclined to allow the opposition to seep or sneak through to get positioned under the basket for a pass. St. Johns, who employed these tactics all-season long, would especially like to meet the Bluejays, who actually are slated to face and are heavily favored over eighth-seeded Washington Jefferson.

The Bluejays' center, Ed Beisser, and Forwards Joe Loisel and Ralph Langer

over eighth-seeded Washington Jefferson. The Bluejays' center, Ed Beisser, and Forwards Joe Loisel and Ralph Langer are men with a national reputation. They use an extremely fast break, are big and dish out plenty of punishment. They have a zone defense that's a tough nut to crack and they have played in the Garden before, whereas the Washington Jeffs haven't.

taking shape. The mound staff is comprised of Cpl. Warren "Lefty "Jacobs, Minneapolis; T/4 Hearld Huey, Washington, Ind., and Pfc Eddie Kasztelan,

Outstanding member, during practises so far, is Infielder S/Sgt. Gordon Jenkins, former Columbus, Ohio semi-pro. Other members of the team are: T/4 Frank Malinowski, Chicago: Cpl. Selby Murphy, Buchtel, Ohio; Cpl. Ray Quensel, Towanda, Ill.: T/5 Walter Riley, Marriette, Ohio; T/5 Al Siciliano, Madison, NJ.; Pfc Don Barber, Greenwich, N.Y.; Pfc Verle Hufford, Stanton, Mich.; Pfc Bernard Shay, Dayton, Ohio; Pfc Dick Grove, Springfield, Ohio: Pfc Ed Brown, Tacoma, Va.; Pfc Robert Bell, Cleveland, and Pvt. Oliver Murphy, Duluth, Ga. Outstanding member, during practises

Sports Quiz at Birmingham

Fred Corcoran's sports quiz caravan makes two stops at American Red Cross clubs this week. Tonight he will be at the Birmingham club and tomorrow night the caravan pulls up at Kingston.

12 Browns Show Up For First Workout

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., Mar. 16-It's only the start of the Spring training season, but the St. Louis Browns are having their troubles already, somewhat reminiscent of the days when they were perennial inhabitants of the American League cellar.

When the Browns reported for their first workout here yesterday only 12 players showed up as Manager Luke Sewell held a preliminary indoor workout. Glen McQuillen, outfielder, recently classified 1-A, participated, hoping to play several weeks of the season before his induction.

ETO Tourney **Includes Navy**

Marines, Sailors to Enter: Officers Who'll Choose Teams Named

The 16 teams who are to participate in the ETO basketball tournament starting at Albert Hall, London, on March 30, will be chosen from six categories, one of which will include the Navy and Marines. This is a revision of the original plan to include not only Army teams but all service teams.

The Marine and Navy team may be composed of personnel from both branches or all-Marine or all-Navy. In charge of selecting this team will be Lt. Sidney Kaufman, USN.

All teams from the Eighth Air Force will be chosen through the Special Services section headed by Lt. Col. William Bailey.

Col. George E. Ramey, Special Services officer — Army Corps, will enter the teams from units served by Special Service officers working with him.

SOS teams will be chosen by Capt. George W. Smoot. London Base Command will be under the direction of Capt. Ward Walker.

In Northern Ireland Frank Kamerlohr, Belfast Red Cross director, will be in

charge.

All units wishing to enter teams should have their Special Service officers get in touch with the tournament officers in charge of their respective units.

Bomber Five Eliminated In Belfast Tournament

BELFAST, Mar. 16—The first team to e eliminated in the "two loss and out" basketball tournament at the Red Cross club here was the Air Force Bombers, have a zone defense that's a tough nut to crack and they have played in the Garden before, whereas the Washington Jeffs haven't.

Ordnance Nine in Ulster

Led by Ohio Semi-Pro

AN ORDNANCE UNIT, N.I., Mar. 16—It's baseball time in Ulster. First team to announce that it is ready for all comers is a nine at this camp managed by 2/Lt. William T. Porter, Oklahoma
City, Okla.

With the first camp of the country of the MPs.

Club here was the Air Force Bombers, who were beaten by the Quartermaster Eight Balls, 31—13, Pfc James Bush, of Hazard, Ky., and Cpl. Evan Shea, Decatur, Ill., scored 20 of the winners' points. S/Sgt. Manuel Woldar, of Vineland, N.J., was best for the Bombers. In a close game, the Air Force Country Clubers tripped the Flying MPs, 21—18. Pvt. Irving Kreitzberg, of Newark, N.J., and Pfc Delmar Conrad, of Danforth, Ill., paced the Country Clubers, while Pvt. Lemo Powell, of Tuscaloosa, All., led the MPs.

City, Okla. With the first practise session two weeks behind them, Lt. Porter's team is fast Entrants Limited to 3 Entrants Limited to 32

NEW YORK, Mar. 16—Holcombe Ward, president of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, has revealed plans for the war-time streamlining of the national amateur tennis championships during the coming season.

Only 32 men and 32 women will be invited to participate in the singles, and the doubles field will be limited to 16 Each singles field formerly drew about 100 entrants.

O'Neill Sold on Pitcher Trucks EVANSVILLE, Ind., Mar. 16-Steve O'Neill, Detroit Tigers's manager, predicts that young right hander Virgil Trucks will win 20 games this season. Trucks led the Tiger hurlers last season, winning 14 and losing eight. He reported in top condition after a Winter of work-ing in an Alabama shipyard and three weeks catching fly balls in informal practice at his Birmingham, Ala., home.

Whalen Sends **Defiglio Sailing InSurpriseBout**

Two Other Knockouts Give Fight Fans Action Aplenty

Four knockouts, one of them the quickest on record at the Rainbow Corner, and a first-class upset featured last night's weekly card of seven fights presented by the Stars and Stripes at the American Red Cross Entertainment center.

A packed house of officers and men saw Pvt. Willy Mariner, welterweight from Monticello, N.Y., score the fastest kayo registered at the club in the third bout of the night, when he chilled Pfc Jack Faulk-ner, of Muncee, Ind., in 45 seconds. A loser in his debut a month ago, Mariner didn't waste any time getting under way last night. He drove Faulkner across the ring and dropped him with a right to the jaw in a neutral corner. Referee Tex Blaistell didn't even bother to start count-ing, and lifted the New Yorker's hand in

Sails to Canvas

With a straight right to the jaw at 1.30 of the second round, Pvt. Ed Whalen, of New York, knocked out Pfc Joe Defiglio, also of New York, in a surprise ending to a bout that started with Defiglio swarming all over Whalen.

However, Whalen took what his opponent dished out and in the second round showed that his victory over three-time winner Johnny Venezia last week was no fluke. Whalen dropped Defiglio with a straight right in the opening of the second but he came back up unhurt. Thirty seconds later Whalen swung from the shoulder with another right that landed flush in the jaw. Defiglio's mouthlanded flush in the jaw. Defiglio's mouth-piece sailing out of the ring, Defiglio sailing to the canvas.

Waltzes to Victory

After doing a waltz in swing time through the first round and a half in the first scrap, Pvt. William Lesler, of Cleveland (128), opened up midway through the second round and finally won a three-round decision over Pvt. Toni Deri, of West New York, N.J. (124). Lesler seemed able to clout Deri at will with his right, but he rarely followed through

Pvt. Albert Jensen, a slindley-legged southpaw from Jersey City, N.J., upset the dope in the second bout when he scored a clean cut decision over Pfc Phil Gerber, ex-Chicago CYO champion.

Jensen's unorthodox style was more than Gerber could handle. The Jersey light weight had his engagest on the floor.

lightweight had his opponent on the floor in the first round and was far ahead at the finish. In the second Gerber slowed Jensen up with a right to the body and an overhand right to the head, but it was the only time the Windy City boxer was able to get through Jensen's defense. Gerber finished with a bruised right eye and a slight cut under his left eye.

Bradshaw Gets No. 2

Cpl. Billy Bradshaw, of Fredericks-burg, Va., came through for his second victory on these cards with a three-round decision over Cpl. Karl Mattson, of New York. After the first two rounds, both boys slugged it out toe to toe with jitter-bugging Bradshaw getting the best of most of the exchanges. Mattson was no match for Billy's fancy tactics, but he was game for Billy's fancy tactics, but he was game all the way through.

The second kayo of the night came in the fourth bout when Cpl. Cal Dingess, of Escore, Mich., halted Cpl. John Branch of Kokomo, Ind., in 1:15 of the second round of a light-heavyweight scrap.

Dartmouth Places Two On Ivy League Five

NEW YORK, Mar. 16—Here is the All-Eastern Basketball League team chosen by the coaches in a poll by the Associated Press.

Forwards-Francis Crossin, Penn, and Bob Myers, Dartmouth.

Center-Bud Palmer, Princeton. Guards-Stanley Skaug, Dartmouth, and Sam Hunter, Cornell.

Skaug was the only unanimous choice. He made the second team last year.

American Hockey League Indianapolis 8, Hershey 6, Cleveland 6, Buffalo 5. Providence 6, Pittsburgh 4







Another Blow On Jap Convoys Off New Guinea

Allied Planes Get Direct Hits on 2 Transports Of Enemy Troops

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Mar. 16 (UP)—Allied bombers and fighter-bombers struck another heavy blow at Jap shipping yesterday when Dutchmanned B-25 Mitchell bombers and Australian Beaufighters scored direct hits on two out of three medium-sized Jap transports off Dodo, in the Aru islands, near the southwest coast of New Guinea, according to the official communique issued here today.

After heavy fires were started, the Allied planes swept back and mercilessly strafed the three troop-jammed decks of the ships, slaughtering countless Japs, apparently intended as reinforcements for

apparently intended as reinforcements for Jap New Guinea bases.

Although attacking from mast height in four different waves, only one Allied plane was lost.

It is in this area that the Japs are reported to be massing fresh concentrations of shipping and troops, besides building new airports. For the past week Allied aircraft have been continually hammering at enemy convoys sailing near these island bases.

Heavy Raid on Darwin

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Darwin had its heaviest raid for many months when 25 Japanese bombers escorted by 24 fighters attacked shortly before noon yesterday.

Spitfires intercepted and drove off the Japanese raiders, who inflicted only light damage and casualties. The Spitfires got six Zero fighters for certain, one enemy bomber for certain and seriously damaged six other Zeros and another bomber. In addition, three Jap fighters and two bombers may have been unable to reach base, making a possible total of 19 Jap planes brought down.

Allies Hold in Burma

NEW DELHI, Mar. 16 (UP)-The NEW DELHI, Mar. 16 (UP)—The British forces are still holding their main positions outside Rathedaung, Burma, holding the Japanese attack obviously aimed at cutting down behind Allied forward troops, according to the latest official communique.

The Japanese attack, made only six weeks before the breaking of the monsoon, consisted of a series of assaults on the left flank of the British forces, and was obviously intended to make us with-

was obviously intended to make us with-draw from the Arakan area. Japanese losses are believed to have been heavy. The RAF have been supporting the ground troops in the areas between Thaungdara and Kyauktaw, north of Rathedaung, where most of the fighting has been going on.

Japs Pushed Back in China

CHUNGKING, Mar. 16 (UP)—Struggling to cross back over the Yangtze River, Jap forces, whipped in their latest attempt to drive the Chinese back to the north, are in strong danger of being cut off. At the moment their retreat is fairly orderly, but Chinese forces remaining on the north bank of the Yangtze have cut off their line of communication. Some Japanese troops have already been encircled near Tungting Lake.

Russia - - -

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Germans have shown a great reluctance to fight in the woods themselves.

In the south the Germans are fighting hard to exploit their recapture of Khar-kov. They have shifted the weight of their Donetz. Here, numerically superior armored divisions are smashing at the river with the aim of by-passing and enveloping the north-eastern section of the Donetz basin.
So far the Russians have frustrated

these attempts, but very heavy fighting is continuing.

Jap Attack on Soviet Hinted

ANKARA, Mar. 16 (AP)-Seventy-ANKARA, Mar. 16 (AP)—seventy-six Japanese nationals now living in the Balkans were reported today to have been ordered to Japan. They were expected to reach Turkey in a group some time in the next two weeks and proceed homewards across Russia. It was hinted this move might herald a Jap attack on Russia.

Senate - - -

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the recommendation for a world police force would cause "a prolonged and bitter debate which will divide the

"We should trade with all countries but have no fixed alliances with any." Wheeler declared. "It is easy to say we are going to police the world but the boys in the Army are going to have something to say about that when the war is over. They might not want to police Singapore, the Burma Road, Guadaicanal, and every country in Europe."

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The impression was strong at the Capitol that the administration would withhold its support at this time from any proposals for Senate pronouncements on post-war policies, except a general de-claration of willingness to cooperate with the other United Nations. Printed in England by The Times Publishing Company, Limited, Printing House Square, London, E.C.A., and Published by the United States Armed Forces-17-3-43.

Mess Sergeant Licks That Old Spam Problem

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Mar. 16—The claim by soldiers at this field is that their mess

sergeant has licked the Spam set-up.
"We eat it and like it," they say.

S/Sgt. J. "Dannie" Danner, of
Dubuque, Iowa, who made a name
at camps along the West Coast back home, comes forward as champion of the well-known belly-robber's stand-

Take two cans of Spam, he says, grind it fine with No. 10 sweet pickles and mix with mayonnaise. This provides a spread for 250 sandwiches. With less mayonnaise this is the mixture for a salad.

Another recipe for Spam used by Danner is to fry slices in a batter made from egg powder.

Warof Material, Harriman Says

No Dollars Sign or Pounds In Lend-Lease, U.S. Chief Declares

The dollar sign never crops up in lend-lease negotiations, W. Averill Harriman, lend-lease administrator in Great Britain, declared yesterday.

"Dollars and pounds never come into discussions," he said. "The only question is whether it is possible to get the necessary equipment from British stores."

Conservation of resources, raw materials, shipping space, and the avail-ability of goods at desired places are the factors considered.

He said it is impossible to calculate the contributions of the two countries because much of the material from the U.S. is processed here and then turned over to American forces.

"I don't believe we will ever be able to figure out the contributions. There is not the time nor the manpower to figure out the facilities turned over. That will be left for someone else when they have the time," he said.

Lend-Lease Is Answer

Harriman said that this, more than any other, is a war of material, and that the lend-lease program is an answer to the problem of supplying that material.

The administrator added that the U.S. has received all it expected under the program and that "everything asked for within the capabilities of Great Britain is being provided."

Maj. Gen. John C. Lee, chief of the Service of Supply in the ETO, said: "Time and tonnage" are the two prime factors considered, and added that the U.S. forces could not be here, and the North African campaign could not have been made without lend-lease.

Col. Wayne R. Allen, general purchasing agent for the U.S. here, pointed out that shipping space is the biggest problem, and that 3,000,000 tons have been saved by lend-lease.

The British have supplied rail facilities, shunting engines, rails and labor which otherwise would have had to be sent here from the U.S., Col. Norman H. Ryan, of Seattle, Wash., transportation chief of SOS, stated.

Lt. Col. Kenneth Collins, of New York, who represents the Air Corps in lend-lease matters, said the USAAF has received technical goods, tools, stores, ground equipment and fields. Many U.S. planes are now flying that would not be doing so without the British cooperation, he

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merly commanding a regiment of the famed "Blue Devil" Chasseurs, Gen. Cartier has many of his old officers with him. Soldiers familiar with his career said the Germans would find him a tough and wily opponent, even with compara-tively green men under him.

Word of the French stand had seeped into most of occupied Europe yesterday, increasing the tension and nervousness of German troops. Several shootings by jittery Nazi sentries were reported from

In the untamed Balkans, Albanian, Yugoslav and Greek guerrillas found encouragement in the stand the French were making. The Balkan mountaineers are fighting similar hit-and-run actions which tie up Axis transport, threaten the safety of garrisoned towns and make every road a death-trap for any man in the uniform

Played Poker Waiting for a Sub

Seaman Drifted 11 Days In Open Lifeboat

Still feeling the effects of 11 days in an open boat in mid-Atlantic, a 45-year-old ship's oiler from Chicago sat in the lounge of the Washington Club yesterday and told of a daylong hunt in which his ship was the quarry and a German sub-marine was the hunter.

ship was the quarry and a German submarine was the hunter.

Finally, said Walter J. Peterson, the
submarine closed in, at 7.45 PM, and
sent a torpedo crashing into the bow.

Peterson said his ship, a Liberty
freighter, had been separated from her
convoy during a storm at night. In the
morning, as she wallowed, alone, 200
miles off the Azores, a lookout sighted
the submarine stalking them.

"She followed us at a distance all day,"
he said. "Torpedoes are expensive and
I guess they didn't want to take a chance
of wasting one."

All the men knew, he said, that they

of wasting one."
All the men knew, he said, that they didn't have a chance.

'Just Ran for Boats'

"We were in the mess playing poker, trying to take our minds off what we were damned sure was going to happen, when the torpedo hit," Peterson said.
"No one bothered about the money on

No one bothered about the money on the table, we just ran for the boats."

The torpedo struck far forward, took the bow off, but didn't sink the ship.

After a night in the lifeboats, they saw a grey hulk near them as it began to get light. They thought it was the German sub, but it turned out to be their ship, not down yet.

ship, not down yet.

Several of the men in the lifeboats went aboard and got additional supplies. While these men were on board a German Uboat appeared again. When the men left the ship the U-boat with one shell sank the freighter. sank the freighter.
"Afterwards, the German came along-

side us and wanted to know where our captain, engineer and navigator were. We didn't tell him because he would have taken them prisoners. Good captains are

"The 14 of us in our boat made a sail



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Walter J. Peterson, Chicago seaman, tells soldiers at the Washington Club what it's like to spend 11 days in a lifeboat. Left to right: Pfc Erwin R. Steele, Sumner, Wash.; Peterson; T/5 Charles Monper, Pittsburg, and T/3 James S. Huff, Skowhegan, Me.

out of the tarpaulin that covers the boat on deck," Peterson went on. "We had eight oars to begin with, but after a five-day storm we had three oars left."

The men didn't open the rations they carried for five days, and they didn't touch the water they had for four days.

"We were lucky," Peterson said.

"When the boys went back on the ship they brought a couple of crates of oranges.

they brought a couple of crates of oranges and apples. When these ran out we rationed ourselves three gills of water a

day."
Asked about the stories of men who had survived for months in an open boat, Peterson said he didn't see how the men

"No seagulls landed on my head and I didn't see a shark I could have lassooed."

During the five-day storm, waves ran as high as 40 and 50 feet, and there was always several feet of water in the small

boat.
"Sometimes it was up to our waists,"

Peterson said. "We went to sleep wet when we were exhausted from baling and rowing, and woke up wet."

After 11 days they were picked up by a Swiss International Red Cross boat, and taken to the Azores.

Last April Peterson was on a ship attacked in the Bay of Bengal by a four-motored Jap plane.

"I'd rather be sunk by a submarine than a bomber any day," Peterson ex-

He has made several trips to England in this war, and did the same kind of work in the last war. The U-boats are worse now than they were then, Peterson He doesn't say much about what he's

been bringing over this war, but he admits that one boat he came on not long ago had nothing but pork chops on board.

"We brought 8,000 tons of them. That's a lot of pork chops."

11 State Nights At Mostyn Club

Pennsylvanians Guests Tomorrow; Californians Meet Mar. 22

A schedule of 11 "state night" programs during the next three weeks at the American Red Cross Mostyn club in London was announced yesterday. Servicemen from Pennsylvania will be guests at "Pennsylvania Night" tomorrow at the club, with other states scheduled as follows:

follows:
Mar. 22, California; Mar. 24, Michigan; Mar. 25, Maryland and Delaware; Mar. 29, Texas; Mar. 31, Louisiana; Apr. 1, Illinois; Apr. 5, Washington; Apr. 7, New Jersey, and Apr. 8, Okla-

Servicemen from Wisconsin were guests at Tuesday night's show. Pvls. Erving Grosch and Carroll Dummann, who last met at home in Milwaukee five years ago, ran into each other during the evening and staged a reunion, along with Miss Hermine Sauthoff, a Red Cross worker here whose father is a Wisconsin Congressman.
Other Wisconsin servicemen there in-

cluded:

Pfc Andrew Lodi, Cpl. Jack Puccio, Yeoman I/C Cecil Burdge, Madison; Pfc Clarence Roester, Milwaukee; Pfc Everett Patterson, Marshville; S/Sgt. John A. Vanderberg, Appleton; Pvt. Eldon Emmerich, Nausau; T/Sgt. Clarence Rindon, Cambridge; Pfc Glen Kasten, Sturgeon Bay 9 Cpl. Edward J. Skarda, Manita-Sturgeon Bay S Cpl. Edward J. Skarda, Manita-woc: S/Sgt. Robert L. Hetzer, New London; Pfc. Robert E. Engan, Fort Atkinson; T/5 Law-rence Graves Waupun; Sgt. Gerald E. Tikal, La Crosse: Cpl. Harold C. Johannson, New Holstein, and T/5 Werner C. Behrens. West

Crews to Start Pumping Water Out of Normandie

NEW YORK, Mar. 16-Salvage crews are almost ready, the Navy indicated to-day, to start pumping mud and water from the former French luxury liner Normandie, now lying on her side at her Hudson River pier.

Damaged by accidental fire Feb. 9, 1942, the 79,280-ton ship heeled over under the weight of water pumped into her hold to extinguish the flames. A force her hold to extinguish the flames. A force of 800 men, including crack Navy divers, have been sealing all under-water openings and doing other preparatory work for the past year. When that stage is completed the ship will be pumped out. Navy engineers believe that with her buoyancy restored the vessel will right herself.

Sgt. Keough Believes In Fate; He's at OCS

A U.S. ORDNANCE UNIT. England, Mar. 16-S/Sgt. Thomas E. Keough believes in fate.

Back in October last year Keough qualified for OCS. But nothing happened. He waited, patiently. As he drove along the highway the other day, Keough reflected that it had been a long time.

A jeep passed him. It squealed to

"Hey, Sarge," someone yelled.

"Get for home. Here's everything

The Sergeant turned around, went back to HQ and collected papers that said he was to go to Camp Lee, Va., 3,500 miles away, for OCS.

School Center Aids 2 Orphans

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, England, Mar. 16—A check for £200, representing voluntary contributions of servicemen attached to the various branches of the school center here, has been turned over to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund to aid "two deserving cases." cases.

The check was forwarded by Col. Walter G. Layman, of Washington, commandant of the post, who said the men made no request other than the money be used to aid two deserving cases. Those who contributed to the fund included students in the Officers' Candidate School and Chemical Warfare School, as well as personnel attached to the station comple-

Washington Club Starts Spanish Classes Sunday

Spanish classes for servicemen at the American Red Cross Washington Club start Sunday. The classes are planned for Wednesday mornings, 10 AM to noon, and Sundays, 4 to 6 PM, with Mrs. Helen Durlacher, of New York, instruct-

Individual dancing lessons also will be given by Mrs. Durlacher every Monday 2.30 to 5.30 PM, in the club ballroom.

by Chic Young



Gen. Lee Opens **GloucesterClub**

American and Dominion Forces Welcomed to New Canteen

GLOUCESTER, Mar. 16-A club room and canteen for American and Dominion forces has been opened at the English Speaking Union Center here.

Speakers at the opening celebration were Maj. Gen. John H. C. Lee, representing the American forces; Viscount Bledisloe, former governor-general of New Zealand; Squadron Leader H. Sin-clair of Canada, representing the Dominion forces, and Dr. H. Costley-White, dean of Gloucester. American soldiers were among guests welcomed by Walter T. Nichols, chairman of the ESU center committee.

"Soldiers don't forget their companions in war. Seeds of the cooperation we are now sowing should grow and bear fruit in the years of peace to come," General Lee commented, expressing gratitude and appreciation for the hospitality given Americans in the British Isles.

The club, unofficially opened Jan. 22, has a spacious reading and writing room and a canteen for light refreshments. An information bureau supplies members of the forces with travel information and arranges hospitality for them in Glouces-ter homes. Staff workers are on duty daily from 11 AM to 9.30 PM.

Tunisia - -(Continued from page 1)

Lightning fighter cover, attacked a convoy of two supply ships and four escort vessels in the Sicilian Straits. A bomb hit one ship squarely and near misses were reported probably damaging the other vessels.

With the Eighth Army still reporting only patrol activity, the supporting Allied air force sent out bomb carrying Warhawks with a Spitfire escort which bombed Axis motor transports north of the Mareth Line strong point at Toujane.

Meanwhile the official version of the southern Tunisian fighting from Feb. 14 to 26 indicated that the Americans lost the first major encounter with the German Army due to an error in intelligence com-bined with a faulty disposition of troops and experience.

An official spokesman outlining the An official spokesman outlining the day-by-day development of the battle during which the Germans reached Thala concede that the American losses in material had been very heavy.

The spokesman said, our intelligence at the start of the battle was faulty in that we were convinced that the Germans would make their reain effort at Pichea.

would make their main effort at Pichon instead of further south at Faid as they did. For this reason a strong American combat team was kept in the mountains northwest of Pichon ready to counter this thrust."