



Big U.S. Task Force

Launches Assault on



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Sea-Air Fleet Hammering

Tank Battle On in Anzio Bridgehead

British Weather Enemy's Heaviest Assault, Then Open Counter-Attack

German armor and infantry, reinforced by a great artillery barrage and the strongest Luftwaffe support since the Anzio landing, flung itself yester-day at the Allied bridgehead south of Rome for the second day in assaults which Berlin radio said rivaled the heaviest fighting in France in the last year of World War I.

The German high command, far from claiming any sweeping victory, admitted that the Fifth Army lines were holding under the strong Nazi offensive. In the British-defended sector of Carroccto, ten miles north of Anzio, Allied

and German tanks were locked in a bitter struggle as Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's British forces, after holding violent enemy thrusts, launched a counter-

Hope to 'Narrow' Bridgehead

Substantiating Secretary of War Henry
L. Stimson's report in Washington
yesterday that the Allied hold on the
bridgehead was firm, although fierce
fighting lay ahead, German sources
declared last night that Kesselring's new drive was not designed to smash the bridgehead but to narrow it.

Preceding the enemy's concerted tank and infantry attacks in the northern part of the bridgehead was an artillery barrage described by the Germans as the greatest of the Italian campaign.

The Luftwaffe, making its biggest effort of the Anzio battle, flew 130 sorties to bomb and strafe Allied troops.

German aerial activity, however, was dwarfed by the Allied mark—3,800

sorties in three days.

Rome Is Bombed Besides providing cover for the Fifth Army, Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker's air forces bombed the German supply lines north and south of Rome, hitting 15 of the most important railroad targets in Italy including two in Rome itself. The assault was the second raid on Rome in two days.

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Although there were no reports of fighting around the American-held sector of Cisterna, the Germans claimed they had laid down a terrific artillery barrage

had laid down a terrific artillery barrage on U.S. troops.

On the main Fifth Army front before Cassino. hard fighting continues as Americans fought in the streets of the two-thirds of the town still in German hands and bombers again hit Nazi positions around the demolished Benedictine Monastery on Mount Cassino.

There were no reports that U.S. troops had occupied the vital height overlooking.

Cassino, but they were presumably massing for a drive up the mountain slopes, along which the Germans have prepared elaborate fortifications.

Keep Your Shirts On, Stimson Tells Anzio Pessimists

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, declaring that there was no foundation for a pessimistic view of the Italian campaign, told a press conference today that the Allied bridge-head was firmly established despite last week's determined German effort to

Echoing a warning given by Gen.
Alexander against lending credence to
reports of disaster, Stimson asked the
nation to discard its excessive gloom and
adopt a "broader and less mercurial
view" toward the necessarily severe battles to come.

In a report on the progress of the war in various theaters, Stimson pointed out that better weather, which would allow the Allies to use to great advantage their superiority in artillery, tanks and antiaircraft guns, had created a much more optimistic picture on the bridgehead.

He warned, however, that much heavier.

attacks than those already repelled might be expected from the 17 German divisions in Italy, but advised pessimists to "keep

With the semi-encirclement of Cassino, Stimson said, the Allies held the initia-tive on the main Fifth Army front.

U.S. casualties in Italy since the beginning of the campaign included 4,158 killed, 18,154 wounded and 6,429 missing. Stimson revealed.

U.S. Reveals 9th Air Force Now Operating From Britain

Supreme headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, disclosed last night that elements of the Ninth U.S. Air Force had been incorporated with the Allied Air Forces controlled by Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-

It was the first Allied acknowledgment of the Ninth's presence in this theater, although its aircraft have been operating from British bases for

Maj. Gen. Louis H. Brereton, who was its commander in the Middle East and in North Africa before the force moved here to form a team with the Eighth and the RAF, is in command, the announcement said.

As a tactical air force, the Ninth will show its full strength with medium bombers, fighter-bombers, attack-bombers and fighters, the announcement

It pointed out that a pattern for entry into Europe calls for air superiority before the land battle commences, and that Gen. Montgomery has always insisted that the enemy's air forces be neutralized before the ground forces went into battle. Action toward this goal would be the first assignment of the Ninth, headquarters said.

A second assignment, it continued, would be systematic attack on the railroads, marshaling yards and truck convoy routes leading to the enemy's replacement depots behind the lines. Still third assignment, after the landings had been effected, would be to bomb selected targets in the battle area along with other elements of the U.S., British and Allied air

Soviets Liquidate Trap; 52,000 Germans Killed

Final liquidation of the ten trapped Nazi divisions in the Ukraine was announced by Marshal Stalin last night in an order of the day which said 52,000 Germans were killed in the 14 days' fighting and 11,000 were taken

Stalin's order revealed that in addition to the ten divisions previously known to be hemmed in north and west of Kirovograd, the Soviet Second Ukraine Army also trapped one brigade

railway.

of the German Eighth Army.

"All the German arms and equipment

Meanwhile, in the far north, Russian columns pushed within 20 miles of Pskov,

meeting sharply increased resistance from German rearguards fighting a delaying

Soviet capture of Samolva, on the eastern shore of the narrows linking Lake Peipus and Lake Pskov, developed a new threat to Pskov, gateway to Latvia and Estonia, and also to the Pskov-Riga

In some places the narrows are less than a mile wide, and a push across here and then a drive southward—in all a march of only 25 miles—would land the Russians along the rail line and highway linking the Pskov junction and the Latvian capital.

have been captured," Stalin said, an-nouncing 20 salvoes of 224 guns in Mos-

Parties in Row On Troop Vote

GOP, Democrat Leaders Accusing Each Other of 'Playing Politics'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—Sen. Scott W. Lucas (D., Ill.), co-author of the Administration's federal ballot bill for servicemen, accused "a group of Republi-cans" of "playing politics" with the soldier-vote issue.

"The Republicans already have made it an issue," he said. "They are the ones who have played politics with this thing from beginning to end."

His remarks followed a statement by the House GOP leader, Joseph W. Martin Jr., of Massachusetts, that the Republicans were ready to fight if President Roosevelt made an issue of the soldier vote in the coming election. vote in the coming election.

Meanwhile, a conference of ten members of the House and Senate, which was given the issue after the two chambers failed to reach an agreement, was attempting to work out a compromise. The House bill left the soldier vote entirely up to the states, while the Senate passed a modified federal-ballot plan.

BerlinTransportReported Paralyzed as Fires Rage

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 17 (AP)-German trains from the south and the southman trains from the south and the south-west are forced to stop 40 miles outside Berlin at Luckenwalde to transfer their passengers to buses for the rest of the journey to the capital, according to travellers reaching Sweden by air. The buses carried the passengers to Lichterfelde, about two miles from the city of Berlin, and the travellers had to walk the rest of the distance as a result of the great bomb damage. (United Press dispatches from Stock-

(United Press dispatches from Stock-holm reported conditions in Berlin as "chaotic," with traffic paralyzed and large fires still raging.)

Joan Barry Fights Results Of Chaplin Blood Tests

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17—Counsel for Joan Barry, 22, who accused Charlie Chaplin of fathering her child, said today he would not consent to dismissal of her paternity suit until further investiga-tion of blood tests which "exonerated" the comedian.

Attorney John J. Irwin, claiming that drugs have been known to change the characteristics of human blood, said he wanted to determine whether Chaplin might have taken drugs before having his blood typed last Tuesday.

Japs' 'Pearl Harbor' 1.000 Are Lost On Troopship

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (Reuter)-The War Department announced today that an Allied troopship with American soldiers on board has been sunk in European waters. One thousand men were rescued and

Near Europe

another 1,000 are reported missing.

The text of the war department

The text of the war department announcement says:

"Military security now permits the disclosure that an Allied ship was sunk on an undisclosed date in European waters. The sinking was caused by enemy action at night time.

"U.S. soldiers were aboard the ship in large humbers."

in large numbers.
"It is believed that the enemy does not know the results of this action for which reason the date has been withheld."
The sinking was one of the worst dis-

asters involving American forces at sea since the war started. Heavy seas were running at the time.

Gen. Eisenhower OnTour of U.K.

Chats With Soldiers at Surprise Inspections; cow in celebration of the victory. Closing of the pocket came after 14 days' ceaseless but futile counter-attacks by powerful Nazi tank forces under Marshal Von Manstein. Dozens of tanks were left charred wrecks as Manstein battered fruitlessly at the Soviet steel ring. Tedder Is Along

Gen. Eisenhower is engaged in a whirl-wind tour of the United Kingdom with his deputy, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, to visit field units of every type in the Allied Expeditionary Force, it was announced last pight by Supreme Allied announced last night by Supreme Allied

Headquarters.

Travelling in a special train—which is constantly in touch with headquarters by radio and carries its own motor transportation, also radio-equipped—the com-manding general is following a long-established practice of visiting all units in his command. In the Mediterranean theater, the longest he ever stayed in Algiers was 13 days.

On the present tour, which is punctuated by quick return visits to headquarters Gen. Eisenhower told one group of

enlisted men:
"If you can fight as well as you're
doing this training, God help the Nazis." There are no parades nor formal assemblages when he arrives at a unit. Commanding officers have been requested specifically to continue the training pro-

Fighting before Pskov increased in intensity as the Germans called up big forces of tommy-gunners, supported by tanks and mortars, to fight delaying actions at strategic villages. Engineers mined roads, blew up bridges and set booby traps in forest paths. gram, whether it be mere calisthenics or amphibious landing under live fire.

At one seasoned infantry outfit, the general's visit turned into an informal review. Troops marching down a road review. The Russians' answer to this rearguard resistance was to swing off the highways, encircle enemy strongpoints under cover review. Troops marching down a road saw the four-star car approaching and gave the customary "eyes right." At of darkness and smash Nazi communica-tions. The continuing progress of the Red drive increased the outflanking threat facing the Nazi fortress at Staraya gave the customary "eyes right." At every platoon, however, the car would stop and the general would step out and Russa, where Berlin yesterday reported strong local attacks by the Soviet armies. motion two or three men out of

"How's your chow and your billets?"
was a standard question. Or: "Where is
your home?" and "How long have you
been here?"

Checking closely on food, equipment (Continued on page 4)

a 24-hour lull. Berlin also reported Russian attacks near Cherkassy and Krivoi Rog, in the Ukraine. MP's \$2,000,000 Inheritance Shrinks to a Paltry \$200,000

Pvt. Ben Violette, of South Bend, Ind., sonly one-tenth as rich today as he was eported to be yesterday. A United ress dispatch from Milton, Ont., dislosed that the 26-year-old MP in London and been left between \$50,000 and \$1200,000 by his aunt, Mrs. Mary Martin, instead of the \$2,000,000 reported in yeserday's newspapers. is only one-tenth as rich today as he was reported to be yesterday. A United Press dispatch from Milton, Ont., disclosed that the 26-year-old MP in London had been left between \$50,000 and \$200,000 by his aunt, Mrs. Mary Martin, instead of the \$2,000,000 reported in yes-

At the same time, the German com-munique announced that the ten-day battle for Vitebsk had been renewed after

terday's newspapers.

The true amount was revealed by the Ontario probate records. Mrs. Martin, who died at Oakville, Ont., last December, left more than \$1,000,000. A share of this, estimated to be between \$50,000 and \$200,000, was left to Violette, and

but the news that he isn't a millionaire after all isn't expected to prove too much of a blow to the former University of Indiana student. After all, "between \$50,000 and \$200,000"—it still ain't hay,

Great Base Is Key To the Central Pacific War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—Power-ful U.S. Navy task forces of the Pacific Fleet, with several hundred airplanes participating, opened an attack on Japan's great Central Pacific base at Truk early yesterday morning, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced at Pearl Harbor tonight.

The Pacific commander-in-chief's communique, announced by the Navy Department here, said the attack began at daylight and that no further details were available.

Truk, reputed to be one of the strongest naval bases in the world, is in the Carolines about 1,000 miles west of the nearest Allied occupied territory—the islands of Kwajalein atoll in the Marshalls.

Masshalls.

The attack coincided with a "heavy blasting" of Ponape, in the eastern Carolines, less than 380 miles east of Truk, by U.S. Seventh Air Force Liberators. At the same time, Southwest Pacific reports said Kavieng, New Ireland, was a "mass of flames" after another heavy air assault.

First Smash at Base

The Navy's assault on Truk was the first reported attack by Allied warships on Japan's central Pacific "Pearl Harbor" in the heart of the mandated Carolines lines.

Radio silence enforced deep secrecy concerning the progress of the operation, but if the raid was timed to catch Japanese warships in Truk lagoon and was a surprise, it was conceivable that torpedo planes and bombers could have sunk or damaged many vessels. There was no hint as to the numbers of ships actually in

The enemy naval base at Truk, large enough to accommodate all known ships of the Japanese First and believed to contain a first-class cattleship anchorage, is surrounded by hundreds of small islands. It has been visited by only a handful of non-Japanese in the 25 years the Nipponese have been in control.

News of the attack, flashed by radio

News of the attack, flashed by radio and late afternoon newspaper editions, electrified the U.S. Naval circles in the Capital hailed it as the boldest stroke of

Two months ago an American task force in the Central Pacific sailed close to Truk, but the Japanese battle fleet quarters that the enemy naval command had withdrawn battleships and carriers to

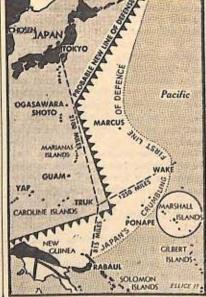
Japanese home waters.

Truk was the pivot of Japan's naval strategy in the Central Pacific. From there, Japanese task forces struck out there, Japanese task forces struck out west, south and east, and from there the great battle fleet mauled in the Battle of Midway was supposed to have sailed. It was from Truk, also, that the enemy sailed to the Battle of the Coral Sea.

Before the war Truk had the largest population of any of the Carolines.

Today it shares with Ponape Jap admini-

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THE STARS AND STRIPES

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The Food Shortage

GIs fighting in Italy, India, China and the Pacific Theater, together with those serving here and in all the other foreign stations, have at times been worried by reports from home of ration restrictions, long hours of work and poor returns for the farmer.

Recently a number of our boys have had an opportunity to see for themselves, as rotation and wounds sent them back to the States.

From these we are able to report definitely that the situation is well in hand. Dad is able to plug along six days per week on his government job. The kid brother working a graveyard shift in the shipyards is rolling in wealth, and the GI on leave, sobered by death, disaster and everpresent danger, soon gets orientated on the great American sport of home front

By way of proof, one of our heroes home from the war took the trouble to mail us the menu of a dinner given by an agricultural association.

For a starter our rugged, simple-living farmers were served "Les petits caprices, canapes delice Diana, pastegais, seafood dainties, hot and cold snacks, mixed cocktails, Amontillado aperitifs variees.

That, of course, was just the warm-up before the guests sat down. Then came "Baked oysters Casino, diamond back terrapin soup with sherry piroguis, lobster Newburg, rice pilaff, filet mignon with fresh mushrooms Perigourdine, artichoke hearts with peas, Hollandaise, potatoes souffles, mousse of Smithfield ham en aspic, with mixed green salad, Escoffier. Also Tortoni ice cream with peaches triple sec, en couronne, gateau mille feuille; moka,"

And we mustn't overlook the wine list, which included "Chablis, Andre Bouchard: Chateau Pontet Canet, Schel et Fils Freres; Louis Roederer Brut; Cognac Fine Champagne; Benetlictine, D.O.M.; and Chartreuse, yellow."

And the food shortage brother-it's terrible, simply terrible.

Tax Time

Now for a moment consider the backhome taxpayer (nobody else will), as the merry month of March rolls round. In March John Q. Citizen will have a problem on his hands that's a honey Already there's howling and cursing throughout the land, and it tops anything ever heard before as fifty million people try to probe the meaning of this year's mysterious tax form.

It reads like a pirate's directions where to dig for gold - a drunken pirate at that who couldn't remember just where he buried his hoard.

Even the Bureau of Internal Revenue is apologetic about the whole thing, and so is the Treasury Department. official, quoted in the New York Times, says it probably will be "the form to end all forms." After this one must come either the deluge or the real tax simplification that has been talked about for years. Things can't get any worse in the income-tax form department.

The present form, says a Treasury official, isn't really the fault of his department and it isn't really anybody's fault-it just grew that way. On it can be faintly deciphered all the good and bad intentions of all Congresses which ever worked on a revenue bill, with all their past and present actions, reactions, advances and retreats. This year's form wasn't designed that wayit just accumulated. Before you get home, it will probably-or so everyhopes-be legislated out of existence and a new form substituted, a form that won't increase the American insanity rate.

The revenue bill that Congress has recently finished has nothing to do with the present tax form, which is compounded of the victory tax, the withholding tax, the forgiveness of part of 1942's tax liability, plus their amend-

The knowledge that those of us on foreign service won't have to work over this year's income-tax form should compensate in part for the Hell of War. Peace-remember-has its own sweet problems.

Hash Marks

Some guys at a certain camp are still wondering if their mess hall menu con-tained a typographical error or not. Dessert was listed as micement pie.

A Marine sergeant and a Navy chief petty officer, just back from the Solomons, were spending their first leave in Los



Angeles. After a night of painting the town red they retired to their rooms, which happened to be in the same hotel. In the wee small hours, a truck driver dumped a packing case outside the builddumped a packing case offished the offideling—the crash resounding throughout the hotel. The Marine and the Navy guy leaped from their beds, dashed into the corridor half asleep. They collided in the hall, grappled and finally became fully awake. "No foxholes out here," said the Navy chief sheepishly. "Nope, guess we don't need any," replied the Sarge—and both went quietly back to bed.

There's a lieutenant in an AG section over here whose face is very, very red these days. In fact, he's quite a queue-happy lad. He met his date and whipped into one of London's largest restaurants for a snack. There were two queues, one to the right and one to the left. The one to the left was shorter; so he joined it. In a, few minutes he heard someone giggling. He looked around but saw nothing funny. The giggling continued at regular intervals, much to his bewilderment, and finally the place was in an uproar. At that moment his queue moved close enough to its destination for the lieutenant to discover that he was headed for a door quaintly lettered, "Ladies."

This little verse was left in our type-writer by an anonymous visitor. We hope



wonder if I shall ever see "A Pfc with a 'T'."

The last straw. A dreamy-eyed gal back in the States wrote her boy friend over here, "Say, Eddie, tell me what ETO means—I gather it's something like our USO."

J. C. W.



Tanks Win 'Battle' After Bridgehead Is Secured

By G. K. Hodenfield

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

AN ARMORED UNIT HQ, Feb. 17-Earlier this week a portion of the coast of England rocked under the explosions of heavy naval shells and echoed the gunshots of men who waded ashore from landing craft and stormed the beaches. It was an invasion rehearsal, a dry run of the landing that is coming this year on the beaches of Hitler's Europe.

But the landings are only the beginning-and here in the English countryside an armored unit has just completed a three-day maneuver that has proven to all who watched, as well as to those who took part, that the men and machines of this outfit will be ready when those other battles approach.

It was a three-day battle against a foe that was imaginary. But there was nothing phony about the live ammunition that went screaming from the snouts of a myriad of guns, nor about the anti-personnel shells that burst in the air and rained shrapnel against the tops and sides of the tanks as they lumbered forward.

To War in an M-4

This reporter went to war on the assistant driver's seat of a Gen. Sherman (M-4) tank. You don't get a very good idea of what a battle is all about through the narrow slit of a periscope that bounces every time the tank hits a bump (and you hit plenty of bumps in a tank). But you get a good idea of what the men of the armored force go through in

In many respects a tank is like an airplane. There is a minimum of space, and a maximum of camaraderie. There are no frills, but complete teamwork. In the



Top—Tanks and infantry attack a ridge during invasion manusers somewhere in Britain. Tank commander stands halfway out of turret, as in foreground, until vehicle comes under fire. Below—The light M8, new "mortar" of the Tank Corps, took part in recent invasion practice. Mounting a 75-mm, howitzer and .50-cal. machinegun, it teams up with M5s, lobbing mortar-like shells into concealed positions with high-trajectory fire.

crew of five the responsibilities are well, M-5 light tanks, M-10 tank destroyers, defined. The tank commander stands halfway out of the turret until the tank comes under fire; after that he continues to guide it by peering through his periscope. The gunner perches on the right side of the tank, the radio operator on the left. In combat the radio operator is also the gun loader for the 75-mm. cannon. The driver and his assistant sit down front, where the assistant mans a machine-gun.

The "Stars and Stripes Special" on this problem was the company command tank, commanded by Capt. Cameron J. Warren, of Lancaster, Pa. Warren, who used to be in the forestry service, is no newcomer to a tank, nor to the business of fighting the Axis. He has had combat experience in both Africa and Sicily and part of his job here is that of an in-

A Gunner-Farmer

The gunner was Cpl. Barnett E. Yoho, who used to be a farmer near New England, W. Va. The radio operator and gun-loader was T/5 Thomas E. Smith, of Dothan, Ala., and the driver was Pfc William J. Novak, an electrician from Cleveland. Absent in this particular problem was the assistant driver, T/5 Joseph P. Stofha, a former machinist from Chairton, Pa.

As the exercise entered its final phase, the problem was well defined. The enemy had just entrenched behind the crest of a hill about two miles away. He had an outpost behind the crest of another hill, about 300 yards forward. Reconnaissance had shown that the enemy force was composed mostly of light tanks, and that he had no reinforcements in the immediate vicinity.

The attacking force included Shermans, a second front.

M-8s (75-mm, howitzer on M-5 chassis) and M-7s (Priests), self-propelled artillery mounting 105mm, cannon.

The earphones crackled and Capt. Warren gave his company the order to move off. The huge tanks lumbered forward in a tight defensive formation.

As the tanks moved toward the battle, the artillery began its barrage. Shells whistled overhead and landed sometimes just 100 yards ahead of us. As we moved forward, the barrage moved with us. Then the tanks opened up with their 3-inchers, and the "Stars and Stripes Special" jarred backward each time a shell went "whooshing" away.

Battle Quickly Over

In a few moments we roared away again, crashing deep into a ravine and plunging out on the other side. As the tanks moved up the hill, the machineguns began their chattering. And then, as suddenly as it had started, the chattering stopped and the infantry moved in.

The outpost had fallen.

The main objective was still ahead, but the tactics were the same and the result was the same. It was that irresistible combination of artillery, tanks and infantry. It included deadly accurate fire power, the same sort the Germans know well from Africa and Italy.

And behind it all were the other comof any fighting force . radio cars, command posts, ambulances and medics, and the armored forces' own pet-the M-25, the heavily armed "wrecker" that stays right up next to the fight and rescues damaged tanks.

This particular exercise was comparatively small. It was minute in terms of

Trial Balloon?—Yes

Before Plane Even Was Invented, The U.S. Army Had an Air Base

DENVER, Feb. 17 (AP) - The | vellowed pages of an old magazine disclosed today that a U.S. Army air base was established at near-by Fort Logan in 1894, nearly two decades before the birth of modern aviation at Kittyhawk,

The Fort Logan public relation's office said the accidental discovery of an article in a 43-year-old copy of Harper's Monthly led to the conclusion that America's first balloon-The General Myer-was based at the Fort before the Spanish-American war.

Back in 1892 the balloon was built, and exhibited at the Columbian World's Exposition at Chicago the following year," said the Army release. After its exhibitionary stages the balloon was used for purposes of instruction at the very small Signal Corps School at Fort Riley,

"In 1894 the balloon was transferred to Fort Logan, where a balloon house was built and the General Myer made its first home. Here Capt. W. A. Glassford, Signal Corps, devoted his attention to creating a training program, almost without money or materials. An aeronaut was enlisted and a few hundred dollars were allotted from signal appropriations.

"Drills and practice work made a few men familiar with the balloon, and war conditions were simulated as far as possible. Messages were sent to and from the basket by telephone, and photographs were taken of the Denver area."

The balloon deteriorated and wind destroyed it while it was being inflated. Later, a few hundred dollars was obtained

The declaration of war against Spain broke up the Fort Logan balloon detachment, said the Army.



"Whadya know! Guess there was a diner on that ship buddy!"



Offr nomination for the busiest basket-ball man around New York is Red Wolfe. Red coaches Long Island U, while Claire Bee is gone to the service, acts as player-coach of the Bendix independent squad, plays two games a week with the Phila-delphia pro five, referees afternoon and early evening basketball games for high schools and colleges and still makes most of the sports luncheons and dinners. Red explains it by saying, "I've still got good legs."

Flying Officer Arthur S. Ross Jr., of the RAF, is credited with two Nazi bombers. Art Jr., son of Art Ross, general manager of the Boston Bruin hockey club, turned from stopping shots as a goalie to handing them out as a fighter pilot. . . Golfer Paul Runyan is a chief petty officer teaching non-medical personnel the principles of first aid at Norfolk Naval Training Station.

The latest addition to the Sampson Naval Training station's strong basketball five is Jules Bender, the former Long Island U. ace. Bender has been assigned to the school as a physical instructor.

In the recent Metropolitan AAU games in New York the spectators were slightly astounded when the Columbia Midshipmen's school entry ran the first three legs of the mile relay and then quit. Here was the reason: After warming up and reporting his team's running order, Roy Hollander, former North Carolina State track ace and captain of the midshipman entry, retired to the dressing shipman entry, retired to the dressing room for a rest. When the race went off the first three Columbia runners were well up in the race, but when the third man finished his leg there was no one to take the baton. Still mystified as to what had happened to their captain, the men searched the dressing rooms and found Roy asleep.

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Bainbridge Naval has tough luck losing key basketball players in crucial moments. Just before the teams took the floor for the Bainbridge-Norfolk Naval Training School game, Hal Lambert, Bainbridge captain and former Rice star, collapsed and was taken to the hospital with double pneumonia. The week before, Ken Corley, Bainbridge's leading scorer, came down with 'flu and had to be taken to the hospital between halves of the Commodore's game with the Quantico modore's game with the Quantico

Solely on pitching, the Cincinnati Reds loom as one of the teams to beat in the coming baseball race as they are losing only Johnny VanderMeer off their last season hurling roster. They still have Elmer Riddle, Bucky Walters, Ray Starr, Ed Heusser, Clyde Shoun and Joe Beggs and are bringing Tommy DeLaCruz and Arnold Carter from Syracuse in the International.

Old Adolph Rupp, hoop coach at Kentucky, is making some of the high powered basketball teams look bad. Rupp has a collection of freshmen helped by a couple of 4-Fs and they are standing their league on its head. On a midwest pre-season tour they beat Ohio State, Indiana, Notre Dame and St. John's and bowed only to Illinois by one point. Rupp starts three freshmen and two 4-F sophomores neither of whom had any college experience before this year.

Help Wanted -AND GIVEN

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Brooklyn, Mach, Mate 1/e Lloyd Wartin, Stockton,
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Ore.; Alvin Lindsey, Aurbon Martin, Stockton, Ala.

Mis Thurma Raney, Arp., Tex.; Sgt. Ray Miss.; Sgt. Ray Durlos, Attleboro, Mass.; Sgt. Thomas Boyd. Newcastle, Pa.; S/Sgt. Alfred J. Lewis Jr., Newcastle, Pa.; S/Sgt. Alfred J. Lewis Jr., Detroit; Sgt. Robert Sullivan, Royal Oak, Mich.; Detroit; Sgt. Robert Sullivan, Royal Oak, Mich.; Detroit; Sgt. Robert Sullivan, Royal Oak, Mich.; Li. George "Bud" Gustin, Spencer, Ind.; Pfc Li. George "Bud" Gustin, Spencer, Ind.; Pfc Li. George "Bud" Gustin, Spencer, Ind.; Pfc Li. George Challet Colorial Coloria Colorial Colorial Colorial Colorial Coloria Colorial Coloria Coloria Coloria Coloria Col

MUSETTE hag. Someone took mine by mistake at the Jules Club, London, Feb. 9, contains camera, flashlight, gloves, rations, etc.—Lt. Joe Robuspellimi.

camera, flashlight, gloves, rations, etc.—It. Joe camera flashlight, gloves, rations, etc.—It. Joe market, London, Feb. 9. Will the American soldier to whom it was handed please return it to soldier to whom it was handed please return it to make the flash of the soldier to whom it was handed please return it to Miss N. Rae, stage door, Lyric Theater, London, Miss N. Rae, stage door, Lyric Theater, London, Miss N. Attonus £3, pictures and papers, WALLET, tan, containing £3, pictures and papers, wall the American tangents in the American tangents and papers, wall the American tangents in the American tangents and papers, wall the American tangents in th

Cortland (N.Y.) Reunion
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Cortland, N.Y., soldiers will hold a reunion
at the ARC Mostyn Club, 16 Portman St.,
London, WI, at 7.15 PM Feb. 25.

Greco Is Acquitted In Manslaughter Case

SPORTS

ST. JOHN'S, Quebec, Feb. 17-Pvt. Johnny Greco, former lightweight contender now in the Canadian Army, has been acquitted of manslaughter charges arising from the death of another soldier in an automobile accident.

A coroner's court held Greco after his auto struck Pvt. Romeo Dagenais Jan. 16, when the ex-boxer was driving back to camp from Montreal. Greco testified that he felt the bump but thought it was a piece of ice and didn't bother to stop. Dagenais' frozen body was found in the road the next

HagbergNavy's New Grid Boss

Submariner Takes Over From Whelchel At Annapolis

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 17—Cmdr. Oscar E. Hagberg has been named by the Navy to succeed Cmdr. John Whelchel as head football coach at the Academy

Hagberg, former Navy grid star, has just returned from Pacific submarine duty. Beside his grid duties, he will act as an instructor in the foreign language deposit page.

department.

The new sailor mentor was graduated from the Academy in 1931 after playing end and fullback for three years. He also won varsity letters in lacrosse. A native of Pennsylvania, Hagberg was an all-round athlete at Bethany (W. Va.) College before he received his appointment to the Academy.

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Following his graduation, he served as Navy end coach in 1933 and '34 and head Jayvee coach in 1936. He was plebe mentor in '37 and took over the Jayvees again in '39

again in '39.

For the last few years, Hagberg has been on duty in the Pacific.

Coast Baseballers Blast Card Chain In Transfer Deal

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 17—Chain store baseball was slapped by local citizens today when they took a collective stand against the St. Louis Cardinals to prevent transfer of the bail club's franchise to Tacoma, Wash., by launching a fund campaign for \$110,000, enough to purchase to the from the Cards.

Linder Penner Martin, Sacramento won

purchase the club from the Cards.

Under Pepper Martin, Sacramento won the Pacific Coast League pennant in 1942, but finished in the cellar last year. Fans blame the Cards for the downfall, saying St. Louis stripped its farm of all likely talent after the '42 campaign and failed to bolster the team.

The major blast at the Cards came from San Francisco owner Charles Graham, who formerly owned the Sacramento club.

"This regrettable occurrence is a concrete example of the dangers and curses of chain store baseball," he charged. "The blame rests with the heads of the Cards who did not give Sacramentons a chance after they paid for and donated a franchise to St. Louis in 1936."

Cardinal President Sam Breadon had no comment.

Jack Hammers Out Decision Over Berger

CLEVELAND, Feb. 17—Beau Jack, lightweight champion, New York version, made his Midwestern debut a success by hammering out a lopsided ten-round decision over Maxie Berger, of Montreal.

Although Jack was in complete charge of operations throughout and made a punching bag of the Canadian welter-weight, he couldn't put Berger to sleep. Weighing 138, Jack overcame a sixpound handicap.

Hockey Leaders

G A Pts.

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Carr, Toronto. 28 32 60 Liscombe, Det. 25 25 50
D Bentley, C'go 26 27 53 C.Smith, Ch'9o 16 34 50
Mosientko, C'go 25 28 53 Lach, Montreal 14 36 50
Cowley, Boston 19 33 52 Bodnar, Tor'to 18 31 49

Flier Ringmen Edge RAF, 3-2

Gives Margin

New Orleans Welterweight Stops Mark Todd In First Stanza

A USSTAF STATION, Feb. 17—Pfc Herbert Williams, Negro punching whirl-wind from New Orleans, extended his

Herbert Williams, Negro punching whirlwind from New Orleans, extended his
ETO victory string here last night as he
clinched a 3—2 American team verdict
over a quintet of RAF ringmen by
stopping his foe
in the evening's
final match.
Williams, a Rainbow Corner favorite
and former sparring
partner of Henry
Armstrong, unleashed a barrage of
sharp rights almost
at the opening bell
to knock out A/C
Mark Todd, of the
RAF, in one min-RAF, in one min-ute, 25 seconds. The hard-punching

The hard-punching Negro boy, weighing 140, held a two-pound pull in weights. Pyt. Nick Guagliardo, 148-pounder from New Orleans and winner in two Corner appearances, failed to match Williams' performance, dropping a bitterly contested decision to Cpl. Jimmie Smith, 153, in the semi-windup. Guagliardo gamely tried to catch the RAF boxer, but he couldn't penetrate his defense.

Take 2-0 Lead

The Americans stepped ahead, 2-0, as Pfc Ray Wyzykiewicz, of Buffalo, 125, rapped out a decision over A/C Ron Bissell, 122, and Pvt, William Wright, Youngstown, Ohio, 150-pounder, drew the judges' nod after three fast rounds of action against LAC Joseph Sanderson, 152.

However, the RAF squad climbed into a tie as LAC Tommy Major, 159, outpointed Pvt. Frank Breskowietz, of Trenton, N.J., 158, and Guagliardo bowed to Smith. However, Williams' rapid-fire kayo broke the deadlock and gave the Americans their team victory.

Olympic Rules Used

The bouts were conducted under Inter-national Olympic rules, with decisions given by three ringside judges and the referee working inside the ring. Under British rules the referee sits outside the ring, controlling the boxers with verbal

In addition to the five championship matches, there were four exhibition bouts, results of which follow:

results of which follow:

Sgt. Norman Dawson, RCA, 152, decisioned
Prt. Johnny Ruth, Philadelphia, 147.

LAC R. H. Stewary, RAF, 125, outpointed
Br. George Brabast, RCA, 126.
Pfc Junior Lowe, New Orleans, 129, kayoed
LAC Pat McNamara, RAF, 127, in 1:47 of first
round.

LAC Mark Hart, RAF, 181, TKOed Pvt. Car-nen Bassillio. Boston, 173, in 1;22 of second

has placed Spud Chandler, Yankee ace

who was chosen the American League's

most valuable player last year, on the limited service list, meaning the Yank pitcher may be on the mound when the

season opens. After the exam, Chandler returned to his Moultrie, Ga., home

without notice to report for induction and since draft board quotas include a comparatively small number of limited

servicemen he probably won't be called

BAINBRIDGE, Md., Feb. 17—Elbie Fletcher, Pittsburgh Pirate first baseman,

has entered the Navy physical instructors

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17-If he can

whip his 38-year-old bones into playing condition. Chuck Klein, Phillie coach

and one-time National League home run

Hockey Results Pittsburgh 1, Cleveland 1

Diamond Dust

for some time.

school here.

Herb Williams' Marse Joe Reaches Into Hat Kayo Triumph For a Hot Shot for Hot Corner

NEW YORK, Feb. 17—Much to the chagrin of American League rivals, Joe McCarthy, boss-man of the New York Yankees, is a phenomenal seer when it comes to shuffling players from positions of their choosing to where Marse Joe thinks they should play.

This development, more than any other factor, has been chiefly responsible for McCarthy's fabulous success during the past 13 years.

When Red Rolfe joined the club from Newark, he was a shortstop, and only a fair-to-middlin' one at that. But McCarthy saw promise in the freshman, shifted him to third base, where Rolfe soon blossomed into the best hot corner custodian in the circuit.

Joe Gordon, who also fancied himself as a shortstop, is another example of McCarthy's ability to come up with the proper answers. Under Marse Joe's tutelage, Gordon became the foremost second sacker in the business.

No. 3 in the chain of erstwhile short-stops was Billy Johnson, who was voted the outstanding rookie of the season last year after the Yankee boss transformed him into a third baseman. Now Johnson is headed for the Army and, with third base vacated, it's only natural for McCarthy to find someone to fill the gap.

Don Savage, who played third and the outfield for Newark last year, seems to have the inside track on the job at the moment. George Stirnweiss, with the club last season, will get a crack at it, too, if Gordon returns.

Of course, if Gordon makes good his threat to retire, Stirnweiss, who played second base for Newark and shortstop for the Yankees, will likely return to second, leaving the shortstopping chores for veteran Frankie Crosetti.



Joe McCarthy

for veteran Frankie Crosetti.

Savage, who stands six feet and is 25, is a highly regarded prospect. He batted 262 for Newark last year, and his 16 home runs was second best in the International League. For a big man, he is fast, having stolen 22 bases in '43.

After bouncing around the minors for four years, Savage was out of action in 1942, suffering from a diabetic condition

3 Knockouts

A COAST ARTILLERY (AA) BASE, Feb. 17—Three knockouts furnished the excitement here last night as more than 1,000 American and British fans crowded the local arena for a GI fight show of

All three kayoes were chalked up in the second round, the quickest by Pvt. Harold Brown, 143-pound slugger from Marietta, Ohio, who flattened Pfc John Colon, of Brooklyn, 145, in one minute 18 seconds of the middle frame.

In other bouts on the card:

Arm Injury May Put Chandler

Back on Mound for Yankees

Pvt. John Cloud, San Diego, 121, kayoed Pvt. Jim Curreri, Baltimore, 127, in 1:35 of the second. Pfg. Fred Noddings, Pawnicket, R.L., 138, defeated Pvt. Armond Espara, Los Angeles, 138. Pvt. Frank Andreatta, Modesta, Cal., 151, outpointed Pvt. Alfred Bates, Battle Creek, Mich., 149

Pvt. Fred McMullen, 155, decisioned Pfc Ed Whiteman, Sedapz, Miss., 150. Pvt. John Zilka, Pittsburgh, 165, kayoed Pvt. Paul Terry, Decatur, Ala., 160, in 1:55 of the second.

DETROIT, Feb. 17—Another Detroit Tiger player apparently will be lost to the club. Don Ross, outfielder, notified

the club from Los Angeles that he has

veteran Yankee catcher embarking on his

17th season, has returned his signed contract. Dickey, the oldest player on the team in point of service, will receive the same salary as last year—believed to be about \$20,000—President Ed Barrow disclosed.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 17—Rogers Hornsby, one of baseball's all-time greats and former manager of Fort Worth in the

Texas League, has signed to manage Vera Cruz in the Mexican League, His

salary is reputed to be \$10,000.

been reclassified 1-A.

disclosed.

GroundGainers On CA Card Led by Paschal

CHICAGO, Feb. 17—Hard-hitting Bill Paschal, New York Giant fullback, was the National Football League's best ground gainer last season, according to official statistics released today.

Paschal shaded Jack Hinkle, of the Philadelphia-Pittsburgh. Steagles by one yard, gaining 572 yards in 147 tries as against Hinkle's 570. Technically, Paschal won the crown Nov. 7 when the Giants played a scoreless tie with the Detroit Lions, picking up two yards—just enough to shade Hinkle—in one attempt after suffering an injured ankle.

Harry Clark, shifty Chicago Bear half-

Harry Clark, shifty Chicago Bear half-back, finished third with 556 yards.

Although the Bears won the league title, they lost their ground-gaining diadem to the Steagles, who covered 1,730 yards, while the Bears gained 1,651.

Dale Hall Paces Army To Victory Over Penn

NEW YORK, Feb. 17—With Dale Hall pouring 18 points through the hoop, Army's Cadets clipped Pennsylvania, 55—38, here last night for their 11th straight cage success.

ATLANTA, Feb. 17—An arm injury as placed Spud Chandler, Yankee ace ho was chosen the American League's DETROIT, Feb. 17—Another Detroit of the West Pointers with a 17—8 lead after ten minutes of shooting. Accurate long shots to foil Penn's tight man-to-man defense turned the game into a rout for the Cadets.

the Cadets.

Hall, Bobby Faas and Doug Kenna featured for the Cadets, while Frank Crossin was Penn's leading marksman with 14 points. NEW YORK, Feb. 17—Bill Dickey,

CAGE RESULTS

Army 55, Pennsylvania 38
Bucknell 39, Muhlenberg 37
Canisius 44, Cornell 42
Cathedral 49, Brooklyn Poly 42
Cathedral 49, Brooklyn Poly 42
Catholic U, 77, Johns Hopkins 37
Fort Warren 51, Dow Chemical 41
Grosse 1sle Navy 50, Detroit Tech 48
Hobart 57, Sampson Naval 44
Navy 65, Columbia 38
Pittsburgh 59, W, Virginia 55
Pittsburgh (Kan.) Teachers 50, Arkansas 42
Rice 62, Texas 43
San Diego All-Stars 51, Los Dorados (Mexico) 38
Tulane 41, LSU 39
Utah 78, Bushnell Hos. 31

Lil Abner



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News from Home

'Peace Now' Group Accused Of Sedition in Dies' Report

Committee Links Nazis With Former Leader In U.S. Movement

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17-The Dies Committee, in a formal report to the House, today condemned the Peace Now movement as "an un-American group whose activities are calculated to interfere with the successful prosecution of the

The committee, established to investi-gate un-American activities, attributed to the Peace Now group acts which it said were "clearly seditious and which tended toward the encouragement of treason.

Peace Now, organized last year around a nucleus of former members of the America First Committee, a prè-Pearl Harbor organization which campaigned to keep the U.S. out of the war, is headed by Dr. George Hartmann, an instructor at Harvard University. It was disclosed recently to be working by mail and through local units in support of a negotiated peace. tiated peace.

The Dies Committee said the organiza-tion's field secretary in its first two months was John Albert Collett, a native of Oslo, Norway, who came to the U.S. on a pass-port issued by the Nazi-controlled Oslo

port issued by the Nazi-controlled Oslo police department.

"The seditious nature of Peace Now is further illustrated," the committee charged, "in an 'Open Letter to the President of the United States' which was found in the files of the organization.

"This open letter closes with a threat that the senders' 'sanction and support of any invasion of Europe involving the armed forces of the U.S.' will be withheld under specified circumstances."

Joe E. Brown Ends Long Tour

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 — Movie comedian Joe E. Brown returned this week after traveling 47,000 miles to visit men on the fighting fronts. He toured India, China, Iran, Iraq, Arabia, Egypt, Italy, Morocco, Casablanca and South America for the USO.

Out of Character

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 17-The temperature was two degrees above freezing recently when Mayor John T. Alsop went to the station to welcome Sen. Harry Truman, of Missouri. The Mayor, wear-ing woolen gloves and a heavy overcoat, said: "We welcome you to the land of sunshine and flowers."

Subsidy Ban OK'd

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—
The Senate gave final approval yesterday to the anti-subsidy bill, forbidding the government to pay food subsidies after June 1. The House was expected to pass the bill tomorrow. It was expected also tha President Roosevelt would veto it.

10,000 in Detention Camps

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (Reuter)-Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle informed Congress yesterday that approximately 10,000 persons were in U.S. detention camps, among them about 2,000 enemy aliens, mostly Germans, brought from South America.

No Busman's Holiday

NEW YORK, Feb. 17—Ensign Helen McCreight, a WAVE, has a job in Washington finding accommodation for Navy personnel who are without hotel reserva-tions. Here for a weekend, she spent Saturday night in a hotel lobby, unable to

No Pictures Tell the Story

Journal because that newspaper didn't another set of twins,

Combat Duties on AFN

Tonight at 8.25 Sgt. Marguerite Collins St. Louis, Mo., secretary to one of Gen. Eisenhower's staff, will be Ford Ken-nedy's guest on the weekly AFN feature, "This Is The Army."

Recently returned from North Africa, Sgt. Collins will tell of a WAC's duties in combat zones.

On Your Dial 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m. Friday, Feb. 18

Friday, Feb. 18

1100—GI Jive.
1115—Personal Album.
1130—Band Wagon.
1230—Stephane Grappelly and his Quintet (BBC).
1235—Quiet Moment.
1300—World News (BBC).
1310—Barracks Bag.
1400—Visiting Hour.
1430—Sign off until 1700 hours.

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1730—Sign on—Jack Payne and his Orchestra and
Program Resume.
1730—Franily Hour.
1800—World News (BBC).
1810—GI Sopper Club.
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
1905—Comedy Caravan.
19310—Designed in Britain.
2000—News From Home—Nightly Roundup of
news from the U.S.A.
2010—Fred Waring Program.
2025—This is the Army—Little known facts about
your Armed Forces.
2130—Jubilet.
2130—World News (BBC).
2110—I Hear a Rhapsody—with Andre Kostelanetz.

110—I Hear a Rhapsody—with Eduar Bergen.

lanetz.

2125 - Charlie McCarthy Show - with Edgar Bergen
Dale Evans and Ray Noble's Orchestra.

2150 - Roundup Time - Western Music.

2155 - One Night Stand.

Suspense.
- Final Edition.
- Sign off until 1100 hours, Saturday, Feb. 19.

Draft in Peace Time Is Urged by Hershey

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17-Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, urged today that universal military service be adopted in the U.S. after the war.

"To insure that our military strength is sustained," he said, "mobilization must continue concurrently with demobilization.

"If every citizen must bear arms in an emergency, he has a right to be trained, conditioned and prepared for the obligation during the years he bears the brunt of the heavy respon-

carry pictures of the latest draftees. Replied the city editor: "It might have been because our photographer was one

Woman Killed in Trolley Fire

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 17—One woman was killed and 15 persons injured when fire broke out in a street car. The dead woman was Mrs. Clyde Guepner, 57, of Birmingham. Most of the injuries were caused when passengers stampeded from the moving car.

Gable Sued in Accident

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17 (AP)—Capt. Clark Gable is involved in a \$29,770 suit as the result of an automobile accident Feb. 7 alleged to have been caused when Gable stopped his car suddenly at an intersection. Two persons were injured.

Klan Leaders Acquitted

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 17 (Reuter)— Five leaders of the Ku Klux Klan were acquitted here vesterday on a charge of conspiracy to create racial strife. The judge said a conviction would "abridge freedom of speech."

Really a White Elephant

FAYETTE, Idaho, Feb. 17—Reese Jenkins found the skeleton of a pre-historic mastodon seven years ago. For seven years he's been trying to find a buyer. Now he's willing to give it away.

25 Die as Ship Founders

PORTSMOUTH, N.H., Feb. 17 (Reuter)—Twenty-five of a crew of 45 were lost when a British cargo ship piled onto Boon Island Ledge, about 12 miles off York, Me., in a driving blizzard and

Edgar Selwyn, 67, Dies

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 17— Edgar Selwyn, 67, producer and executive director of MGM, died of a brain hemorrhage. He got his start as an usher in New York's Herald Square Theater.

Statement of Charges

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—Congress is asked to pay \$7,000 for 500 sheep killed in Schleicher County, Tex., when bombs accidentally fell out of an Army

Busy Bossy

LOGAN, Utah., Feb. 17-Harley A. Down has a cow which has contributed the following since the war started: 400 pounds of butter fat, two sets of twins and one set of triplets.

Stork Was Sheepish About This PIPESTONE, Minn., Feb. 17-A ewe troops.

SPRINGFIELD. Ill., Feb. 17—A on Bob Peterson's farm gave birth to twin woman complained to the Illinois State lambs and two weeks later produced

GI Jane to Tell of WACs' Daughter of W. Wilson Dies in Seclusion in India

PONDICHERRY, India, Feb. 17 (UP) Margaret Woodrow Wilson, daughter of the late President Wilson, has died in the religious colony outside Pondicherry where she retired from the world four years ago. She joined a colony of fol-lowers of the Brahmin religious leader, Sri Aurobiada in 1940. Sri Aurobindo, in 1940.

Mom No. 1 Sweetheart

NEW YORK, Feb. 17-Mom is still G1 Joe's No. 1 sweetheart. A tabulation of Valentine sales at the Mitchel Field PX showed Mom leading, two to one. Wives ran second, gfrl friends third.

OnTour of U.K.

(Continued from page 1) and the soldiers' training and fighting attitude, Gen. Eisenhower usually walks through the kitchen early in his visit, then goes to the medics to check the health record and finally turns to the equipment

So far he has inspected air bases and infantry outfits, both British and Ameri-can, and plans soon to visit Canadian

eling party maintains constant communication with headquarters and even carries a radio-equipped jeep. When communication the train stops, telephone men plug in on a through circuit to headquarters. And while it's en route there is a fully equipped office on wheels for the general and his personal staff to continue the mass of desk work constantly confronting

Reports from the field after his visits indicate a deep respect for "General Ike," particularly from the enlisted men with whom he talked personally.
"He moves fast all right.

He was hopping in and out of armored cars, picking up guns and trying them out. He appears to be a cheerful, confident man," commented Pvt. Lloyd R. Dillon, 26, of Clairton, Pa.
1/Sgt. Paul Moore, of Washington, one

of those questioned, said afterward: viduals cont "He's sure got a terrific personality. He's half billions.

The Sarge Got a Royal Shock



S/Sgt. Willie Banik, of Chicago, who was dozing in his room at the London Mostyn Club yesterday when King George and Queen Elizabeth paid it a visit, shakes hands with the King.

King, Queen Visit ARC Club, Flush One Sleepy Disbeliever

By Arthur W. White

S/Sgt. Willie Banik, 23-year-old infantryman from Chicago, traveled for ten hours Wednesday night to reach London for his first furlough in England,

and he was pretty tired yesterday.

So he just turned over and tried to go to sleep again when a soldier touched him on the shoulder as he lay dozing on his cot at the ARC Mostyn Club and said he'd better get up.

Then a voice said, "Hello," and Banik looked up, leaped off the blanket, and stood rigidly at attention.

His visitors were the King and Queen who were escorted about by Director Bill Cruise, of Passaic, N.J., and Red Cross girl Julia Ellison.

of England.

The royal pair were paying their first visit to a London ARC club, and were being escorted around the building after being escorted around the building after meeting high American officials downstairs in the ballroom. They included Ambassador John G. Winant, Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, deputy ETO commander; Adm. Harold R. Stark, U.S. naval commander, ETO, and Harvey D. Gibson, ARC Commissioner to Britain.

Queen Elizabeth smiled at Banik's dismay, and asked him how far he had traveled the night before and how long he had been away from home.

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Then the King, who also was smiling broadly, asked whether he thought it was a dream.

Banik came out of it in time to shake hands with them both, and thanked the Queen profusely for wishing him good

When they left he sat down on the edge of the cot and told a photographer three times that it was the biggest thing that ever happened to him. "Even better

about by Director Bill Cruise, of Passaic, N.J., and Red Cross girl Julia Ellison, of Greenville, W. Va., spoke to scores of soldiers in the dining room and snackbar, and both signed the visitors' book. They talked for several minutes with the club's women cleaners, and heard how they daily turn in dozens, of valuables.

they daily turn in dozens of valuables left by soldiers. A wallet containing £104 recently was returned to an anxious soldier by one of them. A GI reception committee—WAC Pfc

A GI reception committee—WAC Pre-Mary Gentry, Elwood, Ind.; Cpl. George Rolling, Little Falls, N.Y.; Cpl. Norman Wilson, USMC, Prospect Park, Pa., and Y/3C Sam Brown, USN, New Haven, Conn.—met the King and Queen at the door, and shook hands with them again on leaving.

The four were drinking coffee together half-an-hour later when Pfc Don DeWitt, of Holland, Mich., who had been unlucky in the matter of Royal handshakes, came up, solemnly shook the right hand of all of them and walked away.
"Guess it's better than nothing," he said.

the kind of a man you'd follow anywhere any time." Gen. Eisenhower

The Supreme Commander's visit to a RAF station delighted the WAAF plotters, and one RAF corporal said: "If that's 'Ike' Eisenhower, then he's the man for my money. There are some commanders you just trust on sight."

Talking to a group of U.S. officers at a road junction, the general emphasized their serious responsibilities. "I look to you to really know your men, and lead by example. You must be counsellors and teachers, and not expect the best results by arbitrary methods. All orders must have a reason, and whenever possible the men should know that reason. I want every fighting man to know the intentions of his commander."

Back in London for a brief step over

Back in London for a brief stop-over, Gen. Eisenhower said: "I found the troops in good spirit, and intensively engaged in efficient training for the big job that lies ahead."

War Loan Drive Expected To Pass Goal by 4 Billions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—The fourth War Loan drive for \$14,000,000,000 will be over-subscribed by about four billion dollars, Treasury Department officials predicted today.

Individuals have subscribed only 65 per cent of their quota, but total sales to individuals and corporations already amount to 13 billions, of which individuals contributed about three and a balf billions.

'Pearl Harbor' Of Japs Is Hit By Sea and Air

Powerful American Fleets Hammering Truk, In Carolines

(Continued from page 1)

strative responsibility for the whole Central Pacific as far south as the Solomons and New Guinea. From there Rabaul, 800 miles to the south, has drawn most of its reinforcements.

The fact that the communique said the task forces were raiding "the naval base at Truk" indicated the Navy might have succeeded in one of its most difficult tasks—threading its way through the narrow, little-known passageways lined with coral reefs behind which Truk lies. However, the fleet could have stayed well off and shelled the base.

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Nimitz' announcement of the assault on Truk, coming 24 hours after disclosure of the Seventh Air Force's deep pentration into Japanese territory to strike at Ponape, moved the Pacific war ahead with giant strides in less than a day.

The Navy Department announced yesterday in Washington that Seventh Air Force Liberators, striking deep into Japadominated territory, had "heavily blasted" Ponape, enemy stronghold less than 380 miles from Truk in the Carolines, while Southwest Pacific reports said that Kavieng, New Ireland, was a "mass of flames" after another heavy air assault. assault.

assault.

More than 55 tons of bombs were dropped on Ponape's harbor installations and one small cargo ship was sunk. No fighter opposition was met, and all U.S. planes returned safely.

American pilots met their heaviest Jap air opposition in several months while raining 350 tons of bombs on Kavieng and destroying one 3,000-ton cargo ship and seven Jap planes.

27 Planes Destroyed

U.S. mediums, in a daylight sortie over Wewak, New Guinea, destroyed 27 air-

wewak, New Guinea, destroyed 27 aircraft parked on the ground and sank two
light surface craft lying at anchor in
Wewak harbor.

In ground fighting Gen. MacArthur's
communique today said troops on Green
Island had consolidated their positions
"without incident."

An official New Zealand communique

An official New Zealand communique An official New Zealand communique stated that the actual landing on Green Island, between Bougainville and New Ireland, was preceded by a daring U.S.-New Zealand commando raid on the last day of January.

The commandos spent 24 hours scouting over the island for enemy gun positions, barge stagings and installations, destroyed an oil dump, crippled two barges, fought off a determined bombing and strafing attack, and retired with only

and strafing attack, and retired with only two per cent casualties.

The raid met with the fullest possible success. The New Zealanders took with them a collection of colored fabrics, tobacco and food, with which they quickly won the friendship of the native population.

400 Red Bombers Blast Helsinki in A Nine-Hour Raid

Fires burned in the Finnish capital of Helsinki yesterday after a nine-hour raid by Soviet bombers Wednesday night—a new reminder to the hesitant Finns that they must get out of the war quickly or take the consequences.

The Finnish communique said 400 bombers attacked the capital in waves, making a three-hour raid early in the evening and striking again at midnight in an attack that lasted six hours. Southwestern and southern Finland also were

The Finns said 13 raiders were shot down, eight by anti-aircraft fire, but though many buildings were hit casualties were relatively light.

Born, 1830-Married, 1944

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Feb. 17 (UP)— A 113-year-old Negro, Ben Walker, of Tallahassee, recently married Icey Ida Bride, 52. Born Apr. 15, 1830, Walker was married to his first wife for 60 years. He has 16 children.

Gen. McIntyre Dies

MIAMI, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—Maj, Gen. Frank McIntyre, assistant chief of staff in World War I, died here. He had been retired since 1929.

Terry and the Pirates 11211-11

YEAH, JOE AND ME WAS CHECKIN' ON IMMUNIZATION

PAPERS AN' WE FOUND THAT CAPTAIN MIDI UNCONSCIOUS

IN THE ALLEY BEHIND THE HOSPITAL ... MUSTA BUMPED

HIS HEAD ON SOMETHIN'

OKAY-LIEUT.

TUCKER WILL

TAKE CARE OF

HIM UNTIL THE

DOCTOR IS FREE ..



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