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RAF Batters Berlin, Nazis Hit London

German Capital Bombed In First British Raid Since 1941

Two waves of enemy aircraft swept over London last night in retaliation for the RAF's smashing attack on Berlin Saturday night when an estimated 300 planes dropped four-ton bombs and tens of thousands of incendiaries on Germany's capital.

The German raiders were met with a barrage from ground batteries surrounding the capital but succeeded in starting fires and sending thousands of people to air raid shelters.

The attack on London was confined to one area which had been frequently blitzed and seemed trifling compared to the raid suffered by Berlin Saturday night.

In London's West End so many people jammed the shelters when the raid started that it was almost impossible to move. Hundreds carried bed clothing expecting to spend the night.

Huge Fires Burning

The RAF raid on Berlin left huge fires licking at several sections of the city. Bombers met with little opposition and only light flak. One raider was lost, the Air Ministry said.

The raiding force took off in daylight from England and attacked Berlin for more than an hour. It was the first time the city had felt the impact of the RAF's two and four ton block-buster bombs.

Bremen radio said Sunday afternoon that casualties included 31 killed, 150 injured, but demolition work is still proceeding and more casualties are expected.

"The public is extremely disciplined and calm," it continued. "A large urban hospital was hit and the cupola of Deutschland Hall has come down, but no persons were trapped there."

German radio admitted damage and casualties, and claimed "in residential quarters at some places, including greater Berlin, bombs caused damage to buildings. There were civilian casualties." The radio said "visibility was bad," but pilots, navigators and gunners who made the trip said they had to navigate through heavy clouds throughout the entire 1,200-mile round trip, but said they saw bombs burst and incendiaries flare through rifts in the clouds over the city.

Glare 100 Miles Away

RAF crews reported seeing the glare from the fires a hundred miles away, and commented on the weakness of the city's defenses.

"It may well be that the Germans think that the city was safe from attack," the Air Ministry communique said. "There was very heavy cloud almost all the way to the target. Over Berlin itself, however, there were patches of clear sky and the city was brilliant illuminated by the combined light of the moon and the cascade of flares dropped during the early part of the attack."

A mid-upper gunner in a Lancaster said:

"The strangest thing was that I could see vapor trails, streaking white across the sky, of aircraft in front of us but already out of sight. When we were approaching the city and the sky was beginning to clear, I saw them again. In the moonlight they looked like a network of roads leading the way to Berlin. By the time we reached the target showers of incendiaries were falling or were blazing white on the ground. There was very little flak coming up at us, but it grew stronger as the attack went on," he said.

Seventh Trip to Berlin

Wing Comdr. G. L. Cheshire, D.S.O., D.F.C., who was making his seventh trip to Berlin, said he saw only one searchlight and that the flak was negligible compared with his previous visits.

After circling around Berlin for 40 minutes and making three bombing runs to make sure he had struck his target, one squadron commander in a Lancaster told how he saw his 8,000-pounder burst:

"We could see the city standing out clearly through the haze and thin cloud." (Continued on page 2)

Rumania Is No Longer Serious Foe, Reds Say

NEW YORK, Jan. 17—Moscow radio, heard in New York, declared the Rumanian army was knocked out as a serious military force.

As a result of 19 months of war, the radio said, Rumania had become a poor, squeezed-out country with a totally disorganized economy and a hungry population. The radio added that the aggravation of the internal political situation was caused by the rapid growth "of anti-war and anti-German sentiments."

Unrest Grows in Europe Neutral Sources Report

A "wave of revolt is sweeping over the whole of occupied Europe, Morocco radio said yesterday, quoting a Berne source.

German secret police have carried out arrests in Poland, Norway and Rumania, and more than 50 persons have been arrested in Paris in the last five days, said the radio.

Grave disturbances have broken out in Hungary, according to reports reaching London from Balkan sources. Unrest has spread to troops at Szeged, who are constantly faced with the prospect of being sent to the Eastern front.

Sixth Offensive Brings Soviets Near Kharkov

Reds Reported 125 Miles From Ukraine Capital; Advance Elsewhere

MOSCOW, Jan. 17 (AP)—The Red Army surged forward today within 125 miles of Kharkov, the ancient capital of the Ukraine, in the sixth of a series of insistent winter offensives that sent the Germans reeling back from the Don.

A Red Star front-line dispatch said that a violent battle was under way, west of Rossosh, the largest town yet taken in the new drive on the Voronezh front, as the Russians pressed forward on past Rovenky to an advance point east of Kharkov.

The two gigantic operations on the Voronezh and Stalingrad fronts overshadowed all else on the Russian front, but the Red Army continued its relentless offensives in the north Caucasus, on the Lower Don and in the Zevruy-Donetz region.

Three Big Victories

Three new far-reaching victories for the Soviet armies in southern Russia and the Caucasus had been announced earlier in special communiques.

South of Voronezh, Russian forces smashed through the German lines on a broad front and made advances of 35 to 57 miles, occupying 600 inhabited places, killing 15,000 of the enemy, taking 17,000 prisoners and capturing vast stocks of arms.

The advances placed the Red armies in a position to drive on Rostov, to the south, from all points of the compass from north to south. It also placed them in a position to push directly westwards against the important city of Kharkov.

Reject Stalingrad Ultimatum

At Stalingrad the German armies, previously numbering 200,000, have dwindled to 80,000, the communique said. Russian forces were advancing from the Don after the German command had rejected an ultimatum calling on the trapped divisions to surrender.

The third success was a sensational 70-mile sweep by the Russian Northern Caucasus army, carrying it forward as far as Voroshilovsk, where heavy fighting raged in the outskirts of the city.

The winter campaign which started (Continued on page 2)

Borough Honors U.S. Airman Who Crashed to Save Civilians

WALTHAMSTOW, Jan. 17—While grateful residents of this London suburb gathered today to honor 2nd Lt. Harvey Dalton Johnson, U.S. fighter pilot who crashed to death in his plane to save their lives, U.S. Army officials present at the ceremonies announced he had been posthumously awarded the DFC.

On Nov. 22 the 23-year-old pilot crashed in a field to avoid striking a row of civilian houses in the suburb. Today a part of the propeller of the crashed aircraft was presented by Col. Stewart W. Towle, Clinton, Iowa, chief of staff of a U.S. Fighter Command, to Mrs. E. M. Miller, mayoress of Walthamstow, who will place it in one of the homes, on Edward Road as a permanent memorial to the flier.

Citizens also prepared a plaque to be given his parents, and Col. Towle, accepting this memorial, read the citation which accompanied posthumous award of the Distinguished Flying Cross of Johnson.

Mrs. Adah MacAvoy, on behalf of the residents of Edward Road, presented the plaque which will go to Johnson's parents in Philadelphia, Pa.

It read: "In grateful memory of 2nd Lt. Harvey D. Johnson who gallantly sacrificed his life to save others Nov. 22, 1942." Near the bottom of the plaque appeared the inscription: "Greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for a friend."

Residents of Edward Road shortly

Eighth Army Opens New Drive Against Axis in Tripolitania; French Join British in Desert

British 'Crusaders' in Pursuit of Rommel



British high-speed "Crusader" tanks, mounted with six-pounder guns, move in hot pursuit of Rommel's retreating forces during the Eighth Army's first big push across Libya to El Agheila.

Tanks, Troops Push 40 Miles Toward Tripoli

CAIRO, Jan. 17 (AP)—The Eighth Army has opened a new offensive in Tripolitania.

Gen. Montgomery hurled tanks and troops against the German positions at dawn on Friday and by last night an advance of about 40 miles had been made all along the line. Forward British elements were continuing onward.

The main action is taking place in the desert area southeast of Tripoli, well inland because the extensive salt marshes along the coast virtually prevent any movement there. The Germans withdrew from some positions but at other points there were sharp fights, including tank encounters and artillery duels.

Good Enemy Defenses

There are considerable enemy forces between the Eighth Army and Tripoli, however, and they have good defensive positions on the Jebel Nefusa (green ridge), which rises some 50 miles south of the city.

Allied air forces gave the usual support to the army. During the night bombers attacked just behind the enemy front lines and by day fighter-bombers took the offensive. There were also attacks on Lampedusa and southern Sicily and American bombers raided Tripoli harbor.

Hour Has Come

Under cover of a strong air umbrella the Eighth Army moves into position today for opening the final phase of the drive to reach Tripoli.

It must be obvious even to Rommel that the hour has come for "the battle of Tripoli."

The army has moved about 1,500 miles across the sands of North Africa towards a junction with American and British armies in the west.

There has been a so-called lull in the fighting in this theater for the last two weeks, but actually the time was filled with activity as Gen. Montgomery put armor, guns and infantry in position to blast the road open to Tripoli.

For days the main coast road and desert tracks further to the south were busy with tanks, guns and vehicles moving towards the front. The desert is now one great encampment of men and machines.

Chad French Join British

(Gen. Leclerc's Fighting French forces have made contact with the British Eighth Army in Tripolitania and are now in a position to assist in the offensive on Rommel, the United Press reported. The contact was made after the French traveled 1,900 miles across desert, wilderness and mountains in three weeks, taking Italian outpost oases as they went and capturing many prisoners and supplies.)

From Tunisia, according to today's communique from Allied Headquarters, warplanes again bombed Rommel's supply lines at Sfax, and Hurricane (Continued on page 2)

Soldiers Must Ask Specifically For Items to Be Sent from U.S.

American soldiers in the British Isles now must specifically ask for supplies from home before they can be mailed from the United States, a Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, circular discloses in a report on new troop mail regulations.

Items which servicemen can purchase here may not be requested from relatives or friends in the United States, and any requests which are permissible first must be approved by the "battalion (not company) commanders."

Members of a soldier's family who wish to send a parcel to him overseas are required by postal regulations effective Jan. 15 to show his written request, approved by his CO, to the home-town post office.

The regulation, which emanates from Washington, is designed to save shipping space, as it had been noted during 1942 that many soldiers overseas received, as gifts from home, items they could purchase or draw from PX here.

The regulation limits size of parcels to be mailed in the U.S., provides for soldiers' written requests, stops mailing of newspapers overseas except by publishers in the U.S., eliminates third-class circular matter, and discontinues insured and COD mail from the U.S. overseas.

The section of the circular referring to mail reads:

"MAILING INSTRUCTIONS.—The following instructions reference the dispatch of mail from and to the continental (Continued on page 2)

U.S. Pilot Dies In Rescue Try

Blast Kills Bomber Captain Attempting to Save Unconscious Pair

AN RAF COASTAL COMMAND STATION, England, Jan. 17—Capt. Bertram C. Martin, Ridgewood, N.J., died in an explosion and fire here during a futile attempt to save the lives of the navigator and bombardier of his bomber which had crashed while taking off.

The story of the crash and rescue attempts was told by RAF personnel of this field, from which the American bomber was taking off after an emergency landing earlier.

The plane crashed and caught fire as it moved down the runway, according to information supplied to Eighth Air Force. The assistant radio operator was killed instantly, but the rest of the crew started to crawl out of the blazing plane.

Capt. Martin checked the survivors, ordered them back from the wreck and himself returned to try to free the bombardier and the navigator, who were unconscious in the nose of the craft.

As Capt. Martin plunged through the flames into the wreck, fire reached the gasoline tanks, which exploded, killing him and the other two.

The names of the two officers and of the radio operator sergeant who was killed instantly in the crash are not being released until the families of the men can be notified.

Survivors of the crash were: 2nd Lt. Walter A. Krozel, Arcadia, Fla.; T/Sgt. Harry A. Sullenberger, Tarrs, Pa.; S/Sgt. Thomas J. O'Toole, Pa.; Sgt. James W. Mansfield, Greenville, S.C.; Sgt. Kenneth W. Lundy, Niagara Falls, N.Y., and S/Sgt. M. Halsey, Va.

Stars Who Toured Isles Arrive in North Africa

ALGIERS, Jan. 17 (AP)—Carole Landis, Mitzi Mayfair, Kay Francis and Martha Raye have arrived in Algiers to do a series of shows for Allied troops in North Africa, similar to those which they put on at U.S. camps throughout the British Isles.

When asked why no male stars were included in the variety program, Martha Raye replied: "What soldier around here wants to look at a man?"

Eleanor Sends Her Pie Recipe

GLASGOW, Jan. 17—It looks as though the boys at the Red Cross Club here are going to have pumpkin pie a la White House, if Director H. S. Van Surdam can find the ingredients.

When Mrs. Roosevelt made her tour of the British Isles she ate dinner at the club. She remarked that the dinner was excellent, but the pumpkin pie, she thought, was not quite up to the rest of the meal.

Everyone agreed that it wasn't, but insisted that the cook was doing the best he could with the recipe he had.

Today a letter, straight from the White House, came for Mr. Van Surdam. The note, signed by Thompson of the White House kitchen, Mrs. Roosevelt's favorite cook, was brief and to the point:

Pumpkin Pie—Two cups pumpkin, two eggs, one-and-three-quarter cups milk, two-thirds cup brown sugar, teaspoon ginger, quarter teaspoon nutmeg, teaspoon cinnamon, teaspoon salt.

Mr. Van Surdam is going to try to get together the perfect pie, but he feels that it might have been a good idea if Thompson had slipped two eggs from the White House kitchen into the envelope with the recipe.

French Contact British Forces In Tripolitania

Ready to Fight Rommel After 1,900-Mile Trek From Lake Chad

By Henry Gorrell

United Press War Correspondent

ARMY HQ, Tripolitania, Jan. 14 (delayed)—The Fighting French Chad Regiment from Equatorial Africa has joined hands with the Eighth Army in Tripolitania.

Its liaison officer made contact today after a march of nearly 1,900 miles over the open desert and across the Tibesti Mountains, in which Gen. LeClerc's men wiped out or took prisoner all the Italian garrisons in the huge Fezzan group of oases in southern Libya.

Col. Ingold, commander of the regiment, who reported to Gen. Montgomery, told me the story of the great trek today. He told, among other things, how a French bomber pilot rounded up 110 fleeing Italian soldiers single-handed.

Can Help Montgomery

Starting from Fort Lamy, on the river Shari south of Lake Chad and some 700 miles from the southern border of Libya, the men from the Chad struck due north, systematically mopping up the Italian garrisons of that part of southern Libya which adjoins French North Africa.

They are now in a position to collaborate with the Eighth Army in its advance on Tripoli.

The epic march of the Fighting French, which they accomplished in three weeks, involved crossing the dunes of the sand seas and then the Tibesti ranges, 10,000 feet high, before they crossed the frontier of the stone and sand country which Laval ceded to Italy in 1935. They had traveled some 1,500 miles from Fort Lamy before they reached the first of the Fezzan oases.

When they reached Murzuk, the capital of the Fezzan, the Italians had already fled, but the French motorized column gave chase. It was then that the French airman, flying a Glenn Martin aircraft, spotted 110 Italians, 20 miles ahead of the pursuers.

Like Sheepdog Roundup

"He rounded them up very much in the manner of a sheepdog, machine-gunning them whenever any Italians tried to escape," Col. Ingold said.

"So the Italians waved white flags and spread white sheets on the ground. The plane kept watch until the pursuing French column was able to catch up."

The Fezzan region, thus cleared of Axis forces, covers more than 1,000 square miles.

Civilian transport was commandeered from as far south as Duala, in the Cameroons, and Brazzaville, on the Congo, to equip the column, the colonel told me. As lorries were emptied of their loads of gasoline and other supplies they were sent back to Fort Lamy loaded with Italian prisoners.

The French made much of their great trek at night, both in order to take the Italians by surprise and to shield the column from air attack.

Ford McHale, Red Cross Director, Gets New Post

BELFAST, Jan. 17—Ford McHale, Scranton, Pa., one of the first American Red Cross directors to serve in the British Isles during this war, is being relieved of his duties here for reassignment to another theater of operations.

Elmer Quist, assisted by Margery Stein, McHale's secretary during his work here, will assume the duties left open by McHale until a permanent appointment is made.

Russia - - -

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Nov. 19 with the Stalingrad drive and proceeded with offensives on the Middle Don, southwest of Stalingrad, on the central front and in the north Caucasus, had now reached its height.

Long lines of Red Army tanks, trucks and motor-driven snow sledges rolled into the attack on the Voronezh front west of the Don towards Kharkov and Kursk.

Gen. Vasilevsky, who assisted Gen. Zhukov in the earlier battle of Stalingrad, was supervising the Voronezh offensive, which was being executed by troops under the direct command of Gens. Golikov and Vatutin.

The Russians, who already had a foothold on the west bank of the Don south of Voronezh, broke through the elaborate system of German fortifications, including deep trenches, minefields and barbed wire entanglements, spread across the jagged terrain.

Loaded Guns Seized

So swift was the Red advance, dispatches said, that loaded big German guns were captured before they could be fired.

As on other battlefields where the Red Army had already struck, columns of thousands of German prisoners stumbled east under escort, passing columns of Russians marching to attack.

The whereabouts of Gen. Zhukov and Marshal Timoshenko, who previously commanded the entire southwestern region, was not at present reported.

Private, Air Medal Designer, Gets \$1,500



Pvt. Walter Hancock (left) receives a check for \$1,500 as a prize for the winning design for a new air medal. The medal will be awarded for meritorious achievement authorized by President Roosevelt. A cast of the new medal is at the right.



Associated Press Photo

Corporal Makes 15 Jeep Trips Under Fire to Save Wounded

WITH AMERICAN FORCES, Tunisia, Jan. 17 (AP)—A 20-year-old corporal told today how he braved German artillery machine-gun fire 15 times in a borrowed jeep, each time returning with a wounded American soldier.

Cpl. Walter John Will, West Winfield, N.Y., was one of five recommended for citation for valor in bringing back wounded men from the Christmas battle of Long Stop Hill, near Medjed el Bab.

"Our fellows had withdrawn after we were surrounded on three sides by a superior German force, but we knew that 200 of our soldiers were still on top of the hill, with no food or water. There was a jeep nearby, but the driver had been captured.

"I'm an infantryman, but since someone had to run food, water and ammunition uphill and I volunteered to drive. I made five trips on Christmas night, and 10 the next night. I had a time bringing back one wounded man. I was under fire during most of the six-mile roundtrip.

"None of the heavy artillery shells hit us, but several came too close for comfort. The trouble is that you can't hear them while you're driving a jeep. But you sure do know when they land close."

Sgt. Ralph Waffle, 23, New Berlin, N.Y., was recommended for citation for valor after piloting a jeep within 20 yards of the German lines to rescue a wounded soldier. He was accompanied by a hometown buddy, Pvt. Claude E. Webster, 22, who enlisted with him on the same day.

"The wounded man lay behind a rock which gave us some shelter while loading him in the jeep," said Waffle. "I told him, 'this may pain you some, but you'll feel much better, later, if we make it.' We had to drive 100 yards through mortar machine-gun fire. The fellow we picked up bled badly and would have died if we had not got him to hospital. It was worth the effort it involved."

Others recommended for similar feats were: Sgt. Ernest A. Meyer, 25, Westhampton Beach, L.I.; Cpl. Herman J. Weingard, 23, Brooklyn, and Sgt. Wade Davis Jr., 23, South Minneapolis.

New Restriction On Mail Home \$80,000 Officers Club Is Opened

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United States have been received from the War Department:

"1. Effective 15 January, 1943, parcels exceeding five (5) pounds in weight or fifteen (15) inches in length or thirty-six (36) inches in length and girth combined will not be accepted at points in continental United States for dispatch to APOs outside continental United States addressed to individuals.

"2. Parcels meeting restrictions referred to in Par. 1 above will be accepted only when they contain articles sent at written request of addressee approved by battalion or similar unit commander. Company commanders are not authorized to approve requests. Requests for articles available to addressee by purchase or issue will not be approved.

"3. Individual issues of newspapers or magazines will not be accepted except from publishers and for subscriptions now in effect or those requested in writing by addressee.

"4. No third class circular matter will be dispatched.

"5. V-mail will be transported by air, either microfilmed or in original form. No assurance can be given that air mail will be dispatched by air to areas overseas now having V-mail service.

"6. Insurance, COD, and registered mail will be discontinued except for registration of valuable papers.

"7. These restrictions do not apply to mail from APOs to points in continental United States nor to official mailings and mailings to military agencies."

If You Find a Stray Balloon, Call the Cops

If you wake up some cold, foggy morning and find a barrage balloon nuzzling at the door of your Nissen hut, leave it alone and call the cops.

That is the gist of a warning issued by the Ministry of Information which announced that a "small lethal device" has now been attached to some of the balloons for use against the enemy.

The Ministry suggests that anyone sighting a stray balloon refrain from handling either the device or the flying wire and report the balloon's position to the police.

The Duke of Abercorn, Governor of Northern Ireland, formally declared the club open, and announced that, through the generosity of the Americans, the club will be open to all British officers in the area.

The club contains a spacious lounge, a cocktail bar and a dining room. It was handed over to the Americans by J. M. Barbour, Ulster Minister of Finance.

Leading citizens and representatives of all Allied forces, including Mayor M. R. Simmons, Londonderry; Dr. Farne, Catholic Bishop of Kerry; Brig. Gen. E. W. Hill, and Col. I. S. Dierking.

The Duke inspected a guard of honor of U.S. Marines under Capt. J. Kennedy on his arrival at the club.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (AP)—The Office of War Information reported on the basis of data reaching the Board of Economic Warfare and other Government agencies that with the Nazis conducting an intensive production drive through Europe, and milking the occupied countries of their produce, the present German food position was far from critical.

It was indicated by the U.S. Government that the German diet this year would be only slightly worse than last year.

Five of 12 Detained In Darlan Death Freed

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan. 17 (AP)—It has been reliably reported that five of the original 12 persons detained in connection with the death of Adm. Jean Darlan had been released, but one was immediately re-arrested.

Those released included some De-Gaullists, Royalists and Darlanists and some who professed loyalty to all simultaneously.

Ten Specialists Join 'Sea Bees'

Civilian Workers on Bases Enlist in Construction Battalion

Ten civilians who helped with the construction of the U.S. Navy's Northern Ireland base at Londonderry and other naval establishments in the British Isles have enlisted in the Navy's construction battalion, the Sea Bees.

The men, most of them from the New England States, have been given rank comparable with the jobs they held in civilian life. Their specialties include electrical work, carpentry, crane operating and sheet metal work.

Most of the new Sea Bees have been in the British Isles for 18 months, employed by civilian firms engaged in naval construction.

Although recruiting of enlisted men here had been closed, this group was taken in on special authority of the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, according to Ens. Richard Storm, London Navy recruiting station.

The newly recruited Sea Bees are: Ira D. Keizer, CMM, 35, 159 Lexington Road, Concord, Mass.; Alva James Chubb, CMM, 26, 1024 1/2 Fourth Street, Beloit, Wis.; William J. Hook, Msmth 1c, 28, 72 Wright Street, Stoneham, Mass.; Henry Duncan, EM2c, 22, 105 Atlantic Avenue, Lakewood, R.I.; George A. Nesbit, CM1c, 25, Washington Street, Norton, Mass.; Joaquin Jack Oliver, Msmth 1c, 27, 44 River Street, New Bedford, Mass.; Joseph M. Walker, CMM2c, 32, Foster Center, R.I.; George Wilson, MM2c, 22, 37 East Greenwich Avenue, West Warwick, R.I.; David Oscar Larson, SK2c, 22, 248 Cedar Street, New Bedford, Mass., and Ralph A. Stone, CCM, 36, Hubbardston, Mass.

U.S. Mideast Residents May Join Colors There

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17—Thousands of Americans living in Middle East countries, who have clamored since Pearl Harbor for an opportunity to join active service of the U.S., will achieve their desire when enlistment opens for U.S. native or naturalized citizens living in Palestine, Trans-Jordan, Syria and Lebanon this week.

Volunteers will be trained and assigned to various service units throughout the Middle East, serving as regulars with American armed forces in the same category as those recruited inside the United States.

Age limits range from 18 to 38, while facilities may be offered for commissions through officers' candidate schools.

Freedom-of-Air Pact

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (AP)—The establishment now of a "Freedom of the Air Pact," whereby air facilities everywhere would be kept free and open to all international air commerce, was advocated on the radio last night by Charles Hunter, president and general manager of the Northwest Air Lines. He said America wanted no special privileges or advantages, only normal rights to fly anywhere in the world commercially, using the air facilities of all countries.

Raids - - -

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There were many fires with lines of white incendiaries lying among them. On our final bombing run we dropped our 8,000-pound bomb and saw it burst and settle into a glow in what appeared to be the center of the target.

Lorient was the target of Bomber Command on Friday night when aircraft struck at the German U-boat bases for the second successive night.

Large fires were started in the dock area and pilots reported seeing several fires "which may have been hangovers" from the night before.

Allies Pierce Last Japanese Line in Papua

Sanananda Stronghold Pierced by Ground Forces, Kill 152

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Jan. 17 (UP)—The last Japanese position in Papua is about to fall. Late reports stated that Allied troops had scored a break-through at Sanananda and killed at least 152 Japs.

Jap troops hemmed in at Sanananda are being attacked by land and sea, and the area they hold is being constantly whittled down, and only stretches about three miles along the coast and for a short distance inland.

This was caused by a series of actions isolating and attacking Japanese outposts on the south side of the Jap pocket, declared the communique.

Advance From Tarakana

While the Australians who captured Gona were in the vicinity of Cape Kellerton, the Americans were advancing from Tarakana.

Australian patrols are still active also round the Jap base at Mubo, where they have damaged Japanese positions in a three-day skirmish.

Elsewhere, the Allied blitz on Japanese positions all over the New Guinea and Solomons area went on unceasingly.

Gen. MacArthur awarded two Distinguished Service Crosses to an officer and enlisted man of the U.S. Army, one posthumously.

Cpl. Harold L. Mitchell, Orleans, Mich.; Capt. William F. Boice (posthumous), decoration to wife, Mrs. Zelma Boice, Swayzee, Ind.

30 Japs Downed

In the Solomons Allied fighters have scored hits on three Jap destroyers and shot down 30 Jap fighters.

The Navy communique issued in Washington said:—South Pacific: Firstly, during the night Jan. 13-14, U.S. aircraft bombed Japanese positions at Munda. Results have not been reported.

Secondly, January 14, during the morning U.S. planes bombed Sorum village, three miles east of a Japanese airfield at the southern end of Buka Island. Enemy planes bombed United States positions on Guadalcanal. There was no damage. United States troops on Guadalcanal continued their advance and made gains of between 3,000 and 4,000 yards in the face of stiff enemy resistance.

Catalina Attacks Destroyers

Thirdly, during Jan. 15, a Catalina reconnaissance plane attacked a group of five Japanese destroyers 16 miles northeast of the Russell Islands. One direct and two near hits damaged one destroyer, which was left burning.

During the morning Dauntless dive-bombers, escorted by Wildcat and Airacobra fighters, attacked nine enemy destroyers 140 miles northwest of Lunga Point on Guadalcanal. Twelve Zero fighters were attacked and eight were shot down. One of our dive-bombers was forced down and five of our fighters failed to return.

Dive-bombers pressed home the attack seriously and damaged two enemy destroyers.

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bombers attacked the Germans near Medjed el Bab and Tebourba.

(Morocco radio reported from Tripolitania yesterday that Allied air activity had redoubled in the last 24 hours, hammering the retreating Axis forces on all roads.)

The communique said: "There was no change on the ground situation."

"The new offensive by the British Eighth Army is being led by the 22nd and 23rd Armored Divisions and five infantry divisions," said German-controlled Paris radio yesterday.

"The British attempted a surprise attack against the southern flank of the German-Italian forces with the object of effecting a turning movement. This maneuver, although repeated several times, failed.

"By the afternoon the Eighth Army had suffered such heavy losses that it was obliged by nightfall to desist from further attack. Of 150 tanks which had been engaged from the start of the attack 35 remained on the field. German-Italian resistance was well supported by the Axis air force.

"Violent attacks by Stukas were directed against the British rear lines, where 18 tanks were destroyed while they were moving up to the front line; numerous others were damaged.

"Other German air formations attacked British airdromes. Fourteen planes were destroyed on the ground and others damaged. Latest information states that violent artillery actions are still in progress in the region of Buerat."

U.S. Spent 52 Billion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—United States government expenditures totalled \$2,046,000,000 dollars in 1942, 3.8 times the total for 1941. These figures, reported by the War Production Board, cover expenditures of the Treasury, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and subsidiaries.

458 U.S. Fliers Are Decorated In Desert War

14 Given Purple Hearts; Illinois Sergeant Gets Oak Leaf Cluster

CAIRO, Jan. 17 (AP)—Four hundred and fifty-eight heroes of the initial Allied air offensive in the Middle East were awarded medals for their part in the action at desert airdromes last week.

The list includes 14 wounded fliers who were awarded the Purple Heart, and Sgt. William A. Karges, Joliet, Ill., who was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster. The rest were Air Medals.

Sgt. Karges was awarded the Soldiers Medal for heroic action in India. The Oak Leaf Cluster, given to men who are in line to receive the same medal for two separate accomplishments, is being awarded Karges for his work in Palestine.

The complete list follows:

ALABAMA
1st Lt. Clyde E. Muzphree, Altoona, and Jackson B. Clayton, Birmingham; 2nd Lt. James H. Reid, Montgomery, and George E. Groat, Chickson, and Tech./Sgt. Lewis T. Minton, Bridgeport.

ARIZONA
2nd Lt. Clark H. Gerry, Tucson; Tech. Sgt. Bud W. Cook, Casa Grande; S/Sgt. James R. Peterson, Thatcher, and Sgt. Lee R. Brinkley, Glenwood.

ARKANSAS
Capt. William C. Bacon, Booneville; 1st Lt. Lin Parker Jr., Arkansas City, and Carl C. Clinton, Fort Smith; Tech. Sgt. Taylor H. Van Gilder, Marmaduke; S/Sgt. Kenneth C. Wyatt, Rossica.

CALIFORNIA
Capt. George B. Whitlock, Whittier; Robert J. Benish, Long Beach, and Paul W. Francis, Los Angeles; 1st Lt. Malcolm G. Stratford, Hollywood; Don L. Burgess, Whittier, and George A. Simeral, Pexley; 2nd Lt. William W. Hannah, Plims, and Donn C. O'Dell, Los Angeles.
Tech. Sgts. Harold E. Vasquez, San Pedro, and Eugene L. Howe, Hayward; S/Sgts. William B. Bradford, Los Angeles; Oscar D. Wells Jr., Alameda; Jack D. Smith, Daly City; Earl C. Parr, Alhambra, and Eldon B. Pickett, Woodland Park; Sgts. William W. Mayhew Jr., Turlock; Matthew P. Brazill, Santa Cruz, and Charles E. Holt, Selma.

CANAL ZONE
M/Sgt. Ira P. Slater, Albrook Field.

COLORADO
Maj. Paul J. Lora, Denver; Capt. George A. Ulrich; Brighton; 1st Lt. Thomas A. Shumaker, Denver; S/Sgts. John Timar, Mt. Harris, and Ralph E. Ransdell, Lamart.

CONNECTICUT
Capt. Walter Clark, Sherman; 1st Lt. Lewellyn C. Dalgic, Hartford; 2nd Lt. Woodruff T. Sullivan, Norwich; S/Sgts. John D. Zealor, Roxbury, and Harold C. Varness, South Norwalk, and Sgt. Frank Galotto, East Hartford.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
M/Sgt. Fred W. Blanchard; Tech./Sgt. George P. Danenhauer, and S/Sgt. Maurice G. Cecchini.

FLORIDA
Capt. Thurman E. Brown, Plant City; Mark T. Mooney, Auburndale, and Lee C. Holloway, Fort Myers; 1st Lt. Bernard M. Tully, Tampa; M/Sgt. Joseph F. Taulbee, Lake Worth; Tech. Sgts. Leonard L. Vonnar, Orlando; Hervey N. Terry, Jacksonville, and Fred F. Brown, Tampa; S/Sgts. James H. Leaman, Tampa; Alexander S. Bennett, Fort Meade, and Benjamin Henderson, Jacksonville.

GEORGIA
Maj. John E. Carmack, Decatur.
Capt. Frank W. DeLong Jr., Gainesville.
1st Lt. James A. Anderson, Cleveland, and Alfred L. Schwanebeck, Savannah.
2nd Lt. Charles L. Kimbrell, McDonough; Grady H. Jones, Bremen; Donald M. Wilder, Savannah; Edward L. Griffin, Atlanta; Lawrence O. McKenzie, Montezuma, and Clarence A. Shirley, Alpharetta.
Tech. Sgts. Luther K. Williamson, Franklin; Grover L. Knack, Columbus; James L. Barineau, Bainbridge; William B. Ledford, Hiawassee; James R. Shuckteford, Albany.
S/Sgt. John E. Adams, Peterdale; Richard E. Breddlove, Athens; Lewis E. Hackney, Eason Hill; John T. Blizard, Winnsboro; Keith E. Lavender, Atlanta, and Joseph H. Hart, Atlanta.
Sgt. Joe D. Stowe, Stephens.

IDAHO
1st Lt. Job Leader, Winchester, and Sgt. Leslie L. Maguire, Lenore.

INDIANA
Capt. James W. Sibert, Indianapolis; 1st Lt. Frank H. Woltman, South Bend; Fred Z. Milam, Merom, and Thomas K. Dickenson, West Lafayette; 2nd Lt. John D. Nickles, Indianapolis; Tech. Sgts. Robert P. Wyson, Muncie; Kenneth E. Gregory, Washington, and Robert K. Rusie, Indianapolis, and S/Sgt. Edgar A. Hastings, Aurora.

ILLINOIS
Capt. Robert I. Paulin, Springfield, and James G. Kandaras, Chicago.
1st Lt. Reynold A. Soukup, Chicago; William W. Elliott, Pana, and Harvey S. Tamon, Chicago.
2nd Lt. Victor H. Bartholme, Chicago.
John W. Wallace Jr., Moline, and Francois J. Judkins, Berwyn.
M/Sgt. Gus T. Portl, Berwyn.
Tech. Sgts. William H. Barb, Chicago, and Fred Best, Peoria.
S/Sgts. Phineas Y. Wharf, Hopedon; Frank J. Mickus, Chicago; Anton J. Budgen, La Salle; Robert A. Block, La Grande, and Robert J. Courte, Chicago.
Sgts. Frank J. Consiglio, Chicago, and Leslie D. Willard, Bridgeport.

IOWA
Tech. Sgts. Rudolph V. Madsen, Rutland; Victor V. Parkhill, Oto, and Edward H. Winert, Sioux City; S/Sgts. Gerald Clemenson, Waterloo, and Eric J. Koch, Beloit, and Sgt. Cecil G. Barnes, Gravit.

KANSAS
S/Sgt. John E. Kamincha, Freedonia.

KENTUCKY
Capt. William E. Sutton, Langley; 1st Lt. Allen B. Hopkins, Carlisle, and Tech. Sgt. Edwin C. Jenkins, Whitesburg, and S/Sgts. William T. Jent, Jeremiah, Tom P. Rogers, Frankfort, and Charles F. Bowland, Paducah.

LOUISIANA
Lt. Col. John R. Kane, Shreveport; Capt. Rollo C. Lawrence Jr., Pineville; 1st Lt. Murphy K. Lents, Cotton Valley, and Charles P. Neal, Bunkie; 2nd Lt. James A. Ray, Camden; Lauritz T. Kierulff, Lake Charles, and Ernest M. Sherman, Camp Hill; Tech. Sgt. B. O. Richey, Ft. Payne; S/Sgts. William V. Burgess, Decatur; R. T. Bearden, Spring Hill; John A. Cook, Hedfina; Don J. Keller, Reserve, and Vance Brown, Hedfina.

MAINE
Tech. Sgt. Adrian A. Lebel, Van Buren.

MARYLAND
S/Sgt. Milton P. Matthews, College Park; Walker Salmon Jr., Baltimore; Dixie Harden, Cumberland; Carl R. Gray, Cumberland, and Sgt. Peter Cardaro, Kitzmiller.

MASSACHUSETTS
Capt. John W. Wilkinson, Pittsfield; 2nd Lt. David L. Sullivan, Haverhill; Tech. Sgt. Armand

Allies Superior in Air Over Tunisian Lines

ALLIED HQ, Jan. 17 (UP)—The Allies now have air superiority in Tunisia, according to RAF fighter pilots from the forward bases.

"Practically all the air fighting in Tunisia, except for German bombing raids on our airdromes, is over the enemy lines," said one. "We are flying many more offensive sweeps than the enemy—several per day to their one."

Most of the German bombing of Allied airfields is now being made by fighter-bombers, he said, instead of Junkers 88s, which took a bad beating from the Allied fighters. The new Messerschmitt 109G is superior to the Focke-Wulf 190, he said, and Allied pilots had the greatest respect for both types. They are good in diving and can outclimb the Spitfire.

J. Lefebvre, Holyoke, and Alfred I. Costurier, North Attleboro; S/Sgts. Frederick W. Solberg, Medford; James T. Walsh, Fall River; Joseph D. Gauthier, Fall River, and Clifford M. Auger, Northboro.

MICHIGAN
1st Lt. Louis C. Gillette, Birmingham; Daron Hardin, Highland Park; William H. Roe, Nashville, and Robert W. Zant, Grand Rapids.
2nd Lt. Harvey M. Seelye, Mason; Norman C. Appold, Detroit; Charles H. Hickey, Grosse Point Park; Leonard A. West, Hancock, and Seymour G. Knight, Detroit.

S/Sgts. Albert H. Barnes, Detroit; Leonard A. Papke, Detroit; Tom H. Hamway, Detroit; Joseph Trojanowski, White Cloud, and Francis W. Baker, Dearborn.

MISSOURI
Capt. Lawrence P. Kennedy, Fairfax, and Eugene V. Raphael, Cumberland; 1st Lt. William O. Jones, Springfield, and Donald A. Ryden, Belton; 2nd Lt. Theodore P. Deftner, St. Louis; Kenneth L. Alspaugh, Liberty; Philip Gram, St. Louis; Harold R. Taylor, Salter, and Ray E. Harris, Kansas City.

Tech. Sgts. Herbert L. Brum, St. Louis, and Barney W. Burzin, Poplar Bluff; S/Sgts. Frank L. Spindler, Poplar Bluff; John R. Walker, Springfield; Richard J. Heising, Kirkwood, and Francis T. Marchese, St. Louis.

MISSISSIPPI
1st Lt. Rowan F. Thomas, Boyle; Oden C. Bryant, Jackson; James W. Cain, Sallis, and Lee Williams Jr., Jackson; 2nd Lt. Elmer H. Jose Jr., Greenville; Edward T. Dunn, Brookhaven, and Virgil M. Anders, Natchez; Tech. Sgt. Johnny Z. Moore, Utica, and Oscar L. Waits, Europa; S/Sgt. Joseph C. Saia, Shaw, and Cpl. James D. Robinson, Charleston.

MINNESOTA
1st Lt. Walter J. Getzin, Minneapolis; Robert T. Goldberg, Bloomington, and John R. Burner, Minneapolis; Tech. Sgt. Elmer E. Wickham, St. Paul; S/Sgt. George J. Braun, South St. Paul, and Raymond M. Janette, Duluth, and Cpl. Thomas J. La Clair, Austin.

MONTANA
Capt. Charles E. Blankenhorn Jr., Great Falls; 1st Lt. John H. Germann, Billings; 2nd Lt. Clarence B. Hand, Miles City; S/Sgt. Thomas E. Ames, Dillon, and Sgt. James C. Mitead, Billings.

NORTH CAROLINA
1st Lt. Walter J. Broadwell, Angier; Robert S. Milner, Raleigh, and Douglas S. Weifare, Winston-Salem; 2nd Lt. Henry M. Parzer, Mt. Airy, and Ralph J. Ferree, Ashford; Tech. Sgt. D. Penland, Asheville, and Clinton P. Merrill, Gerton; S/Sgt. Lewis E. Pullum, Roxboro, and Sgts. George L. Bickett Jr., Charlotte, and Augustus R. Patrick, Roper.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
1st Lt. Kenneth A. Brighton, Peterboro.

NEBRASKA
1st Lt. William P. Dwyer, Randolph; Charles O. Peck, Tecumseh; Louis A. Prohal, Omaha; Lee M. Williams, Bloomfield, and Russell K. Pierce, Fremont; 2nd Lt. Donald S. Sherman, Sutherland; Tech. Sgts. Karl J. McCain, Crab Orchard; S/Sgt. Edward B. Weitzart, Lindsay, and Pvt. Jack O. Harris, Scotts Bluff.

NEW MEXICO
Capt. Francis B. Rang, Albuquerque; 1st Lt. Herman W. Lewis, Grady; Tech. Sgt. Robert P. Wilson, Albuquerque, and S/Sgt. Frank W. Mahbour, Santa Fe.

NEW JERSEY
Capt. John R. Muehlberg, Montclair; 1st Lt. Wilbur R. Everetts Jr.; Somerville; 2nd Lt. Peter L. Vlahakes, Newark, and Stuart J. Mathis, Netley; S/Sgts. James D. Barton, Bloomfield, and Edward F. Weizart, Dunellen; Sgt. Armand P. Rizzo, Atlantic City.

NEW YORK
1st Lt. Norman Davis, New York; Justus A. Emmens, Olean; Ferdinand R. Schmidt, Mt. Vernon, and Roger W. Huff, Rochester.
2nd Lt. Frank Leidecker, Rochester; William J. McCombs, Bronxville; Thomas V. Flynn, Seneca Falls; William Stewart 3rd, Scarsdale; William J. Turner, Whitehall; Sgt. L. Sachs, Brooklyn, and David A. Hellman, New York.
Tech. Sgt. Frederic S. Moran, Fredonia.
S/Sgts. C. J. Houlihan, Brooklyn; Adolph Buda, New York; Joseph Diagatano, Brooklyn; Vincent J. Depalo, Bronx, and Anthony Filippi, New York.
Cpls. Frank J. Delmonico, Brooklyn, and George W. Duetin, New York.

OKLAHOMA
Capt. Gore Higgins, Fairland; 1st Lt. John C. Metford, Fort Towson; Richard L. Rhoades, Waktia; Meech Tahsequah, Grandfield; Charlie Bull, Hastings, and Thomas T. Omohundro, Wagoner; 2nd Lt. Donald S. Scherman, Orlando, and S/Sgt. Charles P. Earls, Peaston; Wayne Heskey, Shidler, and Jessel Doyle, Altuso.

OHIO
Capt. Martin R. Wahl Jr., Youngstown.
1st Lt. Leonard J. Gossard, Lodi; J. Donald Scullion, Jefferson; Harry L. Shryock, Elvira.
2nd Lt. James M. Kaiser, Youngstown; Joseph D. O'Meara, Wadsworth; Richard P. Crutchfield, Kings Mill; Gomer A. Wolf, Mt. Vernon; Albert G. Rogers, Mentor, and Paul Pestel, Columbus.
Tech./Sgt. Paul P. Clawson, Tice.
S/Sgts. Peter Makar, Youngstown; James J. Fisher, Cleveland; Arnel Canterbury Jr., Portage; Thomas A. Smith, Lenoir; Thomas J. McGlynn, Cleveland, and Martin R. Walsh Jr., St. Fred W. Shick, Belle Air.

OREGON
2nd Lt. Milton R. Svoboda, Portland, and Tech. Sgt. William A. Stacy, Astoria.

PENNSYLVANIA
1st Lt. Robert W. Heins, Camp Hill; Cecil B. Patterson, McKeesport, and Clyde S. Uber, Newcastle.
2nd Lt. Edward J. Baceski, Colcoeter; Herbert O. Menzall, Freedom, and Donald P. Bird, Lehighburg.
Tech./Sgts. George J. Williams, Scranton; John Roberts, Wilkesburg; Kenneth R. DeLong, Tipton; Henry R. Ballentine, Summerville; John A. Harkell, Mansfield; Lawrence L. Kleeman, Muney; Albert W. Mosler Jr., Sarsandias; John Plavchak Jr., Clairton; James F. Shupp, Rimersburg; Richard J. Hagersty, Shamokin; Donald L. Deibler, Valley View; Dorling D. Schroyer, Williamsport, and James C. Clark, Butler.
S/Sgts. Harry F. Prens Jr., Philadelphia; Richard T. Brown, Franklin; Harry Holloway, Monongahela; Frank Palco, Norristown; Clifford G. Street, Pittsburgh; Vincente Wachs, Pittsford; David Tunno, Bargetstown; Roy R. Taylor, Philadelphia; Joseph T. Sollen, Philadelphia; Charles E. Salmon Jr., Philadelphia; Joseph Domino, Pittsburgh; Raymond D. Morgan, Freehold; Robert Keasler, McKeesport; Lawrence

Air Crews Practice in Bad Weather

Link Trainer Helps Keep U.S. Pilots In Trim

By Andrew A. Rooney
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Jan. 17—The Weather Man said: Cloudy, colder with rising winds, slight precipitation towards mid-afternoon.

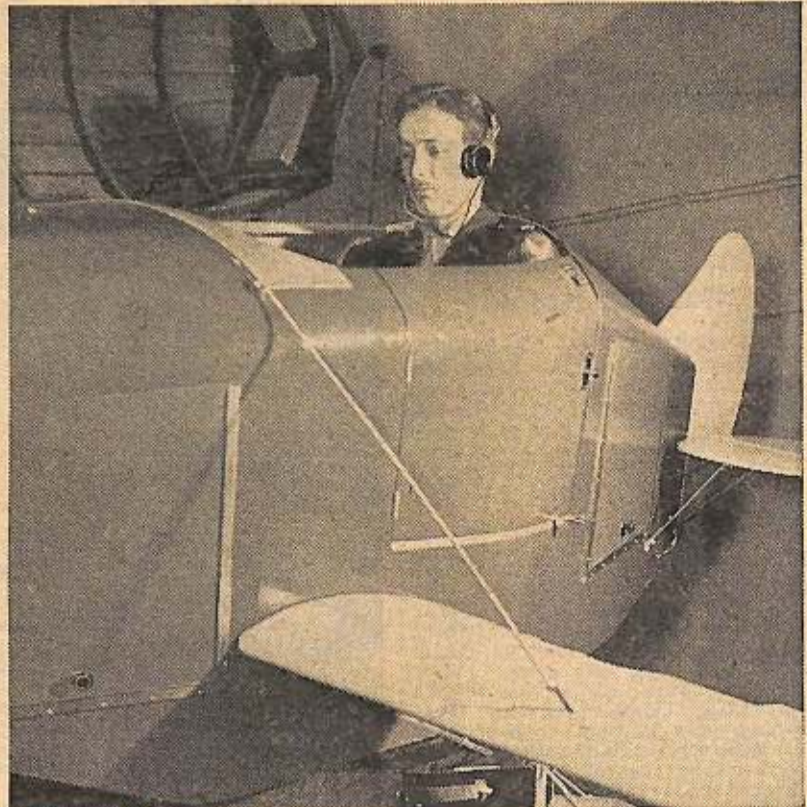
To the men who do the high flying in the B17s and B24s that meant no raid against Europe, but another day of ground training. The pilots, navigators, bombardiers, radio men and gunners who thought their training was over when they left the States were wrong.

When the weather is no good for operations, radio operators increase their speed in sending and receiving code messages, navigators become more familiar with map reading, bombardiers improve on their technique.

Even the pilot is not through learning how to fly. The Link Trainer at Eighth Air Force Bomber Stations works 16 hours a day simulating blind flying conditions for the pilot inside at the controls.

The Link Trainer is a replica of the mid-section of a plane's fuselage. It can't fly; it's just a cockpit full of controls.

The pilot climbs into the cockpit, pulls the hood over the trainer, leaving himself



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

First-Lt. D. Benson, Anquilla, Miss. (above), sits in the cockpit of a Link Trainer at an Eighth Air Force training station after going through his blind flying test by reading the multi-dial panel which is controlled by the Link's crew, S/Sgt. R. K. Heiler (left), Altoona, Pa., and Pfc. A. J. Patterson, Brevard, N.C., who sit at a table equipped with electrical recording devices connected with the Trainer cockpit and present the pilot with navigation problems and other tests of the pilot's reaction to bad-weather flying conditions.



completely in the dark. He switches on the lights illuminating the multi-dial panel, and is ready to "fly."

The Link Trainer takes a "crew" of two men, who sit at a table equipped with electrical recording devices connected to the trainer cockpit. While one of the "crew" presents the pilot with navigational problems, the other checks the pilot's reactions as indicated on the recording meters.

Part of every day on which there is no flying the whole crew goes to the lecture rooms, and part of the day they are divided up and drilled in their specialties.

First aid lectures by the group flight surgeon or by one of the squadron surgeons are frequent, and the whole crew attends these lectures.

The complete crew attends security talks, and lectures by experts in specialized fields. One day, for example, a British major who has had three years of experience in the RAF with flak will come and lecture for two hours on the characteristics of German anti-aircraft batteries.

Along with this lecture the pilot and navigator study the detailed map in the S-2 office, which shows the exact location of enemy anti-aircraft concentrations and their relation to possible targets.

Or a veteran of the Air-Sea Rescue

Service may come to the field to tell the men what to do in the event of being shot down in the English Channel. There are many tricks that will make the job of the crew easier when it comes to locating and rescuing the downed airmen.

After this class, one of their own officers outlines the procedure for the crew after the order "Abandon Ship" has been given over water.

Each man has a specific job to do. The pilot and co-pilot stick to their posts, while the remainder of the crew get the necessary equipment together and assemble in the radio room in the middle of the ship.

One man has an oxygen tank, one man water, another is detailed to bring along a small portable radio, still another has the job of standing by the release for the two rubber-dinghies stored in the bulkheads of the Fort.

The release is pulled and in an instant the rafts are automatically inflated from a high-pressure carbon dioxide cylinder and shot from each side of the ship into the water, securely attached to the Fort by ropes.

The Link is not the only trainer used by the air corps. Many ingenious mechanical contrivances are used at fields in England to improve the efficiency of the

R. Nye, Hummelstown; George R. Brown, Bristol; Milton A. Snyder Jr., Philadelphia; Stanley J. Bator Jr., West Hamilton; Leo L. Leznial, Asheville; Samuel L. Deaver, Harrisburg; William J. Merriam, Winton, and Stephen Yokopenie, Latrobe.

Sgts. Norman S. Stiffer, Commodore; Joseph T. Stefanchick, Nanty-Glas; Gerardo Landers, Ft. Beltr, Waverly, East Troy; Robert F. Kramer, Mahoney City; Frank G. Yakinoviz, Indiana, and Carl J. Zehrer, Altoona.

RHODE ISLAND
Capt. Edward A. Crouchley, Providence; 1st Lt. Ernest M. Duckworth, Cranston; 2nd Lt. George J. Lyons, Cominicut; Fenton Rodgers, Riverside, and Sgt. Francis P. Dasilva, Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA
Capt. Sam R. Ogelsby Jr., Great Falls; 1st Lt. Charles T. Price, Newberry; 2nd Lt. Henry A. Fischer Jr., Summerton; Tech./Sgts. Louis A. Walters, Taylor; Lacy A. Whitely, Goldville; Douglas Williams, Kershaw, and Edwin F. Sparks, Greenville; S/Sgts. Ralph E. Neeley, Columbia; Charley Barnes, Anderson, and Albert F. Asterhaus, Bloomingtown, and Sgt. Louis B. Cambell, Pendleton.

TENNESSEE
Capt. Clarence C. Summers, Memphis; 1st Lt. Arnold W. Postelle, Duckworth; 2nd Lt. Fletcher C. Jobo, Chattanooga; Tech. Sgt. Albert S. Fisher, Newport; Noel W. Meek, Pittsburgh Landing, and James L. Anderson, Nashville; S/Sgts. Robert E. Monday, Knoxville; Ralph Alexander, La Follette, and Baxter C. Luton, Sylvia.

TEXAS
Maj. John M. Toomey, San Antonio.
Capt. Joe M. Kilgore, Mission.
1st Lt. John R. Wilcox, Tyler; Daniel A. Story, Corsicana; Jack Gouffley, Eastland; Henry Ford P. Sussman, Houston; Richard G. Miller, El Paso; Houston, and Brandon C. Smith, Elvira.
2nd Lt. Alexander G. Rodriguez, Houston; Russell E. Wilkins, San Antonio; Charles R. Stapp, Andree; William S. Robinson, Shiro; Philip A. Lando, Midland; Joseph T. Houston, Floresville; John W. Lovelace, Commerce; Giles W. Reynolds, Geneva; Arnold L. Wunneberger, Red Rock, and Farnell O. Larsen, Clifton.

M/Sgt. Joseph E. Komkrer, El Paso; Otis W. Raspberry, Farmers Branch; Billy Thacker, Mineola; Clarence King, Nixon; Coy B. Payne, Corpus Christi; Robert W. Clendenon, Odessa; John H. Laurie, Rock Springs, and Charles S. Anderson, Malakoff.

Sgts. Reese W. Newcome, Texas City, and Ralph P. Resiwiz, Follette.

UTAH
Maj. Richard C. Sanders, Salt Lake City; 1st Lt. William O. Malley, Ogden; Irwin Foster, St. George, and Glade Jorgenson, American Fork; M/Sgt. William H. Kruger, Salt Lake City; S/Sgt. Charles A. Griggs, Salt Lake City, and Charles Bentley, Salt Lake City.

VERMONT
1st Lt. Francis W. Nye, Barton, and S/Sgts. Donald S. Allen, Brattleboro; George A. Brunel, Waterbury; Karl W. Anderson, Passumpsic, and Ralph Fletcher, Stillwell.

VIRGINIA
Capt. John B. Holst, Lanley Field; 1st Lt. Harry W. Elbert, Winchester, and William R. Joiner, Norfolk; 2nd Lt. Paul J. Kyle, Arlington, and Joseph H. Lindsay, Hillsville; Tech. Sgt. Alfred E. Monsinger, Rose Hill; James E. Farmer, St. Charles, and John M. Robertson, Craigsville; S/Sgt. Otto C. Hundley, Callands, and Sgt. Macon B. Witt, Forest.

WASHINGTON
Maj. Max R. Fennel, Stanwood; Capt. John N. Lavin, Spokane, and Bruno C. Del Missier, Seattle; Tech. Sgt. Robert Starevich, Bremerton; S/Sgt. Lyle C. Winchell, Seattle, and Alvin Hall, Yakima, and Sgt. Keith P. McJunkins, Seattle.

WEST VIRGINIA
S/Sgts. Earl R. Bennett, Charleston; John F. Long, Wileysford; Anderson T. Patrick, Piedmont, and Talberta De Haven, Bunker Hill.

WISCONSIN
1st Lt. Scott S. Douglas, Haraboo, and Russell J. Gardiner, Ft. Atkinson; S/Sgts. Joseph J. Byrne, Galeville, and Adolph Tyka, Thorp, and Sgt. Norman R. Brandt, Manitowoc.

Purple Hearts
Lt. Col. Curtis R. Low, Needham Heights, Mass.; Capt. James G. Kandaras, Chicago; 1st Lt. Justus A. Emmens, Olean, N.Y.; 1st Lt. Arnold W. Postelle, Duckworth, Tenn.; 1st Lt. William O'Neil, Seminole, Okla.; 1st Lt. John G. Brennan, Peoria, Ill.; 2nd Lt. John C. Lynch, Trinidad, Col.; 2nd Lt. Irwin Foster, St. George, Utah; 2nd Lt. Gregory O. Stanley, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.; 2nd Lt. Kenneth L. Aspaugh, Liberty, Mo.; 2nd Lt. Harold R. Taylor, Slater, Mo.; S/Sgt. Daniel O. Merrigan, Philadelphia; Sgt. Anthony K. Bippi, New York, and Cpl. James D. Robinson, Charleston, Miss.

6 'Clubmobiles' Provide Snacks

Red Cross Workers Carry Coffee and Doughnuts To Soldiers

A U.S. BASE, England, Jan. 17—Six mobile coffee-and-doughnuts stands are bringing refreshments to American soldiers out on maneuvers and marches. Operated by the American Red Cross, the six "clubmobiles"—which are motorized canteens carrying hot coffee and doughnuts—soon will be augmented by other units from America.

The first "clubmobile" put into use is operated by Hope Simpson, Montreal; Camilla Moss, New York; and Joan Banker, Cranford, N.J.

"We like to pop up unexpectedly during a break on a march and during noon hours and rest periods in camps or in the field and treat the men to their favorite American snack," Joan Banker said.

The "clubmobiles" go through mud and rain and fog to reach units which are in out-of-the-way places.

"We try not to interfere with any training schedules," Joan explained. "The three of us can serve 250 men in 20 minutes."

The "clubmobiles" soon will carry the names of States, and it is planned that at least one worker will be a native of that particular State.

La Motta Springs Upset, Outpoints Jackie Wilson

Chalky Wright Wins Close One From Peralta

Westerner Shows Superior Stamina, Wins All But One Round

NEW YORK, Jan. 17—Jake LaMotta, the Bronx middleweight, sprang the biggest boxing upset of the Madison Square season by cleanly outpointing Sgt. "California" Jackie Wilson of Mitchell Field in their ten-round bout Friday night. LaMotta entered the ring at 161 pounds to Wilson's 145 and made the most of his 16-pound advantage.

Jackie started like a house afire, but Jake, with superior stamina, won all but one round after the second, leaning on his opponent at every opportunity.

In the co-feature, veteran Negro Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, upset 1-2 favorite Mexican Joey Peralta, Tamaqua, Pa., in a close lightweight ten-rounder.

Wilson, regarded as one of the country's outstanding welterweights, has been anxious for a long time to meet Sugar Ray Robinson, the Harlem whirlwind who is the current class of the welterweight division. Friday night's bout was Jackie's chance to win a title shot. Despite the serious weight disadvantage, Wilson was favored 4-1 on his brilliant record—three defeats in two years, all three redeemed in return bouts—explosive punch and superior boxing ability. But Jackie seemed far off form and that, plus the weight handicap, gave LaMotta his chance.

LaMotta Shows Awkward Style

The big Bronx boy exhibited the awkward style seen in the Garden this season. But his clumsy crowding and forward moving tactics seemed justified, judging from the way they baffled Wilson. Jackie started as if he wanted to end the bout quickly. He shook his adversary continually in the first round with short uppercuts to the head. He danced around the heavy-footed LaMotta, bobbing in and out and jabbing with rapier thrusts.

He slowed up slightly in the second session, but still won handily. In the third round he started missing punches. He'd hit LaMotta pretty hard in the first two sessions and his opponent's resiliency obviously troubled him. Jake fought the third on at least even terms, then took command in the fourth as Jackie gave every indication of having shot his bolt. Jake, coming in all the time, clobbered the next four rounds and had Wilson reeling in the corner, dazed with punches to the head in the seventh.

The crowd roared approval as plucky Wilson shook off the cobwebs in the ninth and jarred LaMotta with three smashing hooks to the head, winning the round. But the comeback came too late as Jake still had reserve with which to fight evenly through the tenth.

Peralta Claims Fouls

In the other feature, Chalky Wright, at 130½, spotted Joey Peralta six pounds, but carried too much lightning in his right body smashes for the lad who beat him in 1941. Chalky recently lost the featherweight title to Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn., in a close 15-rounder wherein Pep showed the edge in speed and stamina. But then, as tonight, Chalky proved that he's still a boxing artist who can give a ring lesson to any kid in the game.

Chalky lost the seventh on low blows and Joey demanded others for the same reason, but the decision was unanimous and highly popular. When Peralta devised a protection for Chalky's rights to the body, the crafty Wright threw a barrage of left hooks to the head that had Peralta reeling and dizzy, frequently stumbling into a clinch. Chalky seemed just barely to lack the power with which to finish Peralta.

Wilson and Peralta weren't the only favorites upset on the Garden card. The entire preliminary card of four bouts saw the favorites beaten.

Wings Tie Hawks, 1-1, To Stay in Second Place

DETROIT, Jan. 17—The Detroit Red Wings retained second place in the National Hockey League by battling the Chicago Black Hawks to a 1-1 tie—their eighth tie of the season.

Johnny Holota, 18-year-old rookie forward, scored for the Wings late in the first period. Cully Dahlstrom banged in the Hawks' tally in the middle of the final period after perfect passes from Purpur and Allen.

Lorne Carr Scores Twice As Leafs Halt Canadiens

TORONTO, Jan. 17—The high-scoring Toronto Maple Leafs regained second place in the National Hockey League, trouncing the Montreal Canadiens, 8-4, halting the Canadiens' recent victory spree.

The Leafs' biggest wallop came in the middle of the second period, during which they countered four times in five minutes. Lorne Carr, Leaf Wing, tallied twice and had two assists.

Pirates to Train at Muncie

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 17—President William E. Benswanger of the Pittsburgh Pirates has announced that the club has chosen Muncie, Ind., as their spring training site.

Bob Hope Demonstrates Proper Use of Putter



Bob Hope uses his putter as a pool cue to drop a shot in the Victory Golf Tourney, staged by movie celebrities at the Wilshire Country Club in Los Angeles, for Army-Navy relief. Keeping score for Golfer-Poolist Hope is Paulette Goddard.

Rafferty First In AAU Mile

New York Athletic Club Runner Bests Dixon Of NYU in 4:17.8

NEW YORK, Jan. 17—Jim Rafferty, slim New York Athletic Club miler, startled the local track fans by whipping Frank Dixon, ballyhooed New York University freshman in four min. 17 and eight-tenths seconds in the mile race which featured the first half of the Metropolitan AAU track and field championships at Ohio Field.

Dixon, considered the logical successor to Leslie MacMitchell, formerly of NYU, as metropolitan candidate for the national mile honors, led the 11 contestants in 61 and nine-tenths seconds in the first quarter. He continued to pace the pack in the next two quarters, though slowing down emphatically, requiring 68 seconds for each.

It appeared that he would come home first easily, but Rafferty, making his first bid, whirled up on the outside and seized a five-yard lead, and despite Dixon's struggle, won going away by 15 yards. Considering that the event was run outdoors in chilly weather, the time was not at all bad.

Rafferty, who is noted for his kick, gained attention last year when he ran a four min. 10 and seven-tenths seconds mile as runner-up to MacMitchell in the Baxter mile. Dixon's best effort was four 14 and seven-tenths in the metropolitan schoolboy championship last year.

Bruins Drop Rangers, 7-5

BOSTON, Jan. 17—The Boston Bruins spotted the New York Rangers a three goal lead and overtook them with four goals in the second period and went on to win, 7-5, to retain their four-point leadership in the National Hockey League.

Bill Cowley, Bruin center and the League's leading play maker, seized the League scoring lead with three goals and three assists. The Bruins were awarded one goal due to Ranger stick throwing and got another when the Rangers pulled out Goalie Jimmy Franks in a frenzied last minute scoring effort.

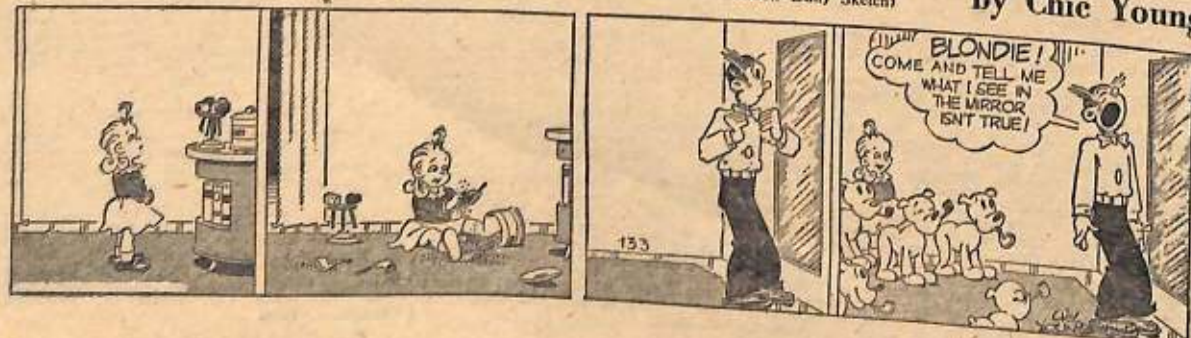
Wolverines Lose, 55-34, After Beating Badgers

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 17—Wisconsin's Badgers avenged their defeat at the hands of Michigan Friday night, 38-34, by trouncing the Wolverines, 55-34, in their second game in two days.

Dominating the play under the baskets, the Badgers dropped 22 of 51 shots and capitalized on 11 Michigan fouls.

Blondie

(By courtesy of King Features Syndicate and the London Daily Sketch)



A Tracking Party, Not a Football Game

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 17—After the recent North-South All-Star football game wherein the South licked the North 24-0, Minnesota End Bill Baumgarten remarked, "I wish there had been some mud out there."

A Southern supporter asked why, adding, "Our backs are pretty good mudders." Baumgarten replied, "I know, but then they'd have left tracks so we could see where they went."

Belfast Cage Tournery Starts

BELFAST, Jan. 17—The second half of the Red Cross basketball league schedule opens tomorrow night with eight teams competing for the top three positions. The season ends on Feb. 12, after which the three top teams will play a round robin tournament to determine the winner.

In an effort to arrange a program unaffected by the loss or entry of new teams, Frank C. Kammerlohr, new program director, has set up a ladder system schedule. Original positions on the ladder were selected by drawing lots. Each team can challenge the two teams directly above it on the schedule. For example, No. 8 team can challenge either No. 7 or No. 6, and if victorious replaces them in the standing.

If a team drops out, the remaining quintet automatically moves up in the standing. New teams begin at the bottom.

Boxing Helps Navy to Separate Its Pilots Among Preflighters

NEW YORK, Jan. 17—Boxing is used as a psychological gauge to test the mettle of young fliers who are studying at the Navy's preflight schools throughout the country, according to INS.

A young Navy physical instructor, in a recent interview, told how the students are thrown into the ring with a veteran who is told to kayo the trainee as soon as possible. The instructors watch the trainee closely. If he comes tearing in hell-for-leather and goes down fighting, they check him off as good fighter pilot material.

On the other hand, if he covers up and staves off the kayo by weaving and bobbing, they tab him as a good bomber pilot.

The reasons are obvious. A bomber pilot has to be cool and cagey. His job is to deliver the goods and return home with the precious plane. A fighter pilot is expected to be rip-roaring, shoot-the-works killer who throws everything but the instrument panel at his opponent in a knock-down, drag-out battle for survival.

That's how Uncle Sam is sorting his square pegs into square holes. It sounds hard boiled, but remember this is a hard-boiled war.

Bear Mt. Site For Dodgers

Pick Hudson River Resort And West Point for Spring Training

NEW YORK, Jan. 17—Crafty Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is taking his players north for the spring training. He has told the press that he has chosen Bear Mountain, N.Y., 45 miles north of Brooklyn, as the site where the Dodgers will train with the option of using the West Point cage in case of bad weather.

Evidently Branch is pulling the same stunt as the Japs in the last Olympics when they trained their swimmers in the icy waters of Finland so that the cool waters of Berlin would seem warm. Rickey must think the New York State hinterlands will toughen the Bums so they'll be ready to play in bathing trunks when the season opens, thereby saving a big laundry bill.

The Dodgers will start to practise on March 15 on the grounds of the Bear Mountain Inn, which sports five baseball diamonds. West Point, which has the best and largest equipped field house in the country, is only five miles away and the Dodgers have arranged for bus transportation there.

The United Press has also disclosed that all three New York clubs had been covetously eyeing the West Point field house for training purposes. Rickey showed plenty of his famous brain in closing the deal for the Dodgers.

Willie Hoppe Has Walked 20,000 Miles

Forty Years of Circling Billiard Tables Equals Tour of Globe

By Arthur Daley
New York Times Sports Writer

Each week *The Stars and Stripes* brings its readers a column written by one of America's outstanding sports writers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17—A stranger entered the billiard emporium, hidden away within the fastnesses of the Pennsylvania hills.

"Are you Walker Cochran?" snapped the eagle visaged proprietor.

The quiet little chap with greying hair shook his head and said, "Cochran is sick. I was sent as a substitute."

"Substitute, eh! What's your name?" asked eagle beak suspiciously.

"Willie Hoppe," said the little stranger diffidently.

Eagle beak snorted, "Never heard of you. Hope you kin give our local boy a battle. He's a purty slick article with the cue."

It's needless to finish the story because the ending is much too obvious. Willie Hoppe is not making exhibition tours of that nature any more. Considered the greatest billiard player of all time, he has just completed a 14,000 mile trip to Army and Navy posts in the southwest and far west and soon embarks on a series of exhibitions at camps in New England and the Atlantic seaboard.

Two Defeats in 46 Games

Hoppe comes pretty close to being the most amazing champion sports ever had. When he first won his title, Ty Cobb was a rookie outfielder, Jim Jeffries had just retired as heavyweight titleholder, Frank Gotch was wrestling king, Alex Smith and Jerry Travers were the top ranking golfers and Johnny Hayes was topping the world's marathon runners.

Not only have they faded from the picture, but subsequent sports generations have faded too. Hoppe is imperishable. It was 37 years ago this January that the brash 18-year-old boy defeated the lion of billiards, Maurice Vignaux, for the world 18.1 balkline championship. Hoppe, now 55 years young, has suffered only two defeats in 46 title games in the last three years.

In the old days the champions made as much as \$20,000 annually and \$300 for a single night's exhibition was not extraordinary. Now Hoppe's traveling expenses are paid by a billiard company and occasionally between Army excursions—such as the recent match with Art Rubin at the late Jack Doyle's academy in New York—he's been able to pick up some loose change. Essentially all of his time is devoted to Army and Navy tours.

Plays Before Thousands

Willie said modestly, "The boys in the camps seem to like it. I've found places with 150 billiard tables in camp recreation halls constantly used. Elsewhere I've encountered 100-year-old antique tables. The resiliency is gone from the rails and the tables are lumpier and bumpier than a steeplechase course. I don't try to play on those, I just give trick shot exhibitions."

"I've performed in arenas seating 4,000 soldiers and given nine exhibitions daily before a hundred or two hundred servicemen at a time. The hardest part is traveling from camp to camp. I don't rate priority and have so much luggage (the last trip lasted 16 weeks) it's pretty tough getting around. I stood up for 140 miles between Mineral Wells, Texas, and Abilene, Texas, an example of what I mean."

"I figure that 90 per cent. of the boys I meet play pocket billiards, not billiards, and I'm no good at pockets. Oh, I can make a run of 30 or 40, which is good enough for a demonstration, but youth, I sadly discover, hasn't the true appreciation for three cushion or balkline."

First Father, Then Son

Hoppe attributes his sports longevity to the fact that he does not use his legs, which are the first things to fail any athlete. He says, "This game is merely a question of eyesight and nerves." Hoppe inadvertently contradicted a previous statement wherein he calculated he covered some 20,000 miles walking around billiard tables in his 40 years, equivalent to a grand tour of the globe.

Being a billiard champion is not a life of beer and skittles nor of genteel ease. Hoppe plays or practises at least five hours daily, a seemingly rigorous chore when extended over a 40-year span. Before stricken with pneumonia, Hoppe golfed regularly, but the doctor ruled out golf. He'd like to play handball to keep physically trimmer, but handball develops callouses. His hand must be soft and flexible.

In the early days, one of Hoppe's chief rivals was old Jake Schaefer. Nowadays one of his chief rivals is young Jake Schaefer, the son. A very remarkable champion, Willie Hoppe.

Rams Rout Orangemen, 55-38

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Jan. 17—Tony Karpowich netted 18 points to lead the Fordham Rams to a runaway conquest over Syracuse, 55-38, here last night.

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Hash Marks

Joe Mah Foo swears he saw this happen the other day. A drunk, watching a revolving door, saw a man walk in. Soon the revolving door revealed a pretty girl stepping out. "It's a good trick," muttered the drunk, "but I still don't see what he did with his clothes."

Now we've seen everything!—that's the chant of the members of Company "C"



of an engineer unit over here. Their Top Kick, Jimmie Yearout, is spending his spare time reading Dale Carnegie's "How To Win Friends and Influence People."

Humorous anecdotes in the British publication "Coastal Command" include one of a patrol plane, in difficulty 200 miles off Iceland on Christmas Eve, which radioed: "SOS. Am landing in the sea. Merry Christmas." Another story is told of a Catalina from a Northern Ireland base that went out to escort a convoy bearing the code name "Child." Later the plane sent back the message "Pregnant," followed by its position.

Members of a field artillery unit stationed in the British Isles are busy teaching their unit mascot, a dog, new tricks—the old tricks backfired on them. Some weeks ago members of the unit taught the pup to chase sticks and bring them back. During hand-grenade practice recently the hound dived after one of the explosives, picked it up and headed toward a group of men who had gathered to watch the demonstration. They scattered fast—even if it was a "dud."

Robert Taylor (a college student, not the actor) walked 35 miles from Lake Charles, La., on his way to enlist in the Army before he succeeded in getting a lift. When he finally arrived and took his physical, he was nearly rejected on account of blistered feet.

Have you heard about the two Japanese statesmen who jumped out of a hotel



WHAT WAS THE DISPLACEMENT, HON. ONE?

Is it true that the signal corps is training pelicans for overseas mail delivery? J. C. W.

Rationing Still Mild in States

Most Food Plentiful; U.S. Hardest Hit By Gas Cut

The folks at home are feeling the pinch—but not badly.

No longer can Ma walk around the corner to the super-market and load up with a week's supply of meat and groceries on a Saturday afternoon.

No longer can Dad take the family for a drive in the country of a Sunday afternoon—and in the 17 Eastern States he can't use his car at all without government permission for good and sufficient reason.

But conditions aren't bad—not by a long sight.

Rationing is on a small scale. The only foods rationed to date are coffee and sugar. Each adult is permitted one pound of coffee every five weeks—enough to make about a cup a day—and one pound of sugar every two weeks, same as the British. Come Feb. 1, or as soon thereafter as rationing machinery can be set up, meat will be rationed and also about



Associated Press Photos

In the picture above a waiter in the heart of a Times Square restaurant explains to patrons about the first meatless day observed by New Yorkers in 24 years. Only fish and vegetables were on the menu designed to help cut the consumption of meat by 21 per cent, as requested by the Government. At left is the cover of the "War Ration Book Two," printed to handle any rationing program introduced in the States.

reluctant to ration certain articles, have imposed restrictions on them. Fuel oil is doled out on a three-way basis: Number of persons in the family, local winter temperature in 1940-1, and the number of square feet in the floor area of the house. Then the householder gets enough to maintain a 65-degree temperature.

'Victory Bikes'

Bicycles, heretofore essentially a more sporting mode of transportation, are not actually rationed, but purchase of them has been drastically restricted. War workers, residents of outlying districts where transportation is limited, and persons who prove they need them can purchase new bicycles. All the new ones are simple, standardized models known as "Victory" bicycles. Purchase of used bikes is not restricted.

Because the manufacture of rubber footwear has been slashed, only men in essential occupations may buy occupational rubber shoes or boots. They include miners, farmers, seamen, firemen and others who can prove to the satisfaction of their local ration board that their health would be jeopardized without rubber footwear.

Typewriter sales have been grouped in four classes: Available to Army, Navy and government; those rented to essential users for limited periods; those at least five years old which may be rented to anyone for a period of six months, and stripped portable machines lacking parts which may be bought or sold without restrictions.

New Cars Restricted

New automobile purchases can be made only by those persons considered employed in essential occupations, such as physicians, nurses, war workers, law enforcement officers, mail deliverers, haulers of food produce from farms to markets and others in similar groups. These restrictions, however, are now being revised. Used cars are unrestricted. In England thousands of cars are stored in garages and storehouses because only those whose employment is considered absolutely essential to the war effort can obtain any gasoline.

The folks back home are still in pretty good shape after their first year of war. Restrictions will become tougher as the war goes on, but they have a long way to go before they can be compared with those in Great Britain.

Form for War Ration Book Two Identification. Includes fields for name, address, local board number, and signature. A warning section at the bottom states: 'This book is the property of the United States Government. It is unlawful to sell or give it to any other person or to use it or permit anyone else to use it, except to obtain rationed goods for the person to whom it was issued.'

200 items of canned, dried and frozen fruits and vegetables.

Butter, eggs, milk, candy, fresh fruits and many of the other things that are either strictly rationed or impossible to obtain in Britain today are still plentiful at home. Only difference so far is that, whereas the housewife used to be able to stock up quickly at one store, now she may have to hustle around to two or three to get what she wants.

British Rations Tougher

Compared with the British, the folks back home have no idea what really strict rationing is, and it is doubtful if they will have any full conception for some time to come.

An English housewife is allowed the following each week for each member of her family:

Two ounces of butter, four ounces of margarine, two ounces of cooking fat, a half-pound of sugar, two ounces of tea, one shilling and twopence worth of meat (about 25 cents worth), a quarter pound of bacon, six ounces of cheese, a quart of milk, a quarter pound of preserves, three ounces of sweets, and whatever tinned goods, breakfast foods, rice, tapioca and dried fruits she can get on 20 points a month.

In addition, the Ministry of Food has just announced that the egg quota for January is one per person.

Coffee is not rationed in Britain—but that is not odd, for tea is the national drink here and is rationed just about as strictly as coffee is in America.

The British buy most of their rationed items on the "points" system—so many points for each article, depending on its degree of scarcity. America is preparing a similar system, and American housewives will have to learn the knack of spreading their points out equitably as the British shoppers have learned. They must learn not to spend all of their points, for instance, on two or three cans of a favored food, only to find they have none left for other essentials in their diet.

Gas Changes U.S. Life

Gasoline, vitally important to America's travel-mad millions, has changed the mode of life of the average American more than any other rationed product. Every one with a car is entitled to an "A" card, which permits the purchase of three gallons a week for the family buggy. But on Jan. 6 the Office of Price Administration placed a ban on "pleasure driving." Going to church, funerals, essential shopping, and seeking medical attention are okay with the Administration.

Some persons who need car travel in their work have been given "B" cards. Doctors and nurses get the tops—"C" cards. The amount of gas these additional cards entitle one to depends on the available supply. At the present time, holders of B and C cards get only three gallons in addition to their basic three-gallon ration in New York. Supplies elsewhere vary. Various governmental control boards,

Battleship vs. Aeroplane

The New York Herald Tribune commenting on the Navy Department report of the action on October 28 between a United States battleship and planes from three Japanese carriers said: "The facts as stated are sensational enough in themselves. The battleship, presumably one of the new Washington class, withstood three attacks delivered in quick succession from a total of 84 dive-bombers and torpedo planes. She shot down 32 of them out of the air with her own guns; turned back most of the others and received only one hit from a bomb which did comparatively little damage."

"It would be innocent to suppose that the Navy in releasing this story was not aware of its significance as a support for the 'battleship school' as against the more extreme of the aviators. . . the episode remains a spectacular demonstration of the power of the 'curtain of steel' which can be flung up by the anti-aircraft defense which is now possible to mount in big ships."

The battle of Sea vs. Air power is one that will likely continue for years to come; and will only end when one side or the other finally realizes both are important. One needs the other . . . even as the doughboy needs artillery support. Our own High Command has proved it is well aware of the potential value of every service. In recent "combined operations" of the type made famous with occupation of North Africa, every service was used for "maximum" effect. There was no "exclusive" branch despite some public misconception to the contrary.

That great and powerful weapons "complement" and do not "compete" is a fact fully appreciated by the best military and naval minds.

The Big Race

Now history is being made every hour of the day and night. The Russians are smashing ahead on the Eastern front; armies are on the move in Burma and North Africa; convoys plying the seven seas are battling the deadly submarines; airmen are bombing the Ruhr. Men are facing death every day and dealing with new problems which a year ago would have staggered the imagination.

Under such circumstances it is important that we keep you informed. To keep abreast of our task we make periodic trips into troop-training areas to secure information regarding your needs and desires.

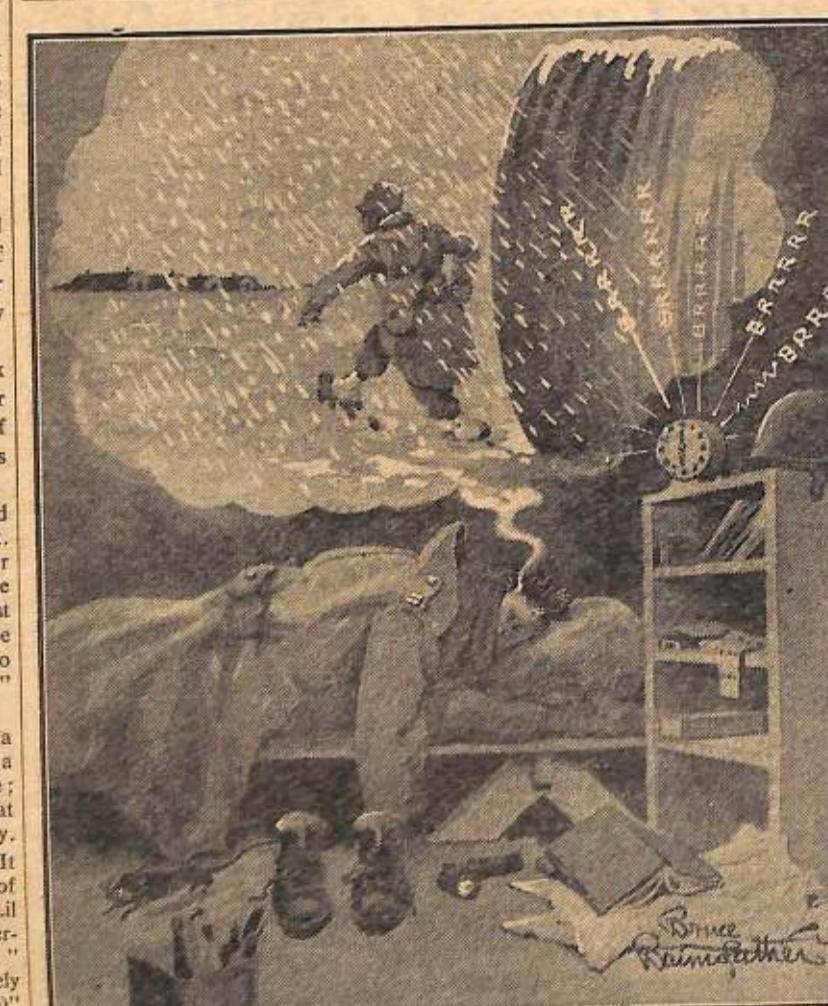
On the latest such trip we found hundreds of troops in a serious state of suspended suspense. Your eagerness for news on one subject was unbelievably tremendous.

Was it the President's address, new tax laws, the one hundred billion dollar budget? No, GIs, it was the fate of "Lil Abner" come "Sadie Hawkins Day."

Bets we found were being placed, and pools compiled over the possible result. One GI with sealed orders begged for advance information. Everywhere we found you impatiently awaiting the latest news on the Big Race, hoping against hope that "Our Hero" would manage to squeeze out of his annual "difficulty" and escape capture.

Yep, GIs, you may be able to face a Nazi blitz without a quiver, or silence a Jap machine-gun nest with a grenade; but the horrible fate of Lil Abner at this crucial moment has got you jittery.

And thank goodness this is so. It proves you still have a grand sense of humor and a love of simple things. Lil Abner would be "censored" in a German paper as an unworthy "Aryan" portrayal, and a Jap would completely miss the point; so carry on "Al Capp" . . . the GIs love "your dish" and are praying that Lil Abner will escape from a "fate that is worse than death."



"He's dreamin' but it AIN'T Christmas"

ARMY POETS

Jeeppers

I'm sure that I shall never peep An uglier car than my own jeep. My jeep that leaps and jumps all day And smells of gas instead of hay. My jeep that does in season wear Some camouflage where she is bare. My jeep that takes all kinds of roads And carries such ungodly loads.

Upon whose bosom there has lain The snow and sleet and winter rain. My poetry, perhaps, won't keep; But thanks to him . . . who made my jeep. Captain Tedd.

To Any Service Man

How long since you wrote to Mother? For you the hours may fly; But those hours are years to your Mother When the mail man passes her by.

How long since you wrote to Mother? And told her, "You miss her so." Four little words so simple . . . Yet they'll set her heart aglow.

Even if nothing is happening Mother's heart always pines. And though you may write of trivial things She'll read lots between the lines.

How long since you wrote to Mother? And told her cheerful white lies, To be read to her friends and neighbors, With pride in her grand old eyes?

How long since you wrote to Mother? Better get that letter done, For Mothers fade like flowers When they miss their wandering son. Anonymous.

Vow

"Where are you going, my little man?" "Going to Berlin, fast as I can."

"What will you do there, confident boy?" "Fill the whole world with peace and new joy."

"After you've silenced Adolf's mad screams?" "Rush right back to the girl of my dreams."

"Keep my fist clenched and sharpen my brain; Make sure this mess won't happen again." T/5 Peter Alfano, Signal Corps.

NEWS FROM HOME U.S. Will Meet Shipping Goal In '43—Vickery

Admiral Cites Fulfillment Of '42 Mark, Predicts Same This Year

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—Rear Adm. Howard L. Vickery, vice-chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission and deputy War Shipping Administrator, said on the radio today that American shipyards would achieve the 1943 goal of 19,000,000 tons of merchant shipping.

"Last year, 1942, over 8,000,000 tons deadweight, established by the President as the '42 objective for merchant shipyards, were delivered on time. Shipyard labor and management have demonstrated convincingly the ability of the industry to do the job."

"But that job is more than twice as big for 1943, since the year's goal for merchant ship construction is nearly 19,000,000 tons deadweight or approximately one-third of all the world's tonnage estimated to be in existence last summer."

"Increasing overseas military operations will continue to augment shipping requirements. . . . No difficulty is truly a crisis today unless it threatens the successful prosecution of the war. . . . I am confident that ships we have built and are building, adequately protected and effectively employed, will furnish the ocean transportation which is needed for winning complete Allied victory."

Two-Year Feud: Four Dead

COLUMBIA, S.C., Jan. 17 (UP)—Three electrocutions have ended a two-year feud which began when David Timmerman's mule killed a neighbor's calf. Timmerman offered the neighbor, Wallace Logues, \$35, but Logues demanded \$50. Refused, he attacked Timmerman with an axe and was shot dead. Timmerman was acquitted on grounds of self-defense.

A few months later Timmerman was found slain. Police, suspecting that Mrs. Logues or her brother had paid a traveler, Clarence Bagwell, to commit the crime, went to the Logues house and were met by gunfire which killed a sheriff, a deputy and a farmer. Mrs. Logues, her brother and Bagwell died in the chair Friday.

Prepare Now for '44 Victory

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17 (AP)—"We must finish our war preparations this year

Duce Now Suffering From Fallen Arches

CAIRO, Jan. 17 (AP)—Mussolini is once again suffering from fallen arches.

There are many junctions along the roads which radiate like the spokes of a wheel from Tripoli, and over these the Duce had constructed triumphal arches.

These junctions are now convenient targets for RAF bombing of road traffic, and it seems likely that some of the arches have toppled in the process.

if we hope to win final victory in 1944," Donald Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, said yesterday, on the first anniversary of the W.P.B.'s creation.

"We have to do that, even if it inconveniences everyone in the country, and it probably will," he said.

Speaking at a dinner here, Nelson said: "There is no way to avoid these inconveniences, but we must all bear in mind that innumerable restrictions and limits on our institutions and ways of living are inescapable products of the war and nothing else."

Steel Produced In Record Time

Kaiser Opens First Plant On Pacific Coast in Nine Months

FONTANA, Cal., Jan. 17 (UP)—Under the supervision of Henry J. Kaiser, shipbuilder, the first steel factory on the Pacific Coast has begun production here only nine months after its construction had been approved in Washington.

The factory's estimated output is 675,000 tons of steel ingots a year, apart from its rolling mill, which will handle 300,000 tons of ship plates a year—enough to build 120 full-sized merchant ships.

The usual time for the building of such a factory is three years. All raw materials necessary for production are mined in the area.

Ginger Rogers Weds Marine

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 17—Ginger Rogers and Pvt. Jack Briggs, marine and former actor, were married here yesterday.

Minimum of War Work Lost As Strikes Hit All-Time Low

ATLANTA, Jan. 17—Time lost to industry due to strikes fell to the lowest point in history, William Green, A. F. of L. president, told the Southern Labor Conference.

Quoting an official report of the National War Labor Board, Green said that losses amounted to only 3/100ths of 1 per cent. of the man-days worked in the month. "In other words," he said, "labor's score in living up to its no-strike pledge was 99.97 per cent. perfect."

Acknowledging a debt of gratitude to the men in uniform, Green continued: "Let no one imagine that those serving on the production front here at home have it safe and easy. . . . more Americans were killed last year by industrial accidents in mills and factories than on the battlefronts facing the enemy."

Col. A. Robert Ginsburgh, chief of the Industrial Services Division in the Public Relations Bureau, told the meeting that even with an army of 7,500,000 men, the necessary ratio of two and a half workers

to each two men in the armed forces could be maintained.

U.S. industry is capable of supporting this huge offensive army, he told the labor leaders.

"Organized labor is busy on every variety of war stuff—tank parts to blankets, shells to sandbags, fuse liners to parachutes, powder to bandoliers. . . . American Federation of Labor men are in this war to the limit."

Baby to 'Child Bride'

SNEEDVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 17 (UP)—Her wedding present from her husband in 1937 was a doll. Now she has a real baby to look after. Fourteen-year-old Eunice Johns, the "child wife" of Sneedville, who created a sensation five years ago when, at the age of nine, she married Charlie Johns, 22-year-old farmer, has given birth to a seven-pound baby girl. The couple were married by an elderly pastor on a mountain roadside, having obtained a licence by stating Eunice was 18. Afterwards her parents made no demur.



"That's a sound idea all right, Navy, but where can we find an officer to initial at this hour?"



"Captain! Please refrain from the Bang! - Bang!"

TERRY & THE PIRATES

LISTEN, MCGOOLTY, AIN'T I BIN LIKE A BRUDDER AN' A MUDDER T' YUH? AIN'T I BIN TENDER AN' CON-SID-EYE-RATE WITCHA?
YEAH, SARGE -YEAH!
THEN WHY IN THE RUT SUT CAN'T YUH MEMORIZE THEM GENERAL ORDERS?
I DUNNO, SARGE -I GUESS I'M JUST HOLDIN' UP TH' WAR!
YAAA... I'LL GIVE YUH ONE MORE CHANCET BEFORE I GIG YER WIG OFF... NOW WE'LL GO THROUGH NO. II AGAIN... YER WALKIN' YER POST - I COME UP T' YUH... WHAT D' YUH SAY?
HALT! LOOK WHO'S HERE!

JOE PALOOKA

HAM FISHER

W-WHAT'S THE MATTER, KNOBBY...WHAT WAS YOU SAYIN'...HEY...WHO ARE YOU...
HAAAAAAA
AWK

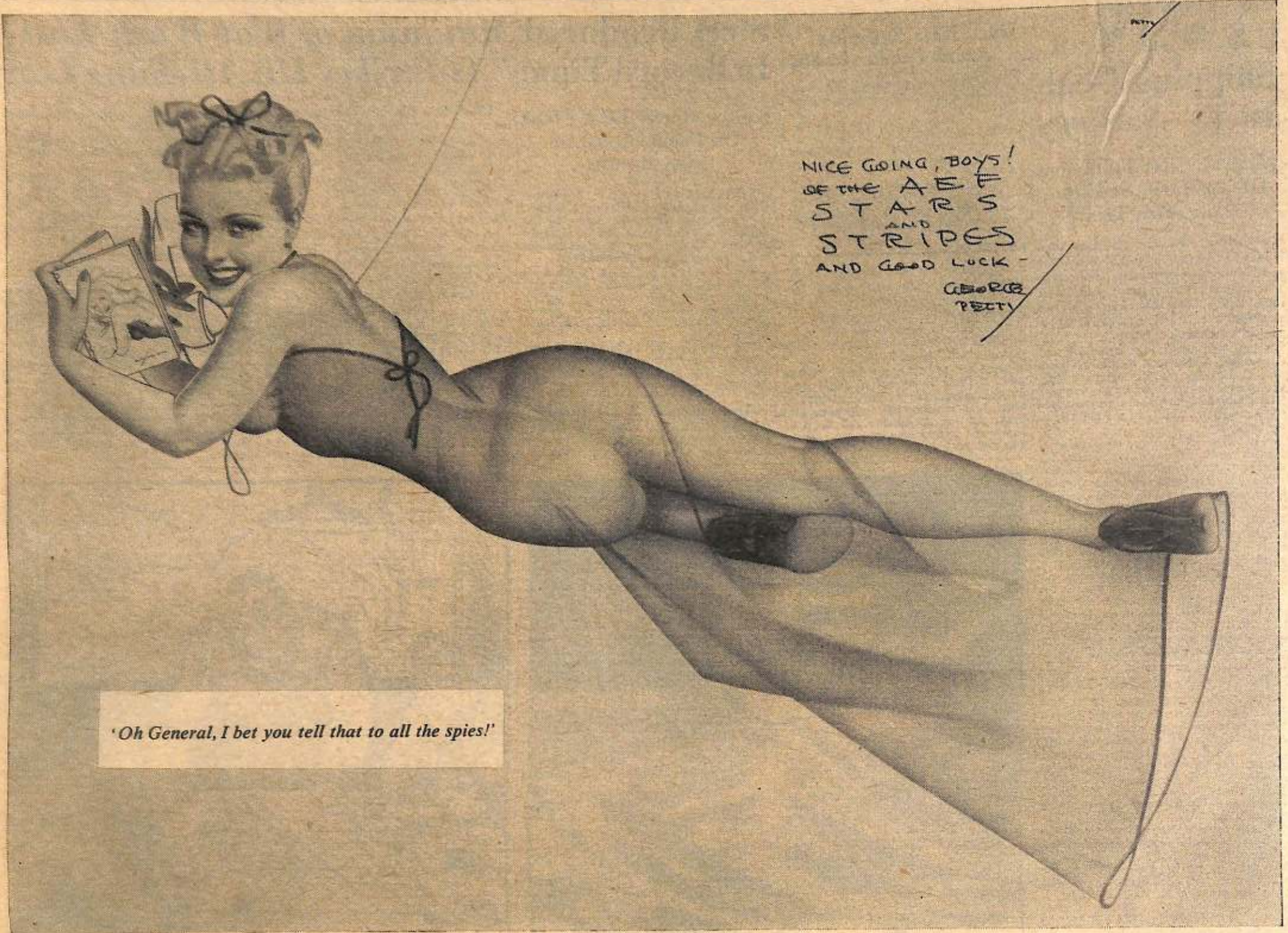
AH'M LEAVIN'--YESSUH-REE!
W-WHAT WAS THAT HORRIBLE NOISE.
IT DIS-APPEARED. QUICK, GET THE SMELLIN' SALTS. KNOBBY PASSED OUT.

WHAT WAS IT? DID YOU FELLAS HEAR IT TOO?
S-SHO D-D-DID
THERE HE'S COMING AROUND.
OH...

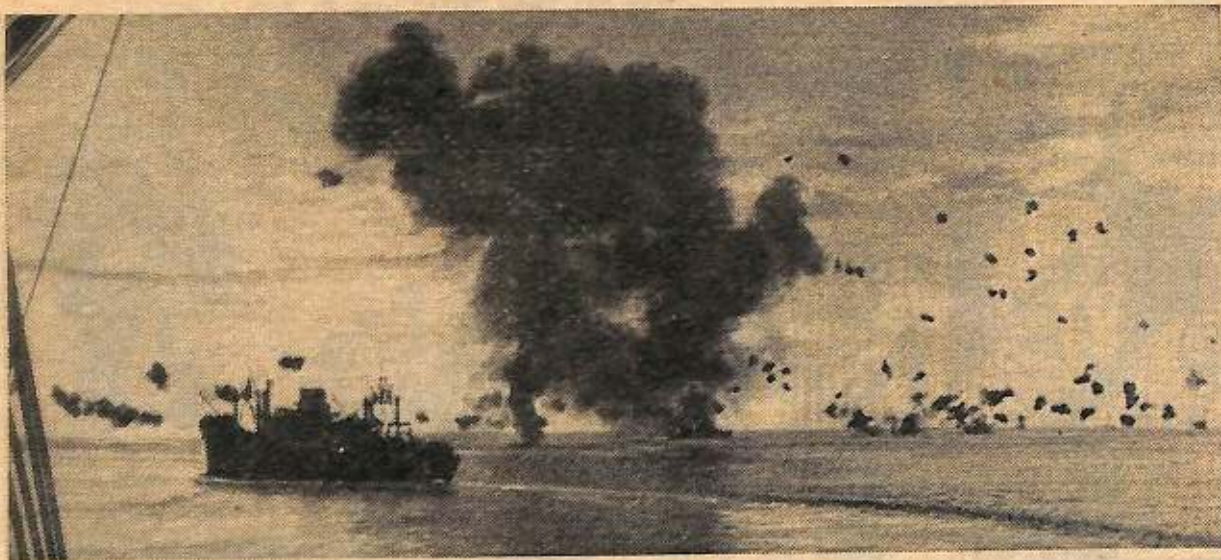
TCH TCH!
WHO'S RUNNIN' THINGS, YOU OR ME?
OH, GO LAY AN EGG!
KNOBBY INSISTED WE LEAVE CAMP IMMEDIATELY, BUT JOE REFUSED---ABSOLUTELY. THERE WAS PLENTY OF IRRITABILITY AROUND CAMP THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. AT LAST JOE WAS BEGINNING TO FEEL IT.

HAAEEEE
THEN THE GHOST APPEARED AGAIN---WE WERE ALL AWAKENED FROM FITFUL SLEEP BY THE TERRIBLE SCREAM---JOE APPARENTLY HAD BEEN WAITING FOR IT.

HE WAS OUT OF BED IN A FLASH AND CAUGHT THE APPARITION JUST AS IT ALMOST PULLED ITS DISAPPEARING ACT IN THE NEXT ROOM---



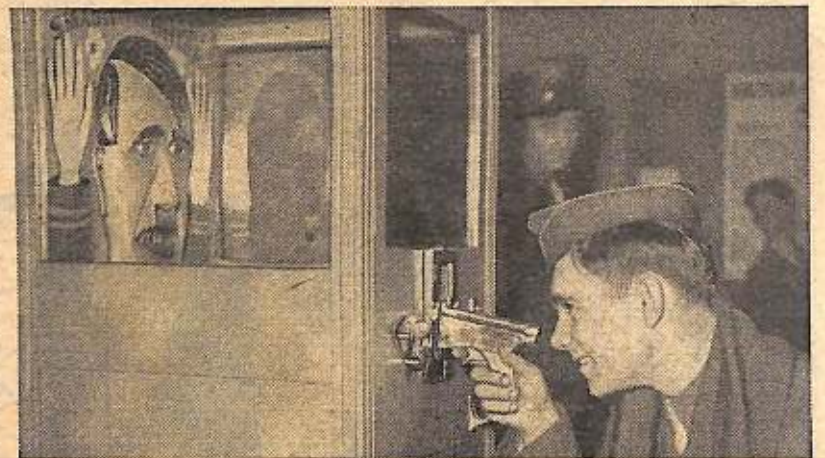
Falling Jap Plane Sideswipes Cruiser



Keystone Photo

A Jap plane which sideswiped the U.S. cruiser San Francisco in falling from the sky a victim of Ack Ack fire off Guadalcanal on Nov. 12, leaves a dense column of smoke from spot where she went into the water after caroming off the cruiser. The San Francisco can be seen beneath the smoke cloud, while a U.S. transport stands by at left.

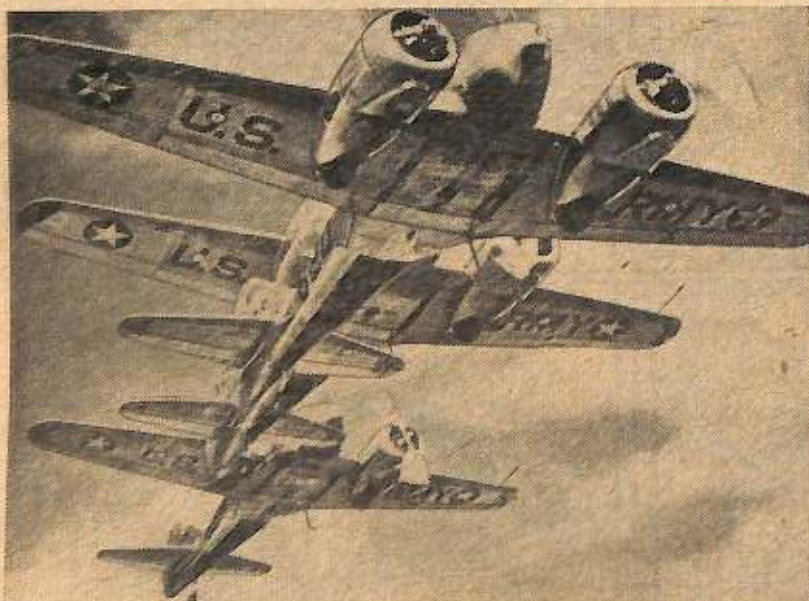
Putting Adolf on the Spot



Associated Press Photo

Pvt. Fred Figus, Cincinnati, Ohio, succeeds in putting Hitler "on the spot" while amusing himself on one of the slot machines installed at the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner Club in London.

Flight Tactics of Future Airmen



Keystone Photo

Taken at an advanced training base of the U.S. Army Air Forces, this unusual photograph illustrates how future pilots of giant, multi-engined fighters and bombers are taught to fly twin-engined Curtiss (AT-9) Jeeps in tight formation, like those used in actual warfare.

Air Force Students Get Short-Cut to Victory



Keystone Photo

A short-cut to victory has been taken by these seven flying gunnery students at the Army Air Forces flexible gunnery school at Tundall Field, Florida. The septet, inseparable companions, had their heads shaved as shown to spell out the word victory. (Left to right—Elwood Hammond, Gallitizin, Pa.; Robert Woods, Lyndhurst, N.J.; David Hamilton, Buffalo, N.Y.; Edward Garland, Newark, N.J.; Fred C. Fletcher, Troy, N.Y.; Thomas M. Farrell, Dayton, Ohio, and Franklin S. Fryfogle, of Allianca, Pa.