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## Reds Across Bug River, Nazis Admit

### Bitter Fighting in the South; Leningrad Rail Line Cut By New Soviet Drive

Russian mobile units cut one of the Nazi rail lines to Leningrad and rolled back the enemy in a rapid advance toward the Baltic yesterday as the Red Army on the central front pushed within 40 miles of Pinsk and the Germans admitted that at one point Soviet tanks had crossed the Bug river near Vinnitsa, in the south.

Powerful Red Army armored forces, rolling forward in what may become a major thrust to the Baltic, surged westward through a widening gap in the enemy lines at Novo Sokolniki, 25 miles north of Nevel and little more than 70 miles from the Latvian border.

Capture of the railroad station at Nasva, 17 miles north of Novo Sokolniki, cut the rail line running north to Leningrad, isolated the German garrison at Novo Sokolniki and left the Russians free to strike west toward the Leningrad-Polotsk railway, one of the last two lateral supply lines the Germans hold south of Leningrad.

On the southern end of the front bitter and bloody fighting continued along the 80-mile front from Vinnitsa to Uman, where the Germans were making as many as 20 counter-attacks a day to hold back the Russians from the Bug river and the vital Odessa-Lwow railway.

Crossing of the Bug was admitted by a Wilhelmstrasse military spokesman quoted by the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm Dagens Nyheter. He said the vanguard of a strong Russian force succeeded in spanning the river but German reserves counter-attacked and encircled one unit "now apparently facing defeat unless the Russians are able to bring up reinforcements."

In some places on the southern front, notably north of Uman, the Nazis hurled as many as 120 tanks against the Russian positions. Nearly half were destroyed, the Russians reported. Meanwhile, the Russians said they took terrific toll of the German armor and kept their own lines intact.

A gauge of the cost to the Germans was the Soviet Information Bureau's assertion yesterday that more than 100,000 Germans were killed in the first three weeks of Gen. Nicolai Vatutin's offensive west of Kiev—between Dec. 24 and Jan. 13. More than 7,000 were taken prisoner.

### 2,204 Tanks Destroyed

The Russians claimed they destroyed in the same period 2,204 tanks, 1,174 guns of various caliber, 3,173 machine-guns, 4,686 trucks and 27 ammunition dumps.

German resistance appeared to be stiffening in the Pripet area, where Gen. Constantine Rokossovsky's forces which took Mozyr and Kalinkovich drove westward 18 miles within shelling distance of the railway connecting Minsk and Pinsk.

At the same time, Gen. Vatutin's right flank continued its pressure toward Pinsk from the south in an effort to cut the Mozyr-Pinsk railway and join up with Rokossovsky's columns moving west along this line.

Other columns of the First Ukrainian Army swung southwest of Sarny, the rail junction 35 miles beyond the 1939 Polish border, and pushed within 16 miles of Rovno, through which rail lines run to Berdichev, Lwow, Brest-Litovsk and Minsk.

## Fourth War Loan Drive Will Start Today in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—The nation's fourth war loan drive gets under way tomorrow. Many cities will signal its start by ringing church bells and sounding victory sirens for five minutes.

Motion picture houses throughout the country will hold 2,200 War Bond premieres in an effort to sell 12,000,000 individual bonds—one for every theater seat. The four major radio networks will broadcast special War Bond programs.

## Allies Seize Two Villages In Slow Drive Into Burma

NEW DELHI, India, Jan. 17—Allied troops have occupied two more villages west of the Mayu mountain range in a slow, tortuous advance into Jap-held southern Burma. Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters announced tonight.

## Influenza Slims FDR By About Ten Pounds

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Pres. Roosevelt, who has been recovering slowly from influenza, has lost about ten pounds. His normal weight is 199 pounds.

The President again today kept appointments in his White House study.

## 3 U.S. Soldiers Die in Wreck of 2 British Trains

### 13 Others Hurt in Crash Fatal to Nine Persons in London Suburb

Three American soldiers were killed and 13 others were injured Sunday night at Ilford Station, Essex, when a passenger train from Norwich to London crashed into the rear of another passenger train traveling from Yarmouth to Liverpool St. station.

The wreck, called the most serious British railroad accident since December, 1941, took the lives of nine persons altogether and injured 30.

American soldiers, many with railroad experience in civilian life, were summoned from an Army railroad depot immediately after the wreck and aided in rescue work.

There was no official Army announcement of the casualties, pending notification of the next of kin. Information from civilian authorities, however, identified the American casualties as follows:

**Killed**  
Vernon L. Guffron, USAAF, Kenosha, Wis.  
2/Lt. David E. Stumper, USAAF, Cincinnati, Sgt. Richard T. McGee, Wheeling, W. Va.

**Injured**  
3/Lt. Warren Bill, USAAF; Lt. Thomas Gasson, USAAF; J. D. Enderwood; Donald Leon Bokic, USAAF; Charles T. Kimball; James C. Kidd, USAAF; Lt. Harvey Beaton, USAAF; Cpl. Peter Martin; Leo Kien, USAAF; Julian Blackhead, USAAF; Lt. Clarke Gould McCarthy, USAAF; A. J. Smith, USAAF, and L. Black.

The station at Ilford, a London suburb, was strewn with wreckage as the train from Norwich plowed into the stationary second train at about 7.15 PM Sunday. The last three coaches of the Yarmouth train were telescoped, and at least two coaches of the Norwich train were wrecked.

Lt. McCarthy, a Montana bomber pilot, who received a broken arm and lacerations of the face and legs, said:

"Many people around me were burned and scalded by the steam. A bombardier who was by my side and was badly injured certainly had courage. He remarked to me: 'I ought to be able to take this after being over Germany and taking it from flak and the fighters.'"

"I'll get to Berlin yet," one injured American soldier trapped in the wreckage called out to a rescue squad, working by the light of flares and arc lamps in the fog-bound station.

Two American medical officers attached to the railroad depot worked throughout the night at the King George V Hospital in Ilford, assisting civilian doctors with emergency treatment and surgical operations. They were Capt. A. B. Pigman, of Lexington, Ky., and Lt. Henry Kalter, of New York.

Men in the railroad unit were directed in rescue work by Lt. Charles C. Young, of Fort Worth, Tex., formerly of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, and Lt. Jack L. Bailey, of East St. Louis, Ill., formerly of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

### Fire Sweeps Rail Yards

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 17—A wind-driven fire in the Boston and Maine railroad yards here devastated two warehouses and damaged a third building.

## No Quarter From a Bad Penny

### Wounded Fort Gunner Bagged At Least 8 Planes, Pals Swear

A FORTRESS BASE, Jan. 17—S/Sgt. James R. Hamilton, of Joycetown, Ky., tail gunner of the Fortress Bad Penny, was hailed today as a "one man war" by crew mates who credited him with destroying at least eight Nazi fighters—a new record—in last Tuesday's attack on an aircraft factory at Oschersleben.

Shortly after he downed his first Nazi Hamilton was knocked unconscious by a 20mm. shell which creased the back of his neck and the lobe of his right ear. He revived, however, and despite weakness from loss of blood kept on firing until the Fort fought clear.

The air battle lasted three hours. German fighters attacked incessantly from the time Bad Penny's No. 4 engine was knocked out and the cripple began to lag behind its formation.

## Gen. Bradley Is Chosen to Lead U.S. Ground Troops in Invasion; Preliminaries Over—Eisenhower



Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley

### Allied Chief Praises Softening-Up Blows; Maitland Wilson Hints That Assaults In South May Be at France

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, who commanded the American Second Corps in the campaigns in Tunisia and Sicily and was one of Gen. Eisenhower's chief assistants in the Mediterranean theater, has been named commander of American ground forces in the European theater preparing for the coming invasion of Europe, it was announced yesterday.

Gen. Bradley, who is recognized as one of the foremost infantry experts in the U.S. Army, was given a large share of the credit for the American successes in the African fighting and was credited with holding casualties in the final battle for Tunisia to a minimum.

Gen. Bradley has been an infantry officer so long that he is known today as "the doughboy's general." Fifty years old, with graying hair and a square-jawed chin, he was graduated from West Point as an infantry lieutenant in 1915, served through the last war as a foot soldier and was in command of Fort Benning when the United States entered this war.

"It is the infantry," Gen. Bradley has said, "which must bear the brunt of battle. The infantry must have the will and the ability to close with the enemy and destroy him. It must expect to suffer a high percentage of casualties."

## Air Power Alone Cannot Win War in Europe, Tedder Admits

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan. 17 (AP)—Air power alone could not decide the conflict with Germany, Air Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, deputy supreme commander for the invasion of western Europe, said today in an interview.

"Perhaps if we'd started building air fleets five years ago with that idea in mind it might have come about, but bombing cannot do it alone," he declared. "It will take all arms, and particularly the splendid effort by the Russians."

Air superiority will be the key to the opening of a successful Second Front, the Air Marshal said. He expressed doubt that the Germans would be able to spring anything of a secret-weapon nature which would be a deciding military factor.

"I don't think we'll be able to knock the German completely out in the air over any second front. We'll gain superiority and keep them from unduly interfering with ground and sea operations, but they'll keep coming on and we'll have to beat them back again and again," he said.

Emphasizing the importance of air power in years to come, Air Marshal Tedder declared that the "people of America and Britain don't realize that air power has built itself a place in history—in fact the future of the history of the world will depend largely on air power."

The air expert said: "The man in the street must realize—and sometimes I think he does, faster than some higher-placed people with greater information—what air power means."

"Take a look at the map of the Mediterranean and you'll see what I mean. When we sank a large piece of the Italian fleet at Matapan with our surface fleet, people who think in terms of the past believed that the Mediterranean would be opened. But was it? Because with air bases in Sicily, Italy, and Africa, German air power could keep it closed."

"It wasn't until we won air superiority that the Mediterranean was opened to sea traffic," he said.

### Medical Aid For Slavs

CAIRO, Jan. 17—Vital parcels of blood plasma and drugs are being sent to guerrilla organizations in every corner of the Balkans by the U.S. Army Medical Corps, it was announced here today.

## 'Separate Peace Talk' Stirs Reds

### Rumors of British-Nazi Parley Printed; English Officially Deny Story

Pravda, Moscow newspaper of the Communist Party, created a sensation in United Nations capitals yesterday by publication of a Cairo dispatch quoting "reliable Greek and Yugoslav sources" that "two leading British personalities" had conferred recently with Hitler's Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop to discuss a separate peace with Germany.

Headed "Rumors From Cairo," the dispatch was attributed to Pravda's Cairo correspondent, who said he understood that the meeting, in one of the sea coast cities of the Pyrenees peninsula, "did not remain without results."

The British Foreign Office, branding the report "absurd," quickly issued a "complete denial" and asserted flatly, "There is no truth whatever in this story. Secretary of State Cordell Hull told a Washington press conference he had no information whatsoever about the dispatch."

Both London and Washington expressed amazement at Pravda's implication that Britain was sounding out Germany on the possibility of a separate peace.

Both capitals pointed out that Britain had committed herself many times against a separate peace and, specifically, that the original British-Soviet agreement on joint wartime action against Germany provided that neither side should make a separate peace.

Washington comment, discounting any possibility of truth in the report, emphasized that the only point of importance was the question as to why Pravda should publish such a rumor. Obviously, Pravda couldn't print such a dispatch without official sanction, these dispatches pointed out.

Moscow dispatches said that Pravda's report "stirred interest and sharp surprise among the Russian people. The concluding sentence, that the secret meeting did not remain without results, carried for the Russians the positive sense that at least it had a partial success."

## Random Harvest Is Best Movie; 'Bell Tolls' Is 2nd

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (AP)—James Hilton's "Random Harvest" topped the list of the ten best films of 1943 in a poll of 439 newspaper and radio reviewers.

Tied for second place were "For Whom the Bell Tolls" and "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

### Spadework Already Done

Meanwhile, the picture of Allied might menacing Hitler from the west and south, as well as the east, grew clearer as Gen. Eisenhower disclosed that the pre-invasion task already was far advanced in Britain and Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Allied commander in the Mediterranean, hinted of blows in fresh quarters in that theater, possibly in southern France.

Gen. Eisenhower, in his first press conference as commander-in-chief in the west, gave warm praise to the air forces for the blows they are inflicting now on the enemy, and paid particular tribute to the infantrymen in the United Kingdom who, he said, "are getting themselves ready and toughened for any job that lies ahead."

At a similar conference at Allied headquarters in the Mediterranean, meanwhile, Gen. Sir Maitland Wilson said that "with luck" the European war would be won this year. He spoke of blows from any direction, indicating that the Axis could not expect to hold the southern flanks merely by a stout defense in Italy alone.

Gen. Maitland Wilson said that southern France, like any other area along the Mediterranean front, might be turned into a battlefield if the opportunity for successful operations there developed. He disclosed that he was to confer with Gen. Charles de Gaulle tomorrow.

### Generous Praise from Chief

Gen. Eisenhower, whose arrival in England after conferences with Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt was announced only 24 hours earlier, made it clear to the press at his first conference that things were not just starting with his arrival.

"I hail the good work of the naval forces," he said, "particularly recently when they nailed the Scharnhorst and got those three destroyers in the Bay of Biscay. These were simply dramatic moments—the grand work the navies have been doing is evidenced by all of the troops brought into England safely."

"We all salute the work of the air forces—what they have done by pounding Germany, reducing her military potential, at great risk to themselves and with absolute courage."

"It's a wonderful story—even those parts of the effort that have not been publicized. We should not overlook the work of the base people, nor the fine infantry, training and preparing out in the cold moors and countryside in the mud and rain. They are getting themselves ready and toughened for any job that lies ahead."

The new Allied supreme commander (Continued on page 4)

## Goodrich Heads 8th Service Unit

Col. Donald R. Goodrich, of Montgomery, Ala., has been appointed chief of Eighth Service Command, it was announced yesterday by USAAF headquarters in the ETO.

Col. Goodrich succeeds Brig. Gen. H. J. Knerr.

An officer of the Air Corps since 1917, Col. Goodrich has served on the Mexican border, in the Philippines and at AC headquarters. He joined Air Service Command in 1942 as assistant to the commanding general. He served as chief of staff in Eighth Air Service Command and before his new appointment was commander of the Eighth Strategic Air Depot Area.

# P47 Bomb Sight: Two Good Eyes

## Hush Marks

We understand that Japan is so desperate for men that her Army is calling up every Tom, Dick and Hari-Kari.

After listening to his topkick bark orders and instructions for ten months, a Pfc we know commented, "This new simplified language everybody is talking about is known as 'basic,' or 'First Sergeant's' English."

Lay them weapons down, mama! Alarmed by stories of night-time attacks by men, Denver women are carrying con-



cealed weapons at night. One told police she had a tear-gas gun; another carried a blackjack; a third had a jack-knife. One simply whetted her butter knife to a dagger edge and sheathed it in her stocking. Shades of Dirty Gertie!

The ETO continues to surprise us. Every now and then a rumor comes to our ears concerning a Finance Officer who does out the folding stuff with a roar and a grumble. The latest FO to introduce payable novelties is 1/Lt. Robert J. Crickelair of a Lib station—last pay day he passed out free cigars with each pile of dough—to celebrate his becoming father of a baby girl.

Boy, these jeeps really get around. The other day a freighter hauled up its anchor in a New Hebrides port and found it had hooked one of the little blitz buggies. The surprised skipper found out later that the vehicle had been lost overboard several months before.

And then there was the weary, confused New York commuter, overcome by the transportation problem, who wired his firm, "Can't be at work today—haven't gotten home yesterday yet."

Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, will probably think twice before he again walks into Sgt. Ed Carlo's



kitchen unannounced. Paying a visit to Oahu Island, General Marshall stepped into Carlo's mess. Started at seeing a four-star general, Carlo and two KPs tried to salute with a pan of hot water in their hands. The General was generously slapped.

As the GI said when he ran short of cigarettes three days before ration day, "I'm coming in on a Wing and a Player." J. C. W.

## 'Pilot Intelligence' Works as Well As the Norden

A THUNDERBOLT STATION, Jan. 17—Bombing with P47 Thunderbolts, this unit's contribution to the USAAF's arsenal of arms and tactics for the invasion of Europe, is built around a bombsight the Army is willing to explain in detail for the Nazis.

The sight, no secret, but something the Luftwaffe won't get, is described by the man who first used it as "the intelligence of the individual pilot." The P47 pilots say that under the right circumstances it works as well as the famed hush-hush Norden.

Lt. Col. Glenn E. Duncan, of Houston, Tex., an ace who has destroyed six Nazi fighter planes while escorting American heavy bombers to Germany, said that although the P47 was designed for fighter-escort flying and lacked a bombsight—which some consider necessary for dive-bombing—this aircraft "has proven that it can do the job of a fighter-bomber when given the right kind of targets."

The Thunderbolt's introduction to combat dive-bombing on the European continent was announced last month after a group led by Lt. Col. Loren C. McCollom, of Rizville, Wash., attacked a Nazi air station near St. Omer, France. While dropping his 500-pound bomb load in a steep dive, however, Col. McCollom's P47 was hit squarely by a bursting piece of flak.

### Airplane Skinned by Blast

His wing man, 1/Lt. Herbert K. Field, of Kankakee, Ill., said later, "The blast ripped the skin off the airplane from the nose clear back to the stabilizer, and the Colonel was flying a skeleton." It is thought that Col. McCollom successfully bailed out of his ship.

This setback only spurred on the P47 fighter-bomber enthusiasts. After additional practice and the development of some new tactics, Col. Duncan led his men to another Nazi air station, this time in Holland.

"We had a good day," he reported. "Our target was hidden by clouds on three sides, but we had a pretty good view from the fourth side. After we released our bombs, I saw hits on runways and dispersal areas."

This success was confirmed by the second-element leader, who said Col. Duncan's bombs had landed squarely on what appeared to be the station's administration building. Capt. Wilbur H. Jutila, of Calumet, Mich., who led the last bombing flight in, said, "That airport was a mess. There were bomb craters spread all over."

All the fighters returned safely from this operation.

Not until Maj. Ben Rimerman, of Omaha, Neb., had led the group on another mission did Col. Duncan finally call fighter-bombing by P47s a success, however.

If the Thunderbolt as a fighter-bomber



Lt. Col. Glenn E. Duncan, of Houston, Tex., examines the fuze of the 500-pound HE bomb before his armorer, T/Sgt. Kenneth Salmon (right), of Taylor, Pa., attaches it to the belly tank rack of a Thunderbolt. Col. Duncan's group completed the first experiments in transforming the P47 into a fighter-bomber.

stands up in the invasion, much of the credit for its development can be given to Col. Duncan, who while serving in Panama began experiments in P39s. That was in 1940. Later, when he joined his present group in the States and was flying P40s, he continued those experiments. The boys passed the word around that "the old man would rather dive-bomb than eat." The Colonel smilingly conceded that it might be true.

When the group was switched to P47s and sent to England, practice began in earnest. After jotting down his theories, Col. Duncan sent three pilots to Wales and had them work things out on a 50-by-150-foot island off the coast. "The island was literally bombed to hell, but we worked out all sorts of things in the way of attack angles, release points, and so forth," the Colonel said. "This all came in handy when we went into action."

"The theory is simple," Col. Duncan

explained. "With intelligent, well-trained pilots, we don't need a bombsight. All we do is aim the ship at the target, let go the bomb, which is attached to the belly tank mechanism, and that's that. Of course, there are such things as flak and enemy fighters to contend with, but we can overcome the flak hazard by certain evasive tactics we have worked out, and we can always use one or more of our squadrons for fighter cover."

"We have worked out a lot of attack angles, and I guess there is a different set of tactics for every target," he added. "With plenty of precision targets now, we'll be in up-to-the-minute trim for the invasion when it comes."

He pointed out that after the bombing mission is completed the P47s can stay and fight if necessary.

And he has written a Standard Operating Procedure pamphlet to show new Thunderbolt men how fighter-bombing is done.

## Bradley, U.S. Invaders' Chief, An Infantryman First and Last

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, new commander of American ground invasion forces under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, is a firm believer in the infantry as the force which "must bear the brunt of battle" and ultimately win the decisive battles of a war.

An infantryman himself throughout his 28-year Army career, Gen. Bradley reached his peak of combat leadership in the North African campaign, when he led the U.S. Second Corps in the final stages of the battle for Tunisia. He was decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal at the end of hostilities in Africa, cited for "calm resolution, sound judgment, superior tactical skill and unhesitating willingness to assume personal responsibility."

The 50-year-old tactician, who was dispatched hurriedly last February by the War Department from his post as commander of the 28th Infantry Division to serve under Gen. Eisenhower in Africa, was credited with keeping casualties in the Second Corps to a minimum because of his personal reconnaissance at the front, precision planning and "hitting the enemy first to find out what he has, then hitting him again to take it away from him."

Son of a Midwestern schoolmaster, Gen. Bradley was born in the small coal-mining and manufacturing town of Moberly, Mo. He entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1911, played left field for three years with the cadet baseball team and for two years as a center with the football squad.

He was graduated from West Point in World War I as a second lieutenant in the infantry, and before the Armistice he held the temporary rank of major when he was 24 years old.

In his long military career, Gen. Bradley has served twice on the Military Academy's faculty, spent three years in Hawaii, saw lengthy service in command schools. In 1941, as a brigadier general, Bradley was appointed commandant of the Infantry School and post commander at Fort Benning, Ga. A year later he was promoted to major general and given command of the 82nd Infantry Division, from which the airborne unit that spearheaded the Sicilian invasion was taken.

The 82nd later was reorganized into the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions, first of their kind in the U.S. Army.

In Africa, Gen. Bradley was first assigned as deputy commander of the Second Army Corps in the El Guettar campaign. He became Corps commander April 16, just prior to the American drive on Bizerte.

After his promotion to lieutenant general in June, Bradley held command of the Second Corps, which made the main effort of the American Seventh Army in the Sicilian campaign, until he was relieved to lead U.S. ground invasion forces.



### Buy a Bond!

We got a bond drive on the post To see what company buys the most, Yuh wanna watch the Axis roast? Buy a bond!

Don't be a foolish, stingy crank And put yer money in the bank, Yuh wanna help to build a tank? Buy a bond!

Yuh gotta help to win this war, Yer dough is needed more'n 'more, Yuh wanna make that Hitler sore? Buy a bond!

We're building ships and planes and guns To blast those dirty Nazi Huns, Yuh wanna see how Adolf runs? Buy a bond!

Don't waste yer money shootin' crap, Dig in an' give the Japs a slap, And kick old Tojo off the map. Buy a bond!

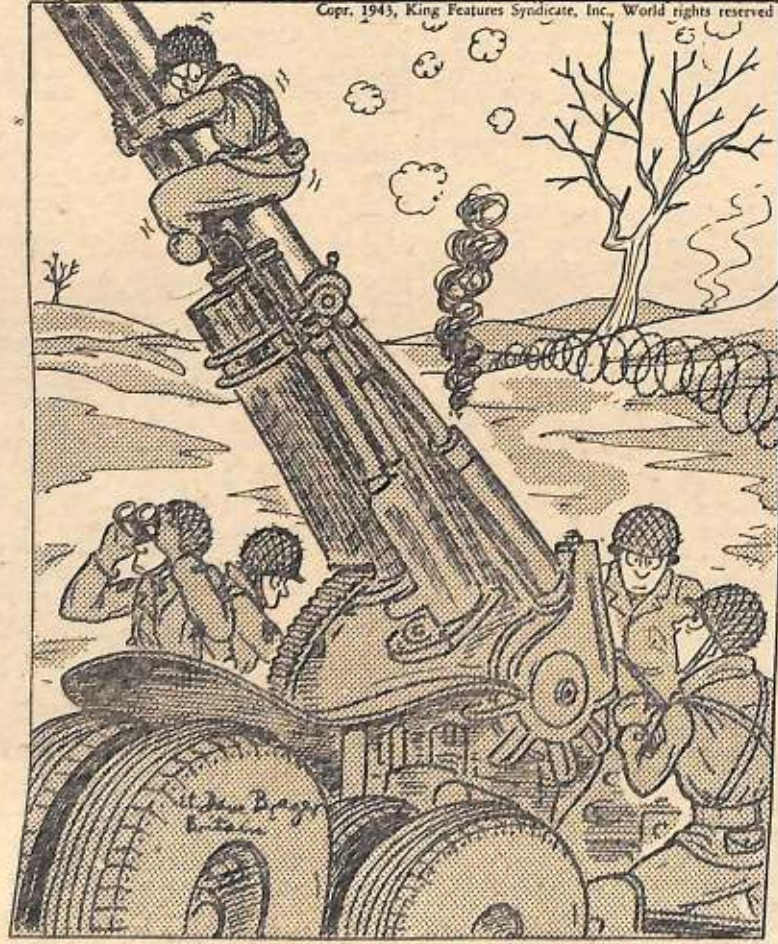
We'll hafta raise a lotta dough, We wanna win this war ya know, Yon wanna smack an awful blow? Buy a bond!

Stop spendin' all yer dough on beer, Save part of it while you are here, Yuh wanna knock 'em on their ear? Buy a bond!

Let's stop the dirty Nazi plunder, How they can be so cruel I wonder, Yuh wanna help a snow 'em under? Buy a bond!

Murray Gelberg.

## PRIVATE BREGER



"I don't care if it IS the only warm spot around here—get down!"

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## Welcome to Britain

General Eisenhower has arrived in Great Britain to take up his duties as Supreme Allied Commander, and his welcome by the public, press and military is a tribute to his brilliant leadership in the Mediterranean.

Commenting on his arrival, the London Daily Mail said editorially: "General Eisenhower has won the high esteem of the British people. In the Mediterranean he showed himself to be a masterly organizer and co-ordinator. The value of these qualities cannot be over-estimated in a war which is being fought by a coalition of equal Allies."

"He handled a brilliant team of British and American generals with absolute success and with a complete modesty in his own considerable achievements. He has taken no credit to himself, but he has not failed to give credit to others."

In that tribute the Daily Mail spoke for all of us who in all sincerity wish only to add: "Welcome Back to Britain, Ike."

## Report From China

The Central China campaign, initiated by the Japanese in an offensive launched towards Changieh last November, has been concluded. Chinese forces have regained the positions they held before the opening of the Japanese attack, while the Japs have once again entrenched themselves behind the fortifications protecting their bridgehead towns south of the middle Yangtze.

The Japanese offensive was partially successful. A vast area was looted of its harvest. Grain and livestock that could not be stolen were in most part destroyed. Chinese cities and towns were also destroyed in a scorched earth policy executed on a vicious scale. This destruction was adopted by the Japs to make a rich section of China a liability rather than an asset to the Chinese. From a military standpoint such destruction was sound; but in this case it indicates the inability of the Japanese to hold and exploit their gains.

General Ho Ying-chin, Chief of the Chinese General Staff, in a recent report supported this theory of a weakening Japan when he said: "During the past year the Japanese have maintained in the various war theaters of China 39 divisions including troops on the Burma, Siam and Indo-China borders. During the same period, 5,427 major and minor engagements were fought and over 160,000 enemy troops were killed and wounded. Looking back, we can see that enemy losses were much higher than our own, which can be taken as an indication of our relative growth in fighting strength as compared with the gradual weakening of Japan."

Japan, it appears, has over-extended herself in China and in the Pacific. As a result, strong Allied counter-offensives are succeeding, and in defeat Japanese morale drops. Speaking on morale, the Sao Tang Pao, Chinese Army newspaper, claims: "The morale of the Japanese troops is not what it was. The educational standard of the Japanese troops is not high and they have been misled. The Japanese troops are gradually waking up. Anti-war sentiment is now prevalent in the army. We should not over-estimate Japanese morale; but should hasten their awakening from militarist chloroform."

New Allied victories in China and the Pacific will hasten that day.

## Human Guinea Pigs

Once again the human guinea pigs have scored, in tests where life itself was involved. This time they were called upon to test lightweight waterproof exposure suits that will increase immeasurably a downed airman's chance of survival.

Tests to demonstrate the efficiency of the protection suits from the sometimes fatal shock of immersion in icy waters were made by Royal Canadian Air Force crew members. These men, some in regulation winter flying suits, some with the new lightweight exposure suits pulled over other garb, plunged into 40 degree (Fahrenheit) seas and huddled in rubber dinghies with air temperatures hovering around 29 degrees (Fahrenheit).

With the protective covering they were able to withstand burning water and air for hours on end without complaint. Without it they had to be rescued almost immediately. As a result, the committee recommended: Immediate adoption and procurement of one of the six types of new exposure suits tried out, and a joint development program to improve the efficiency of the designs which were given their baptism in the human guinea pig trials.

# Molina, ETO Bantam King, on Rainbow Card

## BASKETBALL ROUNDUP DePaul Defeat By Valparaiso Upset of Week Four Undefeated Quintets Lead in Big Ten; Texas in Front

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (AP)—DePaul was toppled from the ranks of the unbeaten, Dartmouth moved another step towards clinching its seventh straight Eastern Intercollegiate League title and Ohio State put forth a strong Big Ten claim by swamping Indiana twice in the major events of another crowded basketball weekend.

North Carolina is perched atop the Southern Conference, Oklahoma and Iowa State lead the Big Six, Texas is way out in front in the Southwest, UCLA, California and Washington lead the Pacific Coast Conference and four unbeaten teams pace the Big Ten—Northwestern, Purdue, Iowa and Ohio State.

The perfect record class continues to shrink. Camp Grant has 13 straight, Iowa and Albright have seven each. West Point, under ex-Fordham Coach Ed Keller, has swamped Colgate and Swarthmore and will be closely watched.

### Mikan's Efforts Unsuccessful

DePaul's upset by Valparaiso, a small Indian university with a normal enrollment of about 520, ranks as one of the shockers of the campaign. The towering Crusaders unveiled Bob Dille, 28-year-old war worker who scored 28 points. George Mikan, DePaul's high scorer, hooped 17 points, but the six-foot-five Valparaiso team successfully shackled the Demon squad, which had previously won 13 straight.

Among the independents, Oklahoma Aggies have 13 of 14, Kentucky ten of 11 and St. John's, of Brooklyn, eight out of nine. St. John's is now the leading team in the Metropolitan area since NYU dropped a close one to the Mid-City Saturday night, 46-43. Other high rankers are Muhlenberg, Gonzaga, Temple and Western Michigan.

There was a throwback to the old days of the game Saturday night when Penn State beat Pittsburgh, 15-12. The State team put up a zone defense the Panthers either would not or could not penetrate. Pitt froze the ball throughout the game.

The best game in the East was St. John's 36-32 victory over Temple at Philadelphia. St. Joseph's knocked Penn over on the same bill, 48-39. Canisius lost its second game of the year when Sid Trubowitz sank a last-minute basket, giving CCNY a 37-36 victory.

### Grate Sparks Buckeyes

Ohio State made its move in the Big Ten with two victories over Indiana, sparked by Bob Grate, who made 48 points in two games. Wisconsin downed Michigan twice and Purdue made it four straight by downing Minnesota twice. Chicago stretched its losing streak to 23 by bowing to Northwestern and Illinois.

Oklahoma's 44-30 victory over Missouri lifted the Sooners to a tie for first place with Iowa State in the Big Six. Texas maintained its perfect record in the Southwest by trouncing the Texas Aggies, 77-40, and Arkansas split two games with Rice to share the runnerup spot.

North Carolina moved ahead in the Southern Conference with victories over Davidson and North Carolina State. Colorado Mines and Colorado College won the only games in the Rocky Mountain district.

California tied UCLA in the Southern half of the Pacific Coast by defeating Southern California, 26-24, and Washington was idle in the North.

## Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, E.C.4. Unless otherwise stated in the ad, direct all correspondence c/o Help Wanted.

### APO's Wanted

PVT. Norman Dale Abbott, Indiana; Maj. Bunch Patterson, Field; Lt. Rachel Blonchett, A.C. Turton, S.D.; William Bowers, Hiawatha, Kan.; Keith Roy Byers, Bayard, N.M.; Capt. Browne Bolte, New York; Lt. James R. Bisbee, Texas; Lou F. Blake, Miller, Ohio; Lt. Col. Charles Clavin, New Bedford, Mass.; Pvt. Buck Covina, Manchester, S.C.; S/Sgt. Morris J. Cholette, ton, Norway; S.C.; S/Sgt. David Coleman, Niles, Ohio; Pvt. Ted De Trolls, Newark, N.J.; Maj. Allen Detwiler, Pittsburgh; Ralph De Lillo; Andrew J. Connell, Hartford, Conn.; Lt. Carl Dudley, Long Island, N.Y.; Pfc Jean Delaney, Lynn, Mass.; T/S. Maurice Friedman, Toledo.

### College Reunion

CITY College of New York, Feb. 2 at 6:30 PM at the No. 3 Grosvenor Club. Send reservations to 1/11. Morton Hoffman, c/o The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service.

### Rotary Dinner

ROTARIANS and sons of Rotarians in the U.S. Armed forces in the ETO are invited to attend a dinner given by the London International Rotary Club, Jan. 25, 6:15 PM, at No. 3 Grosvenor Square, London. Mail reservations to The Stars and Stripes, Rotary Dinner, Help Wanted, Printing House Square, London, E.C.4.

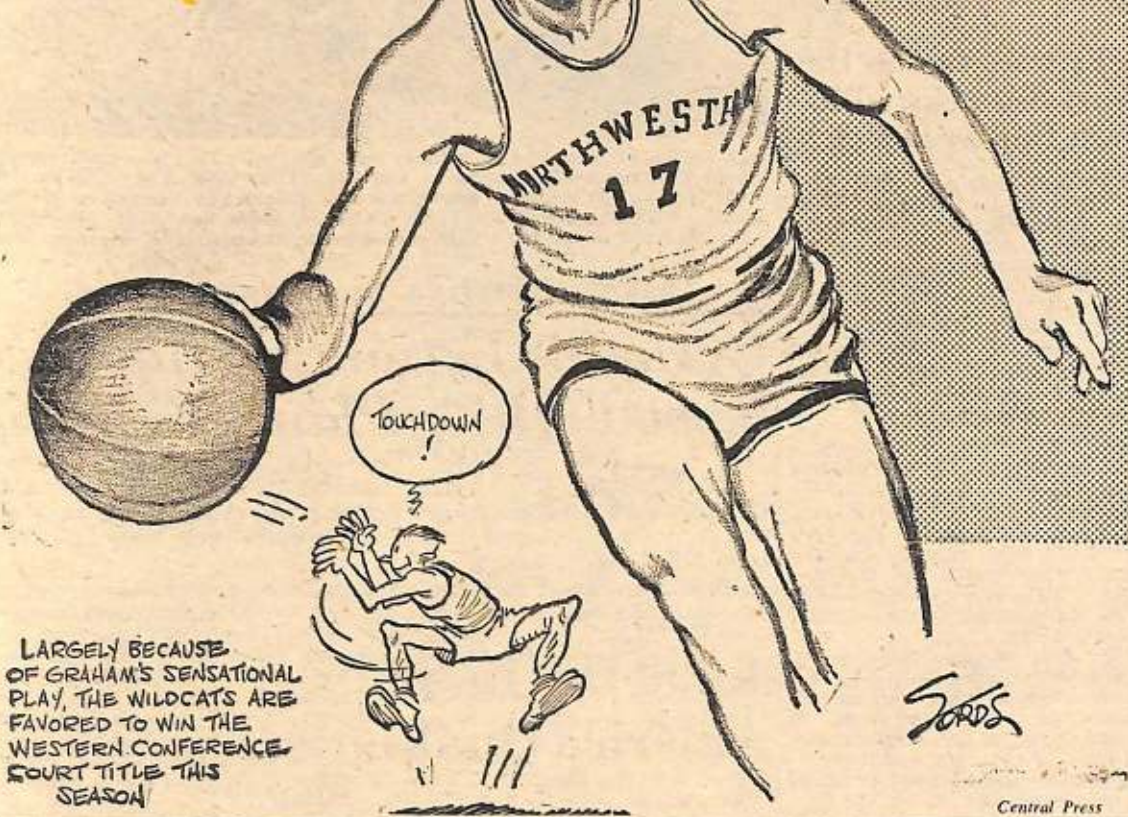
### Lost

WRIST watch, Jan. 4, in vicinity of Piccadilly Circus on 59a bus. Imperial, Swiss movement, non-metallic, shockproof and grey leather strap. Reward—Sgt. Vincent H. Mongoven, 36602112.  
WALLET, brown, containing papers, English and American money, stamps, photos, etc., in vicinity of King's Cross or Paddington Underground, Jan. 4.—Lt. William S. Farmer, 0886104.

## Wildcat Whiz

By Jack Sords

**OTTO GRAHAM,**  
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
GRID STAR, MAKING THE  
WILDCATS A FEARED NAME  
ON THE BASKETBALL COURT



LARGELY BECAUSE OF GRAHAM'S SENSATIONAL PLAY, THE WILDCATS ARE FAVORED TO WIN THE WESTERN CONFERENCE COURT TITLE THIS SEASON

Sords

Central Press

## Nelson Keeps Up Hot Pace; Now Has Five-Stroke Margin

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17—Byron Nelson, smooth-swinging Toledo, Ohio, professional, continued his redhot pace in the \$10,000 San Francisco Open yesterday, shooting a 68 in the third round. Nelson shot a 68 Friday, 69 Saturday, and yesterday's 68 brings his 54-hole total to 205, five strokes better than Jug McSpaden, his nearest competitor.

Unperturbed despite spectators crowding the fairways and greens, Nelson missed trying the tournament record for one round.

McSpaden, Philadelphia professional who won the Los Angeles Open last week, turned in his third consecutive round of 70 for a total of 210, playing a steady two below par game on the tough, 6,600-yard Harding Municipal course.

Sam Byrd, of Detroit, former major league outfielder, was one stroke behind McSpaden with 211. Lloyd Mangrum, playing his last tournament before entering the Army, holds fourth place, shooting a 71 yesterday for a three-round total of 212.

Johnny Bulla, of Atlanta, Ga., also shot a 68 yesterday, but previous rounds of 75 left him far off the pace.

## NBA Demands Angott, Terranova Defend Titles

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—The National Boxing Association has issued an ultimatum to featherweight and lightweight champions Phil Terranova and Sammy Angott that their titles will be vacated unless they defend them against worthy opponents within one month.

Abe Greene, NBA president, denounced the overweight, non-title bouts involving the champions and contenders. Green characterized the forthcoming non-title bout between Angott and New York champion Beau Jack as "a farce."

### Mize Leaves Bainbridge

BAINBRIDGE, Md., Jan. 17—Johnny Mize, slugging first baseman of the New York Giants, has finished his course of physical instruction at the Naval Training Station and has been detached to an undisclosed point awaiting orders for further transfer. He is the 12th major leaguer detached from here within the past ten days.

### Hockey Results

Buffalo 4, Pittsburgh 2  
Indianapolis 4, Providence 1

## Li'l Abner



SWOON CROON IDOL BEING CARRIED FROM STUDIO AFTER SIGNING CONTRACT

## FREDDIE MCGURGLE SIGNS BIGGEST CONTRACT IN RADIO

ALL RADIO RECORDS WERE SMASHED TODAY when STATION KWOOD signed FREDDIE MCGURGLE, NEW SWOON CROON SENSATION, TO A \$10,000-A-DAY CONTRACT. THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, SINCE THE STATION'S MEDICAL ADVISERS EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT MCGURGLE COULD LIVE THROUGH MORE THAN A FEW BROADCASTS. SO PITIFUL WAS HIS APPEARANCE, THE GREAT SWOON CROONER SEEMED TO TAKE LITTLE INTEREST IN HIS FINANCIAL AFFAIRS. IN FACT, HE SEEMED IN A DAZED CONDITION PECULIARLY RESEMBLING THE FINAL STAGES OF STARVATION. FORTUNATELY HIS MANAGER, ONE CONCERNING CONSTIATO, HAS A FINE BUSINESS SENSE AND WILL PERSONALLY COLLECT MCGURGLE'S FABULOUS FEES. THE ENTIRE STAFF OF STATION KWOOD IS NOW ENGAGED IN REMODELLING THE STUDIO FOR THE GREAT SWOON CROONER'S FIRST BROADCAST TO-MOR-

## Rangers' Surge Tops Bruins, 8-6

Take Fifth Game of Season  
After Bruins Amass  
3-Point Lead

NEW YORK, Jan. 17—The stumbling Rangers won a game last night. The New York sextet overcame a three-point deficit at the end of the first period, tied the game by the end of the second period and won out over the Boston Bruins, 8-6, before 15,000 Madison Square Garden fans.

The Bruins racked up five goals in the first 18 minutes—Buzz Boll, Russ Kopak, Al Palazzari, Al Rittiger and Art Jackson doing the business. Kirby McDonald and Bob Dill tied the score momentarily for the Rangers in the first stanza.

In the next frame the Rangers knotted the count on goals by Bucko McDonald, Johnny Mahaffy and Bryan Hextall.

The third period saw Fernand Gauthier, Hextall and Mahaffy clinch the game for the Rangers.

## Black Hawks Tie Canadiens, 1-1

CHICAGO, Jan. 17—The League-leading Montreal Canadiens and the Chicago Black Hawks played to a 1-1 tie before 18,000 at the Chicago Stadium last night. More than 2,000 fans were turned away.

The Hawks took a first-period lead when Fido Purpur intercepted a pass and skated through to sink a 30-footer unassisted.

Emile Bouchard tied it up for the Canucks in the second period with a fancy backhanded angle shot.

## Red Wings Rout Maple Leafs, 4-1

DETROIT, Jan. 17—The rejuvenated Detroit Red Wings scored three goals in the final period to break a tie and defeat the Toronto Maple Leafs, 4-1, before 14,000 fans here last night.

Dalton Smith, Wing rookie forward, broke a 1-1 deadlock shortly before six minutes of the third period with his first major league goal. Eight minutes later Murray Armstrong scored on an assist by Flash Hollett.

## Persley Tackles Dick Menchaka In Welter Tilt

Rog Sanchez, Texas Glove  
Titlist, Will Make  
First Start

By Mark E. Senigo  
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Biggest surprise of last year's ETO boxing championships was the sudden spectacular appearance of a hard-hitting Mexican bantamweight from Concord, Cal., who made his first showing at the tournament and went on to clinch the crown from favored Sgt. Chester Ruby, Infantry Division entry.

That was Cpl. Primitiva Molina's entry into the theater boxing picture and he dropped out of sight as quickly as he appeared.

Well, the news for the Corner fans is that Molina is coming back to the Corner in one of the feature attractions of the hot 12-bout card which has been lined up for tonight. Molina, attached to the Eighth Air Force Service Command, is matched with a newcomer to the Corner, Pvt. Frank Negrete, 120-pound Engineer from Brooklyn. Negrete, who has had some Golden Glove experience, will have a two-pound advantage over the Californian.

### Menchaka Has Won Twice

Unless Negrete topples Molina, however, the payoff bout tonight will be a return match between Pfc Dick Menchaka, former Texas and Chicago Golden Glove king, and Pvt. Art Persley, 136-pound Negro, who is one of the stars of 1/Sgt. Lamar Mabley's ring stable. Persley has made six trips to Rainbow and has dropped only two fights, both to Menchaka on decisions. Three of his four victories have been kayoes, two in the first round.

Menchaka's unbeaten string has stamped him as one of the best of the welterweight crop, along with Pvt. Dick Shinn and Charlie Schnappauf. A clever strategist, he always has won his matches the way he wanted to win them. Persley has given him his toughest opposition and tonight's affair should be no exception.

### Took Feather Crown in '42

Another Texas Golden Glove titlist is billed for the program with Pvt. Roger Sanchez, 126-pounder from San Antonio, tackling Pvt. John Barzee, of New York, 127. Sanchez copped the Longhorn featherweight crown in 1942. Barzee has made one appearance at Rainbow, on Jan. 4, when he scored a third-round TKO over Pfc Fred Churchill.

Here is the lineup for the rest of the card:

- Pfc Fred Churchill, New York, 124, vs. Pvt. Murray Sellers, New York, 127.
- Pvt. Tony Pavone, Lynn, Mass., 145, vs. Pvt. Sammy Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla., 144.
- Pvt. R. C. Jackaway, Chicago, 140, vs. Pvt. George Witt, Brooklyn, 136.
- Sgt. Tony Tenore, Newark, 148, vs. Cpl. Odell Holliday, New York, 147.
- Pvt. Jerome Cawley, Baltimore, 156, vs. Pvt. Lafayette Drummond, St. Louis, 154.
- Pvt. Laurence Dobbins, Cleveland, 154, vs. Pvt. Ralph Simmons, Cumberland, Md., 155.
- Pvt. Oscar Hamp, Gary, Ind., 170, vs. Pvt. Tony Pontarella, New York, 169.
- Sgt. Mike Sandorse, Blüdeford, Me., 165, vs. Pvt. Mike Rybak, Chicago, 166.
- Pvt. Ben Pickett, San Francisco, 179, vs. Pfc. Jimmy Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas, 176.

## Hockey League Standings

W L T Pts					W L T Pts				
Montreal	20	3	5	45	Detroit	11	11	5	27
Toronto	15	13	2	32	Chicago	11	15	1	23
Boston	13	11	4	30	New York	5	22	1	11

## Hey, Capt. Hamas! Max Is Training

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 17 (AP)—Max Schmeling, former world heavyweight boxing champion, has been released from military service and has retired to a farm outside Cologne. He served with a German parachute corps and participated in the Crete action.

By Al Capp



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# 3 Heavy Blows Inflicted on Japs By Allied Units

## Sio Falls in New Guinea; Hill Seized in N. Britain; 30 Planes Shot Down

ALLIED HQ, New Guinea, Jan. 17— Allied forces have dealt the Japanese three important defeats in land, sea and air operations in the last 48 hours in the southwest Pacific, special communications disclosed today.

Sio, enemy stronghold on New Guinea's northeast coast, was captured yesterday by Aussies, while U.S. Marines stormed and seized Hill 660, important Jap stronghold near Borgen Bay, New Britain, and U.S. Navy and Army planes shot down 30 Jap planes in a daylight attack on a convoy at Rabaul.

Australians, moving west from Sio, today were reported near Vincke Point, 60 miles from Saidor, where U.S. troops were consolidating for a thrust toward Madang, Japanese, apparently still in a hasty retreat, gave up Sio without any resistance.

On New Britain, Leathernecks opened an attack Friday afternoon on Hill 660, important enemy lookout position on a mountain rising out of difficult jungle country surrounding the Cape Gloucester and Borgen Bay area, and the base had fallen by early Sunday morning after a bitter struggle. A United Press report termed the battle as "one of the bloodiest in the whole Pacific campaign."

From new fields on Bougainville in the Solomons, Navy Dauntless dive-bombers and Avenger torpedo-bombers, escorted by Army fighters, struck Jap supply columns at Rabaul and damaged a light enemy cruiser, a destroyer and seven merchantmen, besides shooting down 30 of 60 enemy interceptors.

# Mobile Iceboxes Bringing Food to ETO Mess Halls

A mobile refrigeration unit—a convoy of "iceboxes-on-wheels"—is now delivering fresh meat and perishables to U.S. Army mess halls in the ETO.

Operated by the Quartermaster Corps, the mobile unit—capable of supplying 15,000 men at a time—consists of three refrigerated five-ton vans hauled by tractors.

One of the vans has an open top for a machine-gun turret, which could be manned by one of the refrigeration mechanics. Other personnel are armed with carbines, grenade-launchers and bazookas or rocket guns.

A team of eight soldiers—a sergeant section leader, a refrigeration mechanic and six drivers—operate the unit, which also includes British-made refrigeration trucks.

In emergencies the vans may be used for the shipment of blood plasma, vaccines, serums and other medical supplies which spoil at warm temperatures.

# Rules Strike Peril Permits U.S. to Retain Coal Mines

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes announced today that Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle had ruled that the possibility of future strikes permitted the government to retain possession of the seized coal mines, even though normal production has been restored.

The Smith-Connally Anti-Strike Act, under which the government took possession of the pits, provides that a seized plant be restored to private ownership within 60 days of its return to production efficiency.

## Two Opponents for Pepper

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Jan. 17—Sen. Claude Pepper has still another opponent for his congressional seat in the Democratic primary in May. Alston Cockrell, 58-year-old Jacksonville attorney, has qualified as a primary candidate. Millard B. Conklin, of Daytona Beach, already has announced his candidacy.

## AFN Radio Program

- 1402 kc. On Your Dial 1420 kc
- 213.9m. Tuesday, Jan. 18 211.3m.
- 1100—GI Five.
- 1115—Personal Album.
- 1130—Happy Norman's Ranch House.
- 1200—BBC Scottish Orchestra.
- 1230—Music We Love.
- 1255—Quiet Moment.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Barracks Bus.
- 1400—Visiting Hour.
- 1430—Sign off until 1745 hours.
- 1745—Spotlight on Benny Goodman—Program Resume.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
- 1995—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
- 1930—Boxing Boats—from the Rainbow Corner with Sgt. Marty Smith and Cpl. Ford Kennedy.
- 2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the USA.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2025—Miscellany.
- 2030—Contented Hour.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2110—Music in Three-Quarter Time.
- 2125—Into Battle—A BBC dramatization of heroic incidents of this war.
- 2135—Duffy's Tavern.
- 2200—One Night Stand—Stan Kenton.
- 2225—Final Edition.
- 2230—Sign off until 1400 hours Wednesday, Jan. 19.

## Actor Doug Fairbanks Awarded Silver Star

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (UP)— Lt. Cmdr. Douglas Fairbanks Jr., the 37-year-old actor, has been awarded the Silver Star for outstanding services during the Salerno battle, the Navy Department announced today. The presentation was made by Vice Adm. Henry K. Hewitt, commander of U.S. naval forces in the Mediterranean.

# Nazi Plant Is Hit In Austrian Alps

## Two Fort Raids Top Day Of Varied Attacks; Allies Reach Rapido in Italy

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan. 17— Flying Forts yesterday hit the important German aircraft factory at Klagenfurt, in the Austrian Alps, twice within 90 minutes, in a day of widespread assaults on German targets in which Liberators, Marauders, Mitchells, fighter-bombers and fighters took part.

In Italy, American troops today swept forward two miles from captured Mount Trocchio to reach the east bank of the Rapido River and the so-called Nazi Gustav Line as French units of the Nazi Army advanced to within 1,000 yards of San Elia, an anchor of the German Cassino fortifications.

While Forts yesterday pounded the Messerschmitt components plant at Klagenfurt, 14 miles from the Yugoslav border, Liberators raided the German-held port of Zara, in Yugoslavia, through which the Germans supply their Balkan and Adriatic troops.

Another Fortress force bombed Villaorba airfield, five miles north of Venice. Liberators swept the northern Italian airfield of Osoppo, Mitchells hit Terni, 30 miles northeast of Rome, and Marauders blasted Orte, 30 miles north of Rome.

Photographs of the Klagenfurt raid revealed nine bomb hits in the Messerschmitt factory area. One large building was nearly destroyed and a second large building was burning. Smoke prevented an accurate assessment of damage.

From all the air operations yesterday 18 enemy aircraft were destroyed; only five Allied planes were lost.

Allied advances in Italy now have brought them to the Gustav Line, which follows the Rapido River from San Elia to San Angelo, where the Rapido joins the Garigliano. From there the line runs to the village of San Ambrogio and follows the Garigliano to the Tyrrhenian Sea. It is just over 30 miles long in all.

# U.S. Bazooka Gun Rushed To Reds, Aided '43 Stand

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17— The Bazooka gun was credited with playing a large part in the successful Russian defense of Kursk and Orei in 1943.

Col. James Miller, of the Army's Ordnance department, disclosed here today that the weapon was rushed to the Russians and aided in stopping the mass German tank attacks on the central front last summer.

# Eisenhower

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told correspondents that "fundamentally, public opinion wins wars," and asked the fullest and frankest possible reporting of operations in this theater.

"I take it," he said, "that you are just as anxious as I am to win this war and get it done so we can all go fishing." Striking strongly at any idea that an apology is needed in connection with Allied progress in the Mediterranean theater, Gen. Eisenhower said the troops there "have become extraordinary fighting men—navy, air and ground."

"They are working together as a real team," he said. "I don't mean only in the higher echelons among the commanders in chief working with me, but down through the different units of command. You found this all the way down."

## Eisenhower Visited Home

MANHATTAN, Kan., Jan. 17 (AP)— Gen. Eisenhower enjoyed a brief family reunion here during his trip to the United States. The general saw his 82-year-old mother, Mrs. David Eisenhower, who made a special trip from Abilene to see her distinguished son.

# Terry and the Pirates



# 'M4 Tractor' Does Four Big Jobs



This M4 tractor, used by U.S. artillery units, has proven itself a valuable machine in recent U.S. maneuvers. Its job is four-fold: (1) It hauls a big 155mm "Long Tom" rifle at high speed, (2) ammunition and maintenance equipment is carried snugly, (3) it can accommodate 12 men comfortably inside, and (4) it is battle-worthy with heavy armor and a light cannon for defense against air or ground fire.

# Got That Straight, Gen. Eisenhower?

# Germans Estimate Allies Need 6,000 Fighter Planes to Invade

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 17 (AP)— German military experts estimate that Gen. Eisenhower will need 6,000 fighter planes to provide effective protection for invasion landings if they are made anywhere from 150-180 miles from Allied land bases.

"Experience shows that fighters cooperating with invasion forces will have a double task," one expert, quoted by the Berlin correspondent of the Nazi-dominated Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau, said. "On the one hand, the fighters must cover tactical bombers against German fighter defenses. On the other, they will have to cover the debarkation of barges and invasion troops against German bombers and close-range fighters. The latter task is especially important."

The Nazis consider, the agency report said, that although fighters are able to remain in the air for three hours and could cover, during that time, a distance of more than 600 miles, they must remain over the target area for at least 30 minutes in order to carry out their task effectively. This, they contend, would lower the practical range of action to 180 miles from the base. Within that limit, highly effective air cover can be provided at debarkation points, it was said.

Europe offers numerous invasion possibilities, but the Nazis contend, they become limited when considered from the standpoint of being within 180 miles from fighter-plane bases.

For large-scale operations, it is expected that the "aggressors" must keep 500 fighters in the air at all times, 200 to escort the bombers and 300 to screen debarkation forces. If there are 12 hours of daylight, and every fighter goes up twice daily, and bases are 180 miles away from the battle zone, 6,000 planes would be required, with 100-150 bases needed for the fighters, the Nazis say.

Only half that number of planes would be needed, however, if bases were 120 miles or less from the battle zone.

German military commentators maintained that aircraft carriers could never be a substitute for land bases. For instance, ten carriers could handle only 600 fighters, too few for a major action, although, the Germans admitted, it is sufficient for a strong diversionary operation.

# U.S. Offers to Mediate Pole Boundary Dispute

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17— Secretary Cordell Hull said today the State Department, at the request of the Polish government-in-exile, had telegraphed the Soviet government it was willing to attempt mediation of the Russo-Polish boundary dispute if the Russians were agreeable.

The secretary said the department's offer was made Saturday night but no reply had as yet been received from Moscow.

# U.S. Will Buy More Meat For Lend-Lease Shipments

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)— The War Food Administration has announced that it will buy increased amounts of meat for lend-lease.

The administration outlined its minimum monthly purchases for the first quarter of 1944 as 70-80,000,000 pounds of frozen meat, 40,000,000 pounds of cured meat, and 70,000,000 pounds of fat cuts.

## Virginian Seeks Re-Election

WESTON, W. Va., Jan. 17—Rush D. Holt, former U.S. senator, who was the youngest person ever elected to the Senate, announced that he would seek the Democratic nomination for governor of West Virginia in the May primaries, the United Press reported.

# NEWS FROM HOME

# Illinois Passes Measure Giving Troops the Vote

## Applies Only to General Election; Soldiers Must Request Ballots

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 17— Illinois has joined Georgia and West Virginia in approving legislation to give servicemen the ballot in this year's general election. A special session of the Legislature passed the bill; Gov. Dwight H. Green signed it immediately.

The bill, however, applies only to the general election of Nov. 7, when a president and congressmen will be elected. It does not enable Illinois servicemen to vote in the April primary.

Under a bill approved in Congress last week by the House Elections Committee, the Secretaries of War and Navy would send cards to all members of the armed forces requesting that they notify the Secretary of State in their home state if they want to file a ballot. Distribution and collection of the ballots would be left up to the states under the federal bill.

## Ghost Denied a Home

BETHEL, Conn., Jan. 17—The wish of Art Young, the famous cartoonist who died a few weeks ago, that his ashes be buried under an apple tree on the Bethel farm he used to own will not be realized. Cass Freeborn, a New York pianist, who bought the farm from Young a year ago, said that he was opposed to having "a cemetery in my backyard."

## 5 Million Dependents

NEWARK, N.J., Jan. 17— The 5,000,000th active account has been written on the books of the War Department's Office of Dependency Benefits. Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, director of the program, disclosed that more than 53,000,000 monthly checks, totaling more than \$3,000,000,000, had been mailed to servicemen's families.

## Jones' Injury Disclosed

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 17—The office of Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones disclosed that he was struck by a car two days before Christmas and has been confined to his hotel apartment here ever since. Jones, who will be 70 in April, suffered a broken leg bone and a severely sprained ankle.

## Strike Shuts University

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 17—Classes for the University of Minnesota's 16,175 civilian students have been suspended because of a strike by 500 AFL-affiliated janitors, laborers, scrubwomen and ground keepers. The walkout came after the Board of Regents refused demands for a collective bargaining agreement and a wage increase.

## Sailor's Wife Held in Death

ERIE, Pa., Jan. 17—Mrs. Virginia White, 17-year-old wife of a sailor, who told police she pushed a man into the icy waters of Erie Bay because he made improper advances, was held by authorities pending recovery of the body of 23-year-old John Kornacki.

## Prison Builds Ships

MACNEIL ISLAND, Wash., Jan. 17— Inmates of the Moneil Island Federal Penitentiary have built three naval auxiliary boats in their private shipyard, Warden James A. Johnston, of Alcatraz Prison, revealed in a report to the War Production Board.

# Spain Is Actually an Ally Of Germany, Reds Charge

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—An information bulletin issued by the Soviet Embassy charged that Spain, although nominally non-belligerent, was "actually an ally of Hitler Germany." The bulletin said that "Spanish neutrality is only a guise under which German imperialism is using that country for its own purposes."

In spite of the Spanish announcement that the Blue Division had been withdrawn from the Russian front, it was still fighting on one sector of the Volkhov front, the bulletin said, adding that a Spanish air squadron was also in Russia.

# By Milton Caniff

