

Allied Raids Blast Nazis For 72 Hours

U-Boat Bases, Factories Are Chief Targets of Day-Night Blows

Seventy-two hours of bombing which has scattered steel and high explosive across the whole northern rim of Germany's continental defenses last night carried the Allied air offensive from bases in Britain to a crescendo of ruin.

With American heavy bombers blasting vital Nazi sea bases on two successive days and American fighters joining RAF and Allied squadrons in sweeps across the English Channel, with RAF heavy bombers cascading two- and four-ton block-busters onto Nazi targets by night, with RAF medium and light bombers repeating the performance in lightning swoops by day, around-the-clock had become a solid reality.

Starting Thursday night, with a smashing blow by big RAF aircraft on Nuremberg, deep in German Bavaria, the Allied forces hammered home bomb after bomb in almost continuous raids that stretched through yesterday afternoon.

The offensive seemed a continuation of the pattern of crippling the German U-boat warfare by smashing not only bases but factories, yards and supplies.

'Double' on Wilhelmshaven

With Lorjent and St. Nazaire crippled, Wilhelmshaven caught a double dose of bombs last week—Wednesday night from the RAF, Friday in daylight from the Eighth Air Force. Brest, chief surviving port of the U-boats on the coast of France, came in for a pounding Saturday in daylight at the hands of American bombers, some of which only the day before had helped to raid Wilhelmshaven, in Germany.

American bomber losses on the Wilhelmshaven mission were seven, on the Brest mission none, Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, reported.

Fortresses and Liberators had to fight their way to and from the target in Germany proper, but the skies over Brest were almost free of Nazi fighters. The Wilhelmshaven raid was without escort; that on Brest was covered by RAF and Allied Spitfires.

Yesterday afternoon, rounding out three solid days of air blows against the Germans, RAF Whirlwinds attacked the enemy airfield at Maupertus, with Spitfire escort. Meanwhile, Mosquito light bombers smashed at factories in Hengels, Holland, and near Liege, in Belgium. There were no losses, and one enemy fighter was shot down.

Saturday night—to go back on the 72-hour time table—RAF planes raided targets in western Germany and mined enemy waters at a cost of one aircraft.

In daylight Saturday, Fortresses and Liberators carried out their attack on the bases at Brest without losing any bombers, although three fighters were lost. It was the first time since the raid on St. Nazaire last Nov. 17 that the USAAF heavies had carried out a mission without loss.

Also in daylight Saturday, RAF Venturas attacked the docks at Dunkirk, while RAF, USAAF, Allied and Dominion fighters covered the operation, losing one for the destruction of two Nazis.

Friday night, Bomber Command of the RAF made what was described as "a very heavy attack" on Cologne, losing ten planes. Intruders were busy over airfields in France and against Nazi communications.

Friday afternoon RAF bombers and fighters hit Dunkirk, Rennes and the Cherbourg Peninsula, as well as enemy shipping off the Dutch coast. Railway

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Fifth Column Suspected Of Starting Clothes Run

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP)—The FBI said today it would investigate a run on clothes which is being experienced by shops in many American cities, particularly New York, Washington, San Francisco, Dallas, Cleveland and Detroit.

Acting on the theory that fifth columnists may have inspired this buying orgy, the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply asked the investigation. Officials pointed out that the creation of confusion among civilians is one of the first goals of enemy agents and that similar runs occurred in France before the blitzkrieg.

Hoarding of clothing began when shoes were rationed three weeks ago. A joint statement intended to check panic buying was issued by Government agencies, but heavy buying began again a few days ago.

Nazis in Greece Told To Cultivate Italians

ANKARA, Feb. 27 (delayed) (AP)—Reports reaching Ankara from Greece said today the German fear of Italian defection from the "new order" was so great that all German garrison commanders in Greece recently received orders from Berlin to cultivate their Italian colleagues socially and make certain that German soldiers and officers in Greece exhibited a "polite fraternal spirit" towards the Italian ranks.

So far all reports from this area were agreed upon the open German contempt of the Italians.

(Algiers radio said yesterday that the administration of Greece, up to now in Italian hands, had been entirely transferred to the Germans, following the recall of 75 Italian War Office officials.)

Nazi Resistance Grows, But Fails To Stop Soviets

Towns West of Kharkov Fall as Armies Speed Toward Dnieper

MOSCOW, Feb. 28 (AP)—Fierce and costly German counter-attacks failed today to halt the Russian westward drive toward the bend of the Dnieper River.

Tonight's communiqués said the Red Army had penetrated deeper into enemy-held territory during the day, had captured more settlements and slashed at the retreating columns of Nazis with long-range artillery and airplanes.

In the zone west of Kharkov, where the Soviet advance has been the speediest, town after town was occupied during the day. A message at noon said enemy columns there had been completely routed, many men captured and much material seized.

Intense Air Fighting

Around Orel the Soviet arc was steadily closing from all directions. Pravda, official newspaper, said aviation of both sides was operating intensively, with 15 to 20 German planes constantly in the air over the attacking Russians.

West of Kursk the Soviet advance swept into a town identified only as "a large and important settlement."

Southwest of Kramatorskaya the Germans struck back with increasing ferocity at Soviet units, already withstanding enormous pressure from German tank and crack Panzer units trying to break through.

Southwest of Voroshilovgrad, in the heart of the Donbas, the Red Army is smashing its way ahead in the face of strong resistance from German tank, artillery and machine-gun outfits.

Kuban Liberation Near

Further advances of the Red Army in the northern Caucasus brings complete liberation of the Kuban area ever closer. In that zone the Russians are using specially trained units of Commando-like assault troops whose duty is to feel out weak spots, stab through and then operate behind the German lines, living off the country, capturing arms and ammunition as they go and spreading terror and destruction among support troops well behind the German front lines.

The Germans admitted the operations around Kuban had reached the stage of an attempted major break-through, coupling dispatches from that area with stories of attacks along an 80-mile front from Suchinichi to Gzhatsk, on the Moscow-Smolensk railroad.

Did Breakfast Seem Different? It Was First Meal of New Diet

It may not have tasted much differently than yesterday's breakfast, but the food you ate this morning was the first meal of a new vitamin-filled diet prescribed for soldiers in the ETO.

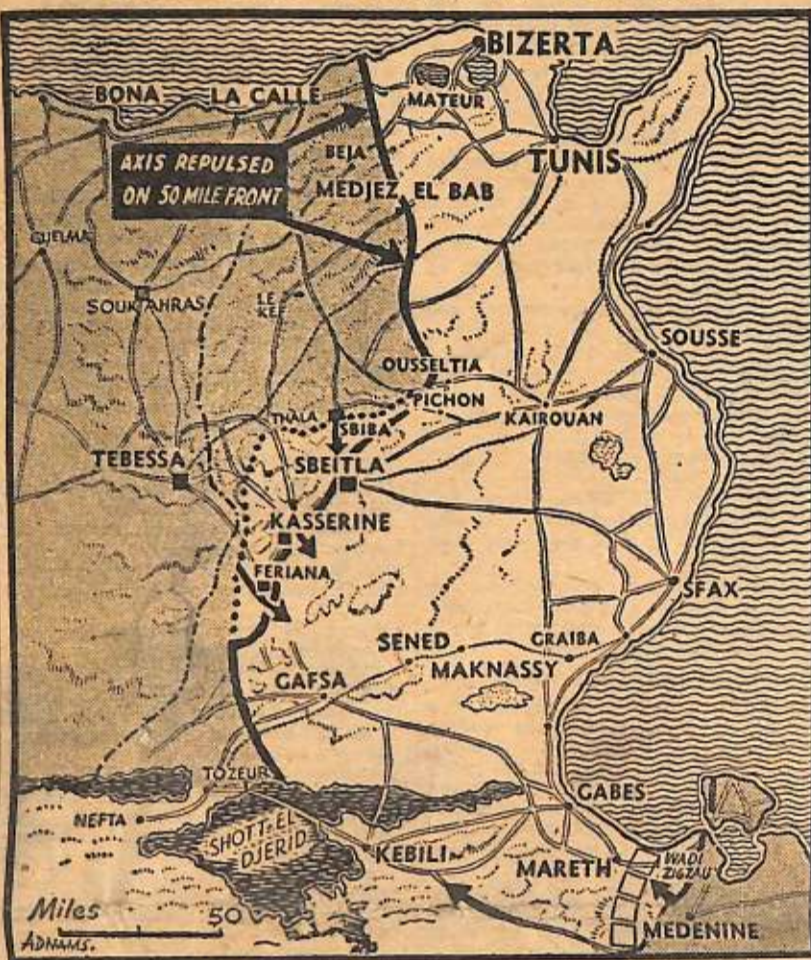
Designed to give a better balanced nutritional menu and at the same time conserve shipping space by using fresh vegetables available here, the new type "A" ration calls for more fresh fruits, fruit juices, milk, potatoes and fresh green vegetables, but less bread, cereals, dehydrated vegetables and canned foods.

Under the new plan, the number of calories consumed by each man per day is reduced from 4,500 to 4,096, but the vitamin content is substantially increased.

"It is a nutritionally adequate diet,"

Allies Halt Attacks in North, Pursue Foe in Central Sector; 850 Captives Taken in 48 Hours

The Tide Turns in Tunisia



Allied First Army repulses Axis threats over two-day period in Medjez el Bab area. Dotted line shows farthest enemy advance and direction of Allied counter-attack around Tebessa region. British Eighth Army goes around edge of Mareth line driving for Kebili.

Sergeant, 18 Years in Army Led Clearing of Kasserine

WITH U.S. FORCES, Tunisian Front, Feb. 28 (delayed)—A lean, leathery, 38-year-old sergeant with a detachment of 115 men captured Kasserine Pass in a two-hour battle with German and Italian rear guards and held it overnight until a battalion of United States infantry arrived.

Sgt. Glabe Sherman, of Anderson, Tenn., who two months ago rounded out 18 years of continuous army service, was highly praised for his work.

Sherman has had a lot of experiences in those 18 years, but none more pleasant than the morning when the infantry came through the pass looking for the Axis defenders and found only the tough top sergeant of a tank destroyer battalion, sitting on the rocks awaiting them.

He was assigned one afternoon to lead the unit, comprising two rifle platoons, one machine-gun and one mortar platoon, against Axis positions on a high hill commanding the pass. His superior officers, Lt. Col. Charles Eastburn, of Meridian, Miss., and Capt. Noble H. Abney, of Leesville, La., gave only one order: "Find out what's on that hill and knock it out."

Within one hour and 15 minutes, Sherman organized his force and took it to the foot of a wooded mountain to begin 14 miles of hard going afoot.

At 5:30 PM his platoons converged on the first machine-gun nests, which opened heavy fire but fled when the American riflemen replied. The same kind of action

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Nazis Seek to Divert Allies as Rommel Is Regrouping

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Feb. 28 (AP)—German attacks exploded over the entire northern front yesterday and today, but Allied troops beat off the assaults in six sectors of northern Tunisia, capturing 850 prisoners in two days. Meanwhile, the Middle East air force further sapped the strength of the Luftwaffe by shooting down 11 German planes in Southern Tunisia.

A new German attack developed along the northern coastline in the Cape Serrat area, where yesterday the Italians attempted to push along the Mediterranean, but were thrown back by the French, who took "a considerable number of prisoners."

In attacks in the Beja Mateur Valley the Germans made some progress in infiltration into the Allied lines, but lost seven tanks in the fighting in this area, where the new Churchill medium tanks were operating yesterday.

5,000 Men in Attacks

(Over 5,000 men and 50 tanks were thrown into the six attacks by the Germans at 7 AM Friday in an attempt to penetrate or envelope the Pont du Fahs area, from which an Allied attack on Tunis could be launched, United Press said. At least seven Axis tanks have been knocked out, and the Nazis have lost over 420 men captured, as well as heavy casualties in killed and wounded.)

The withdrawal of the enemy east of Kasserine Pass continued, with pursuing American and British troops close on their heels.

Near Medjez el Bab a German attack was brought to a standstill, while further south near Goubellat some German tanks reached the Medjez el Bab-Aroussa road, but withdrew when they failed to overcome Allied strong points.

British Counter-Attack

(A British counter-attack with 60 tanks and strong infantry forces in the El Aroussa area of northern Tunisia was admitted by Berlin Radio last night. The radio, as usual, claimed the attack failed. Stubborn Allied resistance in the Medjez el Bab area was also admitted, but it was claimed that in spite of this the Axis forces had made considerable progress.)

"Despite fresh reserves which had been brought up," the radio said, "the British could not prevent the penetration of the Germans into their strong positions. The enemy suffered unusually heavy losses, and 26 tanks were left destroyed on the battlefield before the German lines."

At Bouarada and at Djebel Mansour, where the Germans launched attacks two days ago, fighting was still progressing, but Von Arnim's troops made no progress.

The prisoners captured were those who infiltrated the Allied strong points and were then mopped up by American, British and French patrols.

Here the long life running south from Cape Serrat was held as in trench warfare. The Allies had a series of strong points which they held, and if the Germans who by-passed the strong points were unable to knock them out, they were captured by the British and American troops in support.

To Keep First Army Busy

Von Arnim's attacks, which were carried out by one or two battalions, were apparently designed to keep the Allied First Army occupied in the north while Rommel regrouped in the south to meet the advancing Eighth Army, whose patrols were threatening the Mareth Line.

(The new enemy attacks in north (Continued on page 2)

Invasion - Jittery Nazis Speed Bulgarian Defenses

ANKARA, Feb. 28 (UP)—The Germans on the Black Sea coast of Bulgaria are speeding-up their defenses against possible invasion, according to reports reaching here.

Greatest activity is going on around Varna where the Germans are putting up long-range guns, and large number of German AA guns.

Speeding-up of the defense work at Galata, near Varna, has been going on now for over a month, while the latest type of coastal signalling system is in operation along the whole of the Bulgarian coast.

Nazi Agent Quits Vatican Hastily

Ciano 'Peace' Talk Off; Rumors of Negotiations Fly in Rome

BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 28 (AP)—The German Ambassador to the Vatican City departed hurriedly and unexpectedly for Berlin yesterday, and Count Ciano's presentation of his credentials as Italian Ambassador to the Holy See has been postponed until tomorrow. At the presentation Ciano was to have made an address on Italy's peace hopes and aims.

Well-informed Vatican observers were quick to see in these moves further indication of the wide scope of the negotiations under way since the arrival of Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York for consultation with the Pope.

Rumors of important negotiations on the conduct of the war and, if possible, mediation were being circulated from Rome with greater intensity and with more veiled implications than at any time since Archbishop Spellman arrived. The great reserve with which the Vatican greeted questions on the intense diplomatic activity of the past few days only increased rumors.

Foreign diplomatic observers were convinced the delay in Count Ciano's appearance and the departure of the German envoy were connected with Ciano's address before the Pope on peace hopes and aims.

(The Finnish Ambassador to the Vatican, M. A. Gripenberg, and the Finnish Ambassador to Berlin, M. T. Kivimaki, both arrived back in Helsinki yesterday afternoon, Helsinki radio said last night.)

Lt. Col. Wendell H. Griffith, of the Preventive Medicine Division of the Medical Corps, said. He added that there no longer will be a need for vitamin supplements.

### Despite Weather Airmen Battled To Smash Axis

ADVANCED U.S. AIRBASE, North Africa, Feb. 25 (delayed)—It is plain suicide to fly in that weather—but every man who had his crate in shape to take off got up in it and did what he could to smash the enemy.

That was how one field officer described the greatest aerial blow ever struck at the Axis on the Tunisian battlefield three days ago, when American warplanes celebrated Washington's birthday by flying through weather that would ground ducks to help crush the German-Italian drive from Kasserine Pass.

All day long, despite rain, sleet, low-hanging clouds and fog, American fliers kept an umbrella of Spitfires over Hatab valley, while A20 bombers in relays shuttled to and from over the battlefield skimming as low as 50 feet before unloading their deadly bombs on enemy concentrations.

#### Factors in Battle

That aerial pounding plus the artillery barrage were the major factors in breaking the Axis offensive which had rolled 60 miles over all Allied opposition.

Enemy truck convoys, tanks, artillery positions and troop movements were ruthlessly shelled, bombed and strafed by ground-bugging American pilots who flashed in at speeds of 250-300 miles an hour to targets through the densest barrage of light flak yet lifted against them.

Ordinarily we wouldn't even go up in weather that was soupy, particularly in mountainous country, but the situation was critical and we were told to hit them with everything we had," said Capt. William F. Duncan, Summit, N.J., assistant operations officer.

Three times during the day we had many combat planes in action. We put numerous tactical planes aloft. Visibility was so bad we had to send bombers out alone and in pairs but we kept a continuous umbrella of Spitfires over the battleground. It was impossible to fly in formation in that weather through narrow mountain passes.

#### Bomb Anything

Duncan said the fliers were told merely to drop their bombs on anything they could see in the target area.

Our only specific target was a group of Mark Six tanks, and at dusk our ground forces reported their advance was stopped and that the enemy was retreating. They were very happy over the help we had given them.

Fields were so busy that ships took off and landed at each end to avoid sky and ground traffic jams.

## Nazis Chased from Brest Skies

### Some Bomber Crews Made Two Raids In Two Days

By Andrew A. Rooney  
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American air crews who had to fight their way home from Wilhelmshaven through swarms of Nazi fighter planes found the skies over Brest, German U-boat base in France, strangely free of Luftwaffe opposition.

The raids Friday (on Wilhelmshaven) and Saturday (on Brest) provided the second instance in which some Eighth Air Force combat units have raided enemy territory on successive days. The last time was on Dunkirk and St. Nazaire.

Crews of the Fortresses and Liberators who struck at Brest in daylight Saturday reported seeing "no more than five Huns at one time." Credit for the opportunity to make deadly bombing runs with no appreciable opposition other than flak was given to the escorting squadrons of RAF and Allied Spitfires who, in relays, covered the entire mission.

#### Closest Call

The crew of 1st Lt. William Casey, of Red Bank, N.J., had the closest call of the Brest raid. Flying in the Fortress Little Audrey, because their own ship, Banshee, had been damaged over Wilhelmshaven, they ran into trouble ten minutes from the objective.

No. 4 engine started spouting oil and smoking.

"We were in the lead formation," T/Sgt. Wilson C. Elliott, of Detroit, said. "The engine was smoking, but Lt. Casey didn't feather the prop because the minute you do that German fighters know you are in trouble and start concentrating on you."

T/Sgt. Parley D. Small, veteran tail gunner from Packwood, Iowa, said that the whole crew thought they were done for.

"Our formation passed us and we were left alone until the next group came over. They passed us. We were going pretty slow with only three engines."

#### Wouldn't Turn Back

"Lt. Casey wouldn't turn back with a load of bombs that close to the target—not Casey," Sgt. Elliott said. "Finally, after our run on the target, the last group in the formation came along and slowed down to protect us on the trip home."

The Spitfires came along about then and we began to feel a lot better," Elliott concluded.

Last night Lt. Casey took time off to visit the field where the protecting bombers were stationed just to thank them personally for himself and his crew.

Other members of the crew, known as the "One a Minute Men," ever since one raid on which they are credited with having shot down seven planes, are: 2nd Lt. William H. Owens, Tullahoma, Tenn.,

### N.Y. Times Reporter Missing From Raid

Robert P. Post, 32-year-old correspondent for the New York Times and a member of the paper's London staff, is officially reported missing in action from the U.S. air raid on Wilhelmshaven Friday.

Post was one of a group of American correspondents who went as observers on the daylight raid.

Airmen in his formation, who saw Post's plane shot down by enemy fighters, said that some of the crew parachuted to earth.

A Harvard graduate, Post covered the White House for the Times before coming to the London Bureau in 1938. His wife, who lives in London, is the former Miss Margaret Lapsley, of Brooklyn, Conn.

navigator; T/Sgt. Thurman H. Ray, Loveland, Col., ball turret; Sgt. Reginald G. Harris, Houston, Tex., waist gunner; S/Sgt. Joseph R. Borzym, Chicago, waist gunner; S/Sgt. Morris J. Gecowets, Mark Center, Ohio, radio operator.

1st Lt. William Wilton Biggs, of Onyka, Miss., a Fortress navigator, commented on the absence of enemy fighters.

"There was nothing to it," he reported. "I didn't see a single fighter plane either on the way in or on the way out from the target. We had an uninterrupted run."

Not all the ships were unscratched. 1st Lt. Craig Harwood, of Highwood, Ill., pilot of the Fortress Tally-Ho, in the lead formation, said his plane caught flak in the wings and stabilizer.

#### Souvenir of Flak

S/Sgt. Ray H. Erikson, of Chicago, had a piece of flak as a souvenir.

"This came ripping up through the fuselage," he explained, "and buried itself in the ammunition can right behind Ed. He had a close one and never knew it."

Ed is the other waist gunner, Sgt. Edward Zabawa, of Cleveland.

Praising the efforts of the Spitfire support, 2nd Lt. R. H. Smith, of La Mesa, Texas, said, "I saw a lone Focke Wulf, far off, but even that disappeared without making a pass at us."

Another gunner, S/Sgt. William S. Buchanan, of Unionville, Pa., said he saw the sky "filled with bombs as the Forts let go over the target. I saw some nice hits. If they were not all on the target, they were close enough to do plenty of damage."

S/Sgt. Free L. Colvard, of West Jefferson, N.C., a waist gunner, said: "Everything went smoothly. Except for a few bursts of white flak over the target I saw no enemy opposition."

More details of the Wilhelmshaven raid were disclosed as combat crews discussed the mission.

were squadrons of the RAF, United States Army Air Force, and South African, Australian, and Canadian air forces, with substantial backing from squadrons of the Royal Hellenic Air Force and the Fighting French.

### Banshee Pressed On To Target Despite Dead Engine

T/Sgt. Francis G. Hinds, of Framingham, Mass., Fortress top-turret gunner, said, "They weren't eager to come in. It was the first time they had turned away when I opened fire. They usually bore right in."

Capt. G. E. Hagenbauch, of Utica, Ill., said numerous enemy fighters were observed. Hagenbauch also agreed that the fighters did not close in as readily as on most former missions, but it was not his impression that they were inexperienced.

Joint claim for destroying a German fighter was made by the tail and ball turret gunners of Hagenbauch's Fortress.

S/Sgt. Jack Belk, of Temple, Tex., the ball turret gunner, is in line to receive his second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for successive missions and gunnery work. The tail gunner is S/Sgt. George W. Henderson, of Columbus, Kan.

#### Flak Not Much Bother

Maj. Eugene Romig, of Canton, O., leader of one group in the raid, said "flak over the target was not intensive and did not bother us much. All the ships in our group returned safely. Most of them were undamaged and none had more than slight 20-mm. shell hits."

Other crews ran into plenty of trouble, however. The Fortress Lucy Belle, piloted by 1st Lt. Lloyd Driffin, of Cyril, Okla., was forced to leave its formation as it approached the German coast and was immediately attacked by seven Fw 190s.

A rapid descent into a low-lying overcast, coupled with continuous evasive action, enabled Lt. Driffin and his ship to get away without serious damage.

The Fortress Southern Comfort, which has missed nine of 16 raids because she was shot up so badly on the other seven, was back almost on schedule this time—although flak had chewed a four-foot square section out of the main rudder.

"That old North Sea looked wider than the Atlantic," the pilot, Lieut. Hugh Ashcroft, said. "I don't see how we ever made it. The fact that we prayed might have had something to do with it. I'm becoming a firm believer in this 'God bless Boeing' business."

#### Narrow Escape

Lt. Lyle (Big) Adams, 22, of Novinger, Mo., had a narrow escape from a big piece of flak which, he said, "came right up through the floor of our ship behind my seat. It went right out through our top turret—didn't touch the gunner—but on the way it clipped the oxygen tank I was hooked up to, cut a lot of cables and controls. Lack of oxygen knocked me out."

Co-pilot Lt. Henry S. McMurry, of San Leandro, Calif., took over the controls while Lt. Adams used his last bit of strength to grab an emergency oxygen bottle and pull himself back to consciousness.

## Navy About Set For New Drive, Nimitz Reports

### Want Positions to Attack Directly Jap Industry With Shells, Bombs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—An indication that America's naval might in the Pacific was about ready to undertake a drive for positions from which Japanese industrial centers could be brought under direct and devastating attack came today from Adm. Chester Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet.

Adm. Nimitz said: "We are now at the crossroads of the Pacific campaign. From now on the going will be tougher as we undertake the tasks of driving the enemy from the positions he is building in the conquered areas. It is our job to destroy his ships and planes and neutralize his island strongpoints as we drive towards his positions from which we can reach with our shells and bombs his industrial centers."

Adm. Nimitz's statement was regarded here as a promise of naval bombardment of Japan's vulnerable coastal cities by the American Fleet—an operation which would probably be undertaken only in the final phases of an amphibious offensive aimed at the conquest of the Japanese homeland.

#### Fighting in New Guinea

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Feb. 28 (UP)—Ground fighting was renewed on the approaches to Salamaua, New Guinea, yesterday when Jap troops retreated in the vicinity of Wau after mobile action by Allied patrols, today's official communique reports.

A number of dead Japs were found after the Allied sweep through the enemy-held area. Altogether over 660 enemy troops have been killed and 73 taken prisoner in mopping-up operations in the Buna area this month.

Over the weekend, Allied air attacks continued when medium bombers strafed Lae, and Flying Fortresses bombed Wewak, New Guinea for three hours.

On Saturday, Dauntless dive-bombers with Corsair, Lightning and Warhawk fighter escort attacked an enemy transport off Vella La Vella, westernmost island in the New Georgia group, starting a fire aboard the vessel with two bomb hits.

One of two escorting corvettes was hit and left burning. One float-type Zero was shot down and two U.S. fighters failed to return.

#### Air Activity in Burma

During the past two days RAF fighter patrols have attacked Jap transport in various parts of Burma, ranging from Mawlu, in the Katha district, down to Ramree island, off the Arakan coast.

In the course of these operations they shot up railway stations, engines, trucks, steamers, launches, and a variety of river craft, inflicting a considerable amount of damage.

From these operations no RAF aircraft are missing.

## BBC Schedules Army Programs

American soldiers have an opportunity this week to familiarize themselves with the story of the British Army through BBC radio programs.

Building more than 40 programs around three special broadcasts, BBC officials plan to tell through dramatic highlights the building of the British Army, from Dunkirk to the triumph of Egypt, in broadcasts on Army Week.

### Help Red Cross to Help Service Men, FDR Asks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—In a message broadcast for him by Red Cross Chairman Norman H. Davis, President Roosevelt today told the families of soldiers, sailors and marines that wherever these fighting men go "the American Red Cross is at their side, extending always the same arm of helpfulness and comfort."

The broadcast, over a nation-wide hookup, marked the start of the Red Cross annual campaign.

The President concluded his brief message with these words: "To make sure that every American boy on every fighting front has everything he needs which the Red Cross can supply, it will require at least \$125,000,000."

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### Tunisia

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Tunisia are another phase of Rommel's campaign for positions, says United Press. The attacks are more in the series of battles for passes which Rommel must keep in his possession in order to protect his western flank as the Eighth Army moves into position for its main thrust from the south.

(Algiers radio said that Gen. Montgomery had completed his preparations and that heavy artillery guns were in position. Large movements of his armored forces were reported. Patrol activity was on a large scale, the radio said, and some engagements in the actual Mareth Line area were reported, especially to the west, where some operations might be expected in conjunction with Gen. Leclerc's Fighting French forces.)

Bad weather limited air activity except in the south, where the air forces flying in support of Gen. Montgomery's troops dealt a heavy blow at the Luftwaffe by shooting down 11 planes with loss of two.

Hurri-bombers and Spitfires, flying through rain and under low cloud in support of the First Army in the north, attacked German transport near Sidi Nsir, scoring direct hits on trucks and armored vehicles.

Meanwhile after checking again with the Fortress crews which took part in the sea sweep north of Sicily on Friday, a spokesman disclosed that four ships—two believed to be tankers—were hit by bombs. One of the vessels hit, believed to be a small tanker, sank immediately, an Air Force spokesman revealed.

This was the first time that Fortresses had been used in sea sweeps in this area, although the practice is common in the south Pacific.

### Kasserine

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was repeated many times in the ensuing two hours before Sherman and his men reached the end of the pass beyond the mountain. Only three of the men were missing.

"The half dozen or so that we captured were German, but I suspect the crews must have been Italian because they ran after we fired ten or 15 rifle shots," Sherman said.

Their worst time came when the detachment was caught in a heavy barrage of artillery fire, part of which came from heavy German batteries and some from American batteries which were shelling the retreating Axis columns.

#### Dance at Rainbow Club

The American Red Cross Rainbow Corner has scheduled a dance tonight from 7 to 10 o'clock, with music by Cpl. Bernard's Canadian Orchestra. Informal dancing tomorrow, 3 to 5:30 PM.

### 3 Japs Downed for Joe's Son

Tears of joy and pride filled the eyes of Joe E. Brown and his son, Cpl. Joe L. Brown (left) as they read a cable informing them that Col. Robert Airplanes in one day, as a memorial to the film comedian's late son, Capt. Don Brown, killed in an airplane crash last October near Palm Springs, Cal.



Associated Press Photo

### 72 Montana Miners Trapped

BEAR CREEK, Mont., Feb. 28 (UP)—Seventy-two men were trapped by an explosion at the Smith coal mine here yesterday. Rescuers trying to reach them have made contact with the men, who are still alive.

### Soldier-ATS Choir

BELFAST, Feb. 28—A choir of 30 voices, formed shortly before Christmas by U.S. soldiers and ATS girls, is scheduled to sing at St. Enoch Church here March 7. Pvt. Lester S. Hebbard, of Rockaway, L.I., heads the group.

# Fire Fighters Learn to Beat German Bombs

## 'Don't Take Magnesium Nickels,' Is Staff's Password

By Andrew A. Rooney

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In a building where teen age English gentlemen of an Eton-type secondary school used to play squash the American Army is now conducting a fire school complete with incendiary bomb demonstrations for every commissioned and non-commissioned man in the outfit.

With the help of the county judge who took up fire-fighting as a hobby and became an expert on the subject during the blitz, Col. Martin Rhodes, of Chicago, Ill., has developed the half-bombed squash courts into one of the most realistic demonstration grounds in England.

Pvt. Jack Litvak and Pvt. Francis Walsh, both of whom used to watch enviously the engines race through Brooklyn, are two of the permanent firemen. They see that a smoking good fire is curling up inside the first small room of the demonstration chambers, while in the next room Sgt. Edward M. Brueggemann, of Milwaukee, and Pvt. Joseph Cavanagh, of Elizabeth, N.J., get a good wood fire blazing.

### Home-Made Bombs

Outside Pvt. William J. Suissille, of Brooklyn, and Pvt. Kenneth Brings, of Milwaukee, put together their home-made variety of a German incendiary bomb. The "bomb" consists of magnesium shavings wrapped in newspaper and sprinkled with kerosene.

When the men are ready for the demonstration they are led into the first smoke-filled room. They crawl in on their bellies, and the smoke doesn't bother them too much. The officer leading them tells them to stand up. They stand, but in a few seconds they are back on their bellies again with smarting eyes.

Lesson one. Smoke rises. Stay low. They are led through the connecting door to the second room where fires blaze, and it is not quite as smoky. The "bomb" is thrown on the fire, the kerosene blazes and soon the magnesium begins to burn with a white heat.

### Four-Man Team

At the far door of the second room a man stands with a stirrup pump and several pails of water. Behind him is a three-man bucket brigade to keep the pump full, and to spell him when he gets tired. When they call for water he starts his even hundred strokes a minute and it doesn't take long for the best conditioned pumper to get tired.

The men inside lie quietly for several minutes, while the magnesium burns. Lesson two. Stay away from an incendiary bomb for at least five minutes. They are often equipped with a time mechanism which explodes after five minutes. (Now the Germans have extended it in some cases to seven minutes.)

At the end of the waiting period they yell for water and the direct stream of the stirrup pump is directed at the magnesium bomb.

When the water hits the magnesium, the heat will become more intense. The oxygen of the H<sub>2</sub>O acts as a fan on the bomb. In a few seconds the magnesium has burned itself out. Without the stream of water it would have burned much longer.

### Don't Use a Spray

Lesson three. Don't spray magnesium with water. Direct a stream on it. Water will not extinguish it, but it will make it burn out.

Col. Henry T. J. Weishaar, of Scarsdale, N.Y., is fire marshal at the station in addition to his regular duties with the quartermaster section, and often leads the men through the smoke and fire chambers.

The regular staff men at the school are volunteers and although they work in smoke several hours out of every day they don't mind it. Sometimes at night after a heavy day their eyes are red and smarting but during the day when they emerge from the smoke chamber they invariably take "a busman's ten minute break." They sit down and have a smoke. They have more fun when the officers go through, they claim.

"We don't keep any less smoke in the chamber when the officers go through," one of them admitted, smiling. "As a matter of fact we might add just a drop or two more kerosene to the 'bomb' before they go in." And when the firemen leave at night their favorite parting words are: "Don't take any magnesium nickels."

## Lt. Col. Brewer Named N. Ireland Provost Chief

USAAF HQ, N. Ireland, Feb. 28—Appointment of Lt. Col. Joseph C. Brewer, of Douglas, Ga., as provost marshal for American Forces in Northern Ireland has been announced by Brig. Gen. Edmund W. Hill, commander of U.S. troops in this sector. Col. Brewer will be assisted by 1st Lt. Finley P. Scheshire, of Florence, S.C., and 1st Lt. Chester A. Smith, of Chesterfield, S.C.

The new provost officer was called into active service in August, 1940, with an armored unit, and recently came into the Air Corps. He is a 1931 graduate of Virginia Military Institute.

## 14-Year-Old Marine Is Killed in Action

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 28 (UP)—Pvt. Norman Gibbs, of Peoria, who at the age of 14 gave his age as 18 and joined the United States Marines, has been killed in action. Norman is believed to be the Marines' youngest casualty. He asked permission of his parents to join up eight days after Pearl Harbor.

## Orphans' Fund Reaches £14,428

### Replacement Depot Helps Second Child; U.S. Ship, Chemics Also Aid

February contributions of £1,960 have boosted The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund to £14,428 9s. 6d. This represents offerings made by American servicemen in the British Isles since the fund was inaugurated last Sept. 26.

Checks received during the last days of the month included one for £100 from Capt. Herman E. Riley on behalf of the —st Replacement Depot. It was the second £100 contribution from this unit and, according to Capt. Riley, the depot is well on its way to raising funds to sponsor its third orphan.

Another gift of £100 was received from Lt. Com. E. J. MacGregor, USN, who forwarded it in the name of the officers and men aboard his vessel. Accompanying the check was a request to help "a girl, aged four to 12, preferably a blonde."

Soldiers of the —st Chem. Impreg. Co. forwarded a money order for £71, proceeds of a dance. Capt. W. A. Cowne, commanding officer of the unit, reported that the efforts of 1st Sgt. Joseph H. Lux and his men were responsible for an attendance of 1,000 people at the dance. The unit was continuing its drive for the War Orphan Fund.

## Sgt. Pinch-Hits As Bombardier

A BOMBER COMMAND STATION, England, Feb. 28—1st Sgt. William B. Stammer, 24, of Emory, Va., had been handling machine-guns in the big B17 so long he almost forgot he was also qualified as a bombardier. He was reminded of it on a flight over the Continent when chance placed the whole responsibility for the success of the operation on Stammer's shoulders.

When his ship fell into formation for the flight to the target area, another bomber was leading the way. Crouched over his bombsight, Sgt. Stammer knew that most of the intricate data would be relayed to him in signals from the leading plane.

Over the target, however, Stammer's plane was in the lead position and the Sergeant, one of the comparatively few enlisted bombardiers in the Air Force, found that it was up to him to compute aiming data for the whole mission. How well he did it is best described in an account of the flight which told of "an enormous V of bombs laid directly on the target."

Pint-sized, reticent Sgt. Stammer enlisted Oct. 26, 1939.

## Oxford Red Cross Club Will Get New Quarters

OXFORD, Feb. 28—The American Red Cross club here shortly will move from its quarters in Botley Rd. to the old Clarendon Hotel in Cornmarket St., Miss Louise Bloom, assistant director, announced.

The new quarters will provide more room for sleeping accommodations and recreation.

### Help Wanted Department

If Major S. F. H., who has lost a leather rattlesnake riding crop, will communicate with this department, he may obtain his crop.

## Flew 400 Miles With Battered Fin



You've heard about planes flying home with flak-holes in them "as big as a door." 1st Lt. H. E. Miller, six feet four inches tall, in the gap left in a Fortress fin by a Nazi 20 mm. shell.

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Feb. 28—The pilot of a Flying Fortress told today how he flew home from the last raid on St. Nazaire with a hole in the vertical tail of his Fortress as large as a door.

The hole was blown out of the vertical stabilizer by a 20mm. explosive cannon shell fired from an FW190 during a one-hour battle with Nazi fighters on the return trip from the U-boat base.

The pilot, 1st Lt. Donald E. Stockton, of Redmond, Ore., brought the Fortress home 400 miles with the tail dangling.

"At first we were ready to leave the ship," Lt. Stockton explained, "but then it didn't get any worse and we stuck it out. To add to our troubles, we had three guns out of commission. We were damn lucky to get home."

1st Lt. H. E. Miller, of Ridgeland, S.C., navigator in the Fortress flying directly behind Stockton's ship, said the FW190 fired from a distance of little more than 50 feet.

"When I saw pieces of the tail flying past our ship I thought Stockton was a goner sure," Lt. Miller said. "The hole in that tail is so big I'll swear I can walk through it."

Lt. Miller stands six feet four inches tall and weighs 220 pounds.

The tail gunner in Stockton's ship, S/Sgt. Vernon E. Koch, of Dearborn, Mich., received such a shaking up when the shell struck the tail above him he thought they had had a mid-air collision with a German fighter. He was not even scratched.

## U.S. Negro Ack-Ack Outfit Steps Up British Course

AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT STATION, England, Feb. 28—A U.S. Negro Coast Artillery outfit, sent here for training as anti-aircraft gunners, have surprised their British instructors by the speed with which they learned to handle the complicated 40mm. Bofors guns.

Tough as nails and rarin' to go in actual combat, the student-gunners now go into action in only two seconds longer than crack British ack-ack crews with many months of training behind them.

In fact, it has been necessary to speed up the whole training program because the Americans have mastered the new drill and firing technique far ahead of schedule, officials said.

Most of the men are from North Carolina and the outfit is well sprinkled with veteran non-coms. Two of them have a combined Army service of 47 years. Cpl. William Williams, 45, of Wilmington, N.C., enlisted in 1918 and saw 11 months' service in France. 1st Sgt. Walter A. Ragland, of South Boston, Va., joined the 25th Infantry 22 years ago.

## Former Newsboy Pals Get Together at OCS

OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL, England, Feb. 28—The last time Roy Klein and Michael Pochan saw each other was when they delivered newspapers together in Charleroi, Pa., 13 years ago.

Then they vied for the number of subscribers they could sign up. Now they are in friendly rivalry as students of the tough commando course here, designed to turn out hard, battle-wise second lieutenants.

Pochan, a graduate of the Pennsylvania State Forestry School, was a forester at Cooperstown, N.Y., when he entered the Army. His home is at Ford City, Pa. Klein, a former coal shipper in Pittsburgh, lists Cleveland, Ohio, as his home.

### 'Jive Bombers' Will Play

BELFAST, Feb. 28—The "Jive Bombers," aircraft technician orchestra, will play for a "Wings For Victory" dance Mar. 26. The orchestra is directed by Ray Palmer of Washington. The dance is under auspices of the women's section of the British Legion.

# A Pair of Anything for Anyone Dept.

Anybody need a pair of 13-Ds?

If so, 1st Lt. Maurice A. Kidder, chaplain friend of The Stars and Stripes' new A Pair of Anything for Any Soldier Department, is ready and willing. Just write your letter care of Shoes, as he did. The chaplain's note is worth repeating: (He says we give him nightmares.)

"Dear Sir: I have followed with much personal interest and sympathy the vicissitudes of your department. When I came into the Army over a year ago I was wearing a 13-C officer's shoe. My first GI shoes were 13-Ds, but after marching along with my infantry outfit a pair of 13-Es felt just right. At embarkation there was only one pair of 13-EEs that had arrived too late for some hapless comrade who went out—well, 'went out.' With the right amount of wool socks, and all the marching we have done over here, they feel just right now—hob nails and all."

"After reading your column, I have had several nightmares in which I wake up and feel under the bed for the reassuring touch of leather. Here's the point. My original 13-Ds are in good shape with new soles. I feel a great weight of responsibility for keeping so much shipping idle, and will gladly send

them to the section of the front that needs them most.

"P.S. I am now in the artillery and think I can freeze my shoe size for the duration. I dare not think of my problems after."

Another pleasant letter comes from Capt. Alexander M. Worth Jr., "G" Company, Somewhere in the Infantry. It's about that terrific little Frenchman whose 34E's had us looking all over London.

Says the captain, SUBJECT: Appreciation. TO: The Shoe Dept. etc. I. Sincerest thanks for your cooperation and generosity in furnishing us with a pair of shoes size 34E. By dressing our man up and wearing these shoes in an appearance before the proper authorities, we were able to swing the deal and defer the transfer.

"Thanks again, and please accept from the whole Company a loud cheer, 'Long Live the Stars and Stripes.' Sgt. Seymour Benson, needs a pair of 13 EE's. His APO is 639. Anybody listening?"

If not, we'll break off for a minute to attend to James Roy McLennan, an engineer.

He's got us hurting: "If your department really wants to be helpful they might try to find me a

water buffalo. I know of no other means of transportation that would be so helpful to a rapidly aging assistant field director in getting through the adjacent mud, with which I am literally surrounded. Of course the donor of the water buffalo must also provide the fodder, which leads me on to remark that it must also be a good mudder.

"I apologize, very truly yours," etc. It shouldn't happen; no, not even to a water buffalo.

Comes now a good man, S/Sgt. Clarence R. Janvrin, one of those poor, never-say-die Canadians. (He's now eating fine and getting coffee once again, at a headquarters unit.) Hear him, gentlemen: "I transferred from the Canadian Army to the United States Army in September and, due to my 'well-fed' appearance, have not yet been issued with a blouse."

"It would be appreciated if you could locate a blouse (or two) for me, size 46-R." Two location requests: Pvt. Travis D. Carter, ASN 20827764, your brother, Cpl. Weldon J. Carter, wants to hear from you. His APO is 637.

The second: Pvt. Maurice E. Turner, of a troop carrier group. Your brother, T/Sgt. James C. Turner, APO 635 wants to hear from you.

## Michigan Staff Forms Nucleus Of Hospital Unit

### 12-Hour Day Is Routine; Specialists Double in Army Roles

By Charles W. White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. BASE HOSPITAL, England, Feb. 28—"Ann Arbor, Mich.," appears after names of more than a score of doctors, surgeons and medical specialists who serve U.S. soldiers and even some enemy prisoners at this great modern American military hospital.

There are MOs from Detroit, Kalamazoo, other Michigan cities, because it's a University of Michigan unit. Original organization of the American Army's medical system was made around nuclei of the nation's big university medical centers, where, long before the war, doctors volunteered so that Uncle Sam would be medically prepared. He is.

Crite Clinic, Cleveland; Harvard, Johns Hopkins, many other famous U.S. schools, clinics and hospitals took part in the program which has resulted in what probably is the world's finest active service medical program.

### Were Civilian Specialists

Specialists and surgeons, in civil life accustomed to purely scientific work for which they received handsome incomes, here put in long hours caring for patients, then do exacting military duties as well—all without more than an understandable amount of "army grousing."

They've come here to help win the war, the same as GI Joe. So, a neuro-psychiatrist doubles as post officer; an eye expert is fire marshal, police officer, or any other duty that goes with the long, tough job of keeping a military hospital in action.

They work under Col. Oscar T. Kirksey, of San Antonio, Texas, veteran regular army doctor, and everybody works like hell.

Not the least among these are GI ward orderlies who are lucky to get it all done in a 12-hour day. A really complete list of their duties would fill columns.

These ward men, working under 1st/Sgt. Henry Zelden, Toledo, Ohio, have been trained since Camp Robinson days to make patients comfortable, help get them well. Any one of the 200 or more that started from the Robinson base hospital could now qualify as a professional male nurse.

Here is their schedule: four men to a ward, Sgt. Zelden said. "It keeps four men humping all day long."

### Reville at 5:55 AM

Reville, 5:55 AM. Deliver and pick up urinals, bed pans, etc. See that patients have washed and give them baths if they cannot bath themselves. Make beds. Change linen. Serve breakfast to patients at 7 AM. After breakfast, clean up ward and do KP. Ambulatory or "up" patients help. Morning inspection by ward officer.

The ward master, a man such as T/5 Robert Fisher, of Oklahoma, then will do the more technical part of his job, assisting nurses in treatments. Fisher handles four burn cases himself now, men who are undergoing skin grafting treatment.

He must change dressings daily; give saline baths (these are now used instead of tannic acid, because the wound heals better). It takes an hour to put on a dressing, and each burn case has to have this change every day. Proper care by the ward workers is considered as important as the skilled medical and surgical attention given burn and skin grafting cases at this hospital.

### X-Ray Part of Duty

The ward man goes to the pharmacy for supplies, brings kitchen supplies to the ward, brings up dinners at 11:30 AM. In the meantime, three coal stoves in each ward have to be kept up—nursed as carefully as the patients, according to Sgt. Zelden: Then X-ray films must be brought up for patients whose cases will require study. After noon chow the policing and cleaning up job has to be done all over again. "TPRs" are taken—temperature, pulse and respiration, some every hour, some each two hours, and each four hours for cases not serious.

After helping with other treatments, cutting casts, &c., two ward men can go for supper about 4:30 PM. Two must remain in the ward at all times.

When Fisher's day's work is done at 7 PM, he can go "home," are ward being taken over by the night man.

The hospital work, as in most military establishments, is divided into sections, each under a non-com. Here are names of 1/Sgt. Zelden's group leaders: S/Sgt. Gordon S. Houghton, Enid, Okla., chief assistant; S/Sgt. Francis Rabideaux, Hayward, Wis., chief of surgery—he handles instruments, sees to sterilization, acts generally as "scrub nurse."

Pfc Oscar O. Clayton, St. Louis, Mo., has the laboratory; T/Sgt. Alphonse Bonilla, Sacramento, Cal., is in pharmacy; T/Sgt. Myron F. Myer, Las Bella Fower, Cal., dispenses medical supplies; S/Sgt. George E. Smith, Pierceton, Ind., sick and wounded records; M/Sgt. Willie J. Edwards, Little Rock, Ark., personnel; M/Sgt. William P. Keach, Rio Grande City, Tex., sergeant-major of hospital; S/Sgt. Albert L. McLaurine, Modesto, Cal., mess; S/Sgt. Paul N. Baggett, Archer City, Tex., motor pool; Sgt. Harry D. Albietz, Terre Haute, Ind., chief X-ray technician.

### Movie Star Commissioned

Robert W. Wilcox, former Hollywood movie star and more recently a corporal in Special Services, SOS, was commissioned Thursday as a 2nd lieutenant.

# Robinson Outpoints LaMotta; Greco Stops Shans

## Middleweight Drops Sugar For 8-Count

### But Ray's Initial Attack Counts; Concedes 15 Pounds

DETROIT, Feb. 28—Sugar Ray Robinson, Harlem welterweight, Friday night avenged his only setback in more than 130 amateur and professional fights by gaining a unanimous though close decision over Jake LaMotta, Bronx middleweight.

After leading substantially during the first five rounds, Robinson tired and was dropped for the eighth count in the seventh, but rallied and stalled off a kayo to finish gamely. The crowd boomed the decision, but undoubtedly Ray deserved the verdict. Referee Sam Hennessey gave him the first, second, fourth, fifth and ninth rounds, LaMotta the sixth, seventh and tenth, calling the third and eighth even.

Ray's chief weapon in building up a decided early advantage was a stabbing left jab to the face. He also pounded tattoo rights just above the stocky Italian's water-line—blows only a fighter as tough as Jake could have taken standing.

### Down in a Huddle

LaMotta showed flashes of power late in the third and fourth rounds, then he assaulted the slender, almost fragile looking Negro savagely in the sixth. It was then that Ray gave the first indications of exhaustion, showing a disposition to clinch with LaMotta, a tactic whereby LaMotta benefited, almost exclusively due to his superior weight and in-punching power.

Jake continued to exploit his new-found advantage and dropped Robinson under a barrage of rights and lefts in the middle of the seventh. Ray fell in a huddle, looking like an almost certain kayo victim, but managed to bestir himself at the six-count, rise at eight and fend off LaMotta trying for the kill.

Try as he would, Jake couldn't land a kayo punch, though Robinson was groggy at the finish, and finished the round on courage alone.

### Led from the Ring

As the crowd applauded, Ray returned for the eighth, invigorated and prepared for attack. He managed to fight evenly, gathering strength for the wild assault that won in the ninth.

LaMotta obviously was discouraged by Robinson's refusal to throw in the towel, and took some of Sugar's Sunday punches in the tenth, but succeeded in hooking to a narrow margin. However, it wasn't enough to save the fight. He remained in the ring long after the decision was announced and gained no consolation from the crowd's boos. He had to be led from the ring.

It was the third Robinson-LaMotta meeting. Ray outpointed Jake in the first last October, but Jake evened things here three weeks ago.

Robinson weighed 145, LaMotta 160. The gate netted \$60,000.

## Invitation Tournery Fives To Be Chosen This Week

NEW YORK, Feb. 28—The field for the annual invitation intercollegiate basketball tournament has been trimmed to 38 possibilities from which eight quintets will be chosen this week by the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Committee. The tournery begins March 18 at Madison Square Garden.

The following teams are leading possibilities: St. Johns, NYU, Fordham, Manhattan, LIU, Dartmouth, Rhode Island State, Niagara, St. Josephs, Villanova, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Seton Hall, Washington Jefferson, West Virginia, Duke, George Washington, Kentucky, Western Kentucky, Georgetown, Murray State, Appalachian, Notre Dame, Indiana, Illinois, Toledo, DePaul, Hamline, Creighton, Kansas, Arizona, Texas, Texas Christian, Wyoming, Southern California, Washington, Washington State and Pepperdine.

## Illini Near Big Ten Title, Troupon Wildcats, 86-44

CHICAGO, Feb. 28—The Whiz Kids of Illinois advanced to within a step of their second straight Big Ten conference basketball title by swamping Northwestern here yesterday, 86-44.

Andy Phillip, Illinois forward and Big Ten individual scoring leader, netted 16 points, but had to play second fiddle to team mate Ken Menke, who made 22. Northwestern's Otto Graham shone in the defeat, scoring 17 points.

The Illini total smashed the Big Ten scoring record of 74 points set by Wisconsin against Chicago.

**Orangemen Swamp Colgate**  
SYRACUSE, N.Y., Feb. 28—Syracuse beat Colgate's hoopsters, 77-43, here yesterday. Bob Shaddock, Syracuse senior, tallied 33 points, setting an all-time Syracuse scoring record.

### Weekly Sports Quiz

Here are Fred Corcoran's five questions for this week's sports quiz. The answers come up tomorrow.

- 1—What outfielder has spent more than half his life playing baseball for the same club?
- 2—Name the fighter who won and lost his title in the first round.
- 3—What horse defeated Whirlaway twice in three meetings in 1942, yet was not named as the outstanding horse?
- 4—What American professional golfer won four British Open championships?
- 5—What pitcher hurled two no-hit, no-run games in succession?

## Dixon First In AAU Mile

### Edges Gil Dodds at Tape In 4:09.6; Rice First in 3-Mile

NEW YORK, Feb. 28—America crowned a new mile champion last night when Frank Dixon, 22-year-old New York University Negro freshman, smashed to a two-yard victory over Gil Dodds, Boston divinity student, in four minutes nine and six-tenths seconds at the national AAU indoor track and field championships. Earl Mitchell, co-favorite with Dodds, was a distant fourth as the Dodds-Dixon duel gripped the attention of the Madison Square Garden crowd of 14,000.

Perennial champions Greg Rice, distance runner, and Cornelius Warmerdam, pole vaulter, waltzed through their specialties spectacularly despite the total absence of competition. Rice won the three-mile for his 60th consecutive victory in 13 minutes 53 and five-tenths seconds, only eight seconds behind his world indoor record. Warmerdam left the rest of the field at 14 feet in the pole vault, then went on to leap 15 feet three and seven-eighths inches for a new record. He tried for a new world mark at 15 feet eight inches, and almost made it on the last try. His shirt swept the bar off as he came down.

### Smith Wins 600

Jim Rafferty, New York AC, contributed a minor upset in winning the 1,000-yard run over Joe Nowicky, Fordham, Bill Hulse, NYU, and unbeaten Fred Sickinger, Manhattan, in the fine time of two minutes 12 and four-tenths seconds.

Herbert Thompson repeated his Boston AAU sprint triumph over champion Pvt. Barney Ewell in the 60-yard dash. The time of six and one-tenth seconds tied the world indoor record. Bob Wright, Ohio, beat Charley Hlad, Chicago, by inches in the 60-yard hurdles, but did not place in the 60-yard lows won by Harold Stickel, Pittsburgh.

Lewis Smith, Prairie View College Negro, won in the slow time of one minute 13 seconds in the 600 from Charley Beetham, Iowa Prelight, four-time national champion. Ewell won the broad jump with a leap of 23 feet eight inches.

Dodds, Mitchell and Dixon were the chief protagonists in the mile which was fraught with as much suspense as a Hitchcock thriller. During the three-race rivalry started in New York a month ago, each had won once.

### Dodds Sets Pace

Walter Fairservis, Columbia unknown, seized the lead in the first lap with Mitchell, Dodds, Walter Mehl and Dixon sprinting to positions behind him on the first tour of the 11-lap per mile oval. Starting the second lap, Mitchell surprised by grabbing the lead. It seemed a tactical error by a man whose chief weapon is a finishing kick. But the Hoosier did not set the pace for long. Within half a lap, Dodds zoomed to the fore.

From there on he led a burning pace, running the first half mile in the fastest half-time mark in any mile in Garden history—two minutes, eight-tenths seconds. He was then 15 yards ahead of Mitchell.

He hit the three-quarters in three minutes, five and six-tenths seconds, but the situation behind him was changing. Mitchell fell back, Mehl was tied up and Don Burnham, Dartmouth, did not make a move. Only Dixon gave pursuit and began to gain.

Dixon cut Dodds' lead to ten yards as they hit the gun lap. Down the back stretch Dixon bounded with a last burst, slashing Gil's lead to five entering the last turn. Around the stretch Frank ran wide and entered the stretch at Gil's shoulder. They fought side by side for ten yards, then Dixon forged ahead and strode through the winner.

### Bombers Clout MPs, 61-21

A BOMBER STATION, England, Feb. 28—A quintet from the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron of this station defeated the —th MP five, 61-21. High man for the winning team was Sgt. Angelo Saccio, of Exeter, Pa., with 21 markers. The losers were sparked by Pvt. Elmer Wichman, of Tacoma, Wash., and Pvt. Leonard Donato, of Pittsburgh, both of whom scored six points.

## NYU Tangles With West Virginia



Andy Reeves (No. 3), of the flashy West Virginia quintet, slips to the floor in a tangle for possession of the ball with Sam Mele (No. 9), of NYU, on the Madison Square Garden court. The Violets won in an overtime for their tenth straight victory.

## Intramural Sports Instead Of Intercollegiate Athletics Urged

By Stanley Woodward

New York Herald Tribune Sports Editor  
NEW YORK, Feb. 28—Harvard's action in curtailing intercollegiate sport is bound to have a tremendous effect on the nation's attitude. Whatever you think of Harvard's athletic prowess, the attitude of Harvard University is always important.

Despite the Navy's decision to let college trainees participate in intercollegiate athletics "if they have time," intercollegiate athletics haven't a chance to survive the war in accustomed, full-blown form. A handful of incipient sailors can't supplement the 17-year-olds and the 4-Fs sufficiently to keep up the standards of intercollegiate performance.

College diehards like John L. Griffith, Big Ten athletics commissioner, will have to make their adjustments. In the past months they have continued to fight off reality, but they can't do it much longer. To this department it is reassuring to discover an intercollegiate athletics realist like President Conant of Harvard.

**No Time for Athletics as Usual**  
College sports have been so blown up in the years since the first World War that most college administrators have come to regard them as privileged and indispensable. Since the beginning of the present war administrators have represented themselves as preserving morale and keeping the home fires burning by toughening collegians for the fray. They have jumped at every available catch-phrase.

The practical antidote for their pious mouthings comes principally from the Eastern universities, with Harvard in the lead. As soon as the football season ended Dick Harlow, Crimson football coach, cut loose and joined the Navy.

Bill Bingham, athletic director, followed close behind. It was common knowledge that Harvard wasn't going to strive to save gate receipts by promoting intercollegiate athletics in war time. A great many other coaches and athletic directors have entered the service. Others, who have stayed at home, have decided with Harlow and Bingham that war time is no time to operate athletics as usual.

**Fordham vs. Columbia**

It goes without saying that the rest of the respectable Eastern colleges will follow Harvard's lead and cut their intercollegiate sports to practically nothing. It should be accepted without argument that contracts for college athletic contests are breakable on simple notice.

After the general cancellation of intercollegiate competition, the colleges can take stock of the sailors and 4-Fs, and schedule contests with nearby neighbors as well as intramurally. Fordham, which can't possibly play the long-range schedule it has mapped out, should arrange to pit its remaining students against Columbia and Manhattan. Harvard, pioneer in new intercollegiate practicality, should arrange informal games with Boston College.

## Nation's Basketball Results

### Friday's Games

- Columbia 55, Yale 49.
- Seton Hall 44, Scranton 37.
- Villanova 61, Scranton 40.
- Tufts 72, Colby 63.
- Westminster 63, Allegheny 55.
- Lebanon Valley 40, Franklin Marshall 47.
- Swarthmore 59, Haverford 34.
- Pratt Institute 60, New York State Teachers 51.
- Colby 50, Wesleyan 39.
- George Washington 65, VMI 45.
- Clarkson 62, Alfred 35.
- Wagner 45, Susquehanna 42.
- Springfield 74, American International 36.
- Rider 60, Paterson Teachers 57.
- Ithaca 45, Newark 38.
- LSU 46, Alabama 41.
- Tennessee 41, Vanderbilt 31.
- Murray State Teachers 69, Centre 42.
- Morehead State Teachers 28, Kentucky Wesleyan 20.
- Mississippi State 48, Georgia Tech 41.
- South Carolina 45, College of Charleston 42.
- Duke 43, North Carolina 24.
- Randolph-Macon 54, William and Mary 52.
- Western State Teachers 54, Berea 37.
- Kentucky 59, Georgia 30.
- Davidson 40, Wofford 38.
- Parris Island Marines 54, Daniel Field 52.
- Eastern State Teachers 53, Union 36.
- Berea 54, Georgetown (Ky.) 45.
- Kansas 42, Oklahoma 35.
- Detroit 39, Michigan Normal 25.
- Creighton 51, Washington 36.
- Camp Aterbury 56, Hanover 30.
- Kansas Wesleyan 71, Washburn 36.
- Evansville 68, Central Indiana Normal 36.
- Wittenberg 65, Denison 61.
- Muskingum 59, Wooster 45.
- Wartburg 59, Buena Vista 54.
- Milikin 50, Illinois College 33.
- John Carroll 72, Fenn 31.
- St. Ambrose 50, Penn (Iowa) 48.
- Augustana 62, Morningside 51.
- Whitson 42, Lake Forest 31.
- York 68, Duane 51.
- William Jewell 63, Tarkio 24.
- Baker 50, Ottawa 40.
- Baldwin Wallace 32, Heidelberg 28.
- North Dakota State 38, North Dakota 30.
- Morehead Teachers 63, Lorax 35.
- Superior Teachers 55, River Falls Teachers 44.
- North Central Illinois 43, Illinois Wesleyan 25.
- Morningside 51, Omaha 41.
- Mankato Teachers 59, Winona Teachers 44.
- Kearney 64, Wayne 50.
- Southwest Missouri Teachers 37, Maryville Teachers 28.
- McPherson 47, Bethany 30.
- Akron 55, Wayne 49.
- Alma 68, Hillsdale 37.
- Central Missouri 32, Culver Stockton 28.

### Saturday's Games

- St. Louis 56, Whitewater 53.
- Fordham 35, Washburn 34.
- Bentley Teachers 41, Duluth Teachers 33.
- South Dakota State 57, South Dakota 43.
- Southwestern Teachers 66, St. Benedict 30.
- Oklahoma A and M 69, Drake 32.
- Arkansas 33, Texas Christian 23.
- Texas Wesleyan 42, Southwestern Texas 27.
- Corpus Christi Naval 70, Pensacola Naval 35.
- Howard Payne 42, Abilene Christian 40.
- Wyoming 47, Brigham Young 43.
- Western Washington 67, Pacific Lutheran 40.
- Montana State College 69, Montana State 59.
- Oregon 47, Washington State 46.
- Washington 57, Idaho 37.
- Colorado Mines 35, Colorado College 34.
- San Francisco 48, Santa Clara 31.
- Stanford 60, UCLA 41.
- Denver 66, Regis 33.
- Greely State 35, Colorado State 33.
- Pepperdine 44, San Diego State 38.
- California Tech 52, Redlands 44.
- College of Pacific 51, Chico State 47.
- Portland 33, Pacific 27.
- Oregon College of Ed. 51, Lewis and Clark 50.
- Gonzaga 101, Geiger Field 55.
- Princeton 41, Cornell 37.
- Manhattan 41, Brooklyn College 30.
- St. Johns 88, Fort Dix 45.
- Dartmouth 66, Pennsylvania 43.
- St. Josephs 77, Ursinus 35.
- Fordham 68, Army 42.
- Navy 48, VMI 37.
- St. Lawrence 46, Alfred 41.
- New Hampshire 43, Maine 36.
- Aberyst 57, Williams 49.
- Syracuse 77, Colgate 45.
- Geneva 70, Westminster 57.
- Ithaca 62, Moravian 57.
- Lehigh 49, Lafayette 47.
- Gettysburg 34, Bucknell 32.
- CCNY 58, St. Francis 46.
- Washington and Lee 46, Virginia 35.
- West Virginia 82, Pittsburgh 64.
- Tennessee 33, LSU 41.
- Kentucky 52, Mississippi State 43.
- Wisconsin 53, Purdue 45.
- Great Lakes 46, Minnesota 41.
- Notre Dame 45, Michigan State 42.
- Illinois 86, Northwestern 44.
- Marquette 38, Detroit 30.
- Missouri 42, Kansas State 34.
- Western Michigan 68, Ball State 47.
- St. Ambrose 57, Parsons 44.
- Nebraska 51, Iowa State 36.
- Washington 49, Camp Crowder 37.
- Michigan 67, Chicago 33.
- Toledo 57, Ohio 45.
- Iowa 43, Ohio State 41.
- Wooster 71, Oberlin 36.
- Rice 40, Texas Aggies 30.

## Shans Upset By Canadian In Wild Fight

### Winner Promised Shot at Jack for Lightweight Championship

NEW YORK, Feb. 28—Pvt. Johnny Greco, of the Canadian Army, 6-5 underdog, outpointed Cleo Shans in one of the wildest slugging matches seen in Madison Square Garden in many moons. Greco, weighing 135½ to Shans' 131½, showed decidedly superior stamina and striking power. The more experienced Shans gained glory in simply avoiding a knockdown from the Canadian's thundering punches.

As the tenth round ended amidst loud applause for the Montreal Italian, Promotor Mike Jacobs declared at the ringside, "I'll match Greco with Beau Jack for the lightweight title as soon as possible."

### Two Fouls

Sailing in and slugging from the first going, Greco forced the fight and made Shans fight all the way. Of the first five rounds, Shans did not win one. Nevertheless the ring moguls thought they had figured the fight correctly when Greco appeared to tire in the sixth and the seventh, losing both. The "experts" said Greco must win early by a kayo or lose the decision to the willier Negro who had conserved his energy until the closing sessions.

But Greco, who had won 18 of his previous 22 fights in the U.S. by knockouts, refused to follow the form chart. He came out fresh for the eighth and launched a vicious body assault that kept the Negro backing up through the fighting desperately. Greco had already won the round by a wide margin when Shans fouled him while being battered against the ropes.

Shans took a terrific beating in the ninth and bled profusely from the nose, but the referee gave him the round on Greco's low blow.

In the tenth Johnny again threatened a kayo with continuous smashes to the Negro's head. Shans' only resource was clinching. He enjoyed a slight advantage in the infighting, but Greco never let him stay inside very long.

The gate was \$29,000.

## Gundar Haegg Trains in Snow

### But Swedish Runner Has Few Rules for Training

NEW YORK, Feb. 28—Gundar Haegg, Sweden's 24-year-old phantom fireman who broke every world running record from the 1,500 to the 5,000 meters last Summer, has kept in shape this Winter by running through knee-deep snow.

His fondness for this kind of training began as a boy in the backwoods community of Albacken in Central Sweden. Gundar's father was a woodsman and his son tried to keep up with him—unsuccessfully at first because, says Gundar, "He could work twice as fast as any other man in the woods."

Summers Gundar continued running through the forests because he liked the springy turf and the forest paths. He started running competitively at 16 and has continued "just for the fun." He plans to run at least five more years, then settle down to steady fire fighting. That's no gag, since four-fifths of the Gavle dwellings are wooden.

### A Slow Heart

He works 48 hours a week at the fire house, training in the evenings and on his days off. His running style is probably more fluid than any American distance runner. He leans forward slightly from the waist and seems to glide effortlessly with no lost motion. A six-footer, weighing 150, he's also got plenty of sheer drive and sprint speed. He has reported to have run the practice half-mile in one minute and 51 seconds.

Unlike the ascetic Paavo Nurmi, most of whose records he has broken, Haegg is said not to give a hoot for training as such. He just lives a normal, clean, outdoor life and eats whatever he likes.

His running is the same way. Greg Rice sent to Sweden for Haegg's timing schedules in his record breaking race. Gundar was anxious to oblige, but simply did not have any. He always runs just to win and seldom plans his races, but fortunately the competition has been kept enough to push him to new records. It is most refreshing to find a runner who lives like a normal human being and does not go in for hokum. Even Glenn Cunningham, who wasn't a prima donna, is said to have disliked New York City because the sidewalks were so hard they hurt his ankles.

Haegg's only abnormality seems to be slow beating heart. Stockholm doctors examining him, trying to discover why he's such a great runner, found his heart-beat to be 48 to the minute. This parallels the slow heart beat of most outstanding American milers, but still does not explain why he is the best.

# Three Air Force Bouts Added to Tuesday's Card

## Scribe Predicts Boom in Boxing At War's End

Interest of Servicemen in Sport Will Lead to New Popularity

By Joe Williams

New York World-Telegram Sports Writer  
NEW YORK, Feb. 28—From overseas comes the first word heard from Fred Corcoran since the Boston Irishman abandoned golf and turned to the war effort.

(Ed. Note—Fred Corcoran, tournament manager for the PGA, now on leave of absence, is touring the Red Cross hostels here in the British Isles. On his tour he conducts a sports quiz, the winners of which are awarded cigarettes.)

Corcoran writes: "They're still playing golf at some clubs here, mostly charity matches. I've been invited to match Archie Compston and Henry Cotton. Incidentally, I was replacing some conversational divots with Cotton the other day; it came out that his favorite golfer is Ed Dudley. He says Dudley has the finest swing he ever saw."

"Boxing is still the favorite sport with the troops. Troop interest in boxing is likely to lead to a tremendous rebirth of boxing internationally after the war."

### Incubator of Boxing

We believe Corcoran's got something there. Returning observers all remark the popularity of the sport. The spirit of roughness and toughness seems reflected even in the off duty activities of the troops.

Boxing is particularly popular with Australian troops. Not many remember, but time was when Australia was known to ring historians as the "incubator of boxing." Aussie fist throwers were so good that anyone bearing the Australian trademark received an immediate hearing. Some years ago Australian boxing tidal wave was spent and, since the tragic death of the ill-starred Les Darcy, Australians seeking recognition have been members of the House of Liederkranz. Tom Heeney, the hard rock, is the most recent antipodean invader. True he got a crack at the championship held by Tunney, but he was little more than a rugged mediocrity.

It was a far cry from Heeney to the old school of the Australian heavyweights; fellows like Bob Fitzsimmons, Peter Jackson, Jim Hall and Paddy Slavin. Strictly, Fitz wasn't an Australian, nor was Jackson, but that's where he started. Fitz was good enough to win the world title. Jackson went 61 rounds with Corbett despite an injured hand.

### Darcy the Last

Darcy was the last genuinely great contribution from Australia and it's regretful that he never got a chance to show his stuff in the USA.

Well, the troops are roaring again and the troops have turned to boxing for spirited recreation, and who can tell? We may be looking at a parade of Darcys after the war.

We have a communication from Lt. Cmdr. John Bain Sutherland, familiarly known as Jock, or the good doctor. The communication concerns a subject close to the commander's heart—namely, college football.

It is the commander's thought that football should be continued, but the approach, especially from the standpoint of coaches, should be sharply altered.

The commander would eliminate the star system and minimize spectator appeal. He'd merge the personnel into one playing group and abandon the victory motive.

He writes, "Football has reached a crisis whereby it must be mobilized as a war-time game, played for the value to the participant. The coach will have a far more important assignment than winning. His duty will be military; preparing men physically and mentally for war service."

### Stress Body Contact

"Coaches must sacrifice the urge to win for the urge in the interest of producing physically and competitively fit. Lack of speed or weight shouldn't bench an aggressive youngster. A coach must forget the week-end game and remember that the boys are preparing for bigger and more vital games tomorrow."

"A coach should stress body contact. The spectator phase should be minimized. Physical hardening should be stressed in body blocks, rugged tackling, explosive line bucks—in short, commando football."

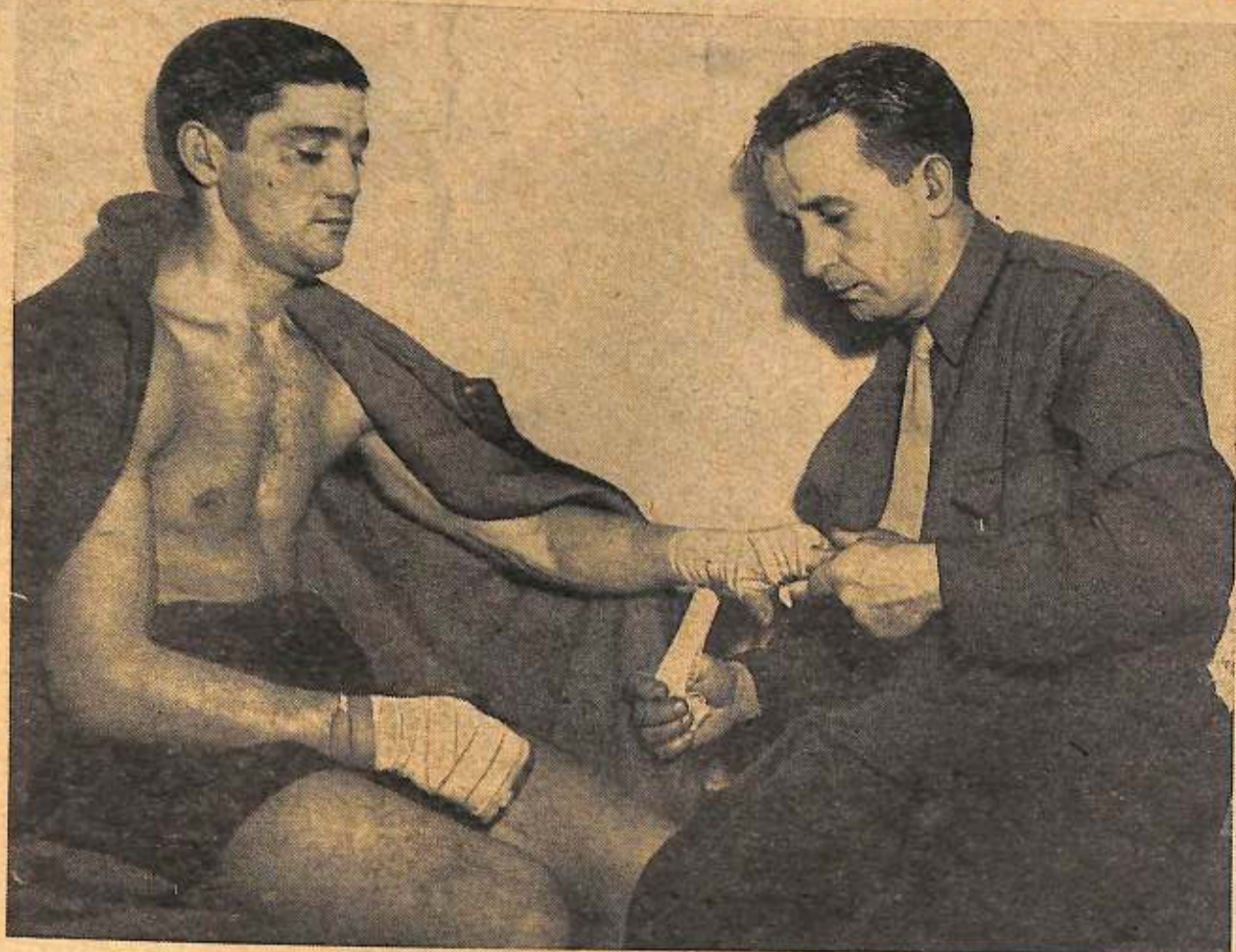
"It shouldn't be the first, second or third team. If there are 60 on a squad, all 60 should play in every game. Everyone should be regarded as equally important. The value of using full stamina in blocking can't be overstressed."

"Success demands full cooperation. The failure of one individual can thwart the success of any organized effort and this likewise is the fate of tasks assigned squads of soldiers."

"Football should and will give boys reasonably full apprehension of what to expect when they are converted from squads of footballers to squads of fighting men."

"The war-time football player will be participating in the game only as a stepping stone to an immediate hazardous future. Physical contact will teach him to be quicker moving and eager than the enemy."

## A Few Pointers Before the Fight From A Guy Who Knows



Pvt. Charlie Schnappauf, of Pittsburgh, listens while Pvt. Pat Gallagher, also of Pittsburgh, reminds him what to do and what not to do when he gets in the ring. Schnappauf drew with Pvt. Cpl. George Spontak, another Smoky City boy, for the — Division lightweight crown.

## Pittsburgh Gallagher Shares Soccer Team His Experience With GI Boxers

By Charles F. Kiley

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

—TH DIVISION BASE, Feb. 28—To a boxing enthusiast, Pittsburgh means something more than a city of smoke, of steel mills and the Golden Triangle. It has been, and still is, one of America's hot-beds of fistic activity; the home of pugilistic greats. Kids who peddled pop or sold programs at the ringsides grew up to become headliners in those same fight clubs.

Pittsburgh is proud of the boys it turned out, too; like Harry Greb, the five Zivic brothers and Billy Conn. Only recently two of its native sons wore the mantle of world champions at the same time—Fritzie Zivic and the will-o'-the-wisp that was Conn.

Pat Gallagher came out of Pittsburgh. But you don't know Pat. There isn't any reason why you should. Some of the fight bugs in Pittsburgh and Buffalo may recall him as a pretty fair featherweight in the late '20s who swapped leather with Johnny Dado, Ray Rafferty, Jackie Johnson, Jimmy Brown and Christie Hart—pretty fair scrappers in their day.

Gallagher is in the Army now; a corporal stationed at this post. He's 36, but looks years younger. While his picture will never adorn the lobby of Madison Square Garden, he's a pretty important guy down here.

### Met Chalky Wright

In the division-wide tournament just concluded, Pat was instructor, judge, referee, second and everything else you can think of. He likes the work because it gives him a chance to pass along the knowledge he acquired as a fighter, handler and manager before Uncle Sam pointed his lean finger at him; knowledge he gained from working with Johnny Ray, Conn's manager, and from watching the Pittsburgh Kid, the Zivic boys and other "Smoky City" products during their respective climbs up the fistic ladder.

Gallagher has a special interest in one of his boys here. If, and when, any AEF championships are handed out, he believes Pvt. Charlie Schnappauf, out of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., is going to have something to say about lightweight honors.

You probably aren't familiar with Schnappauf, either. Still, his last fight before the Army called him gave Charlie a win over Slugger White, one of the current crop of lightweight contenders, in Baltimore.

Pat Gallagher's boy has had his reverses. Chalky Wright stopped him in five rounds when The Chalk was moving through the 135-pound ranks like wildfire in this division's boxing tournament.

In this division's boxing tournament, Schnappauf was forced to share the lightweight honors with Cpl. Georgie Spontak, another Pittsburgh product. They fought a draw in the final.

## Soccer Team In Cup Match

### U.S. Army Squad Entered In Inter-Allied Competition

—TH DIVISION BASE, Feb. 28—Led by some of America's best and most experienced soccer players—professional, collegiate and scholastic—the U.S. Army is entering a team from here which will compete in the Inter-Allied Cup Competition on March 27.

The league competition gets under way on March 13 and the American aggregation will be pitted against the winners of the Polish Army Corps-British Army match, which is the highlight of the opening day's program.

Among the fast-stepping teams that the United States might face are the Belgian Army, Czechoslovak Independent Brigade, Forces Françaises Combattantes, Royal Netherland Brigade, Royal Air Force, Royal Norwegian Army, Canadian Army Overseas and the Police and Civil Defense Team.

Site for the American team's debut will not be decided upon until after the completion of the first round.

### 100 Candidates

The American squad is coached by Maj. Edmund G. Beacham, of Baltimore, former University of Maryland star and a veteran of the Greater Baltimore and Maryland Soccer League. Assistant Coach Lieutenant William Gniecko, of Denton, Md., formerly played with the Denton Club in the Eastern Shore League, Maryland and the Bronx Crotona Park Club, New York City.

Close to 100 candidates for the team are now squeezing in every available moment between military duties getting in shape for the opening contest. With the help of tough practice sessions and pre-league tilts with outstanding soccer teams in England, it is expected that they will shape together as a unit well schooled in team play.

Three veterans of the Elkton Club, winners of the Eastern Shore League Championship in the 1938-39 season, are striving for positions as regulars. They are S/Sgt. Paul C. Dennis, of Elkton, Md.; S/Sgt. Otis L. Ferguson, of Northeast, Md.; and Sgt. John W. Orrison, of Rockville, Md.

Non-playing manager of the team is Cpl. Walter Novack, of Walpole, Mass., former baseball player with the Shreveport Team of the Texas League.

## Hextall Sets Scoring Mark

NEW YORK, Feb. 28—Bryan Hextall is the first player in modern hockey to score 20 goals or over in each of five successive seasons. Hextall, New York Rangers' forward, contributed one goal to the Rangers' 7-4 conquest of the Chicago Black Hawks last week to boost his season's total to 20. He had scored 24 goals or better in his four previous seasons.

Hextall also has clinched the highest average per season of any scorer in the National Hockey League. For six full seasons he has averaged 21.8 per season, surpassing Nels Stewart's previous record of 21.5.

According to Ranger Coach Frank Boucher, "Hextall ranks with Bill Cook, Howie Morenz, Charley Conacher and Nels Stewart as one of the greatest shot makers the game has produced. Moreover, there is no better back checker. He is of greater value to a team than Syl Apps, who is primarily an offensive threat."

## Rickey Denies Camilli Has Signed as Manager

NEW YORK, Feb. 28—Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, returning from California, denied here that he had signed Dolph Camilli to manage the Brooks if and when Manager Leo Durocher is inducted.

The California papers had insisted that Rickey had used the managerial bait to persuade Camilli to leave his California ranch to play for the Dodgers in '43. Rickey said, "I'm still hopeful that Camilli will return with us next season, but after talking with him I am convinced he's sincere about staying at his ranch instead of playing baseball."

## Blondie

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



## by Chic Young

## Mickey Cianci In Semi-Finals; Missella Back

### LaBorde Seeking Third Straight, Yonkers His Second

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Three Eighth Air Force semi-final bouts, originally scheduled for last Saturday night, have been added to the seven regular bouts on tomorrow night's Stars and Stripes fights at the Rainbow Corner.

All six ringmen have appeared on previous Tuesday night cards. In a special exhibition bout a month ago, Cpl. Mickey Cianci, of Philadelphia, 145, showed himself to be one of the cleverest duke-handlers seen in the Corner ring. He fought for the Zuzu Club as an amateur and then went to Hollywood where he was physical instructor for Robert Taylor and Gary Cooper. Mickey will be representing Service Command tomorrow night.

The other Service Command entrant is Sgt. Laurence Eskelson, of Vassar, Mich., 146, who went to a draw a month ago at the Corner.

### Indiana Glove Champ

Fighter Command's three contestants are: Cpl. Glen Jones, Jonesboro, Ark., 142; Pfc Paul Buntin, of Bridgeport, Ind., 145, and Pfc Louis E. Sharp, Lewiston, Mon., 165.

The sixth man is Sgt. Charles Sanza, of Philadelphia, 166, an odd entrant from Bomber Command whose fight in the first semi-finals was called no contest because of a weight difference.

The three winners of these bouts will enter the Air Force finals to be held Saturday night in the same ring.

On the regular program of bouts, Pfc Eddie LaBorde will be back trying for his third straight in the bantamweight class. LaBorde weighs 114 and is from Gretna, La.

Most promising newcomer to The Stars and Stripes bouts last week was Pvt. James Yonkers, of Elkhart, Ind., 140. Yonkers is a bit more than a novice, having taken the Indiana Golden Glove title and moved up to the semi-finals in the Chicago Gloves. He won a second-round kayo in his initial appearance last Tuesday.

### McCormick Has Won Two

Among the three remaining scrappers who have been on these fights before are two who need little introduction to regular followers of this two-month-old series. Pvt. Frank Missella, of Cleveland, has been in there swinging four times and has been on top every time. He has one technical kayo and three decisions in the book.

Cpl. Glen McCormick, of Richmond, Mo., 160, has an almost equally good record. In three contests he has two wins and a draw, with one victory a second-round TKO.

Cpl. Frank Barbieri, of Philadelphia, 112, will be shooting for his first victory after a loss in his initial appearance three weeks ago.

Twice scheduled to appear but unable to make it on both occasions, Pvt. Johnny Gardea, of Los Angeles, 158, will be trying to make it for the third time. He is a professional with a record of nine victories in ten fights. He fought as an amateur for two years before turning pro.

Other new faces on the program are: Pvt. Syd Bailey, of Anaconda, Mon., 150, a Medic; Pfc William Ciffo, of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, 155, with 15 amateur fights behind him; Pvt. Thomas Ford, of Atlantic City, 150, another Medic; and Pvt. Frank Menard, of Cleveland, 150, an Artilleryman.

## Marriage, 37-1, Captures New Orleans Handicap

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 28—Marriage, 37-1 shot, outgamed the favorites and captured the \$25,000 mile and a sixteenth New Orleans Handicap here yesterday, the richest Winter season stake.

Valdina Farms' entries, Rounders and Valdina Orphan, showed well in the middle of the race, holding the lead entering the quarter-mile of the home stretch, but Valdina Orphan faltered first in the run to the wire.

Rounders finished stoutly, but Marriage flashed up from the outside from far back to win, going away by a length and a half. Rounders placed, while Moscow was second. Requested and Riverland, both highly regarded, finished way back, unable to stand the severe weight handicap. Each carried 124 pounds to Marriage's 115.

### Wings in First Place

DETROIT, Feb. 28—The Detroit Red Wings gained first place in the National Hockey League, beating the New York Rangers, 7-1, while the Boston Bruins were idle. Carl Liscomb and Harry Watson tallied twice.

### Black Hawks Gain Third Place

CHICAGO, Feb. 28—The Chicago Black Hawks gained third place in the National Hockey League by beating the Toronto Maple Leafs, 4-1. Max Bentley scored once, Doug Bentley assisted twice.

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**Rationing Afoot**

According to Newsweek, the war's best-kept rationing secret has now been told. Housewives for weeks had been eyeing their pantry shelves, puzzling out point-rationing facts and figures, when with startling suddenness Washington for the first time clamped rationing on an item of clothing. With all the surprise of a hot foot the nation learned that shoes were on the ration list.

This time there was no advance tip-off, no two or three weeks' grace in which to scamper to the store to stock up. The War Production Board had profited by the example of the Office of Price Administration's prematurely announced food-rationing program. Through Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes the WPB ordered shoe rationing at "roughly three pairs" per person for the year... and made the enforcement simultaneous with the announcement.

Behind the shoe-rationing move lay two facts: a critical shortage in sole-leather, brought on by heavy military and Lend-Lease demands, and a terrific shoe-buying splurge, brought on by the public suspicious of possible rationing.

**Dutch Fly Back**

Before the Dutch pilots now forming a squadron under General MacArthur were sent out on their first bombing mission against Japanese shipping, they were told to "show the Dutch flag" over the Dutch East Indies. They carried out this order with relish, flying so low, natives scurrying to shelter could see the red, white and blue flag under the wings. Now the people of the Dutch East Indies know Dutch fighting men are coming back and looking for trouble. Most of the pilots have a personal reason for wanting to fight the Japanese. Some of them still have their families in the Indies; many of them have also fought Tojo's men before, during the first tragic round in the Far East.

One of them is a captain who wears the Bronze Cross for his share in the Battle of the Macassar Straits, during which his squadron sank 27 ships. He also fought in Malaya, Borneo, Java and Sumatra.

Dutch pilots flying for MacArthur swear Japanese will learn the sword in the paw of the lion rampant (the Dutch insignia carried so proudly on their wings) stands for sharp action. Dutch airmen are out for revenge and they claim it will be sweet.

**The Last Word**

W. A. Sinclair, in his work "Last Word on Axis Propaganda," makes this statement: "But what a change in people's attitude to propaganda has taken place during these three years. It is now recognized that the Axis propagandists are liars. It is a commonplace throughout the English-speaking world that they are liars. I sometimes think that the Berlin and Rome and Tokyo radios might as well shut down for all the effect they now have on the English-speaking peoples."

This is certainly true; but what is most dangerous is the kind of Axis propaganda that doesn't look like Axis propaganda. This type still needs carefully watching.

Under this type comes "The Rumor," always based on some exaggerated truth, or on some half-truth. Those of us who spread such rumors can and often do say when questioned, "It's the truth... isn't it?" Such rumors are designed to be spread and defended in just such a manner. It is hoped that those who delight in spreading rumors will never again use such a line.

The other type of Axis propaganda that doesn't look like Axis propaganda has an older origin. It has the flinger-effect, and was started by the Nazis years ago, before they were publicly recognized as liars. Many of the prevalent ideas about America, Britain, India and Russia are based on evidence of old Nazi propaganda. Some people today still hold to these ideas and don't know they were made to think that way by designing Nazi experts years ago.

In the months to come it will be best for you to check "your knowledge of the world" against known facts as they exist today. It may surprise you to find out how many things you now know that are wrong.

**Hash Marks**

Boy, oh, boy, this really must have been a good scrap. A New York resident, suing his wife for creating a disturbance in his garage, told the judge, "I'll give \$1,000 to any charity if you can keep her away from me."

Under the U.S. government's austerity program civilian goods are to be greatly simplified, says a report from Washing-



ton. Says the report: "In the matter of clothing, there is expected to be considerable standardization of undergarments." Does that mean the dames will wear "long handles"?

To step up the efficiency of the many women working in their plant, officials of a tool and drill factory have installed a beauty salon. Called "the girls' morale builder," the salon is air-conditioned, sound-proof and filled with mirrors.

Thursday was a bad day for the Burny brothers of Chicago. First, detectives were called to investigate the theft of a safe from Burny Brothers, a baker's shop. They returned to headquarters and found that a safe had also been stolen from another bakery carrying the name of Burny. Returning from the scene of the second theft, they were told that a third safe had been stolen—you guessed it, from another firm of Burny Brothers.

Turn about's fair play. A woman instructor, teaching artificial respiration to a civilian defense class, collapsed from a heart attack while demonstrating how to revive a student. So the students turned around and worked on teacher until the doctor arrived.

We guess something like this was bound to happen sooner or later. A GI Joe, asked by an officer at reveille why he was clean shaven on one side of his face only, replied that the way the light was fixed, no matter which way he turned he could get only one cheek out of the darkness.

T/4 Massoth, serving with a unit overseas, is apparently one guy who is out to earn his pay in this man's army. Two



nights in a row now he has awakened his startled buddies by "counting cadence" in his sleep.

J. C. W.

**'The Flying Guns' of the Fleet**



The deck force of a U.S. carrier in the South Pacific refuel and service the planes of a carrier group such as the one led by the author of "Flying Guns."

**Dive-Bomber Pilot Tells of Air War Over Pacific**

"The Flying Guns," an American Navy pilot's first person story of the air war in the Pacific, is published in England by Charles Scribner's Sons, Ltd. The book is 196 pages and costs 10/6. It is reviewed here by *The Stars and Stripes* air analyst.

"The Flying Guns" is more than just a well-put together story of America's battle against Japan in the air above the Pacific. It is, in many respects, the highly readable equivalent to a text book. It is about dive-bombing, and comes along at a time when the merits of dive-bombing are being debated throughout the United Nations.

It is the story, from just before Pearl Harbor through the Battle of Midway and the smashing of the Jap fleet, of Lt. C. E. Dickinson, dive-bomber pilot flying from a carrier in the Pacific. His story is told in collaboration with Boyden Sparkes, veteran reporter, who is Dickinson's uncle.

Dickinson's observations come from the cockpit of his two-place Douglas-SBD (Scout Bomber, Douglas)—flying from an unidentified carrier.

"The Flying Guns" takes you through the battles that marked America's fight to recover from the low blow at Pearl Harbor. It takes you in a cockpit diving down toward the deck of a Jap carrier at Midway, or again toward a converted Jap merchantman; down toward a big raiding sub of the Rising Sun with tracer and heavy ack-ack streaking past you; down from cloudy skies against the Jap air bases in the coral islands of the southwest Pacific.

"The Flying Guns" is no misnomer; aircraft have so affected sea warfare as to provide just that—flying guns—for the warships, in that they can take an explosive charge, 50 or 100 or 200 miles or more from a carrier deck and deposit it accurately where it will do least good for the enemy.

Dickinson, who is the only living man

to have won the Navy Cross with three stars, makes out a terrific case for the dive-bomber without getting embroiled in any of the semi-politicking which has been going on across the world over the use of this particular air weapon. For instance, he tells of diving on a surfaced Jap sub:

"Those two deck guns, one forward, one aft, were big enough to sink anything but a battleship. But they were firing a couple of machine-guns, too. These were mounted on the platform of the oval, tanklike conning tower. For the second time in three days I could see the head-on, deadly wink of machine-guns, but the flashes from the muzzles of those two anti-aircraft guns were yellow as lemon cream. Nevertheless, the black explosions that occasionally washed a slight tremor into the plane quite definitely were not lemon pies."

Dickinson got the sub with a 500-pounder.

**Me109s on Jap Carriers**

Dickinson makes several observations about aerial warfare in the West which bring to light items not generally known.

It will come as a surprise to many, for instance, that German Messerschmitt 109Fs are fighting from the decks of Japanese aircraft carriers. The Me 109 is a low-winged, slim-fuselage Nazi fighter, and the "F" model is obsolescent. Dickinson gives you an idea of the comparative capabilities of Axis planes with the observation that he "would almost rather be tackled by two Zeros" than one Me 109F.

Another point that Dickinson rams home is that naval and air observation has shown without a doubt that the Japs have built long and well to prepare island bases in the Pacific.

The Battle of Midway, which smashed what apparently was a Japanese invasion attempt at Hawaii easily could have had other results, you gather from Dickinson's story of how near the Nipponese task force came to evading the planes of the U.S. carriers. The same pages also tell, simply and yet with a detail that pulls you right down in the bombing dive with the pilot and his gunner, just what dive bombing is like.

The description of a dive-bombing attack is technical, but it's worth reading even for men who will fight on land.

Dickinson's squadron flew in six wedge-shaped sections, inverted V's, three planes in a section, two sections in a division. They maneuver in step-down formation, both as to sections and divisions, all closed up tight.

**A Stairway of Guns**

"Our 18 gunners," Dickinson says, describing their approach in formation to the Battle of Midway, "as they sat in their cockpits, facing to the rear, were spaced as men would be sitting on a flight of steps. Any enemy fighter making runs down on us from the rear would thus confront the muzzles of six .30 caliber machine-guns. That step-down formation has a further purpose concealed in its design. Starting with the highest step, as each man peels off in a dive-bombing attack he does not impede the forward flight of the others. Thus when the last man in the squadron begins his dive all have been spaced over a line perhaps 1,500 feet long... We would arrive, not together in confusion, but in a nicely-timed succession at a point (where the bombs are to be dropped) possibly 1,500 feet above the deck of the target."

Dickinson tells of picking up, in the far haze, the tell-tale white threads which were the wakes of the Japanese striking force. His story of Midway, which rolled back the yellow tide, goes on from there.

"I could see a huge fleet, so many ships I knew it was their main body... we were making for the enemy fleet 'downhill,' the pull of gravity adding to the power of our engines. (This to put them on a speed parity with enemy fighter opposition.) I had an intoxicating view of the whole Japanese fleet... the culmination of our hopes and dreams."

There were four carriers in the force, the pilot explains, and the American airmen knew that if they were to strike those carriers so hard they could not recover not only would the Jap thrust be blunted and stopped and turned back, but the course of sea warfare in the Pacific might well go hard with the Rising Sun.

"The fleet was passing under us now;

we were almost at the middle of its position. Certain characteristics of her silhouette made me feel sure that the most distant, the fourth carrier... was the Hiryu. We were at an altitude of between 15,000 and 16,000 feet... I had supposed the Jap fighters would be coming up at us from all angles. I did not understand why they were not, because those bright yellow decks below were absolutely unblemished. Then I saw some of their fighters milling about, close to the water.

**No Attempt to Dodge**

"They were finishing a job. It seems that our torpedo squadrons, one from each of the American carriers, had made an attack at noon. In considerably less than the 25 minutes that elapsed before we made our attack they had been destroyed except for a few who got back to the fleet. Undoubtedly the Jap fighters I saw flying close to the water had just finished the destruction of those squadrons... this must be the reason our bombing squadrons were able to come in unopposed.

"I kicked my rudders back and forth to cause a ducklike twitching of my tail. This was the signal for my division to attack. In my turn, I pulled up my nose and in a stalled position opened my flaps. We always do this, throw the plane up and to the side on which we are going to dive, put out the flaps as brakes and then peel off.

"By the grace of God, as I put my nose down I picked up our carrier target below in front of me. I was making the best dive I ever made. The people who came back said it was the best dive they ever made.

"The carrier was racing along at 30 knots, right into the wind. She made no attempt to change course. I was coming at her a little bit astern, on the left-hand side. By the time I was at 12,000 feet I could see all the planes ahead of me in a dive...

"The target was utterly satisfying. The squadron's dive was perfect... I had picked as my point of aim the big red disk with its band of white up on the bow. Near the dropping point I began to watch through my sight.

"The only bombsight we use in a dive-bomber is an optical tube about two feet long mounted so that the axis coincides more or less with the axis of the plane. Coming in we get what we call a position angle. The whole of the dive is really an aiming period, but you do not put your eye to the sight until near the end of the dive; that is when you make minute corrections in the course of your plane, striving to keep the pipper in the middle of the optical sight just short of the target until the instant you are going to drop.

**Attack on Carrier**

"Then, allowing for the wind, you get the pipper right on the target. You are pointing the plane. As I was almost at the dropping point I saw the bomb hit just behind where I was aiming, that white circle with its blood-red center. I found out later the bomb was one dropped by Ensign Stone. I saw the deck rippling, and curling back in all directions exposing a great section of the hangar below. That bomb had a fuse set to make it explode about four feet below the deck. I knew the last plane had taken off or landed on that carrier for a long time to come.

"I dropped a few seconds after the previous bomb explosion. After the drop you must wait a fraction of a second before pulling out of the dive to make sure you do not 'throw' the bomb, spoil your aim as certainly as when you jerk, instead of squeeze, the trigger of a rifle.

"I had determined during that dive that since I was dropping on a Japanese carrier I was going to see my bombs hit. After dropping I kicked my rudder to get my tail out of the way and put my plane in a stall. So I was simply standing there to watch it. I saw the 500-pound bomb hit right abreast of the island (superstructure). The two 100-pound bombs struck in the forward area of the parked planes on that yellow flight deck. Then I began thinking it was time to get myself away from there...

Dickinson got away to bomb another day, and with his mates left behind the smashed remnants of the Jap fleet and an impression comforting to anyone in this theater that the war in the Pacific is in good hands.

**PRIVATE BREGER**

**BY LT. BREGER**



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Dave Breger Britain

"He insists on camouflaging where his bunk is!"

NEWS FROM HOME

U.S. Will Need World Bases, Col. Knox Says

Secretary of Navy Urges Talks With Other Nations Now

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, said today he thought the United States ought to undertake discussions with other Powers now for the creation of permanent military bases over the world, needed for the United States' protection.

One base already established, but so far with a view only to its use in this war, was on the island of Upolu in the Samoan group in the South Pacific.

Col. Knox said the island was under the New Zealand mandate and was one of those which had been under discussion as a possible permanent base for American forces. All the troops on it are American.

Col. Knox declared: "I don't think we ought to be grabbing territory—all we are interested in is having military bases in which we have final and complete control in the military sense."

The Major Pecked, And Saw . . .

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 28—Testifying at the trial of authoress Ursula Parrott, charged with aiding Pvt. Michael N. Bryan to desert, Maj. Walter S. Danuser told a jury here that the two "appeared to be making love" in the seat of her car just before she whisked him away from a stockade here.

Defense Attorney Bart A. Riley informed the all-male jury that Bryan has already been sentenced to a year for "breaking confinement." Therefore, he argued, Ursula could only be properly charged with aiding him to break confinement, not to desert. He asked dismissal of the charges on those grounds.

Chinese Want Farm Jobs

ALBANY, N.Y., Feb. 28—Representatives of more than 3,000 Chinese in the State have advised Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, that they are ready to work full time on New York State farms to help relieve the farm labor shortage.

Union Buys Bomber

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Feb. 28—The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America have presented Brooklyn Borough President John Cashmore with a check for \$350,000 to replace the bombing plane in which Capt. Colin P. Kelly Jr. lost his life after sinking the Japanese

Coast Guard Leases 'Heaven' for \$1 a Year

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Feb. 28—U.S. Coast Guardsmen will soon be using a Father Divine "Heaven," on an island near here, as a training station, barrack and sick bay.

Eighty-seven of the Harlem Messiah's Angels signed the lease by which the Coast Guard will take possession of the Brigantine Hotel. The rent—to Uncle Sam—is \$1 per year.

New Battleship 4 Ships in One

Has Four Sets of Engines, Each a Complete Unit, In Scattered Places

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP)—The United States now has a battleship which is really four ships in one. The vessel has four independent sets of engines and boilers, and can be steered from any one of four places. Each of its engine-rooms is in a separate cross-section of the ship, so that if any one is hit the others can continue to operate.

This great 41,000-ton vessel—its name is still secret—produces sufficient electric power to supply the domestic needs of a city of 10,000. If the main generators break down nine auxiliary Diesel generators can provide current.

Telephones at battle stations are not dependent on the electrical system. They are "sound-powered," the voice working a diaphragm that creates its own current.

WPB Trims Match Length

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—The War Production Board ordered match manufacturers today to decrease the length of their product one-sixteenth of an inch. The change, it was estimated, will save about 7,000,000 board feet of lumber in 1943.



Steak, Six Eggs, Soup, Java Compressed to Fit GI Pocket

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—It's hardly a dish that would make your mouth water, but it's a fact that a good-sized beefsteak, a half-dozen eggs, a mess of carrots, a bowl of soup and a pot of coffee can be compressed to fit into a soldier's hip pocket.

The Army Quartermaster Corps demonstrated this here in showing strides made in dehydrating and compressing foods for the Army. Full glasses of milk can be served in tiny lemon-flavored candies, and a powdery substance to which water is added gives real butter which doesn't melt or turn rancid even in the tropics.

Members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee meanwhile predicted that compressed foods—the "next step after dehydration"—soon would replace dehydrated items in lend-lease shipments. As a result, vest-pocket omelettes and aspirin-sized hamburgers may be among the contributions of this war to civilization.

The committee learned about the midget meals from Lend-Lease Administrator

Edward R. Stettinius Jr. He showed them a dozen eggs, dehydrated, in a box the size of two packs of cigarettes. Then he exhibited four dehydrated eggs compressed into a block smaller than a box of safety matches.

"Makes a meal for four," he said. He displayed a tiny jar of granulated beef which he said equalled eight pounds of fresh meat and "makes a fine hamburger."

Re. Karl Mundt (Rep., S.D.) showed the committee three tiny cubes, each about an inch and a half square and half an inch thick. One cube, he said, represented a pound each of cranberries, carrots and onions. Mundt said compression was more desirable than dehydration, because dehydrated foods have a tendency to crumble into powder.

War Insurance Mounts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28—Frank J. Hines, head of the Veterans Administration, reported that servicemen have already taken out forty-five billion dollars worth of National Life Insurance.



"Look, sergeant! Emery found one too!"

TERRY & THE PIRATES



JOE PABLOKA



### New York Pays Tribute to French Navy



Keystone Photos

Officers and men of the 35,000-ton French battleship Richelieu and cruiser Montcalm (above) march up Broadway as New York paid official tribute to the French navy last week by proclaiming "Freedom for France Day." The Richelieu (right), Queen of the French fleet, is pushed by East river tugs beneath Brooklyn bridge after dodging a pack of U-boats and riding out a tough gale for three weeks during the trip from Dakar. The Richelieu, slightly crippled (note gun missing from one turret), will undergo minor repairs before joining the Allies in their battle against the Axis.



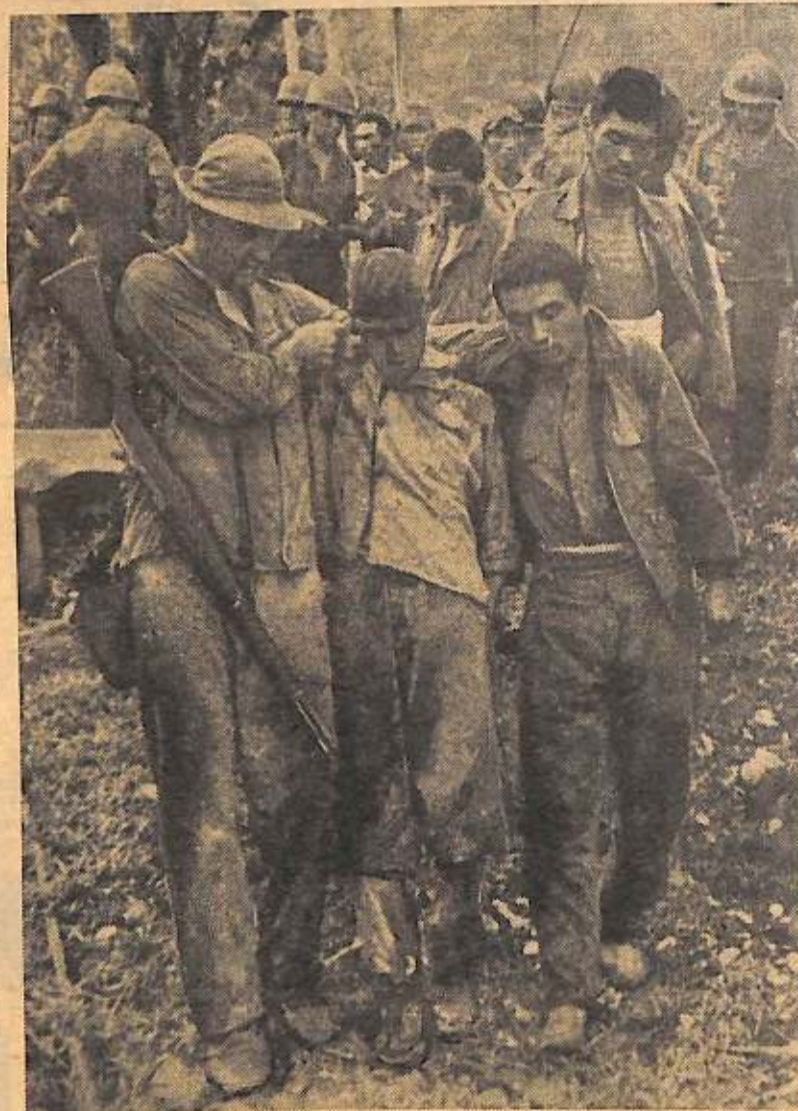
### Oranges Are Plentiful in North Africa, Boys!



Associated Press Photo

The orange business in North Africa soars to record marks as American WAACs and soldiers eagerly wait their turn to make their daily purchases at an Algerian open-air fruit market.

### Both Hands Full



Keystone Photo

With a Jap in each hand, a burly U.S. soldier on Guadalcanal herds these hungry and tattered prisoners away to a prison camp shortly after the Japanese surrender near Kokumbuna, last month.

### Former Star Swimmer Seeks Film Stardom



This coy-looking creature isn't waiting for a bus, she's just waiting for a chance to star in a Hollywood film. She's Esther Williams, who is quite at home in that bathing suit, as she formerly was a top-ranking swimmer in the U.S.

### 'Ike' as a Full General



Associated Press Photo

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, 52-year-old Kansan, commanding the Allied Africa forces, as he wears his four stars of a full general. Gen. "Ike" (he held the rank of lieutenant colonel in March, 1941), Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. Chief of Staff, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Allied Pacific chief, are the only generals on active duty that hold the four-star rank.