

## Airmen Tell Story of 13 Days Adrift

### Survivors of Torpedoed Rescued After Search By RAF, Navy

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A PORT IN BRITAIN, Dec. 20—Torpedoed American servicemen who drifted for days in the wintry North Atlantic until a 55,000-mile search by planes of the RAF brought their rescue told their stories here today.

Among the 73 survivors of the vessel, torpedoed in the Atlantic Nov. 21, were seven sergeant pilots on their way to operations with the Eighth Air Force, and other American soldiers. The stories of the torpedoing and subsequent search described one of the most dramatic and efficiently conducted rescues of the entire war.

The rescued pilots told how, as they sailed along in lifeboats after the torpedoing, RAF planes flew within sight several times, but for days failed to spot them. Once a searching aircraft flew directly over their boat, but missed them in a heavy rain.

### One Boat Lost 13 Days

Four lifeboats containing survivors were found by the RAF, and these were watched and aided by the planes until 13 days later, the last boat was picked up by a Royal Navy destroyer. The commanding officer of the group of pilots, 2nd Lt. Melvin G. Lindsay, Phoenix, Ariz., was in the last boat, and accompanied his men who reported for duty today.

The airmen had suffered few ill effects. They had plenty to eat, sufficient water, and RAF planes even dropped cigarettes from the air.

The search and rescue were so efficiently conducted that every survivor of the vessel reported to be in good health. The fliers, who were picked up at sea as a climax to the tense fortnight search, were:

Sid E. Petty, Ozona, Tex.; Martin D. Fain, Chicago, Ill.; James Patterson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Horace Holik, San Antonio, Tex.; George Meyer, New York City; Fred C. Ogier, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Robert E. S. Levine, Los Angeles, Cal.

### Recovering in Port

Three other members of the party, which sailed from the U.S., bound for action in the air over Europe and Africa: Sgt. Pilots George E. Myers, Centralia, Ill.; Jack H. McFarland, San Antonio, Tex.; and 2nd Lt. Terrell E. Yon, Tallahassee, Fla., also were rescued and are recovering at an English port. These men were the first to be located by the rescue ships.

Another American officer, 2nd Lt. Joseph H. Clark, Algonac, Mich., of an Engineering unit, was in the same boat as Lt. Lindsay, and is recuperating in an Army hospital here.

Ranging from 21 to 24 years of age, these new pilots, fresh from a training school in Florida, chatted and joked about their harrowing experience, but at the same time paid high tribute to the ill-fated ship's crew members and to the fliers and sailors whose brilliant sleuthing over thousands of square miles of water hastened their rescue.

The boys gave special praise to the 61 members of the crew for their skill in handling the small boats and for navigating so well with only a compass and the

## Finds He's Been 'Dead' 25 Years

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Dec. 20 (AP)—Col. Harold B. Willis, Weston, Mass., survivor of the famed Lafayette Escadrille in the last war, visited the French Foreign Legion Headquarters yesterday and learned he was listed as dead in the Legion's Golden Book. His name was inscribed at Sidi Belabbes as having died for France in aerial combat Aug. 18, 1917.

Col. Willis was a sergeant pilot in the Escadrille, and on that day he was shot down behind the German lines. For two months he was officially listed as dead. He finally escaped from a German prison camp, swam the Rhine to Switzerland, and returned to the front.

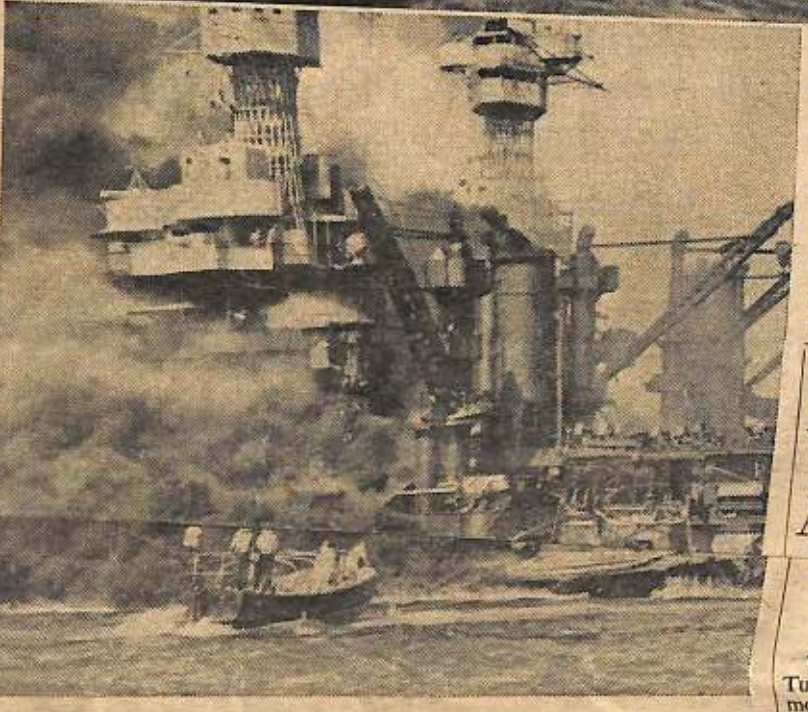
When a colonel commanding the Legion headquarters asked him if he would like his name removed, Col. Willis said: "No, it is my only claim to fame, and I may soon be entitled to be on the list."

Col. Willis is now air liaison officer to the Allied General Staff.

## Deed That Sent America Into War



Associated Press Photos



These pictures, just released by the Navy Department, show how the Japs struck at U.S. naval power at Pearl Harbor that first December Sunday in 1941. In photo above an explosion sends a cloud of smoke and flame high above a naval air station. At left, the 31,800-ton battleship West Virginia burns as a boat comes alongside rescuing seamen. (Other photos, page 8.)

## Fortress Airmen Win DFCs; Transport Pilots Decorated

### 84 Medals Are Conferred 8th Air Force Announces On Flyers In North Africa

ALLIED H.Q., North Africa, Dec. 20 (AP)—Three Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Silver Stars and 79 other awards have been conferred on 12th Air Force members for outstanding work in the North African campaign. Commanders and enlisted men received the awards, which were conferred by Gen. Doolittle on behalf of Gen. Eisenhower.

DFCs were awarded to Col. Paul L. Williams, Los Angeles, Cal.; Col. John R. Hawkins, San Antonio, Tex.; and Capt. Robert M. Ritchie, Morrison, Ill.

Col. Williams was cited for "organization of a troop-carrying command, and more particularly for organization and leading of an extremely dangerous mission to drop paratroops over an extreme forward area Nov. 29, and successful completion of this mission."

Col. Hawkins' DFC citation was "for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, and exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility as commanding officer of a fighter group upon its arrival at an airport near Oran Nov. 8. Col. Hawkins displayed expert professional knowledge, sound judgment and unusual energy."

DFC for Aerial Photos  
Capt. Ritchie received the DFC "for extraordinary achievement as pilot of a photographic reconnaissance plane on a mission over Bizerta, Tunis, Dec. 7, when, to get urgently needed photographs he spiraled down through heavy cloud, braving heavy ground fire, and returned home despite the attack of a Messerschmitt which disabled the starboard engine."

The Air Medal with oak leaf cluster was awarded to 2nd Lt. Carl W. Payne, Columbus, O.; 1st Lt. Charles C. Kenworthy Jr., Shenandoah, Ia.; and Maj. Harrison R. Tlyng, Pittsfield, N.H., for courage and ability in operations near Oran Nov. 8.

Silver Stars were given Col. Lauris (Continued on page 2)

Four Eighth Air Force flyers, one of whom died from wounds in action, have been awarded Distinguished Flying Crosses for heroism. Forty awards of the Air Medal and 11 of the Oak Leaf Cluster also were announced by Headquarters, Eighth Air Force.

Those to receive the Flying Cross were: 2nd Lt. Louis B. Brigalia, San Francisco, Cal.; Capt. Robert C. Williams, Flint, Mich.; 2nd Lt. Emmette W. Ford, Siloam Springs, Ark.; and 2nd Lt. Warren George Jr., Palestine, Tex.

The award to Lt. Brigalia was posthumous. He was mortally wounded by enemy anti-aircraft fire shortly after bombing his target; nevertheless he stayed at his guns, and later crawled back to try to close bomb bay doors by hand after the electric mechanism failed.

Flew Safely Back  
Capt. Williams' ship was attacked and set on fire, several members of the crew wounded. His DFC was for courage and skill in maneuvering the plane and landing it safely at a friendly base.

Lt. Ford, bombardier on a Fortress, was cited for bravery in extinguishing a fire which broke out in his Fortress during a raid. He burned his hands severely. Lt. George was co-pilot of a Fortress which was hit nine times by explosive cannon shells during a raid.

"Displaying great courage," the citation read, "he rendered invaluable aid to the pilot in returning the damaged airplane to a friendly base."

S/Sgt. Joe Bowles, Roanoke, Va., and S/Sgt. Reginald G. Harris, Houston, Tex., receive both the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster for "exceptionally meritorious achievement" while serving as gunners on the Fortress of 1st Lt. William J. Casey, Red Bank, N.J., which got seven enemy aircraft in 12 minutes. Two other gunners of the Casey plane, S/Sgt. Wilson C. Elliot, Knoxville, Tenn., and S/Sgt. (Continued on page 2)

## U.S. Halftracks Weather Fire At Africa Front

### On Tunisian Hillsides, Men Describe Fight

WITH U.S. ARMORED FORCE, Tunisia, Dec. 20 (UP)—Halftrack armored cars rumbling around the Tunisian hillsides in counter-attacks, tactically rare for this type vehicle, drove right into the midst of at least 50 German infantrymen.

From every side machine-gun bullets whined from less than 30-yard range. The men drove behind rocks for shelter while others leaped rashly into the open with rifles and tommy-guns. A few minutes later the American unit held the position. All the Germans were dead or in flight.

Brief bitter clashes of this type are commonplace in the African armored warfare where the front line is an ever-changing series of patrol probes at enemy positions.

### Among Busiest Units

The armored unit engaged in this incident was one of the busiest American groups on the entire front during the days when American armored units held defensive positions northeast of Medjez el Bab covering the Allied withdrawal. During several days of close-range fighting, its men believe they killed at least 1,500 German infantrymen. Thirty-six of their own original 49 men are ready this moment for more action.

The unit was led by quiet, soft-spoken (Continued on page 2)

## Giraud Rescued By Clark's Sub

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Dec. 20 (AP)—Gen. Henri Giraud narrowly escaped death in a daring escape from France by submarine and plane and joined Gen. Eisenhower only a few hours before the Allied landings in North Africa on Nov. 8.

The submarine was the same which landed Maj. Gen. Mark W. Clark at West Algiers for a secret parley prior to the Allied landings.

The feat was disclosed with Gen. Eisenhower's commendation of Capt. J. Wright, Washington, a U.S. Navy officer, who took charge of the operation, using a British submarine. The submarine entered a land-locked French harbor submerged, and surfaced 1,000 yards off the shore.

Gen. Giraud came off in a rowing boat in a rough sea and fell between it and the submarine when attempting to transfer, but was saved when seized by the coat collar and dragged aboard the undersea craft. Later he was transferred to a seaplane.

## Big Battle Is Imminent In Tunisia

### Rain Lets Up, Both Sides Rush Reinforcements; 8th Army Speeds On

The main battle for Tunisia appeared to be imminent last night as the weather cleared and both sides continued to rush heavy reinforcements to the front.

To the east the British Eighth Army continued to pursue Rommel's Afrika Korps at record speed westward across the desert and, according to Algiers radio, had reached a point only eight miles east of Sirte, half way up the coast between El Agheila and Tripoli.

The African situation was assuming more and more the character of a single front, Rome radio admitted, in commenting upon Rommel's withdrawal toward Tunisia. This was regarded as a tacit admission that the Eighth Army was giving the badly battered Axis forces no rest as they shortened the gap between the Allied armies in Libya and Tunisia.

In Tunisia increased patrol activity was reported, apparently the prelude to attacks on a bigger scale than have been seen recently, but there was no official word from Allied Headquarters beyond the Saturday communique, which told of aerial successes, including bombing attacks on Bizerta harbor, Sousse and Mateur.

### New Zealanders Sprung Trap

The brilliant flanking movement which originally promised so much when Rommel's rearguard was cut off in the battle of Matratin was carried out by a New Zealand division, it was learned in Cairo.

As the New Zealanders and a force of all arms swept around the enemy's rear the British main force with armor closed in from the other side, placing the panzer division in imminent danger of capture or serious mauling. The enemy showed his ability to react quickly under changing

The enemy's losses, despite the apparent escape, were higher than was at first supposed. More than 20 tanks were destroyed.

Included in the loot were 30 captured guns and 500 prisoners. Allied losses throughout the entire engagement were relatively light. Advanced Allied units continued to harass tail units of the retreating Germans.

### Air Action Quickens

Evidence that air activity had quickened was seen yesterday in large-scale attacks by Allied fighter-bombers, which were attacking the enemy as far west as Beurat, strafing vehicle and transport columns. The attacking force met only half-hearted resistance from enemy fighters.

Numerous hits were scored on A.A. positions and machine-gun personnel. Tunis and La Goulette were again heavily assaulted and the railway marshaling yards were treated to a violent mauling (Continued on page 2)

## Forts, Libs Hit Nazi Airdrome

Heavy American bombers—Flying Fortresses and Liberators—smashed at an enemy air park and airdrome outside Paris yesterday afternoon and clashing over Europe with strong Nazi fighter forces. The target was at Romilly-sur-Seine, 75 miles southeast of Paris.

The bombers were escorted by Allied fighter planes, while other hundreds of RAF, USAAF, Dominion and Allied fighters made diversionary sweeps against the French coast and nearby points.

Preliminary intelligence reports from the American bomber crews told of bitter opposition from enemy fighters, and of six U.S. bombers shot down, the largest number yet lost on the daylight smashes against enemy-held Europe.

A joint announcement from ETOUSA and the British Air Ministry said the "bombers were attacked by formations of enemy fighters, many of which were destroyed, but the exact number cannot be given until full reports are available."

The communique reported that "the weather was excellent and good results were seen."

The number of bombers which the communique lists as missing may be indicative of the size of the raid. Rarely are more than two or three Fortresses or Liberators shot down during one Allied raid; frequently none.

Losses on this raid are believed to be the highest number ever reported in a single action by U.S. planes over Europe.



# Reds Sweep On At Blitz' Pace Despite Snows

## Tempo of Don Front Drive In Winter Equal to Nazis' in Summer

MOSCOW, Dec. 20 (AP)—The Russian Army, under Lt. Gen. F. I. Golikov, sweeping westward and southwestward across the snowy middle Don front, today neared Millerovo, a highly important center of the Donetz district on the Moscow-Rostov railway.

The offensive is moving at a tempo comparable with the German advance in this region last July. The Nazis, however, operated not in snowstorms but bright, hot weather. The offensive threatened to capture the entire railway line from Voronezh, 236 miles by rail south of Millerovo.

In four days of intense fighting in this sector the Soviet troops advanced about 50 miles, overcoming all enemy resistance and occupying more than 200 inhabited localities. Heavy losses were inflicted on four German infantry divisions and one tank division, and the Germans lost more than 30,000 in killed and prisoners in the four days' fighting.

Engagements to the northwest of Stalingrad cost the Germans heavily in men and materials without gain to the enemy, while southwest of the Volga city the Germans pressed back the Soviet detachments to some extent but only to be caught by a flank attack in which they were thrown back and lost heavily in men and equipment.

On the central front the Russians consolidated their positions and made a number of successful offensive operations. "The Germans have lost the initiative, which has passed to us," the Soviet Army newspaper, Red Star, declared. "The Germans are not on the offensive on any sector of the front. They are either on the defensive or are retreating."

## Four DFCs - -

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Allan F. Meaux, Madison, Wis., will receive the Air Medal.

2nd Lt. Gene F. Davis, Menard, Tex., received the Air Medal posthumously. He was mortally wounded during a fight in which he destroyed an FW190.

Others named for the Air Medal:

Col. Stanley T. Wray, Muncie, Ind.; Maj. James W. Wilson, Bowling Green, Ohio; Maj. William A. Lanford, Woodlake, Cal.; Maj. Victor S. Zienowicz, Mary-Esther, Fla.; Capt. Kenneth K. "Bert" Brims, Brownfield, Tex.; 1st Lt. Stanley M. M. Anderson, Indianapolis, Ind.; 1st Lt. Gene B. Fetrow, Upton, Cal.; 1st Lt. Olan L. Hubbard, Dallas, Tex.; 2nd Lt. Frank G. Smolinsky, New York City; 2nd Lt. Charles J. Barr, Hopkinsville, Ky.; 2nd Lt. Leumuel B. Smith, Powderly Station, Birmingham, Ala.

T/Sgt. Alvy G. Masters, Medicine Lake, Mont.; T/Sgt. Clarence V. King, Island Falls, Mr.; T/Sgt. Robert G. Mumaw, Indianapolis, Ind.; S/Sgt. William E. Williams, Jasper, Fla.; S/Sgt. Leon L. Bagwell, Maverick, Tex.; S/Sgt. Clark A. Ehrhardt, Beecher, Ill.; S/Sgt. Douglas H. Smith, Mandan, N.D.; S/Sgt. Joseph R. Alvey, New Haven, Ky.; S/Sgt. William C. Graddy, Huntingdon, West Va.; S/Sgt. Braden C. Griffin, Kennersell, Pa.; S/Sgt. Thomas J. Hansbury, Philadelphia, Pa.; S/Sgt. Glen E. Justice, Decota, West Va.; S/Sgt. Anthony C. McCauley, Pittsburgh, Pa.; S/Sgt. Paul B. Slankard, Tampa, Fla.; S/Sgt. Rudolph Turansky, New York City; Sgt. John D. Sullivan, Minneapolis, Minn.; Sgt. Wilbur H. Elliott, McCordsville, Ind.; Sgt. William E. Howard, New Boston, Mich.; Sgt. Vincent O. McMahon, Providence, R.I.; Sgt. Parley D. Small, Packwood, Iowa; Sgt. Harold F. Lightbown, Winthrop, Mass.

Those to receive the Oak Leaf Cluster include:

1st Lt. Carl E. Schultz, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Sgt. Kent R. West, West Blocton, Ala.; Sgt. Richard A. Williams, Unadilla Forks, N.Y.; Sgt. James R. Boyd, San Antonio, Tex.; Sgt. Edward J. Czekanski, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Sgt. Richard S. Sedore, Detroit, Mich.; Sgt. Chester C. Love, Savannah, Ga.; Sgt. William T. Lynch, Gray Court, Route 3, Greenwood, S.C.; Sgt. Francisco Rebello, Tiverton, R.I.

## Rear Adm. Kirk Reviews Royal Marines Graduates

CHATHAM, Dec. 20—Rear Adm. Alan G. Kirk, the U.S. Navy's European Chief of Staff and Naval Attache, officiated at a traditional Royal Marine ceremony here Saturday when he presented the King's Badge to the outstanding trainee of the 407th King's Squad.

At the invitation of Brig. A. M. Craig, commandant, Adm. Kirk, Col. William T. Clement, USMC, and Lt. Weldon B. James, USMCR, reviewed the squad at the conclusion of a period of training.

## And From Gladwater, Too!

GLADWATER, Tex., Dec. 20—"Don't buy whiskey, buy war bonds. But if you have to buy whiskey, buy it from us so we can buy war bonds," is the sign posted in a local saloon.

# He's Unofficial Tailor to the Yanks



"As I was saying . . ." and Morris Halter, American Red Cross Eagle Club's tailor, philosopher, veteran of World War I, confidant and friend of thousands of Allied servicemen, spins a yarn to, left to right: Cpl. Ralph W. Noel, New York City; T-4 Ernest F. Hayes, Seattle, Wash.; Paul Hand, RAF, New York City.

## 12th Air Force Lists 84 Awards

### Three DFCs Go To Flyers For Heroism In North Africa

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Norstad, Oak Par, Ill., and Col. John S. Allard, Bronxville, N.Y., for directing operations during the first three days of the campaign "at great personal risk" on an airfield near Oran which was "under constant hostile artillery fire and enemy bombardment."

Air Medals were awarded the following:

Capt. George LaRoche, Springfield, Orville S. Spitt, Ripon, Wis.; Russell E. Ojala, Quincy, Mass.; M/Sgt. Joseph H. Switlik.

Forty-three pilots and crewmen of troop-carrying planes also received Air Medals "for performance of extremely hazardous offensive transportation of paratroops into Tunisia Nov. 29. The complete success of the mission was due to excellent piloting, timing and handling of aircraft over the dropping area."

### Transport Decorations

They were: Col. S. J. Davis, Deniston, Tex.; Capt. F. L. Perrine, Twin Falls, Ida.; Lts. W. M. Messenge, Ada, Okla.; R. P. McGaughey, Dallas, Tex.; R. A. Fowler, Silbee, Tex.; S/Sgt. J. A. Hartley, Gooding, Ida.; Capt. R. A. Nowotny, Santa Ana, Cal.; C. A. Gibson Jr., North Sacramento, Cal.; R. E. Lehr, O'Keene, Okla.; W. T. Duden, San Diego, Cal.; J. B. Wakefield, Iva, S.C.; L. F. Deegan, Moccasin, Mont.; C. A. Christmas, Kemmerer, Wyo.; F. H. McColgin, Stillwater, Okla.; K. B. Benson, Denver, Col.; W. M. Lively, Birmingham, Ala.; F. J. Miller, Opportunity, Wash.; W. A. S. Tesch, St. Joseph, Mo.; Lts. B. I. Woodhull, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; C. A. Kizer, Dallas, Tex.; R. O. Johnson, Jamestown, N.D.; J. M. Olbinski, Chicago; C. P. Henry, Charleston, Ill.; J. G. Flautt, Swan Lake, Miss.; W. M. Tharpe, Albany, Ga.; W. W. Putney, Elm City, N.C.; M. M. Coleman, Denver, Colo.; E. A. Riley, North Webster, Ind.; A. J. Conley, Tulsa, Okla.; W. J. Webb, home town unavailable; H. G. Williw, Newark, N.J.; W. F. Johnson, San Bernardino, Cal.; A. H. Ivins, Provo, Utah; V. Klump, Bartlett, Tex.; A. E. Heacock, Warm Beach, Wash.; M. H. Cox, Dallas, Tex.; J. H. Chamption, Chicago, Ill.; W. C. Reiss, Vera, Okla.; R. P. Foley, Hilliard, Wash.; J. R. Thompson, West Helena, Ark.; S/Sgt. G. L. Koeler, Upper Sandusky, O.; G. L. Bahar, Pendleton, Ind.; Maj. C. B. Collier, Baltimore, Md.

### Rescued Entire Crew

Other Air Medals went to Lt. Leo Hawel, Seattle, Wash., who "as a pilot-observer flew his plane as a rescue ship to rescue the crew of a B26 which had crash-landed in enemy territory. He made a superb landing on nearby sandy ground and the entire crew of the B26 were rescued."

Lt. Frank H. Donnelly, Jersey City, N.J., navigator, who flew to the rescue with Hawel, also received the Air Medal. Lt. E. F. Humphrey, Flint, Mich., pilot of a P38 which spotted the B26 crash-landing, received the Air Medal, and his citation said he showed "quick presence of mind and sound judgment" by marking the spot and guiding the rescue plane.

Lt. Col. Fred M. Dean, St. Peters-

## Sews Uniforms, Puts On Stripes, Gives Good Advice

By Charles F. Kiley  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

He has pressed your clothes, altered uniforms, sewed on stripes, watched you grow from a Pfc to a M/Sgt., from a Sgt. Pilot to a Colonel. He has given you advice, has been a confidant and friend. And, having met thousands of Allied servicemen in the past year and a half, says: "Yanks are great guys!"

That's Morris Halter, the tailor with whom you do business, four flights up in the American Red Cross Eagle Club. He's one man who can keep you standing around without your pants on, and make you like it.

partly and dance. Morris was there, not taking part in the fun, but standing on the fringe of the crowd enjoying himself by watching "the kids" having a good time.

"They're great guys," he said, nodding his head toward the crowded dance floor. "I've known most of them since they've been over here. Met some of them when they were Canadian soldiers. See that officer over there with the DFC ribbon? I knew him when he was a Sgt. Pilot in the RAF. Just a kid then, but he looks grown up now, doesn't he?"

Mickey, as the boys call him, says it's easy to know Americans.

Unlike the Briton, who just isn't built that way, a Yank wants to know you as an old friend as soon as you meet him. Call him Sgt., Lt. or Sir, and he growls. "Call me Tex okay?"

Having the opportunity to observe their good and bad points during unguarded moments, Mickey has a few other things to say about the Yanks.

"They're the kind of men you like to have on your side," he says. "Big strong, cocky and courageous. To an Englishman they seemed like a funny lot, at first. One minute they're cussin' each other or arguing about their home states and the next they walk away to have a drink together or keep a double date.

"Yanks are careless with their money, too. Many of them have learned the hard way not to carry more than is necessary with them. I advised one chap to check £30 at the club. He didn't and that night somebody lifted it from him."

burg, Fla., received the Air Medal for participating in 25 operational flights from England and in Algeria. . . . "He demonstrated in action his courage and ability as a leader and as a fighting pilot."

Citations similar to Dean's were: Maj. Harrison R. Thyng, Pittsfield, N.H.; Maj. Deliven B. Avery, Salt Lake City, Utah; Capt. Frank A. Hill, Wauwapesa, Wis.; Edward G. Johnson, Enid, Okla.; and Thomas B. Fleming, Glendale, Cal.

The following received Air Medals, all for "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the region of Oran during the period after Nov. 8": Capt. Charles E. Wilson, Mount Clemens, Mich.; Charles C. Kenworthy Jr., Shenandoah, Ia.

Lts. Thomas K. Taslor, Tulsa, Okla.; Earl T. Reichert, Ashland, Ohio; Merrill C. Wolfe, Elyria, Ohio; Robert E. Corrigan, Louisville, Ky.; Wilfred R. Waltnr Jr., Kansas City, Mo.; Alvin Callender, Ioto, La.; John L. Ramer, Marion, Ohio; James A. Isbell Jr., Haskell, Tex.; Berry Chandler, Galveston, Tex.; Robert M. Lupton Jr., Brooklyn, N.Y.; Harry C. Strawn Jr., Swissvale, Pa.; Claude C. McCraven, Maiston, Mo.; Norman P. Thompson, Lorraine, Ohio; Carl W. Payne, Columbus, Ohio; Leonard H. Brown, Pico, Cal.; and Joe C. Byrd Jr., Chilton, Tex.

## Push Japs Back On Guinea Cape

### U.S. Submarines Report Enemy Ships Sunk In Pacific

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Dec. 20 (AP)—Americans and Australians who dovetailed beautifully to sweep the Japanese off Cape Endaiadere right flank of the Papuan front, were reported to be regrouping last night.

There are strong enemy positions in a new strip of area to the west of Endaiadere. The strip itself is clear ground, with swamps running parallel to the north and south.

between the strip and the sea, to the south and at the eastern end, with lines forming a rough horseshoe.

But the Japs have a strong concentration of pill-boxes along the strip, and particularly on the far side of the creek at the strip's western end.

### Six Jap Ships Sunk

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—The U.S. Navy Department has announced that American submarines have sunk six more Japanese supply ships and trawlers in the Central and Western Pacific, including one large tanker, one large cargo ship, one medium-sized tanker, two medium-sized cargo ships, one medium-sized transport, and one trawler.

### British Push Into Burma

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20 (AP)—Informed quarters here emphasized today that the British push from the Arakan border into Western Burma did not necessarily mean a major effort to retake Burma, but might be considered the start of a campaign to retake Burma "piece by piece."

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ing, which caused heavy explosions. The phosphate quay fuel depot south of Tunis basin and the electric railway depot were similarly dealt with.

Over the sea Allied long-range fighters encountered three He111s flying towards Tripolitania and shot down two of them. Later a Ju88 and a flying-boat were intercepted and both sent crashing into the sea.

Though it was possible that some Allied armor may have been lost or temporarily disabled, it was pointed out that all losses on either side fall into Allied hands as they retain possession of the battlefield.

Mines and booby-traps continue to hamper the advance severely. More than 2,000 mines were removed from forward landing grounds alone as our forces swooped in and took possession.

## Red Cross Glasgow Area Head Shifts Headquarters

GLASGOW, Dec. 20—Jack Wallace, field director for the American Red Cross in the Glasgow area, has transferred his headquarters from Greenock to the Glasgow Club.

Wallace reports he has received favorable comments on his plan at the Greenock Club of allowing the feminine volunteers to take part in soldiers' games at the club. The Glasgow Club has also met with success with its invitations to the girls to dance with the fellows at the regular Sunday afternoon tea dances.

# U.S. Airmen Tell Dramatic Story Of Sea Rescue

## Fliers, Torpedoed on Way To British Isles, Were Found by RAF

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stars to guide them that when finally picked up no boat was more than 50 miles from a calculated position.

"In another day or two we would have sailed right into a British port, our course was so well planned and maintained," Lt. Lindsay said. He was in the captain's boat, which was the last to be sighted by the planes and ultimately picked up by a destroyer.

None of the men suffered any serious effects from the time spent in the red-sailed open lifeboats, but future temperature changes may bring a tingle to fingers and toes slightly frosted. During the last three weeks their medical treatment comprised mainly "staying off our feet."

Lt. Lindsay acted as spokesman for the group and gave the following account of their experience:

### Gasoline in Flames

"The first tin fish hit astern where our cargo of high-octane gasoline was stored. Almost immediately another crashed into us near the bow. The explosion and fire that followed lit up the scene as bright as day, although it was pitch dark at the time. The lights were turned on and all 73 of the people on board climbed into the lifeboats. There was no disorder, but there was no time to collect any of our personal belongings, so we left with only the clothes we were wearing.

"For the next 24 hours the four lifeboats remained in the general area where we were torpedoed. The radio operator had sent out an SOS eight times before leaving the ship and an answering OK had been heard. However, we were certain that the answer had come from the sub. After a day's wait the red sails were raised and we left the spot.

"We sighted several planes before we were seen and prayed that they would spot us. Once, during a rain storm, a plane passed directly over us but the downpour was too thick. He didn't see us. Our happiest moment was when we were sighted by the Catalinas and B-17s, flown by Canadian fliers of the RAF. We had all been praying for several days.

"Now we are ready to go again. All we want to do is see one of those subs from the air. Then, we'll even the score."

## Halftracks - -

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2nd Lt. Floyd Carter, 23, Clover Port, Ky., who is called by his own men "a real hero." Relating the incident, Carter says:

"I never saw such a surprised lot of men in my life as those Germans. Lead was flying thick and they were firing machine-guns and hurling grenades toward us. I stood up in my halftrack firing my rifle. I noticed all my bullets shooting into the ground. I thought I was too scared to aim, but later discovered that German bullets had made two holes in my rifle."

The unit drove on through a ravine and up a hillside, setting fire to a German tank in a haystack with tracers. About 100 yards distant the men saw flares from another American unit headed by a lieutenant who was Carter's closest friend. Leaving other halftracks to hold his position, Carter took his own halftrack under heavy fire to try to rescue his friend.

"We reached them," Carter said, "and loaded as many as possible on our half-track, but the fire was so heavy that we were unable to save them all."

Five days later—on Dec. 11—the same unit set up a defensive position facing a hill and covered an Allied withdrawal under a heavy German infantry-tank attack. Tanks shelled them from both flanks and masses of infantry advanced in columns up the barren hillside directly toward their positions.

### Like Playing Dominoes

Sgt. George Klozar, Kingsville, O., told of the attack: "Hitting them with machine-guns was like playing dominoes when I was a kid. Knock over the front one and the whole row falls. We held the position for three hours with three machine-guns and three anti-tank guns.

"The hill was black with Germans. They never stopped, just marched ahead right into our guns. It was rainy and muddy, and everybody on both sides was soaked and covered with mud.

"They kept coming standing up until we ran out of ammunition. We couldn't kill any more so we had to retreat to our halftracks parked behind. I've seen lots of war movies, but it is impossible to realize what hell is until you go through it."

Sgt. David Woody, Memphis, Tenn., manning a .30 caliber machine-gun on a hillside, held his position 45 minutes firing machine-gun and rifle alternately until he had exhausted 1,500 rounds of machine-gun and 60 rounds of rifle ammunition. Woody estimates he killed 200 Germans approaching in columns.

"They made perfect machine-gun targets," he said. "I was hiding in a slit trench when a mortar shell burst 10 feet in front of me and another 10 feet behind me. I spotted the tree where the mortar was hidden and set my machine-gun sights at 1,200 yards and fired. There were no more shells from the mortar."



## Troops to Get Time Off For Xmas Parties

### ETO Forces Work As Usual But May Sponsor Children's Programs

Christmas week is a work week for the American Army in the British Isles. But wherever possible, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations said yesterday, men will be given time to attend the hundreds of "kid parties" being given and to accept Christmas invitations to British homes.

Of both parties and invitations there is a deluge that surpasses anything this or any other war has seen.

Nearly every U.S. unit in the British Isles is giving, or has given, some kind of party for children, complete with Santa Claus, Christmas trees, toys and candy—the candy in most cases saved up from the men's rations.

#### Invitations to Spare

There are so many British invitations for American soldiers to come and eat Christmas dinner, to stay all day, to go dancing in the evening, to stay two or three days if possible—that the ratio is estimated at 50 invitations for one soldier available. In the last week, American Red Cross and Special Services have found it necessary to ask soldiers if they will, please, come in and accept some more of these invitations.

There will be more Yanks attired in traditional red and white Santa Claus outfits in England, Ireland, and Scotland than there will be on four city blocks on Broadway on Christmas Eve.

Service men who can possibly be spared from duty Christmas Day will be granted passes. Red Cross clubs all over the Isles are planning special dinners and parties. And in every enlisted man's mess there will be a Christmas tree provided through the Quartermaster Corps depots where rations are drawn.

#### GI Farmer in the Dell

Saturday more than 100 children almost mobbed Pvt. "Red" Keary, Baltimore, Md., who bounced into a public hall somewhere in England attired in a Santa Claus zoot-suit and using a jeep for a sleigh. The kids sang carols, received gifts, and before the party ended had tough infantrymen playing Farmer in the Dell.

It was the first real Christmas many of those held by a recon troop and an ordnance company, while Sunday a headquarters company, a signal company and a battalion of engineers—to name only a few—tossed Christmas parties for children.

Eight more parties are scheduled for today and another eight for Wednesday.

#### Marines Play Host

The Navy and Marines also are giving parties as fast as they can assemble toys, Christmas trees and kids. A Marine detachment in Scotland plays host Christmas Day to a flock of tiny Scots from five to 10 years old. A huge dinner, tree-and-trimmings, gifts and a movie will feature this party.

At Londonderry, the Navy's Northern Ireland base, scores of children will attend a similar party.

Others on the list: Nursery School of the Queen's House Club, for children of mothers engaged in war work; a party for evacuees from occupied Europe, in a small English town where an infantry unit has everything ready for 400 children; another kid party in Lancashire; a party for over 1,000 kids, given by a Special Service Unit, for children whose fathers are serving overseas; a party for 50 children at Rainbow Corner in London.

One of the outstanding contributions made by Yanks so that British children may have a merry Christmas is the donation of 4,000 toys, made by civilian technicians working for Lockheed Aircraft Co. Lockheed employees, using American mass production methods, have piled up a huge stock of dolls, teddy-bears and gadgets for this huge Christmas party. The toys will be distributed to underprivileged children.

#### Red Cross Parties

For servicemen there are more parties. Special affairs have been arranged for all Red Cross clubs, both on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Special dances for officers and men have been arranged. In Northern Ireland so many invitations have been extended to troops that Sir Basil Brooke, Minister of Commerce, has set up a committee to handle them.

To those men who are accepting invitations offered by the British, packages of essential rationed food will be given so that their hosts may not suffer a shortage. A package will be given for each soldier for each day he is to be a guest.

Holiday greetings to America from soldiers, sailors, and Marines in the European Theater were delivered last night by officers of the Army and Navy at the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner in London during a 15-minute trans-Atlantic broadcast over NBC.

Maj. Brookes Watson, Peoria, Ill., representing Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle, commanding officer of the U.S. Army in the ETO during the absence of Lt. Gen. Eisenhower, spoke for the Army, while Capt. H. L. Thompson, Reading, Pa., delivered a brief message for sailors and Marines. An infantry orchestra supplied music.

# A GI Jive Outfit From Dixieland

## New Orleans Gang Spreads Gospel Of Blues

By Ralph G. Martin  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Two years ago they were just a jeweler, printer, clerk, insurance salesman, gardener and some college kids who got acquainted because they all haunted the same jam sessions in the Dixieland band belt of New Orleans. Today, as soldiers in the ETO, they're bringing the musical gospel of Dixieland and brass horns, of moaning saxes and sad clarionets to the British Isles.

Leader of the band is Warrant Officer



Stars and Stripes Photos by Koenig

Frank Rosato, who also plays the lead trumpet. When the boys all joined up in the New Orleans National Guard, Rosato was the one who got them together. An entire unit are seen active.

Of the dance band 10 of the boys hail from New Orleans, none of the 10 having played professionally. The only two members who have been in big-time are bass-slapper Joe Bruce, Long Island, N.Y., who was with Louis Prima, and the hot tenor man, Butch Krolow, Oshkosh, Wis., who was with Hal Leonard.

#### Their Own Arranger

They've even got their own arranger and vocalist. He's Don Le Pard, Flint, Mich., who had his own band for six years, playing all over Michigan, including a short hitch on radio. Don is the boy who introduced the new song, "Rainbow Corner," when the band played at the club's opening.

Pfc Oliver East, of the New Orleans group, is the official songwriter of the band. He's written the regimental song and a bunch of others, including "So Near Apart," which has caught on fairly well back home.

Back in the States the boys did most of their playing at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Bowie, Tex., but they caught on so well that they were sent on a camp tour and played in Red Cross clubs, recreation rooms, outdoor stages, and even mess halls. The USO used them at all the Hollywood-styled shows in the vicinity, and Carole Landis, now touring Britain, sang with Rosato's band and liked them so well that she asked them to look her up after the war. "I think you're super—I want to book you when the war is over," she said.

En route here, on the troopship, they dug out all their instruments from under tons of barracks bags in the hold, and

gave day and night shows all over the ship. The six-piece Dixie combination (drum, bass, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and piano—the pianist played the bells) went down in the bottom of the boat and held jam sessions that usually lasted from chowtime to chowtime. Throughout the trip the hot trumpet man alternated between heaving his guts out and blowing his brains out.

Bandleader Rosato, who graduated from Tulane in 1938 as a fully qualified civil engineer, played for a short time with Ben Pollack's band while he was still in college.

#### Lambert 'Hot Pianist'

"Fingers" Lambert, hot pianist, says he got that way by playing with Sidney Arodin's band. Arodin, who authored "Lazy River" with Hoagy Carmichael, tooted the clarinet in Bix Biederbeck's original Dixieland band.

On his first visit to Broadway, "Fingers" sat in with Hot Lips Page and Joe Marsella's bands. Next day, in different Broadway band sheets, there were rave notices about a brand-new "hot cat" from New Orleans.

Other New Orleans boys in the band,

besides Rosato and Lambert, are Sgt. George Kieffer, Sgt. Nicholas Gagliano, Sgt. John Stoll III, Cpl. Joe Rotis, Sgt. Emile Oulliber, Sgt. Frank Vicari, Pfc Oliver East and Sgt. Sammy Anzelmo. Then there's Pfc Russell Phillips, Hannibal, Mo.; Cpl. Andrew Wrable, Reading, Pa.; Pfc Joe Bruce, Long Island, N.Y., and Pfc Don Le Pard, Flint, Mich.

#### Now on Tour

The boys now are on a tour of American army camps in England, and they've played before KP's and royalty. Gerardo, England's Glenn Miller, heard them one night and invited them to play over BBC on his swing contest program, but there's an army regulation that says "nix."

The band also had an invitation to watch His Majesty's Grenadier Guards orchestra of 60 pieces. Director Lt. Harris even let Rosato swing the baton for a couple of numbers and Rosato still hasn't gotten over it.

The band is awfully good on the hot stuff—numbers like "Blues in the Night" and "Anvil Chorus."

But they really play their hearts out when they give out with "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans."

## Yank in RCAF Awarded DFM

For pressing home his bombing attack on Turin, even though the hood of his cockpit had been blown off and he was exposed to the biting blasts of winter on the snow-capped Alps, an American sergeant pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

He is Sgt. Harry Morrissy, 25, Cheltenham, Pa.

Forced to jettison his hatch cover when it blew open on the take-off, Morrissy decided to face crossing the Alpine peaks twice without protection rather than to forgo bombing Turin in one of the November sorties.

Exposed to intense cold, he made the crossing successfully, bombed his target, and again climbed thousands of feet to recross the mountains and return to base. It was a round trip of 1,500 miles.

Since then Morrissy has been reported missing.

## Sergeant Followed Two 'Colonels' 3,000 Miles

BELFAST, Dec. 20—S/Sgt. T. S. Rosowski, Ebenezer, N.Y., had to trail a pair of youthful British "colonels" 3,000 miles, but he finally caught up with them.

The lads, named Bethell and Bright, once toured the U.S. and became honorary colonels of the New Mexico National Guard, during the time they were making talks in America describing the Battle of Britain. They visited 2,000 U.S. troops at the American Red Cross Club here, where they renewed acquaintance with S/Sgt. Rosowski, whom they'd met in the U.S.A.

Back there he told them: "I guess I'll be seeing you over in England before the war ends." It all came true in their meeting, when Rosowski stated he'd keep his promise even if it did take 3,000 miles of hard going.

The youthful "colonels," addressing the troops, put them at ease at the outset of the meeting with—"It's all right, boys, don't salute!"

## Base Command Corporal Weds

Cpl. W. W. Flowers, Charleston, W. Va., of London Base Command, yesterday afternoon married Miss Annie Louisa Scott, of London, at St. Barnabas Church, Pimlico.

Best man was S/Sgt. Richard S. Griffith, Norfolk, Va., and Sgt. Ervin Lowry of Lexington, Ind., was an attendant. The maid of honor, Miss Edith Ellen Taylor, Walton-on-the-Hill, and bridesmaid, Miss Doris Millant, London, are members of the ATS.

#### Engineer is Married

BLACKMORE, Dec. 20—S/Sgt. Floyd L. Hibbard, of an engineer unit, and May Eileen Mildred Stevens were married here Dec. 13 by the Rev. W. Smith at St. Mary the Virgin Church.

The bride is the daughter of the late Lt. Comdr. G. J. Stevens and Mrs. J. Gee, of Blackmore. Sgt. Hibbard is the son of Mrs. Rosa Hibbard and the late J. W. Hibbard of New Castle, Ind. Sgt. Isadore Rosner was best man.

## Engineers £200 to Help Blitzed Orphans

### Christmas to Be Brighter For Youngsters Aided By Fund

Christmas for several Blitz orphans was made real this week, as additional U.S. units handed in contributions to The Stars and Stripes War Orphans Fund.

American servicemen in the British Isles, who have found that by giving to some English youngsters who have less than they would at a peacetime Christmas, this may become their most memorable Yuletide, have been sending in money to help care for more blitzed children.

One unit making a substantial contribution gave orders that it should remain anonymous. An Eighth Air Force squadron sent in £13 "just to help."

#### Needs a Playmate

An engineer unit sent in £200 4s. for two orphans, with the idea that "a kid can't be happy without a playmate."

The battalion contribution of £200 was forwarded to aid a six-year-old brunette girl and a playmate in the form of an eight-year-old boy, dark hair and blue eyes.

A campaign to raise the money resulted in "A" Company supplying half of the total contribution, with the other half coming from the rest of the battalion. "A" Company requested the girl for its "niece." The boy is to be declared "son" of the entire unit.

"We shall be anxious to see the pictures of the children and receive any information of their progress," wrote Col. Luther B. Mann, NCO in charge of the drive.

#### It All Goes to Help

A group of Stars and Stripes workers in the West of England sent in £130 as an "extra" Christmas gift.

One hundred pounds keeps one orphan for five years. The fund is operated in cooperation with the American Red Cross, which takes care of administrative overhead so that all money contributed goes direct for care of the child.

Contributions may be sent in care of The Stars and Stripes, The Times, Printing House Square, London, E.C.4.

## RAF Exhibits

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Dec. 20—Three Nazi aircraft—a fighter and two bombers—swept over this American airdrome today in a mock attack staged for the benefit of assembled USAAF officers.

The demonstration was the last of a series presented all over the British Isles by RAF pilots flying the captured Me110, Heinkel 111 and Ju 88.

Officers witnessing the show, included Col. H. D. Smith, station commander; Col. James S. Suttan, bomb group CO, and Col. William N. Reid, base executive officer. They said they were impressed with the maneuverability and fast turns of the Junkers, but thought little of the other two planes.

The Ju 88, a type similar to the American A-20-A Douglas Boston, carries a four-man crew at a maximum speed of 240 miles an hour at 16,000 feet. It has an approximate range of 1,220 miles, and is used for day and night bombing.

The Messerschmitt, a fighter plane, has a reported 340 mile-an-hour top speed over a 680-mile range and carries a crew of two.

The Heinkel 111 is a bomber with a range of 1,540 miles. It carries a crew of four and has a maximum speed of 260 miles an hour at 17,000 feet.

## Help Wanted Department: Handball, Gloves at Belfast

BELFAST, N.I., Dec. 20—American soldiers who frequent the American Red Cross Service Club here asked The Stars and Stripes "Help Wanted Department" to try and find handballs and gloves to go with their new court.

Miss Mary Rice Anderson, acting program director of the club, said the court was completed recently but the men are unable to use it because they lack the necessary equipment.

Anyone knowing where these articles can be obtained is asked to contact the "Help Wanted Department" of The Stars and Stripes.

## American Soldiers Donate Window to English Church

American soldiers near a small English town have donated a stained glass window for the village church.

The vicar held a special Thanksgiving service for them, and, according to SOS headquarters, European Theater of Operations, the men later subscribed £100 for the window with an inscription commemorating Anglo-American unity.

#### Take Along Your Own Towel

American soldiers going on leave would be wise to take along their own towels.

Towel rationing has been introduced in England, and the Board of Trade has announced that coupons will not be issued to hotels for towels, owing to the textile shortage. This means that some hotels may, in the near future, be out of towels.



# Jack Chills Larkin, Wins Lightweight

## 18,000 Watch Uppercut End Battle in 3rd

### 22-Year-Old Atlanta Negro Becomes Official Champ In New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 20—Beau Jack, the Atlanta Negro lightweight, exploded a right uppercut to the chin that knocked out Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N.J., in the third round of their scheduled 15-round lightweight championship bout at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

Jack, 22 years old and one of the fastest rising stars in the ring, amazed the crowd of 18,000 with his wild, perpetual motion attack that was reminiscent of Henry Armstrong in his heyday. He floored Larkin in the first round and kept him retreating all during the second.

Jack's kayo punch came when the fighters were in a neutral corner in the second minute of the third round. It caught Larkin flush on the chin and dropped him as though he had been shot. Tippy fell flat and was still out stone cold when Referee Arthur Sussking completed the count. Jack help carry Larkin to his corner.

#### Larkin Rallies in First

In the first round, both fighters came out punching furiously and in one of the first exchanges Jack shot a left hook that floored Larkin. Tippy jumped up at the count of one, unhurt. Later in the same session Jack staggered Larkin with a right to the head, but Tippy rallied and got the better of the closing exchanges, though he lost the round.

Larkin took the second round, although he was on the defensive most of the time and retreated continuously. He displayed fine boxing in the face of a blizzard of leather. Nevertheless it seemed inconceivable that Jack could be halted. Beau was punching from every posture, missing oftener than he connected, often whirling around like a dervish with his wild swinging, but he seemed able to absorb any amount of punishment and kept swinging at the same speed. Periodically Larkin landed severe one-tuos to the head, which Jack ignored.

Fighting like a combination of Armstrong, Harry Greb and a kangaroo, Jack ran into a clean right to his spread-out completely upsetting Tippy's classic boxing style.

#### NBA Refuses Recognition

In the middle of the round, Larkin broke away and shot a sharp left jab which Jack took and still kept coming. Jack then feinted a left hook, then threw a tremendous right uppercut. It hit Larkin on the point of the chin with a jaw-breaking crack. Larkin stood upright, stricken, for an excruciating moment like a tree that has been sawed through, hesitating before crashing. Jack could have hit him three times more, but refrained. Then Tippy careened straight backwards, never stirring while being counted out.

From the gate of \$58,000, Jack's share was \$17,000, from which he got his customary five dollars spending money. The rest was banked for him pending eventual retirement to his Georgia hog farm.

Only the New York State Boxing Commission recognizes Jack as champion. The National Boxing Commission has demanded that the bout's winner face the survivor of the NBA elimination tournament to determine the title-holder.

## Whirly May Earn a Million

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 20—Ben Jones, trainer of Whirlaway, all-time high money winning horse—he has garnered \$560,911—believes that "Mister Bigtail" may pass the fabulous million dollar earnings' mark. Jones thinks that Whirly, recently voted the "Horse of the Year," will compete for at least two more years.

Currently Whirlaway is training for two Hialeah Park Winter stakes—the \$7,500 added McLennan Handicap and the \$25,000 added Widener.

Aisab, runner-up in the "Horse of the Year" balloting and twice conqueror of Whirlaway in three meetings, is not expected to race this winter, but may take a shot at the Widener.

#### Leafs Tie Bruins, 3-3

TORONTO, Dec. 20—The Toronto Maple Leafs tied the League leading Boston Bruins here last night, three all.

#### News on the Air

News is broadcast on both the Home and Forces programs at 7 AM, 8 AM, 1 PM, 6 PM and 9 PM. An additional broadcast is on the Home Service at Midnight. Sports news from America is presented by The Stars and Stripes on the Forces at 7 PM every day.

## Servicemen May Form Tulsa Cheering Section

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 20—Tulsa's Golden Hurricane may have a rooting section after all when they meet Tennessee in their Orange Bowl game on New Year's Day. And that despite the recent ruling by the Office of Defense Transportation that only local residents be permitted to attend bowl games.

Sam Avey, Oklahoma sports promoter, has suggested that home fans contribute the money with which they planned to buy tickets and finance the admission for an equal number of service men stationed in New Orleans. The only stipulation would be that the service men must cheer for Tulsa.

## St. John's Five Tops Oklahoma

### Center Harry Bocoff Leads 51-43 Victory Over Sooner Five

NEW YORK, Dec. 20—Center Harry Bocoff, scoring 18 points, paced St. Johns, Brooklyn, to a 51-43 victory over Oklahoma's Sooners in the opening game of the double-header basketball card at Madison Square Garden last night. New York University beat Syracuse 38-31 in the nightcap.

In the opener the Sooners scored first with a pair of free throws, then St. Johns hit their stride and went ahead, 14-11, after nine minutes of play. Both teams battled evenly thereafter. Sooner Center Gerald Tucker, pivoting beautifully, dropped two baskets just before the half-time, holding St. Johns to a 22-21 lead at the half.

St. Johns increased the tempo in the second-half with quick baskets by Forwards Bill Gotkin and Ed Golub, but the Sooners sputted and rimmed seven successive points, gaining a lead behind Tucker's unerring shooting.

St. Johns regained the lead on Forward Jerry Fleischman, who scored 14 points. In the second game, NYU took its sixth straight after a close game with the Orangemen. Syracuse led 8-5 after 10 minutes of play due to Guard Joe Sylvestri's skillful one-handed shots. But the Violet passes started clicking and they forged ahead, 16-13 at half-time.

The Orange came back and evened the game on two free throws by Forward Bob Shaddock and field goals by Center Charlie Stanton and Forward Tom McTierman, while limiting the Violets to a single field goal. But Violet Forward Jerry Fleischman found the range and caged four long ones, salting the game away. Fleischman led the Violet attack with a total of 14 points. Bob Shaddock, Syracuse forward, paced the Orangemen with 12 points.

## Gridder Tops Cage Scoring

CHICAGO, Dec. 20—Bob Shaw, Ohio State's All-American football end, now leads the Midwest college basketball scorers with 39 points rimmed in two games. This included 15 field goals and nine free throws for a 19 point average.

Other Midwestern leaders, giving the games played, field goals, free throws, total points and average points per game:

Johnny Kotz, Wisconsin, three games, 18 field goals, 15 free throws, 51 points, 17 average; Ben Trickey, Iowa, two games, 11 field goals, nine free throws, 31 points, 15 average; Swan, Loyola, two games 11 field goals four free throws, 26 points, 13 average; Menke, Illinois, three games, 11 field goals, 13 free throws, 35 points, 12 average; Hamilton, Indiana, three games, 17 field goals, three free throws, 37 points, 12 average; Mikan, De Paul, five games, 18 field goals, 20 free throws, 56 points, 11 average; Menke, Purdue, three games, 15 field goals, four free throws, 34 points, 11 average; Windmiller, Minnesota, two games, six field goals, nine free throws, 21 points, ten average; Faught, Notre Dame, four games, 17 field goals, eight free throws, 42 points, 10 average.

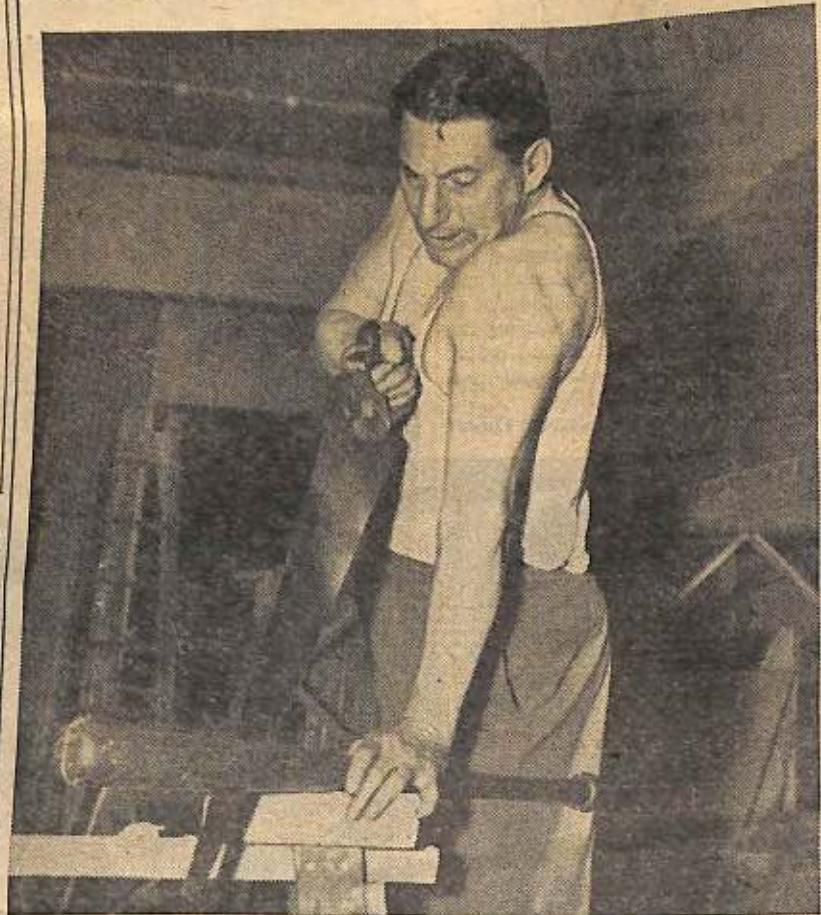
#### Blondie



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

by Chic Young

## No Gas or Tires—Al Schacht Opens Cafe



Associated Press Photo

Al Schacht, baseball's funny man, saws a bat in half at the cafe he will open in New York City. Schacht, accustomed to touring the country by auto to make personal appearances, decided to open the eating place when he found it impossible to get tires and gasoline for his trips. He plans to decorate the walls of the restaurant with baseball bats.

## Nation's Basketball Results

### Friday's Games

**East**  
Pittsburgh 44, Bethany 43.  
Indiana Teachers 42, California (Pa.) Teachers 29.  
St. Johns 68, Clarkson 34.  
Canasius 65, Arnold 50.  
St. Bonaventure 39, Hartwick 34.  
Lockhaven Teachers 45, Millersville Teachers 29.

**Midwest**  
Valparaiso 64, Concordia 42.  
Indiana Central 75, Hanover 48.  
MacPherson 47, Sterling 36.  
Rockhurst 45, Emporia State 40.  
Ottawa 58, Emporia 33.  
Central Oklahoma 59, Will Rogers Air Base 29.  
Monmouth 60, Iowa Wesleyan 33.  
Defiance 50, Hillsdale 41.  
Southern Illinois 53, Southeast Missouri 43.  
Michigan 36, Selfridge Field 35.  
Bowling Green 64, Wayne 41.  
Earlham 49, Wilmington 45.  
Ohio Northern 49, Heidelberg 48.  
Tarkio 38, Peru 25.  
Mount Union 51, Ken State 35.  
Cornell 52, Augustana 40.  
Arkansas 42, Drury 29.  
Fort Knox 51, Xavier 24.  
Lawrence 49, Carroll 39.  
Plattville Teachers 38, Lacrosse Teachers 36.  
Chicago Teachers 41, Milwaukee Teachers 38.  
Anderson 48, Taylor 46.  
South Dakota State 59, Gustavus Adolphus 43.  
Millikin 53, Lake Forest 31.  
Indiana State 38, Indiana Naval Base 25.  
Evansville 87, George Field 46.  
Ball State 44, Miami 37.

**South**  
North Carolina Preflight 46, Duke 41.  
Camp Lee 52, Norfolk Naval Air Station 37.  
Mississippi State 38, Auburn 37.

**West**  
Texas 58, Randolph Field 36.  
Rice 56, LSU 26.  
Texas Christian 51, Kelly Field 19.  
West Texas State 52, Texas Wesleyan 49.  
Utah State 62, Weber Jr. College 38.

Portland 36, Lewis and Clark 16.  
Washington State 52, Pasco Flier 34.  
Puget Sound 71, Pacific Lutheran 37.  
College of Idaho 34, Northwest Nazarene 25.

### Saturday's Games

**East**  
Fordham 53, Brooklyn College 45.  
Buffalo 49, Hartwick 29.  
Detroit 47, RCAF Gremlins 17.  
Aberdeen Prvg. Gr. 49, Washington College 33.  
Williamamtic 53, Rhode Island College of 33.

**Midwest**  
Oklahoma A and M 31, Wichita 22.  
Western Michigan 42, Central 37.  
Calvin 43, Albion 23.  
Ohio Wesleyan 52, John Carroll 46.  
Northwestern State 45, Enid Army Flying School 36.  
Loyola 50, Brigham Young 44.  
Arkansas 47, Springfield Teachers 31.  
Baldwin Wallace 56, Kent State 34.  
Akron 36, Muskingum 34.  
Northern Illinois Teachers 65, Fort Sheridan 33.  
Fortnays State 43, Bethany 13.  
Southwestern, Kansas 44, Baker 33.

**South**  
Loyola 59, Algeris Naval Station 22.  
Mississippi State 44, Auburn 40.

**Southwest**  
Texas Christian 39, San Antonio Aviation Cadet 24.  
LSU 62, Rice 60.  
Southern Methodist 44, East Texas State 38.  
Texas 46, Randolph Field 42.  
Texas A and M 60, Duncan Field 21.  
Arizona 58, Texas Mines 35.  
Albuquerque Air Base 39, New Mexico 37.  
Texas Wesleyan 61, West Texas State 57.

**West**  
Eastern Washington College 32, Idaho 30.  
UCLA 40, San Francisco 30.  
Colorado College 36, Adams State Teachers 34.  
Washington 45, Vancouver Ramblers 39.

### Cook Playing Hockey Again

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Dec. 20—Bun Cook, coach of the Providence Reds and former member of the famous New York Rangers' line with his brother Bill and Frank Boucher, returned to competition for the first time this season, drilling a goal that gave the Reds a 3-2 victory over the New Haven Eagles.

### Rangers and Canadiens in Tie

MONTREAL, Dec. 20—The New York Rangers and the Montreal Canadiens battled to a 1-1 tie in a ragged National Hockey League game here that was relieved only by the sensational net-minding of Ranger Goalie Jimmy Franks, who deserved a shut out.

## Princeton's Soccer Squad Places 3 on Eastern Stars

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Dec. 20—Princeton's undefeated, but tied, soccer team placed three players on the Eastern All-Star soccer team.

The All-Star lineup:  
Goalie—Chan Brewer, Princeton.  
Right fullback—Hank Millet, Yale.  
Left fullback—Fred Schubert, RPI.  
Right half—Dean Hartman, Penn State.  
Center half—John Palmer, Princeton.  
Left half—Hugh Cummings, Yale.  
Outside right—Jose Lonbana, Penn State.  
Inside right—Pete Lorenc, Temple.  
Center forward—Andy Hritz, Temple.  
Inside left—Bill Gifford, Harvard.  
Outside left—Ward Chamberlain, Princeton.



# Wally May Will Train U.S. Boxers for Tourney

## Rose Bowl Tilt May Be Last For Duration

### Grid Classic Will Lack Color and Spectacle Of the Past

By Paul Zimmerman

Sports Editor of the Los Angeles Times  
Each week The Stars and Stripes brings to its readers a column written by one of America's outstanding sports writers.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20—Solid, indestructible looking in its arroyo seco setting, Pasadena's Rose Bowl itself will be just about all that remains to remind the world of this great inter-sectional grid classic after the West and South battle it out on New Year's Day.

For when the end of the contest between UCLA and Georgia dies and the Sierra Madre mountains backdrop is shrouded in purple, this giant concrete saucer will remain as a shrine to the intercollegiate game and probably will remain on the shelf for the duration.

Even this year the spectacle has lost lots of its flash, dash, and color. The Rose Tournament parade—most beautiful posy pageant of its kind in the world—has already taken its cue.

**Money Goes for War Bonds**  
In its stead those city organizations which spent thousands of dollars on flower floats are now competing for honors in a war bond drive.

The game itself will not be quite the same. For one thing, the crowd will flow in slower and will be away again long after dark. Pedestrians, determined to pay final homage, will walk in, carrying luncheons and a little "footease" to salve bunions.

Bicycles will also have a day, now that gas rationing has begun. There'll be horse drawn vehicles too—harking back to the days when the show was not a grid game at all, but a chariot race. And of course, frugal souls who have hoarded their weekly ration of four gallons of gas will come gliding in as usual.

is as it should be.  
Even the contestants, who usually sped to the Bowl in chartered buses behind siren-screaming motorcycle escorts, must arrive at their climaxing contest by other means.

The usually boisterous crowd itself will be slightly subdued.

### Most Players Are in Reserves

Critics among the alumni, who once gave vent to descriptive shouts against some player when a tackle or an important block or a vital pass was missed, will be mindful of the fact that the young giants out there on New Year's Day may be scattered in India, Burma, China, New Guinea, Australia, the Solomons, Europe, Africa, Alaska or other points before the year has gone by.

Most of the players have enlisted in the reserves and are subject to call on short notice.

That usual colorful crowd in shirt sleeves of pastel shades and deep blue and gorgeous reds will take on a military hue also. Because blue Navy, olive drab Army and forest green clad Marines will also be scattered through the throng. On the morrow these men, too, will be gone.

There are going to be a lot of absentees from the press box, too, for many a scrivener with long years of Rose Bowl coverage will be missing. And the photographer's corps on the field will be decimated for the same reason.

Why, even Mushy, the newsboy, long a scalper of Rose Bowl tickets who plied his trade in the lobbies of the big hotels and who moaned about "then amachurs cuttin' in on my racket"—he's in the Army now.

### Former Stars in Services

No pregame pageantry has been planned. The annual winter tourist crop from the snowbound East and Middle West will be missing.

And those Rose Bowl heroes of other years will be conspicuously absent. Take Doyle Nave, who threw those sensational Cal-last-minute passes enabling Southern California to upset Duke, 7-6 last year. He's an ensign now.

Coach Wallace Wade, a player in the first Rose Bowl game in 1916 and frequent visitor as coach of Alabama and Duke, is back in the Army where he went after 1916; he's a major in the Coast Artillery.

Tricky Dick Hyland, who circled his own goal posts and came out again safely for Stanford against Alabama, is a captain in the Marines. Brick Muller, who threw the long pass in California's triumph over Ohio State, is an officer in the medical corps.

There are hundreds of others who played in this classic and are now scattered across the world in the armed forces. The spectators are mindful of these, their comrades in arms, and will be inclined to take their thrills soberly.

And they know, too, that college football, as a huge sports spectacle, is bowing out with the New Year to await the return of greater heroes from foreign climes.

## Craig Wood Planning Red Cross Exhibition

NEW YORK, Dec. 20—Craig Wood, National Open golf champion for the duration, now recuperating from spine trouble, said he plans an exhibition tour with trick shooter Joe Kirkwood for the benefit of the Red Cross. The tour will last from May until the end of the season.

Next Fall Wood plans to return to the hospital to undergo a spinal operation, which will force him to remain in a cast for at least five months. Wood, recently rejected by the Marines because of the same back trouble, hopes to raise over \$75,000 for the Red Cross.

## Pro Head Lists Golf Highlights

### Best Shot of Year Made By Ben Hogan's Long Iron

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 20—Awaiting assignment overseas by the American Red Cross, Fred Corcoran, tournament director of the Professional Golfers' Association, summarized the 1942 highlights in golfing.

Best shot of the year was Ben Hogan's amazing long iron approach to the par five 18th hole of the Hillcrest course in Los Angeles. Hogan, leading money winner this year, hit the ball three feet in front of the pin and rolled 15 feet beyond, making it possible to sink it in four and tie Jimmy Thompson in the Los Angeles Open. Hogan then went on to beat Thompson in the playoff.

Most spectacular shot of the year was Byron Nelson's hole-in-one in the Tam O'Shanter Open at Chicago. Ed Dudley was cited as the unluckiest golfer, losing to Sam Snead in the quarterfinals of the Professional Golfers' Association championship at Atlantic City, when a tee shot on the

Craig Wood's triumph in the Canadian Open after taking the U.S. Open. Jimmy Thompson blasted out the longest drive, a 325-yarder that won the Tam O'Shanter Open driving contest.

Best 72-hole card over a championship course was Hogan's 271-17 under par—by which he won the North-South Open at Pinehurst, N.C. Costliest putting failure was the 22-inch Byron Nelson missed on the 36th hole, which would have beaten Jim Turnesa in the Professional Golfers' Association tournament. Turnesa beat Nelson on the next hole.

### St. Francis Coach Rates Senesky as Best Cager

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20—Bill Ferguson, coach of the undefeated St. Joseph's basketball team, calls his pupil, George Senesky, the nation's outstanding collegiate basketballer. He rates Senesky above recent stars such as Charley Hyatt, Pittsburgh; Hank Luisetti, Stanford; Don Shields, Temple; Lou Boudreau, Illinois, and Stutz Modelewski, Rhode Island State.

A six-foot one-inch center from Mahanoy City, Pa., Senesky has scored 97 points in four games this season. Last season, in 17 games, he rimmed 217 points. A speedy dribbler, he can hook the ball with either hand on lay-up shots and can spin adroitly on medium shots or shoot from an overhead stance.

### So. Cal. Finally Wins One, Defeats St. Mary's Sailors

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20—Much-beaten Southern California out-powered St. Mary's Naval Preflighters, 21-13 here yesterday. Marches of 76, 71 and 69 yards netted the three Trojan touchdowns.

Vic Bottari, former California All-American, passed for both the cadets' touchdowns.

### Sinkwich Gained More Than Whole UCLA Team

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 20—Statistics reveal that Georgia's All-American Halfback Frank Sinkwich gained more yards than the whole UCLA team combined. Sinkwich's total offensive was 2,187 yards, while the Uclans, who play the Bulldogs in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day, made only 2,136.

### Rice Wins AAU Award

NEW YORK, Dec. 20—The Metropolitan AAU has named ace middle distance runner Greg Rice as the outstanding athlete in the metropolitan district. Rice is undefeated and has won 55 consecutive races.

## Bosses Stars and Stripes Fight Cards



Wally May, trainer of undefeated British heavyweight champion Len Harvey, is shown here giving advice to another one of his fighters, George James, Welsh heavyweight. May has been named by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee to train American fighters at the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner, London.

## Armstrong Made Comeback Of the Year, Scribes Say

NEW YORK, Dec. 20—The Associated Press' poll of the nation's sports writers acclaims Henry Armstrong, Negro welterweight boxer, as the year's outstanding comeback. The St. Louis Cardinals were runner-ups.

Armstrong, who has won 13 bouts since returning to the ring early last summer after retiring because of eye injuries, was voted into first place by

## Anderson Lists All-Star Lineup

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20—Hunk Anderson, co-coach of the professional All-Stars, has announced the starting lineup that will meet champion Washington Redskins at Shibe Park on Dec. 27.

The lineup:

Ends—George Wilson, Chicago Bears, and Perry Schwartz, Brooklyn Dodgers.  
Tackles—Lee Artoe, Bears, and Chester Adams, Cleveland Rams.

Guards—Danny Fortmann, Bears, and Milt Simmington, Pittsburgh Steelers.  
Center—Clyde Turner, Bears.

Quarterback—Tommy Thompson Philadelphia Eagles.  
Left Halfback—Bill Dudley Steelers.

Right halfback—Merlyn Condit, Brooklyn Dodgers.  
Fullback—Harry Hopp, Detroit Lions.

### Don Hutson Will Play In All-Star Grid Game

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20—Despite previous reports to the contrary, Don Hutson, Green Bay left end, will participate in the professional bowl game in which the Washington Redskins will meet the professional All-Stars at Shibe Park on Dec. 27.

Rib injuries will prevent Hutson from scrimmaging, but he will attempt conversions and field goals. The game's proceeds will go to the merchant marine relief fund.

### Bo McMillan Gets Medal Awarded 21 years Ago

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 20—Bo McMillan, Indiana football coach, landed a berth on the mythical All-Southern football team 21 years ago when he played quarterback on Center College of Kentucky.

He was supposed to have received a medal for the distinction, but didn't. Yesterday an Atlanta newspaper, which made the award, discovered Bo's medal in an old cabinet, where it had been mislaid, and sent it to him.

### Navy Picks Grid, Soccer, Cross-Country Captains

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 20—Al Channell, rangy end, has been elected captain of the 1943 Navy football team.  
Bill Chaires, Queen Anne, Md., has been picked as soccer captain, and Vic Barry, a plebe from New Haven, will be the new cross-country captain.

## Veteran British Ring Tutor Will Boss All Bouts

### Harvey's Trainer Will Plan Stars and Stripes Fight Cards

By Mark E. Senigo

The Stars and Stripes Sports Editor Wally May, one of the outstanding boxing trainers and coaches in the British Isles, has been named by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee to train the American servicemen who will fight weekly at International Hall, American Red Cross Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Avenue, London.

May, for 35 years a boxer and trainer, has handled many of Britain's best fighters. His most well known pupil was Len Harvey, former heavyweight champion of Great Britain, whom he tutored through most of his 400-odd fights. He also trained Dave Crowley and George James, Welsh heavyweights.

Many of Wally's pupils are now in the service as physical instructors with the British Army, Navy and Marines.

May's main job will be to train not only those men who have had a lot of ring experience, but also to show the rankest of amateurs the finer points of ring technique. He also will see to it that no man is matched with a fighter with a considerable edge in ring superiority.

Wally, long an advocate of strict conditioning, will also supervise the entire routine by which his boxers train at the Rainbow Corner. From personal experience, he knows how to build up and draw from a man the best he has. Coming out of the last war, as he says, "a physical wreck," May built himself up in two years to prime physical condition. Now, almost 50, he takes pride in his ability in weight lifting and other conditioning tests. He is able to lift 75-pound

## British Fighters Whip Airmen

A BOMBER STATION, England, Dec. 20—A U.S. boxing team representing this base took its second beating in less than two months from boxers of the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers, 9-4. In the last contest the British team won 8-6.

A former minister, Sgt. Robertson, who started his boxing career with the British forces in France prior to Dunkirk, provided one of the most exciting contests of the evening in his match with S/Sgt. Taylor R. Benson, Scranton, Pa. Showing little science during the match, Robertson nevertheless threw hard rights and lefts that had Benson in trouble from the start. Benson fought gamely, but the bout was called by the referee in the second round with Robertson winning by a technical knockout.

Pfc Louis L. Vukovitch, Ecorse, Mich., was one of the standout American performers during the evening. Weighing 160 pounds, he met Craftman Shepherd, who filled in for Vukovitch's original opponent who failed to show up. Shepherd was no match for the Michigan boy, and this bout was also stopped in the second round, with Vukovitch winning by a technical knockout.

Sgt. Carl J. Crawford, 119, Calera, Ala., lost to AQMS Robert Hatery, 126, in the second meeting of the two. It was Hatery's 13th successive victory.

Cpl. Reginald Mortimer, who scored a knockout in his last bout with the Americans, was not good enough to take Sgt. Joseph A. Uruburu, New York, who won the three-round bout on a decision. In a middleweight bout between Craftman Apps and Sgt. R. L. Burry the referee declared the bout void in the first round as both fighters had cuts over both eyes.

Referee for all the bouts was Lt. Dick Boon, a friend and sparring partner of Jack Dempsey.

### NBA Will Recognize British Bout for Title

NEW YORK, Dec. 20—The New York State Boxing Commission has announced that it will recognize the winner of the forthcoming fight between Jackie Paterson, Glasgow, and Peter Kane, Golborne, as world flyweight champion. The National Boxing Association, however, still recognizes Little Dado, Philippine fighter, as the world champion.

### Pep Will Meet Stolz

NEW YORK, Dec. 20—Featherweight champion Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn., has signed for a ten-round non-title bout with Allie Stolz, Newark, N.J., to be held at Madison Square Garden on Jan. 15.

### 19,000 Students Wanted To Hear a Single Lecture

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20—Did you ever hear of 19,000 students trying to crowd into a classroom to hear a professor lecture? Well, 19,000 tried to crowd into the classroom of Dr. Frederick P. Woellner, UCLA professor of education here this week.

They were there to watch him fulfill his pledge, made 11 years ago, that if UCLA ever beat Southern California in football, he would appear in class drunk and lecture in Latin.

The UCLA team turned the trick last Saturday. Monday Woellner lectured in Latin and drank copiously from a bottle labeled gin.

### 1943 Yale Grid Captain Joins Marine Reserve

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 20—Tim Hoopes, captain-elect of the 1943 Yale 11, may never lead the Elis in action. He has enrolled in the Marines and may be called to active duty at the completion of his junior year if not earlier.

The Marines will get a good man. Hoopes is cool-headed and specializes in getting out of tight places and driving for the goal.

### Navy Grid Coach Named Director of Athletics

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 20—Navy football coach John E. Welchel has been promoted from a commander to a captain.

With the raise in rank he was also appointed director of athletics at the Naval Academy. He'll continue as head coach of football.

### Bruins Sign Up Boyd

BOSTON, Dec. 20—The Boston Bruins have signed Irwin (Yank) Boyd, 34, to replace injured Wing Herb V. Cain, who will be out for 10 days.



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**Hash Marks**

We had the pleasure of getting hold of a magazine from the States today—several months old, but still good. One cartoon we particularly liked showed a WACK at a perfume counter. The clerk was leaning forward brandishing a bottle of perfume in the customer's face, saying, "One teeny dab of this and you will smell of gunpowder all day."

Patrolman Sol Pollack patrolling a lonely Coney Island beat was startled to



bear rapping on a manhole cover. Raising it, the cop discovered three boys in a rowboat. The young navigators had been fishing in Sheepshead Bay when tide swept them into an eight-foot sewer. The intake carried them ten blocks underground. So that's where the Italian navy's been hiding!

You've all heard the old gag about the negro who reported that the stork had visited his home so many times its legs had worn so short it looked like a duck. Well, the latest birth rate figures give credence to such a tale. Reports from Georgia show that the stork has caught the war-time tempo. This State reports 7,875 babies born during September—1,542 over pre-Pearl Harbor September total and 2,778 over State's monthly average.

A letter from a guy in the States who is fighting against time to grab a degree in engineering before the army grabs him reminds us that those good old college days are still going on—imagine that. Joe College reports that the coffee rationing is having a rather upsetting effect on campus routine—the students with 8 o'clock classes now fall asleep before the 8:10 bell quits ringing; before they used to courteously wait till after roll call.

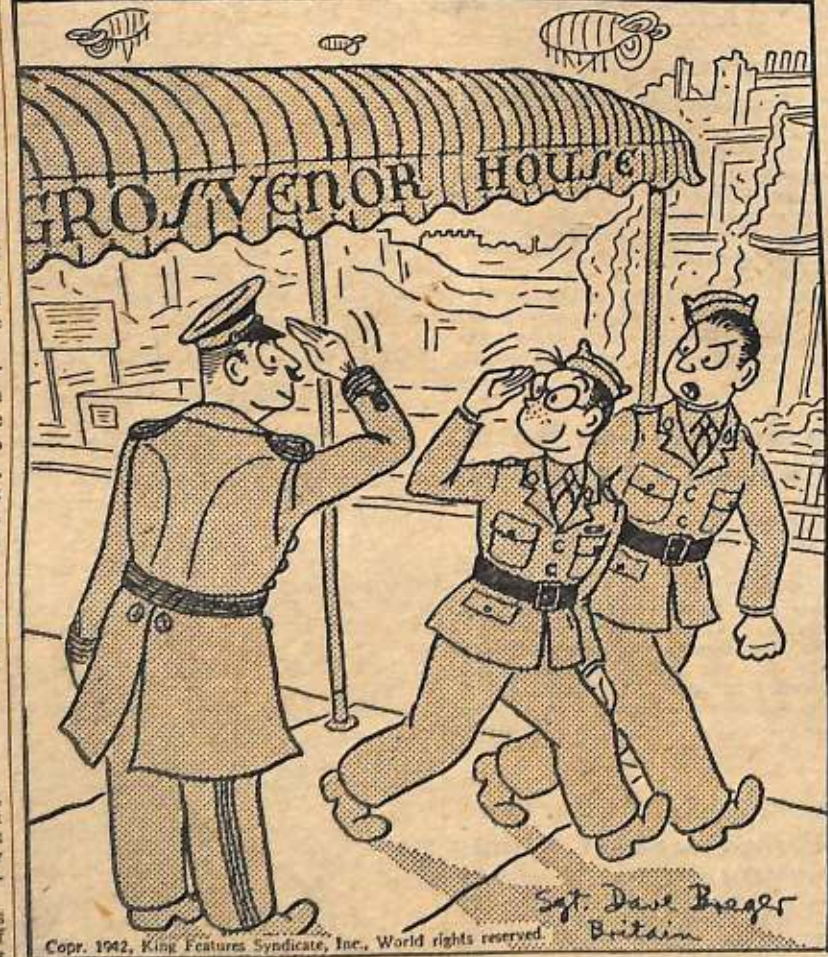
Here's more trouble on the home front. Barney Elkins, Texas filling station operator, suspected a mouse of eating eight missing gasoline ration coupons. He baited a trap with cheese, but the rodent turned up its nose at the offering. Elkins then baited the trap with coupons and it worked. Trap and dead mouse were presented to rationing board which issued duplicate stamps.

Here's the ultimate in something or other.



port, Pa., went deerhunting. A 420-pound bear jumped out of the bushes and charged, licking its chops. Thompson took a pot shot and luckily killed the bear at 30-foot distance. Over-zealous game wardens fined the hunter \$25 because bears are out of season. What's the fine for shooting a game warden, Mr. Thompson?

J. C. W.  
**PRIVATE BREGER**



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 "I'm tired always goin' outa our way because you get saluted here!"

**A Seagull Saved Lost Airmen**

**Lit on Rickenbacker's Shoulder as Flyers Faced Starvation**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (UP)—A seagull which landed on the shoulder of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker an hour after he and his companions had prayed for food saved the lives of eight U.S. Army airmen, adrift in the Pacific after their plane had run out of gas.

Capt. Rickenbacker related this today when he told the story of his escape from death. If it had not been for the seagull, he said, he and his seven companions could not have lasted another 48 hours.

Capt. Rickenbacker, explaining that he had been sent to the South Pacific on a special mission for Secretary of War Stimson, said: "After the takeoff I went to the cockpit and found everything serene. We were due to land at the island at 9:30 AM. At 10:30 we hadn't seen it. I became a little worried, and so did the navigator and pilot. We decided to call for bearings, and then found we had difficulty with the radio. Then I thought we had overshot our objective. I felt we had more tail wind than the boys thought we had.

**Gas Running Low**

"We kept flying, and decided to try the old box method of computing our position. We looked for a ship or an island. Time was fleeting, and our gas was low. We didn't know where we were. We shut off the two outside engines to conserve gas, and plugged along on the inside two. The last message we got out was that we had an hour's gas left. Then our radio man started pounding out SOS for an hour, until we hit."

Before they hit the water they had dumped all their loose luggage and equipment, moved their water rations to the radio compartment and placed mattresses to cushion the shock of the landing.

"We went into a trough and landed into a big swell," said Captain Rickenbacker. "If we had hit the top of the swell we'd have gone right down. When we hit the trough, we broke down the door to the radio compartment, and that didn't help.

**Left Water Behind**

"We were all so anxious to get away that we didn't pay much attention to the rations. We left the water behind. For food we had four scrawny oranges, on which we lived for eight days. "I carved these oranges into eight pieces and rationed them. If you ever have seven pairs of hungry eyes watching the carver, you'll carve pretty well, even if you haven't facilities."

They were using three rubber rafts, one holding two men and the others three each. One boy got to drinking salt water during the night and died later of salt water poisoning and starvation.

"We tied the boats together. After



Keystone Photo  
 Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, dirty, tired, and worn-out, is helped into the plane of his rescuers after his being adrift in the South Pacific.

we got going we naturally thought about our food and water, but we didn't dare go back to the ship for fear it would sink and suck us down," Rickenbacker continued.

"There followed five days of calm. It was beastly hot. Some of the boys threw their shoes and socks into the water. It was unfortunate, because they had their feet and legs burned badly.

"Three or four had jumpers on, but no hats. I was more fortunate. I had an old felt hat Mrs. Rickenbacker had wanted me to discard for the last 10 years. Also I wore high-topped boots. There was no rain till the eighth day.

"A little boy in my boat had an issue Bible in the pocket of my jumper, and on the second day out we organized prayer meetings morning and evening. Frankly, humbly, we prayed for deliverance.

**The Gull**

"If it wasn't for the fact that I had seven witnesses I wouldn't dare tell this fantastic story. One hour after a prayer meeting a seagull landed on my shoulder. You can imagine my nervousness as I reached round to get it. But I caught it. We wrung its neck. We feathered it and stripped its innards, which we used for bait.

"Captain Cherry caught a little mackerel. I caught a speckled sea bass. We divided them equally. It was delicious.

"Next day another seagull landed on my shoulder, but I didn't have the heart to wring its neck. I let him go.

"Next night we ran into a heavy rain-storm. We used our shirts, socks, and handkerchiefs. We got them soaked up, then we would wring them out into a little rubber bucket.

"During the night the boy who had

been drinking salt water became violently ill in one of the other boats.

"About 6 AM we pulled the boats together. I examined him and finally pronounced him dead. Then we lifted him over the side of the boat gently, and he disappeared. It was one of the hardest jobs I ever had.

**Planes Fly By**

"On the 17th day we saw our first sign of life. This was a little plane that went by about five miles away. We waved frantically and yelled, but he went on. It was heartbreaking. The next day two planes came out, and again they missed us. The next day four came out, and again they passed us up.

"Although our boats were painted yellow and we were tied together it was difficult to see such small objects when the breakers were in action. On the night of the 20th day we broke up, under the boat. Whitaker, De Angelis and Reynolds were in another, and I was with Adamson and Bartek. My opinion was that we couldn't last another 48 hours.

**Pilot Waves, Flies Away**

"Cherry was found by a naval flyer. The other boys drifted to an unoccupied island, where they stayed a day and a half. Natives from another island found them.

"The next day we sighted two planes. One came low and we could see the pilot smiling. I waved back frantically to show we were still alive. The planes disappeared over the horizon. I learned later they were running out of gas, but they came back an hour later. Then a squall came up and they lost us, but half an hour later they hit us right on the nose.

"The sun was going down, and I feared we would be lost again. It was two-thirds dark and one of the planes let go with some flares from a Verey pistol.

"Then the planes landed and taxied up to us."

**ARMY POETS**

**Hang Over**  
 I've had enough  
 Of London stuff  
 And Mary's lovely eyes.  
 I'm broke, I'm tired;  
 But I'm not fired;  
 So take me back to the guys.

Yes take me back to the guys, Joe  
 Take me back to the guys.  
 I think I should for cash be good  
 When I get back to the guys.

The girls ain't wise,  
 They like our lies,  
 In dear old London town;  
 But whatta pain  
 There ain't no train  
 To take me back to the guys.

Yes take me back to the guys, Joe,  
 Take me back to the guys.  
 Bill at the Bear, will lend a pair  
 When I get back to the guys.

I wonder where  
 I got this tear,  
 This taste, this awful head.  
 Boy, I'm not well;  
 I'm sick as Hell;  
 So take me back to the guys.

Yes take me back to the guys, Joe,  
 Take me back to the guys.  
 I think they'll be a pal to me  
 When I get back to the guys.

Oh, sure I know  
 It's hard to blow,  
 But now I want some sleep,

So drink my beer,  
 I'm leavin' here  
 And headin' back to the guys.

Yes take me back to the guys, Joe,  
 Take me back to the guys.  
 I'll need no cash to spend or flash  
 When I get back to the guys.

By Charles W. White.

**Patient Discharged**  
 "The time has come," the Saw Bones said,  
 "To send you back to Duty.  
 To hike, to drill, to shoot a gun  
 And maybe scratch a cootie.  
 Too long you've cluttered up my ward,  
 Too long you've lain in bed,  
 Get out and don't come back again  
 Until you're nearly dead."

The patient almost threw a fit,  
 He fell on bended knee.  
 He beat his head upon the ground.  
 "You can't do this to me.  
 I've had no sleep for days, for weeks,  
 I cannot eat a bite,  
 My Sacre-Iliac's out of joint,  
 I saw pink snakes last night,  
 I see black spots before my eyes,  
 Loud bells ring in my ears,  
 My teeth are loose, my feet are flat,  
 I won't be well for years."

The Doctor's eye was cold as ice.  
 The patient heard him curse.  
 "I know you're sick; but damn your hide  
 You tried to date my nurse."

C. O. L. B.

**The Long Road Back**

The Army of General Wavell has started the long road back to Singapore. News reports indicate the first advance has been easy; but the prize is precious; so heavy, bitter fighting can soon be expected.

This time the Japs will be met on even terms, plane for plane, bomb for bomb, and tank for tank, for General Wavell has assembled the greatest Indian army in the sub-continent's history for this job. Newly equipped and highly trained, Wavell's Army will endeavor to drive the Japs out of Burma, a pre-requisite to any general Allied advance throughout the Far East, for its possession is the key to success.

With Burma comes rubber and reopening of the Burma Road. With the Burma Road open, huge supplies of vital war materials will once again flow into China for use by Chiang Kai Shek and his brave soldiers. With Burma recaptured, our heavy bombers can take off from new bases and strike at many Japanese-held island strong points.

Wavell's advance into Burma means that Japan will soon be heavily engaged on three fronts, all widely separated. Many experts question her ability to supply three active fronts at one time. Failure to do so means her defeat.

**Only Prelude**

The military situation in Yunnan has been stabilized following the Chinese repulse of the Japanese in their recent attack northwest from Tengyueh.

The Japanese attack, made by some 5,000 troops, is thought to have been only the prelude to a large scale Japanese of-

the already considerable Japanese force in Yunnan, and it must be remembered that only 20 per cent. of the Jap strength was used in the abortive drive from Tengyueh.

Opinion in Chungking is that Japanese strategy in Yunnan is primarily defensive, delivered in anticipation of the Allied offensive in Burma to minimize the Chinese threat to their rear in the event of operations on the Assam border.

**"B Kit" is O.K.**

The singing and wisecracks of popular American radio entertainers are heard nightly in U.S. Army camps in the British Isles, as GIs listen to phonograph recordings of their favorite programs.

The records are part of the equipment contained in recreation kit "B" issued to U.S. troops by the Special Service section, Services of Supply, European Theater of Operations. Each kit contains 24 radio program recordings, and kits are issued out on a basis of six to every thousand men.

The records carry full length broadcasts of the programs, and each side of the new records represents 15 minutes of broadcast.

Most of the recordings were made at army camps in the United States during radio program tours of the famous stars. Others were recorded in studios in America and the records shipped to the United Kingdom in the "B" kits.

As recordings break and needles wear out replacements are being provided. In addition, hundreds of new radio sets are now being distributed to the troops to supplement "B" kit supplies. Radio, together with the phonograph sets, is doing much to replace the type of entertainment which, in some cases, during the last war was forced on the troops.

The radio and phonograph equipment not only enables the troops to enjoy specific selections and programs at will, but also enables them to enjoy the best that BBC has to offer.

**A Boast Backfires**

In October, Rommel (remember him), while in Berlin to receive the plaudits of a nation, said: "Today we stand 80 miles from Alexandria and hold the gateway to Egypt with the full intention of pressing our advantage."

Today his once proud Afrika Korps is reduced to a weak remnant, stripped of most of its armored power. His retreat toward Tripoli bids fair to hasten the conclusion of the North African campaign.



# To Be Resumed In East Today

## 17-State Ban is Lifted; Plan Weighed to Ease Acute Shortage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (UP)—The sale of gasoline to private motorists in the 17 Eastern States will be resumed at 12:01 AM Monday, Leon Henderson, retiring Petroleum Commissioner, announced yesterday.

All gasoline stations in the 17 Eastern States were forbidden by government order to sell gas from noon on Friday until further notice, except to commercial vehicles holding special coupons.

Mr. Henderson said earlier that he hoped the ban might be lifted on Monday night. He said that an integrated plan was being worked out to overcome the shortage which was the cause of the order.

### Mrs. Hall Dead

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., Dec. 20 (UP)—Mrs. Frances Steven Hall, who was acquitted on the charge of murdering her clergyman husband and a member of his choir in the Hall-Mills trial in 1926, died here at the age of 79.

### Freed in Murder of Army Officer

BISBEE, Ariz., Dec. 20 (AP)—Red-headed, 21-year-old Margaret Herlihy was acquitted yesterday of the murder of Capt. David Carr, an anti-tank officer. Defense counsel said last week that Capt. Carr was so distracted because he had married three women that he tried to murder Margaret Herlihy the night she fatally wounded him.

### Invitation to ex-IBM Men

Members of the American forces who were employed by International Business Machines Corp. in civilian life are invited to visit its associated company in Britain, The British Tabulating Machine Co., Ltd., Victoria House, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

### Navy to Use Small Colleges

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, said the Navy would give special consideration to the use of small and financially weak colleges in the new plan for training specialists in the nation's higher educational institutions.

### Draft 'Unbalanced'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado said today that the United States was "unbalanced" in its method of building up the

# Limits to WAACs

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 20 (AP)—A downtown Des Moines cafe has been designated as "off the limits" to all WAACs and other Fort Des Moines personnel, and is the first such action affecting the corps.

The cafe, which has a bar, recently opened a new room, "The Fox Hole," advertised as a "stunning new room for the exclusive use of the WAACs." The place has been a popular rendezvous for military personnel.

Col. J. A. Hoag, the commandant, posted guards at the door, but he refused to explain the ban.

# Second Largest

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The Agriculture Department's final estimate of this year's farm crop placed the production of wheat at 981,000,000 bushels, the second largest crop on record, and corn at 3,175,000,000 bushels, the largest crop ever grown.

Potato production this year would be 371,000,000 bushels, compared with 355,000,000 bushels last year, and 370,000,000 bushels on a 10-year average.

President Roosevelt has proclaimed Jan. 1 as Farm Mobilization Day, when meetings will be held to consider a means of "insuring for the year 1943 the maximum production of vital foods."

The President said that "food was no less a weapon than tanks, guns and planes. As the power of our enemies decreases the importance of the food resources of the United Nations increases. With this thought in mind, we must further mobilize our resources for the production of food."

# Ration Sufferers Eye Gardens

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (UP)—Controversy has arisen in the United States over the problem of whether coffee, now rationed, may be grown in the backyard. Since rationing began New York grocers reported housewives have used every feminine wile imaginable to get a little more of the valuable commodity.

New York Botanical Gardens officials reported that all that was needed was a greenhouse and some live coffee beans. Immediately this was denied by an expert, who said that the nearest coffee-growing district was Puerto Rico, and that coffee could not be grown with success even in the southernmost states.

This again was denied by a soda-water merchant in Gloucester, Mass., who indignantly reported that he had several pounds of unroasted coffee two years ago, had planted it in his garden in early spring and found the plant yielded 20

pounds of beans the following September. He was able to make seven pounds of the best coffee he had ever tasted, he said.

An official of the Botanical Gardens, however, issued his version of how to grow coffee—in 15 years. All that was needed, he said, was a quantity of unroasted and unprocessed coffee beans. These you planted and waited for eight years. After that time, he said, you should have a plant of some size with flowers growing on it.

"It doesn't yield a full crop of berries for at least 10 to 15 years, and even then a number of plants are required to keep one family satisfied."

For those who have no greenhouse or 15 years to wait New York grocers recommend being nice to the grocer. Some grocers report that their toughest customers have suddenly become quite charming, while others purport to have an increased number of coffee drinkers in the family each time they visit the shop.



"Your suspicion was correct sir, the men are gambling!"



"Stroke, Stroke!"

# TERRY & THE PIRATES



MISSY BURMA, LONG TIME NO SEE MIST' TERRY LEE AN' MIST PAT RYAN!

THEY'RE PROBABLY OUT DIVIDING BY ZEROS! BUT THERE ARE PLENTY OF AMERICAN GENTS IN CHINA NOW... I WONDER IF THOSE BRASS BUTTONS GET AS COLD AS THEY USED TO BE? SEE WHO'S AT THE DOOR!



HIM ASK TO SEE LADY OF HOUSE!

IT'S THIS WAY, MAM... THE MEN OF MY UNIT THINK OF ME AS THE STUDIOUS TYPE...

WHAT'S BROILIN' SOLDIER?



I NEVER TOUCH THE STUFF MYSELF— BUT DO GO ON...

IT IS MY THEORY THAT INTENSE STUDY OF TERRAIN IS OF GREAT VALUE TO THE MILITARY MAN... SINCE ARRIVING IN THIS AREA, I HAVE CONCENTRATED ON THE LOCAL GEOGRAPHY...



MY TENT MATES TOLD ME THAT IF THE LADY IN THIS HOUSE WERE PROPERLY APPROACHED— SHE COULD REVEAL THE MOST FASCINATING DETAILS OF THE TOPOGRAPHY OF BURMA!

# JOE PAPA'S OKA



MISS HOWE, YOU LOOK ALL IN. GO TO YOUR QUARTERS AND REST UP! YOU'VE BEEN DRIVING THAT AMBULANCE NIGHT AND DAY.

BUT, MAJOR, THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO— I MUST KEEP GOING.



HE'S ABLE TO TALK, SIR.

HMM. I THINK HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT. DO YOU UNDERSTAND ANY ENGLISH?

YES, SAIR. M'SIEU DOCTAIRE.



NONSENSE. YOU'LL CRACK UP THE WAY YOU'VE BEEN GOING. UH— TELL ME, HAVE YOU HAD ANY WORD— IS HE STILL MISSING?

Y-YES, MAJOR. IT'S ALWAYS ON MY MIND. THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS I MUST KEEP WORKING. NO TIME TO THINK— THAT'S MY ONLY WAY OF—



ZE NAZEE BOMB ZE FEESHEENG BOAT --ZE OZZER TWO-- ZEY DROWN-- I AM NOT. I SWEEM ONTEEL I AM PEEK OP.

ARE THE FRENCH PEOPLE PRO-NAZI? I MEAN LIKE THE VICHY CROWD.



SIR— THEY'VE JUST BROUGHT A CASE IN AND WANT YOU TO SEE HIM. HE WAS PICKED UP IN THE CHANNEL. FRENCHMAN TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM FRANCE.

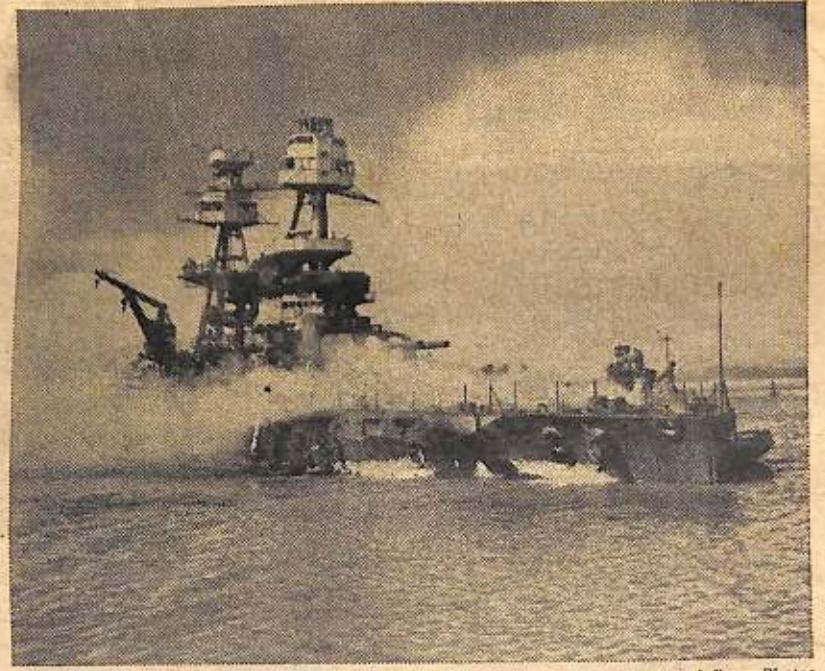
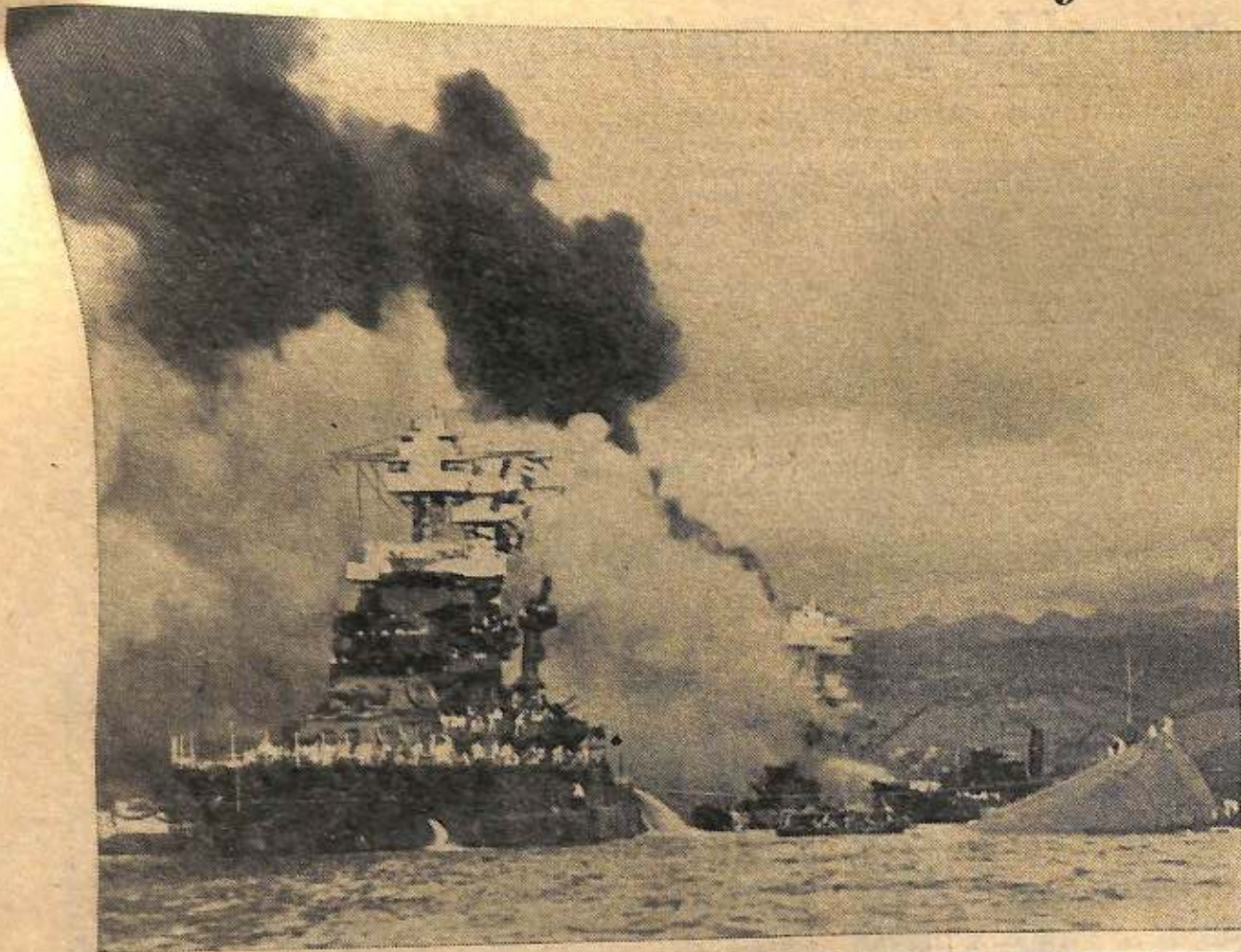
RIGHT COME ALONG. IT'S ON YOUR WAY TO QUARTERS.



NO, NO, M'SIEU DOCTAIRE!! WAN DAY COME TO MY VEELAGE T'REE COMMANDO. WE HIDE ZEM. EVEREEBODEE EES APPY WAN ZEY 'EAR ZAT AMEREECA EES EEN DEES WAR.



# Navy Releases Pictures of Pearl Harbor Disaster



Associated Press Photos

Crews of the U.S. battleship Nevada (above) battle flames on their ship, battered in the Jap aerial attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7. Later the huge 29,000-ton ship was beached at Hospital Point in the harbor.

One of the first ships to rejoin the fleet after the ruthless Jap attack was the Maryland, 31,500-ton battleship (left), which was moored next to the battleship Oklahoma—one of the ships that capsized on that fateful Sunday.

## Raid Over Naziland in Jerry Jinx



U.S. airmen adjust their "clobber" before starting on a daylight raid over Europe. Left to right: E. H. Reber, Malin, Ore.; 1st Lt. J. J. Byron, Durant, Okla.; Lt. R. J. Swindle, Walnut Ridge, Ark.; Lt. A. D. Mitchell, Rogers, Neb.

## Jury's Choice



Hollywood beauty jury has chosen lovely Leslie Brooks official "Hurrell girl" for the duration. Hurrell, famous portrait photographer, has joined the Army

## Wasp Survivor Sees New Action



Associated Press Photo

Henry Stierer, aviation machinist and a survivor of the aircraft-carrier Wasp, returned home to Chicago and found a new job—one that helped him get acquainted with his two-month-old daughter.

## Russian Dogs of War



Planet Photo

White clad Russian scout leads his Siberian Huskie along the Northern front. Reds teach the dogs to carry light machine-guns, ammunition boxes and other such loads. Note rifle of Soviet scout with white binding.

## Yanks and French Drink Toast to Freedom



Associated Press Photo

Outside a French Foreign Legion barracks near Safi, Morocco, an American officer, Lt. Eisenberg, and a French captain drink a toast to freedom after word was brought that the African colonies were now free.