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Steady Drive By Soviets on Entire Front

Speedy Advance Southwest Of Kharkov, Five Towns Taken Near There

MOSCOW, Feb. 21 (AP)—The Red Army driving steadily westward along the entire 500-mile front from east of Orel to the Sea of Azov coast captured numerous towns and settlements and did not allow the enemy to put the brakes on the steam-roller offensive.

Southwest of Kharkov, where the advance was being pressed forward most speedily, Gen. Vatutin's forces drove home new victories, capturing Pavlograd, Krasnograd, Kegichevka, Sakhnovshchina, Pereshchepino and numerous other settlements.

Dnepropetrovsk, on the bend of the Dnieper river, and Poltava were threatened as the Russians pushed on from Pavlograd and Krasnograd, each respectively about 34 miles east of the vital German bases, and continued their smashing offensive capturing numerous other settlements in this area during the past day.

Stiff Battles Near City

The capture of Pavlograd was preceded by stiff battles at the approaches to the city as Soviet guards advanced in the face of heavy artillery and mortar fire, dislodging the Germans from settlement after settlement often in hand-to-hand engagements, Izvestia reported.

The Nazi resistance was especially fierce when the guards came right up to the city where their path was blocked by a hill heavily fortified by German artillery, mortars and automatic rifle, from which they were easily kept under fire.

The Soviet guards were at first held back by a German regiment supported by tanks, armored cars and artillery and greatly outnumbering the guards launched several fierce counter-attacks across the snow-covered ground but the guards staunchly held their positions, thwarting the German blows by machine-gun and anti-tank fire until reinforcements arrived, when they surged forward.

Near Dnieper River

As the offensive continued the Red Army was drawing closer and closer to the Dnieper river.

With Kharkov province three-quarters cleared of the Germans, the Red Army was entering the provinces of Poltava and Dnepropetrovsk in force along a wide front.

The capture of Kegichevka, Sakhnovshchina and Pereshchepino, south-east and south of Krasnograd, cleared the southern sectors of Kharkov province from the enemy forces.

The fall of Gotnya, a vital junction on the Kharkov-Lgov and Belygorod-Sumy railways, 60 miles north of Kharkov, was another serious blow for the Germans.

The Soviet capture of Kuyishevo, formerly called Aleksandrovka, five miles north of Russian-held Matveev Kurgan, widened the wedge between the German force in the Don Basin and at Taganrog.

Further south in the Northern Caucasus where Russian ground forces captured Maryanskaya, Iskaya, Novomishastovskaya and Lvovskaya, driving the Germans further into the Taman Peninsula, Soviet Black Sea Stormoviks raided enemy-held ports, bombed towns and crossings and reserves of the Rumanian Alpine forces which were being rushed to the front.

Rain, snow and roads deeply covered with mud are impeding fighting, Berlin radio reported yesterday.

Bomber Leader Made General

Col. Frank A. Armstrong Jr., leader of the first American heavy bomber raid in this theater as well as the first U.S. raid on Germany, has been promoted to brigadier general, Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, announced yesterday. Gen. Armstrong's new assignment was not disclosed.

Winner of the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Cross, Gen. Armstrong has been commander of a heavy bombardment group of the Eighth Air Force in raids against continental Europe.

He won the Silver Star for leading the first heavy U.S. bombing raid last Aug. 17 to Rouen, and throughout last fall and winter personally led his group on missions to Europe in which he won the DFC.

Gen. Armstrong's home is in Nashville, N.C.

USAAF, RAF To Film Story of Air Offensive

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Feb. 21—The American Air Force and the RAF are making a movie of their joint bombing offensives against the Axis. It is the first such motion picture ever attempted.

Touring U.S. and RAF air bases in the British Isles for background and information on the film, which will be part factual and part fictional, are Lt. Richard Sherman, American author now attached to the Eighth Air Force film unit, and Flight Lieut. Torrence Rattigan, British playwright of "Flare Path" and other stage successes.

The story will center around an RAF station in its transition from British to American operation. It will be directed by Maj. William Wyler, who directed "The Little Foxes" and "Mrs. Miniver."

U.S. Specialists Study Warfare With Live Fire

35 Americans Go Through Tough Grind at British Battle School

A BRITISH BATTLE SCHOOL, England, Feb. 21—American soldiers are attending this battle school to learn warfare under live fire.

The course, designed by the British to teach their men soldiering the hard way, has been opened to chosen American soldiers, enlisted men and officers, and the commandant at the school says that in time the trainees may reach the point at British battle schools.

Ten Americans have just completed the "battle inoculation" here and one of them, 1st Lt. Milton J. Hull, of Maplewood, N.J., sums it up this way: "It's a rugged course, all right, tougher than the Carolina maneuvers, but I feel like a soldier now I'm finished."

It is rugged. Three weeks of tough, gruelling workouts over a tricky assault course, one and a half miles long with 14 of the meanest obstacles ever thought of; advances of 25 miles a day "on the double"; three-inch mortar shells bursting only a few yards away and live machine-gun fire right overhead.

The schooling comes in three stages. The first week covers a battle drill which pulls the men into proper physical condition. The second week is devoted to semi-tactical training, with class room lectures and field workouts (street fighting, grenade throwing, patrolling, scouting and unarmed combat).

All this just leads up to the hard week where they learn that 25-mile hikes are just things that come before fighting. At one school, after advancing 65 miles over open country and along roads in two days, eating only two meals they cooked themselves, they faced the final assault.

On a long, sloping hill, hidden machine-gun nests to be "cleaned up" threw bullets over their heads. Aircraft dropped imitation HE that was near

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U.S. Units Battle for Vital Pass Against Heavy Armor Forces; British Take Mareth Outpost

Germans Try Sneak Attack In U.S. Uniforms and Vehicles

But Yank, Hearing Strange Talk, Gives the Alarm And U.S. Fire Blasts Tanks and Mows Down Khaki-Clad Nazis Approaching Boldly

By Hal Boyle

Associated Press War Correspondent

WITH THE U.S. ARMY, Tunisia, Feb. 18 (delayed)—Outnumbered tankmen who fought a heroic rearguard action at flaming Sbeitla, knocking out 15 to 20 Nazi tanks, while losing only six themselves, told today how they foiled an attempt by the Germans to filter into American positions by donning American equipment and driving up in captured American vehicles.

The infiltration movement came yesterday as the tanks, single-handed, staved off German assault waves to give other American units time to make an orderly withdrawal.

"Outside the town I saw four men, dressed in American combat uniforms, sitting in a jeep," said Sgt. Jack Lewis, 24, of Oswego, N.Y.

"As I walked toward them they were shouting at each other, but apparently they hadn't noticed me. I couldn't make out what they were saying. Their talk didn't sound right—and then I suddenly realized they were Germans."

Was Machine-gunned

"I started to run across an open field and when they saw me they turned their machine-gun on me. It kicked up dirt all around me, but I reached a foxhole. They saw my signal and stopped fire long enough for me to run out."

Tipped off by this incident, the tanks knocked out a number of captured American vehicles being operated by the Germans and shot to pieces scores of Nazi infantrymen following them in the hope of reaching town undetected.

"We were sitting in a wadi when we saw three of our General Lee medium tanks firing over our heads at our troops," said 2nd Lt. Ernest E. Nock, 27, of Hammond, Ind.

"They were manned by Germans. We

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Germans Lost 50 of 100 Tanks

Americans, Outnumbered Vastly, Made Foe Pay Heavily

WITH U.S. ARMORED FORCES, Tunisia, Feb. 19 (delayed) (UP)—Nearly 50 of the 100 German tanks which attacked the American armored force in southern Tunisia this week were knocked out. The battle ended at dusk after being fought mercilessly for 11 hours.

The American units used General Sherman and Grant tanks against German Mark Fours and Sixes.

The battle started when American units tried to regain territory in the country west of the Faid Pass up through which the Germans had attacked several days earlier, and to try to rescue a battalion of infantry which had been cut off in the mountains southwest of Faid.

Units Overrun by Germans

At the oasis of Lessouda, five miles north of Sidi Bou-zid, and in the hills immediately to the north of the oasis a company of tanks and infantry and a battery of artillery were overrun by the advancing Germans during the early stages of the attack.

German dive-bombers helped the tanks in the first German attack, then turned up again about every two hours to attack the U.S. positions. There was American air support over the battle area once during the day.

"We were just behind Lessouda," Col. Hightower said. "I saw the turrets of about 22 tanks show up. When they came round the slope those 22 had changed into 48. I never saw so many. There were gobs of them."

Reports from the front were unanimous in praising the conduct of the untried American troops under fire. In addition, before withdrawing they made a very thorough job of destroying the dumps of supplies they had laboriously brought up to the forward areas.

Some Airmen From ETO May Instruct at Home

BOMBER COMMAND HQ, England, Feb. 21—Members of some air combat crews in action in this theater of war may get a chance to go home soon.

A bulletin issued by Eighth Air Force Bomber Command, to commanding officers of its stations requests recommendations of men who will be sent to America as operational training unit instructors, lecturers and special liaison officers.

Minimum qualifications include at least ten operational flights and an ability to present topically the tactical combat and training problems the U.S. Air Force is contending with in the ETO.

'Lost Battalion' Crawls Through Lines

By Noland Norgaard

Associated Press War Correspondent

WITH U.S. FORCES, Tunisian Front, Feb. 17 (delayed)—A United States infantry battalion, which refused to go down in history as another "lost battalion," beat off heavy attacks by German infantry, artillery and tanks for two days after its hilltop position was engulfed, then escaped safely through the German lines to rejoin American forces in a daring night march.

Red-eyed, haggard, weak from lack of food and water, and weary from creeping along for six hours inside the enemy lines, these men, most of whom were from Iowa, arrived in American camps today still full of fight and proclaimed they were ready, if given adequate supplies, to go right back and hold the mountain—Djebel Essouda, eight miles from Faid Pass—forever.

"We walked past a German 88mm. gun position so close we could touch the gun," related the battalion commander, Maj. Robert Moore, 38, of Villisca, Iowa, who led the first unit out.

But their joy over deliverance from a seemingly hopeless encirclement by formidable Nazi panzer units was diluted,

for their chaplain had not arrived in the American lines.

A three-line typewritten message ordering the battalion to attempt to escape was dropped the preceding afternoon from a P39 fighter plane piloted by Lt. Col. Richard B. Klocko, of Dunkirk, N.Y., and confirmed by radio from headquarters.

With Maj. Moore in the leading group, the battalion started its descent from the mountain, taking along 11 German prisoners, including four who were so badly wounded they had to be carried on stretchers, and one wounded doughboy who also was carried on a litter.

The hard going finally necessitated abandonment of the wounded, and the chaplain elected to remain behind with four medical orderlies and a detail of six other men to care for them.

"It was like him—he always wanted to be where he could be most help to someone else," remarked Maj. Moore, and the doughboys gathered around him, sipping the first hot coffee they had tasted in three days, nodded hearty agreement.

Here is Maj. Moore's account of the night escape:

"The Germans gave us everything they

had—infantry attacks, tank fire, mortar shells and artillery blasting—for two days, but we lost only three men. It's hard to tell how many Germans our boys killed, but the ditches up which they attempted to come against us are filled with bodies. We must have got at least 200, and maybe 400 of them.

"Then we started out on the 15th at 9.15 PM and slipped past their gun positions. The gun crews must have thought we were Germans because they did nothing.

"Later we saw men talking together and tried to evade them. They challenged us in German, but we kept quiet and went on. Then they started firing machine-guns.

"That really was a good break. While they were busy firing on us, Capt. Floyd E. Sparks, 29, of Centerville, Iowa, brought his company down the road behind him. Finally they spotted him and started firing in that direction.

"Then Capt. Charles Appar, who also is from Centerville, brought another company around the other way. That must have confused them plenty, because they let us go on and began firing behind

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Fight Growing After Foe Occupies Gap Toward Algeria

German forces were reported last night to have made a dangerous new penetration into the American lines in the mountains south of Tebessa.

Rushing up fresh tank and infantry forces, they have smashed into and occupied the pass behind Kasserine in spite of desperate efforts to stop them. More American troops and British armored units were being hurried to the scene to reinforce the defenders, and fighting for the pass was still continuing.

The attack was reported to be much heavier than a previous one, on Thursday, in which the Americans—digging in after their retreat from thinly held lines before a far superior force of veteran panzer units—repulsed the Germans and inflicted heavy losses upon them.

Menaces Allied Positions

The new German thrust was regarded as particularly dangerous because it is the one way in which the Axis can break across the Algerian border towards the Allied positions at Tebessa. It is in this area that the Axis has been striking for several days.

In brief, by taking the pass the Germans had occupied a vital entrance to the rear of the Allied front.

To the west, the Eighth Army advanced toward Medenine last of the strong outposts issued in Cairo said there was nothing to report of land activity. Advance forces, however, were maintaining contact with the German rear guard.

Alexander in Command

Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, who directed the successful offensive against Rommel, driving him out of Egypt and Libya, is now in active command of Allied land forces throughout Tunisia, it was disclosed at Allied Force Headquarters.

He reported to Gen. Eisenhower, under whose command he will operate, several days ago and has been at the front at least four days, it was disclosed.

In the new German assault, Rommel threw in two battalions of infantry and an unstated number of heavy tanks. The bad weather, which made air operations practically impossible, aided the attackers.

British guards who on Friday destroyed six tanks and six self-propelled guns when a strong German patrol attempted to penetrate their lines, yesterday destroyed two more tanks and damaged another two.

British and American troops had formed a new line in this area after the fighting earlier this week. The Axis tried to smash its way forward northwest of Kasserine in the middle of last week. By Thursday, after some advances by the German units, armed with tanks and guns, the Allied positions were completely restored.

Scene of the fighting is rocky, hilly country, where the objectives are always the passes through the hills. The pass northwest of Kasserine is the obvious objective in this area. In their first attack last week the Germans forced their way

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Soldiers Helped Victims of Raid

For helping in rescue work after German raiders had bombed a Home Counties town, American soldiers have been thanked officially by the Regional Civil Defense Commission.

Less than a minute after they had heard bomb explosions in the town, the soldiers were helping rescuers dig for victims in the debris. Specially mentioned for their efforts were:

Maj. W. P. Duruz, Corvallis, Ore., liaison officer for the southern region; Pvt. Theodore Phinney, Somerville, Mass., who saved a young girl from possible injury; Cpls. Carl L. Bradley, Chicago, and John L. Yanuzzi, Union City, N.J.; Sgt. Robert H. Hill, Austin, Tex.; Lt. Col. John H. Thompson, Lt. Col. Lawrence H. Cox, Lt. Col. Francis W. Bordeaux, Capt. George Ott, Capt. Levin H. Arnett, and 1st Lt. John Kennedy, and all under his command.

U.S. Registers Today for Food Ration System

To Go on Points March 1; Supply Curtailed, But No Drastic Shortage

Special to The Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—Millions of Americans will begin registering tomorrow for Ration Book No. 2, containing coupons which they will need henceforth to buy virtually all of their foodstuffs except meat, fresh vegetables, fresh fruits and bread.

At midnight yesterday the retail sale of more than 200 items, comprising all canned, bottled and frozen fruits, vegetables, juices and soups was suspended until March 1, when rationing begins. Today Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard added all dry edibles, dried peas and lentils, and dehydrated and dried soups to the list.

Sale of these items will be resumed March 1 under a system whereby the housewife surrenders so many points from her coupon book for each article purchased. The points values of various items will be announced tomorrow.

Sales of canned meat and fish, which were stopped on Thursday, will not be resumed until meat rationing begins, probably about the end of March.

No Food Shortage

Government officials, in commenting on the introduction of rationing, reiterated that there was no dangerous food shortage in the United States.

Rationing was necessary, they pointed out, to enable the government to control the huge flow of food to the armed forces and America's allies and still assure sufficient for everyone in the country.

Nevertheless, the average American family will have to get along with considerably less food henceforth, it became apparent today, as the government announced the amount of processed food which the ration books would buy.

Ration Book No. 1, already in use, covers sugar, coffee and shoes. No. 2 will contain blue and red stamps in denominations of one, two, five and eight points, totaling 48 for each person, for one month. Blue stamps will be used for the preserved foods whose sale was stopped yesterday. The red stamps will be used later for meat, canned meat and canned fish.

Must Declare Stocks

To analyze for the new books, each certain number of coupons detached before receiving the book.

When rationing begins, public eating places will receive bi-monthly allotments of rationed foods. A person eating away from home will not be required to surrender individual coupons, but if he eats in one hotel, restaurant or rooming house for seven days or more he must turn over his ration book to the operator, who will forward it to the local ration board.

U.S. to Get New Torpedo-Boat

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (UP)—A new model U.S. Navy torpedo-boat, more heavily armed and seaworthy than its predecessors which harassed the Japs during the Philippines fighting, is being built in large numbers for immediate use.

The experience of Lt. Cmdr. John Bulkeley, who led the torpedo-boat attacks on Japanese shipping during the Philippines fighting and at the end of the campaign removed Gen. Douglas MacArthur from the islands, contributed to the new type of torpedo-boat. His experience influenced the Navy to order a great expansion in their program for building the boats.

The new model carries greater offensive armor than its predecessor, which was armed with four torpedoes and four .50-caliber machine-guns. They have a substantially greater cruising range, making them especially useful for night raids against Jap positions in the Solomons and Axis shipping in the Mediterranean.

Great Britain Celebrates Red Army Anniversary

The 25th anniversary of the Red Army of Soviet Russia was celebrated through the British Isles yesterday, with government leaders speaking at exercises to which American soldiers were invited.

At Albert Hall, in London, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden praised the armies of Russia, which, he said, have "driven into the minds of the German people the lesson that German troops can be defeated and hurled into the confusion of retreat."

In other cities and towns civic and religious leaders voiced praise for the armies of USSR and for Joseph Stalin, who sent a message that the demonstrations "strengthen our confidence that the moment is near when the armed forces of our countries by joint offensive operations will smash the common enemy."

Winston Churchill III

Prime Minister Winston Churchill is ill with a slight inflammation of one lung, but doctors say his condition is "not unsatisfactory."

Just One Can Only



Keystone Photo

Grocery stores all over the States held their final sales on canned goods last week, so many of their customers could get that last "can" before the nation-wide rationing scheme restricted buying. The canned goods ration plan went into effect last Saturday. Here, New Yorkers line up inside a food store, where they were allowed "one can only."

'Lost Battalion' Walks, Crawls Through Foe's Lines to Safety

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where we had first been. Another company led by Capt. Edward Reynolds, who is from my hometown, Villisca, got out without any trouble at all."

Crawls to Safety

After the firing started, some units had divided under a prearranged plan into groups of five and filtered close by other German positions to safety. Some walked and crawled an estimated eight miles to reach American outposts.

One unit, of which Pvt. John Ferlise, 23, of Wheeling, W. Va., was a member, had to crawl three miles, threading its way among German tanks and guns. Ferlise rejoined his company 12 hours after most of the others had been reunited at an American camp.

Throughout two days of fighting on the mountain and the subsequent night flight, Maj. Moore, who was awarded a Silver Star for gallant leadership of his battalion in the Allied landings near Algiers Nov. 8, wore a steel helmet in which there was a deep crease "made by

the hazardous mission, but Lt. Scario's plane was badly shot up, then ran out of gasoline. Scario, attempting a belly landing in strange terrain in the semi-darkness, inadvertently lowered his landing gear, which collapsed when it hit the ground.

The plane nosed over and Scario was knocked unconscious. When he regained his senses, he found himself hanging head down in the cockpit and gasoline fumes almost smothered him. He extricated himself and walked all night to reach a highway where he saw a motor convoy.

Uncertain whether he was in Allied or enemy territory, the pilot left behind his weapons and identification and hailed a truck. It was American and he rode back to his field.

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let go and knocked out one of them. The other two got away."

2nd Lt. J. C. Gleason, 23, of Portsmouth, Ohio, said that when tankmen first saw an infantry column entering an olive grove southeast of town behind a number of vehicles, they withheld their fire in the belief they were stragglers from United States troops.

"We thought they were friendly because they walked in without any effort at concealment and came from territory where our own men had been fighting," said Lt. Gleason. "But when we saw German half-tracks following two American half-tracks and one of our three-quarter-ton trucks, we realized it was a Nazi column."

"I gave an order for my company of five medium tanks to let them have it. We got the jeep that had shot at Sgt. Lewis, the three-quarter-ton truck which had one of our anti-tank guns mounted on it, and the German half-track."

"Their infantry scattered into the olive grove. The fight was short and snappy. We inflicted very heavy casualties by peppering them with machine-gun fire, canister ammunition and high explosives."

"When they opened up on us with their 88's and began moving tanks in, our positions got too hot. I signalled my tanks and we withdrew through town, stopping several times to fire back and machine-gun German infantry."

"I thought I had lost two of my tanks and went back into town in the hope of picking up their crews on the back of my tank. I couldn't find them but saw several German vehicles we had hit in flames. Later, the two missing tanks turned up okay and we didn't lose a thing."

Particularly jubilant at the success of the mission in delaying the German advance was Sgt. William Vernon Canter, 24, of Hazard, Ky. In his first engagement as a platoon leader, his men

Muttersback, 28, Colusa, Cal., and Pfc Chester Fritzen, 22, Indianapolis, Ind.

Also 2nd Lt. Eso Naranchi, 24, Butte, Mont.; Pvt. Welton Fredenberg, 25, St. Bernard, Ohio; Cpl. Jasper King, Clanton, La.; Pvt. Earl B. Bates, Macksburg, Ia.; Pfc Millard Crow, Bewood, Va.; Pfc Clifford Warrington, Osage, Ia.; Cpl. Ralph Jones, Audubon, Ia.; Pfc George Olson, Panora, Ia.; Cpl. George Green, Des Moines, Ia.; Pfc Jack Stradtman, Des Moines, Ia.; Cpl. Kenneth W. Snyder, Leon, Ia.; Pvt. Robert K. B. Koons, Hollansburgh, Ohio; Pvt. Mort Goldberg, Philadelphia; Pvt. Joe Epstein, Philadelphia; Pvt. Sam Friedman, Philadelphia; Pfc Irving Kaplan, Philadelphia; Pvt. Irving Kahn, Philadelphia; Pvt. Everett Hawes, Coal Fork, W. Va.; Pvt. Cecil Stump, Villisca, Ia.; Pvt. Woodrow Dennis, Mount Gilead, N.C.

Fliers Get Awards

The daring treetop-level flight through intense German fire to drop instructions to the "last battalion" brought awards of Silver Stars to Lt. Col. Klocko, who

knocked out three German Mark Fours. Sgt. Fred Kolojeski, 28, a tank commander, of Garwood, N.J., said that after the German patrols had been beaten back during the night, between 40 and 50 Mark Fours and anti-tank guns appeared over the ridge the next morning.

"We engaged them at about 2,000 to 3,000 yards and held them for hours," he said. "About 3:30 PM ten Mark Fours broke through on our left flank, followed by German infantry. When they got within 400 yards we let go and knocked out two of them. The rest scooted for home."

"We fought a rear-guard action until we had withdrawn to three miles west of Sbeitia just as darkness fell. Then the Germans stopped. They were willing to break it off."

The battle was the sixth in which Kolojeski and his crew had participated during the African campaign. They had two tanks shot out from under them in previous engagements. Sgt. Leonard Jatzlau, 23, of Smithville, Tex., who drove Kolojeski's tank, said: "We poured ten 75-mm. shells and 20 37s into a battery of five German guns and silenced them."

Other members of the crew are Cpl. Charles W. Rush, 22, De Witt, Ark., gunner; Pvt. Walter J. Tarnowski, 28, radio operator, Chicago, Ill.; Pvt. Joseph Olexy, 24, Lansford, Pa., gunner; and Pvt. Peter J. White, 34, Cleveland, gunner.

Archbishop Spellman To Visit Troops Here

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP)—Archbishop Francis J. Spellman who arrived yesterday in the Vatican to visit Pope Pius XI will visit American catholic troops in Britain and North Africa on his return to America, it was announced here today.

With police escort the Archbishop was conducted by Vatican officials to quarters reserved for him in a small palace on Rome's Janiculum hill, which belongs to the American college and is regarded under Lateran treaty as part of Vatican city although actually outside its walls.

U.S. Loses Largest Sub, 2,710-Ton Argonaut

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (UP)—The U.S. Navy has lost its largest submarine, the 2,710-ton U.S.S. Argonaut, the Navy Department announced tonight.

"The Argonaut has failed to return from patrol operations and must be presumed lost," the communique said.

The Argonaut was completed in Nov., 1927, at a cost of \$6,150,000. Her armament included two 6-inch guns, four 21-inch torpedo tubes and 60 mines. At a further cost of \$1,406,450 new engines replaced the old engines and other changes were made between 1940 and 1941. The Argonaut carried a normal complement of 89.

German Naval Stores Blasted

Huge Explosion Destroys Wilhelmshaven Depot; RAF Hits Again

Wilhelmshaven, battered by RAF and USAAF raids alike, has been blasted by what probably was the greatest explosion of the war.

Reconnaissance photographs yesterday substantiated the stories of RAF airmen who attacked the key naval base in north-west Germany the night of Feb. 11-12 and told of a great explosion, with blinding flame, which swept across a huge area of the target and illuminated the country for miles around.

The explosion, according to Air Ministry officials who studied the reconnaissance pictures, occurred when a RAF bomb touched off the main Wilhelmshaven ammunition depot.

More than 150 acres were devastated, the photos show, with at least 40 of 50 sheds entirely gone and great craters left where the torpedoes and mines and bombs used to arm the German fleet went up in one terrific blast. Oil-storage tanks 700 yards from the depot have collapsed.

Despite the great damage already done, RAF bombers raided Wilhelmshaven twice in a row, Thursday and Friday nights, reporting large fires in the target area.

Army 'Co-op' Bombers

While the RAF has revealed that it made the war on Friday night against electric transformer stations near Loire.

Operations of Army "co-op" previously were limited to fighter forays against France, Belgium and, occasionally, western Germany. It was not generally known that any bombers were attached to the command.

With the step-up of the last month in air operations against Nazi targets in Europe, the Air Ministry last night pointed to an improvement in the warfare against U-boats.

"The Luftwaffe is failing in its support of the German U-boat arms," the Air Ministry said. "Drastic shortage of aircraft" was the prime reason given for failure of German bombers to keep up their previous scale of attacks and reconnaissance for submarine attacks on Allied shipping.

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enough to the real thing to be unpleasant, and artillery fire made the assault a sticky going. At the top a short review of the attack by the commandant was followed by orders to return to camp, on the double.

The Americans did well. The British officer who was acting commandant said, "They had a time learning our organization at first, but they've done remarkably well. We generally send in good reports on the Americans. Some of them have shown brilliant work."

The course has given some of the Americans new ideas, too. "When I was coming over," said Cpl. Chester Harvey, of Des Moines, Iowa, "I thought these fellows were going to be cream puffs. But, don't let anyone tell you differently, they're tough. They're plenty tough."

The last graduates of the course included 1st Lt. James E. Dyal Jr., Baxley, Martinville, Va.; 2nd Lt. Robert B. Williamson, Henne, St. Mary's, Ohio; 2nd Lt. Robert E. R. Frost, Newburyport, Mass.; 2nd Lt. Matthew S. Janik, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Cpl. Ronald Schwartz, Philadelphia; Sgt. Leo L. Kuehl, Davenport, Iowa, and Cpl. Norman Shery, Minnetonka Lake, Minn.

Director at Belfast Club Reassigned to England

BELFAST, Feb. 21—Stewart M. Patterson, of Stamford, Conn., director of the American Red Cross club here, has left for a new assignment in England. Patterson was a member of The Stars and Stripes North Ireland athletic program.

Mrs. Marcia H. Mackie, of Boston, who has been assistant director of the club, will assume the duties of director. She has been with the club since it opened, June 6, 1942.

Forts, Catalinas Hammer Buin Harbor, Airport

Direct Hits on Four Jap Cargo Ships Totalling 27,000 Tons

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Feb. 21 (UP)—Flying Fortresses and Catalinas gave Buin, in the Solomons, one of the heaviest poundings ever carried out there before dawn yesterday, when 500-pound bombs were rained into the harbor directly hitting four Jap cargo ships totaling 27,000 tons.

The Forts raided the harbor while the Catalinas concentrated on Kahili airport and the island seaplane base at Ballale, where heavy fires and explosions were caused. The raid lasted for about two hours.

The largest vessel (9,000 tons) in the harbor received two direct hits from 500-pound bombs and was left burning from bow to stern. The ship of 7,000 tons was also set on fire, while the other two (3,000 tons each) were heavily damaged.

Other raids carried out by Allied bombers were on Lae and Gasmata, where an enemy 5,000-ton vessel was attacked.

A large Jap submarine has been sunk by two New Zealand corvettes off Guadalcanal, in the Solomons. One of the New Zealand Navy ships received minor damage.

Enemy positions in the Aleutians were shelled by U.S. Naval forces over the week-end.

American surface units shelled Holtz Bay and Chicago Harbor on Attu Island.

This is the first time the Japs in the Aleutians have been hit by surface bombardment since Aug. 8, although there have been many raids on their positions.

On Friday and Saturday, U.S. planes executed a number of bombing attacks on Jap airfields at Vila, on Kolombangara Island, and at Munda, New Georgia Island. Large fires were started and hits scored on ack-ack installations. One U.S. plane failed to return from these attack missions.

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a short distance into the gap, but the Americans counter-attacked and drove the Germans out.

Further south, the forward positions in the Ousseltia Valley were withdrawn from the eastern to the western range of hills.

A strong German detachment which tried to drive up the Sbiba pass in Tunisia was stopped by Allied units, including French troops. The Germans left 11 destroyed or damaged tanks behind when they retreated, said a communique from French headquarters.

American Tanks Saved

Meanwhile, many stragglers, including Sherman and lighter tanks which became separated from the main force, have been rejoining the American force. This has cut down the tank casualties considerably, but the striking power of the unit involved was seriously depleted and regrouping is essential.

The lines which the Allies hold in the north now command the Ousseltia Valley. Against them the Germans have launched two stiff thrusts, but Americans, British and French units repulsed these.

As the details of the earlier fighting in Tunisia began to trickle out of the lines, it became increasingly evident that the American forces, despite their withdrawal, had put up a gallant fight against vastly superior numbers.

Enemy Paid Heavily

In one sector the enemy lost at least 50 out of the 100 tanks they hurled at the U.S. forces. The Germans were using heavy Mark Fours and Mark Sixes, the Americans medium Shermans and Grants. The withdrawal was orderly and marked by repeated incidents of heroism by individual soldiers and whole companies.

One battalion, surrounded in the mountains, was instructed in a message dropped by plane to attempt an escape. Crawling and walking for miles, they passed German positions so close they could hear the enemy troops conversing. When the outfit was compelled by circumstances to leave four wounded prisoners and a wounded doughboy behind, a chaplain, several Medical Corps men and a handful of troops volunteered to stay with them within enemy territory. They had not been reported up to last night.

Another American combat team, manning light tanks, was left behind at one evacuated town to cover the retreat of the main force and shot it out with a German armored unit which tried to capture them by approaching behind captured American vehicles manned by troops in American uniforms. Firing as they withdrew, the U.S. forces left a number of enemy tanks burning in their wake.

Ireland Chaplain Shifted

BELFAST, Feb. 21—Maj. W. T. Brundick, of Woodstock, Va., senior chaplain in Northern Ireland, has been re-assigned to Western Base Section. 1st Lt. Harry G. Schweger, of Louisville, Ky., formerly at Western Base Section, has taken Maj. Brundick's place.

Engineer Jive Chases Blues On Muddy Job

Special Service Helps Isolated Unit Start Own Orchestra

By Charles W. White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. ENGINEER CAMP, England, Feb. 21—Soldiers have been working in the mud here for months. What they're doing is nobody's business, but the mud is probably the deepest and stickiest to be found in Britain—and the work undoubtedly the toughest. They've drained swamps, built every kind of Army structure, working with picks, shovels, concrete mixers and even bare hands.

Saturday night? Nights off? In most camps you could go to town and have some fun. Here there is no town. You couldn't even call it a village—just a couple of houses and a pub that is always out.

And that is why, several weeks ago, Special Services, SOS, came here to do something about it. The idea being if there isn't any entertainment, the U.S. Army can roll its own.

Unit Show Tops

Result was, last Friday night, one of the fastest, funniest, camp shows yet seen in England, put on by soldiers who jived on horns, whammed bull fiddles, tap-danced and even gave classical stage soliloquies. It isn't the effort here to write a Hollywood rave review—just ask the boys. They had one damn fine time. And there'll be more because the camp now is set up with its own band, equipped with orchestra and string instruments, a little "GI Steinway" and all the backing necessary from Headquarters upstairs.

There'll be a camp dance every week at Saturday night's party following the big Friday night show, American Red Cross girls jitterbugged and waltzed, along with English guests who were invited with their families from several villages.

These dances, and other entertainment on the program now under way, may help change the situation for U.S. soldiers here who heretofore have had to look far afield for something to do.

Heading the Special Services' group which came here several weeks ago to help "lift the camp out of the mud" was S/Sgt. Sidney Ordower, of New York, who set about organizing a program. With him were Cpl. Jack A. Baker, of Westport, Conn., sound and lighting man, and a band. They arranged for a camp weekly, a library, and a show as soon as possible—which, Friday night, received a welcome that demonstrated how much it was needed.

They Made Music

Pfc J. W. Berry, of Dadeville, Ala., property man, came along to help set up the band. Pvt. Herbert Lustig, of Philadelphia, Pa., came as master of ceremonies. Sgt. Henry Smith, of E. McKeesport, Pa., is music director of the band, permanent members of which are: Sgt. Maurice Willis, Augusta, Ill., trumpet; Pvt. Clarence Zylman, Muskegon, Mich., trumpet; Sgt. Frank Drissel, Philadelphia, Pa., accordion; Sgt. Lloyd Patten, Bangor, Me., saxophone and clarinet; Sgt. Thomas Pangle, Amarillo, Tex., piano; Cpl. Rueben Weir, Detroit, sound technician.

Incidentally, while the band rehearsed for the show they found several excellent Negro musicians who will accompany them on future tours. Outstanding among these were T/Sgt. Charles P. Wilson, Portland, Ore., drums, and Pvt. Ulysses Howze, Los Angeles, Cal., bass violin.

Special Service Council

For future entertainment and general problems of the camp, a Special Services Council has been set up. It will include Chaplain Paul L. Taylor, permanent chaplain of the camp; Lt. Robert J. White, of Wilmington, N.C., engineer officer acting as Special Services officer; Red Cross representatives and a group elected by the men, three or four from each company.

The SOS Special Services' group, first to visit the camp, worked under Capt. Charles G. Wells, of Troy, N.Y. General policy is under direction of Capt. Clarence Linton, ETO., of New York, former professor of education at Columbia University.

One remarkable feature of this big camp is that it includes one or more Negro U.S. citizens from each of the 48 states of the Union.

Evidence that they are interested in new things happening here is that 130 men already have signed up for lessons in foreign languages, which include Spanish, French, German, Italian and Dutch. Most popular course is Spanish, with French a close second.

Need Square Dance Band

A soldier string band is wanted by the American Red Cross Mostyn club for the regular weekly square dances on Thursday nights. Any soldier who can play the fiddle, guitar and banjo and has experience of playing for square dancing may contact Ben Russak, program director. Bring your own instruments.

Jitterbug Contest Winners

CHELLENHAM, Feb. 21—A jitterbug contest held at the Red Cross Club here was won by Pvt. John M. Dale, of Detroit, with Cpl. Bill Bradshaw, of Fredericksburg, Va., taking second prize. The winners received cigarettes as prizes and their partners were given cosmetic sets.

War Production Chief Aids Orphan

Donald Nelson Gives £105 To Stars and Stripes Fund

By Bryce Burke
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the U.S. War Production Board, has added his name to the growing list of donors to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund.

The orphan selected to receive "extras" during the next five years from Nelson's contribution is Keith W., the only son of a RAF airman killed by enemy action during landing operations at Madagascar in 1942.

Keith, who will be four years old on June 28, is small for his age, with slightly curled hair the color of gold. He has deep blue eyes, black eyelashes, big dimples and a clear white complexion.

Keith and his mother were evacuated from London in September, 1940, and since have been living in Sussex County, in the south of England. The father visited them regularly until he left this country, and the failure of these visits to continue is still a mystery to Keith. He cannot understand why his father doesn't visit them any more.

Nelson has not as yet had the opportunity to give his approval to the selection, but all the facts concerning the child's life and background, together with a picture, have been sent to him.

The check for £105 was turned over to the fund in Nelson's name by Lord Kemsley, publisher of the Sunday Graphic. The production chief, in a letter to Norman H. Davis, National Chairman of the American Red Cross, explained the situation.

"I have received a letter from the editor of the London Sunday Graphic saying that Lord Kemsley, the publisher of that paper, wishes to donate 100 guineas to any American war service organization on war charity in England which I would care to nominate," the letter said.

"It occurs to me that for a number of reasons it would be advisable to have



Stars and Stripes photo by Richard Koenig

War Orphan Keith W. — selected as the child to be sponsored by Donald M. Nelson, Chairman of the War Production Board, shows his playthings to Bryce W. Burke, of Washington, D.C., a member of The Stars and Stripes staff. Keith's father, a member of the RAF, was killed while enroute to Madagascar.

this money go to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund."

The money was donated in lieu of payment for articles written for the paper.

Keith seems very bright for his age, and showed great interest in posing for photographers. His speech has a slight Cockney

accent. His anxiety about his father, causing him sometimes to refuse to eat, is the main worry of Red Cross workers who administer the Orphan Fund program. In an effort to change his attitude they hope to alter his surroundings with which the memory of his father has close ties.

Corsair Fighter In So. Pacific Called Fastest Fighter Plane In World, It is Built For Carrier Use

PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 21 (UP)—The world's fastest Navy fighter, the U.S. Vought-Sikorsky Corsair, is in action in the Solomons area, it was announced here yesterday. It is probably the first time the Corsair has been used in action anywhere.

The new plane is the first Navy fighter designed with a 2,000 h.p. Pratt and Whitney air-cooled engine, and is described as being in the 400 m.p.h. class. It is designed for operation from aircraft-carriers.

The wing span is 40 feet, length 30 feet. The inverted gull-wing design of its wings brings the landing gear lower and allows for the safe clearance of a large propeller. Its top speed is a military secret.

Sub That Took Gen. Clark To Africa Returns to Base

The Royal Navy submarine which took Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark and other Allied officers to their North African rendezvous before the African invasion, has returned to a home base, the Admiralty has announced.

Commanded by Lt. N. L. A. Jewell, RN, 29, the sub had since been on an "operational patrol which was successfully eventful."

Before taking Gen. Clark and other leaders to Africa, the submarine made reconnaissance off the Algerian coast to prepare for the American offensive.

Publishers Offer Prizes For Best Service Book

Awards for books on any subject will be given by MacMillan and Company to any member of American or British services in a competition announced yesterday. Each British award is £500, payable either for the best novel or the best book of general literature; similar awards to American prize winners are \$2,500, in addition to the usual royalties to authors.

Any man or woman under 35, British born or an American citizen, who is serving in the British or United States forces, is invited to submit a manuscript or proposal for a book on any subject within the field of general literature, that is, fiction, biography, autobiography, essays, or belles-lettres.

In addition to the main awards, there will be a number of smaller prizes for other manuscripts at the discretion of the publisher. Full particulars may be obtained from MacMillan and Company, St. Martin's St., London, or their branches in Toronto and Melbourne, as well as from the MacMillan Company, New York.

Lieutenant Bails Out, Watches Plane Land

Feb. 21—Lt. William Driscoll, of Huntsville, Tex., bailed out of his A20 and then unhappily watched it come down to a safe landing.

Driscoll was in one of the A20s piloted by Capt. Gerald Prices, of Estes Park, Co., while the plane was towing a target sleeve.

Coming in for a landing, the left wheel of the undercarriage stuck and Capt. Price ordered Driscoll to bail out.

"Maybe it's a good idea," Driscoll replied. "I won \$50 at poker last night. No use pushing my good luck."

He bailed out, and just as he went over the side there was a loud noise the ground crew could hear on the 'drome and the left wheel came unstuck. The plane landed just as Driscoll did.

New U.S. Fire Director Is Tested by British

A new American fire director for anti-aircraft guns, which makes calculations in five seconds that it would take 15 mathematicians five hours to do, is being tested on British heavy batteries here.

The new predictor, which calculates in advance where an airplane will be when the shell explodes, was developed by technicians of the Army and the motor car industry. It is now being manufactured on a mass production basis at the Ford Motor Co.

Described as a "box full of the works of a thousand watches," the delicate machines are assembled in an air conditioned room designed to keep them free from dust. The women who work in these rooms are forbidden to wear nail polish, while all workers must keep their heads covered to guard against even a hair getting into the works.

More U.S. Oil For Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 21 (AP)—The Uruguayan Foreign Minister, Don Alberto Guani, announced he had received from the U.S. State Department a statement promising that 34,000 additional tons of oil would be sent yearly to Uruguay as a result of negotiations he had had with the United States, and the "friendly attitude and close collaboration of the Uruguayan nation in the Allied cause."

U.S., British Chiefs Return

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (UP)—Field Marshal Sir John Dill and Lt. Gen. H. H. Arnold, U.S. Air Forces Chief, have arrived in Washington after conferences in North Africa, the Middle East, India and China.

First Red Cross Aeroclub Open

Plan to Construct Centers At Isolated Posts in British Isles

By Charles F. Kiley
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England, Feb. 21—The American Red Cross took its first step in the establishment of recreational and entertainment centers at isolated U.S. Army and Air Force stations here this weekend when it formally opened its first Aeroclub.

Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commanding general of the Eighth Air Force, accepted the club on behalf of the men at this post from Harvey D. Gibson, American Red Cross commissioner in the British Isles, during the opening-day ceremonies on Friday.

The Aeroclub here is a one-story building containing four rooms—library, games room, lounge and snack bar. Clubs set up in other stations will be practically the same although the size of the buildings will determine the number of rooms to be partitioned.

"We are planning to open at least 40 Aeroclubs at Air Force stations," said Mr. Gibson. "When this work is progressing favorably, we will turn to the isolated Army camps. We haven't decided on a name for them yet but we may call them 'Campclubs.'"

First Soldiers There

Among the first group of soldiers to visit the Aeroclub here was a quartet who agreed the club "will certainly make a lot of guys happy." They were Cpl. Edward Golder, Chelsea, Mass.; Sgt. Nathan Milgrove, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pfc Milton Novinsky, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Pfc Wilbur Loew, Ridgewood, N.Y.

In charge of this club is Eugene White, field director, of Philadelphia, Pa. He is assisted by Harold S. Williams, assistant field director and director of recreation, of Denver, Colo.; Betty Purdy, of Sarasota, Fla., staff assistant, and Hester Leavitt, of Elmira, N.Y., club director.

Besides Gen. Eaker, Air Force officials present for the club's opening included Brig. Gen. H. S. Hansell, commanding officer of Eighth Air Force Bomber Command, and Lt. Col. Claude E. Putnam, group commander of this station.

Dive-Bomber Pilot to Get Navy Cross Here Today

Cmdr. William R. Hollingsworth, of Coronado, Cal., is scheduled to be decorated with the Navy Cross in London today in the first ceremony of its kind in the European Theater of Operations. Adm. Harold R. Stark, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, will decorate Cmdr. Hollingsworth for heroism in dive-bombing operations against the Japanese navy in the Pacific.

Cmdr. Hollingsworth now is special naval air observer for the European Theater.

Allied Leaders Join to Honor First President

British and U.S. Troops Observe Washington's Birthday

American servicemen in the British Isles today commemorate the birth 211 years ago of George Washington, first president of the United States.

The ancestral home of the Washington family at Sulgrave, Northamptonshire, will be the scene of an all-day program with British and American soldiers joining in the ceremonies.

Other activities are scheduled in American Red Cross clubs, where special holiday dances and parties have been arranged.

Taking part in the program at Sulgrave Manor, portions of which will be recorded and later broadcast to America by BBC, will be Maj. Gen. William S. Key, Provost Marshal of the U.S. Army in the European Theater of Operations, and Brig. C. K. Maude, British Army Educational Corps.

Allied Leaders Speak

The ceremonies were arranged by Capt. W. L. Robertson, of Caddo, Okla., and the Eighth Air Force Bomber Command, in conjunction with Maj. G. Hill, British Army Educational Corps. Addresses will be delivered by Gen. Key and Brig. Maude, as well as by Arthur Newell, of Harvard University, director of Associates for Anglo-American Understanding and its representative in Britain; Dr. C. K. Allen, of Oxford University, and Capt. Robertson.

The history of Sulgrave Manor dates back to 1086. It was sold to the Washington family by King Henry VIII and was the home of Col. John Washington, great grandfather of the first president, who established his home in Virginia in 1656.

London Entertainment

The Red Cross clubs in London have announced varied programs of entertainment for the holiday with the biggest celebration taking place at the Rainbow Corner which formally opens its Rainbow Hall with an all-star revue. It features a cast of American and British stage and screen stars, including Leslie Henson, Beatrice Lillie, John Gielgud, Constance Cummings, Dorothy Dickson, Stanley Holloway and the Rainbow Rockettes with Toni Lupino.

Soldiers are invited to bring their girlfriends to the Mostyn Club's party consisting of a floor show and informal dancing, 7.30 PM to 10.

A "birthday ball" at the Washington Club and a "colonial ball" at the Mostyn Club Saturday night got those clubs off to an early start with its holiday celebrating.

The Red Cross club at Southport, directed by Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, who organized and directed the Eagle Club in London, is staging a dance contest during its holiday party. A huge cake will be cut by the contest winners.

Touring Stars Open Theater

A USAAF STATION, N. Ireland, Feb. 21—Dedication of a new theater here featured the appearance of stage and screen stars Bebe Daniels, Ann Dvorak and Freddie Morgan.

The new theater will serve several purposes, according to Capt. F. B. Willis, of Lexington, Ky., Special Service officer for Eighth Air Force Composite Command, and Lt. J. H. Atkinson, of Georgetown, Tex., unit Special Service officer.

Besides shows, the building will be used for dances, various athletics and church services.

The first dance will feature this unit's own orchestra, the Sad Sacks, who played for the stage and screen stars during their 10-day tour of North Ireland. Pfc Rocco Savino, of Worcester, Mass., directs the band.

A public address system has been set up in the theater by the Signal Corps under the direction of Capt. J. D. Hulley, Lt. E. T. Johnson, Sgt. Edward A. Jaksha, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and S/Sgt. George W. Stolpa, New York.

Stage manager is Joe Maruszewski, of Dearborn, Mich. The projector operator is Pfc Charles Bush, of Orange, N.J. Church services are to be conducted by Chaplain Willard G. Davis, of Marietta and Tipton, Ga.

Cheltenham Red Cross Organizes Camera Club

CHELTHENHAM, Feb. 21—A camera club and dancing class, both thriving, are innovations in the American Red Cross Queens Club here. More than 50 members attend Monday evening camera club meetings, led by Ben Frankenstein. The club has a complete darkroom.

Pvt. John Calvano, former New York dancing instructor, leads the Monday night dances.

Program director at the Red Cross Club is Phil Slinker, whose assistants are Miss Jane Daugherty, Fergus Falls, Minn.; Miss Rebecca Allen, St. Louis, and Miss Georgia Davidson, Wichita Falls, Tex.

32 Boxers Qualify for Division Semi-Finals Tonight

Bob McDonnell Upsets Donahue In Quarterfinal

Tragerser Knocks Out Hoeding in 25 Seconds

—TH DIVISION BASE, England, Feb. 21—Thirty-two aspirants for boxing championships in this division, survivors in a field of 900 that entered the tournament seven weeks ago, go to the post tomorrow night for the semi-finals of the divisional eliminations.

Winners of the 16 bouts in eight weight classes will match left hooks and right crosses in the finals Wednesday night, bringing to an end the fist activity that sent representatives from three Infantry units, the Artillery and Special Units in quest of ring titles in this division.

Eight of the semi-finalists had to punch their way through the quarter-finals Friday night, while 24 others drew byes.

Highlight of the quarter-finals took place in the light heavyweight class with Sgt. Paul Tragerser, an Infantryman from Baltimore, Md., scoring the quickest knockout of the tournament. He stopped Sgt. Eugene Hoeding, Artilleryman from Norfolk, Va., in 25 seconds of the first round. Tragerser stormed across the ring at the bell to open a two-fisted attack that sent Hoeding to the canvas after 15 seconds.

Bounces Up

The heavyweight battle produced a mild upset when Cpl. Bob McDonnell, of Dexter, Pa., outpointed Pvt. Mike Donahue, a hard-hitting Irishman from Philadelphia, Pa. McDonnell, using his advantage in height and reach, survived a first-round assault by Donahue to come back and take the last two.

Aside from the knockout in the 175-pound class, there was only one other knockdown during the closely waged fights. That occurred in the opening bout in which Pvt. Martin Immerman, of Utica, N.Y., outpointed Pvt. Stephen Hubbsak, of Paterson, N.J. Hubbsak went down under a left to the temple in the second round, but bounced up without a count.

Pvt. Morris Singer, an Engineer from Baltimore, upheld his reputation as one of the favorites for the 165-pound crown by beating Sgt. Steve Morgatch, of Warren, Pa.

Fannazo Loses Again

The 135-pound quarter-final saw Pfc Jack Fannazo, of Baltimore, lose his second bout of the tournament. He was beaten in the regimental finals, but was selected to represent his unit despite the loss. He dropped a decision Friday night to Pvt. Joe Flowers, of Atlas, Pa.

The summaries:

- 120-pound class—Pvt. Martin Immerman, Utica, N.Y., Artillery, outpointed Pvt. Stephen Hubbsak, Paterson, N.J., Infantry.
- 126-pound class—Pvt. Arthur Tufano, Jersey City, N.J., Infantry, outpointed Pfc Gaspar Rizzo, Bound Brook, N.J., Artillery.
- 135-pound class—Pvt. Joseph Flowers, Atlas, Pa., Infantry, outpointed Pfc Jack Fannazo, Baltimore, Md., Infantry.
- 145-pound class—Pvt. Robert Thompson, Philadelphia, Pa., Infantry, outpointed Pvt. Arthur Huxton, Northfield, N.J., Infantry.
- 155-pound class—Pfc James Grantham, Pulaski, Va., Infantry, outpointed Pfc Robert Ackerman, Pompton Lakes, N.J., Infantry.
- 165-pound class—Pvt. Morris Singer, Baltimore, Md., Engineers, outpointed Sgt. Stephen Morgatch, Warren, Pa., Infantry.
- 175-pound class—Sgt. Paul Tragerser, Baltimore, Md., Infantry, stopped Sgt. Eugene Hoeding, Norfolk, Va., Artillery, 25 seconds first round.
- Heavyweight—Cpl. Robert McDonnell, Dexter, Mo., Artillery, outpointed Pvt. Michael Donahue, Philadelphia, Pa., Infantry.

Michigan Swimmers Edge Ohio State, 43½-41½

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 21—Michigan's splendidly balanced swimming team reasserted supremacy over Ohio State's collection of stars, 43½-41½, in their meet here yesterday.

The outcome was unsettled until the final event of the 440 free-style relay, in which Michigan's captain, Johnny Patten, produced a brilliant anchor leg to bring the Wolverines home ahead. The Buckeyes' Hawaiian-born Keo Nakama was the individual standout, winning the 440 free-style in four minutes 52 and two-tenths seconds, and beating Patten in a thrilling two minutes 12 and seven-tenths 220 free-style.

Buckeyes Anderson and Dempsey finished one-two in the dive. Winners of the other events were: 50-yard free-style—Church, Michigan; 150-yard backstroke—Holliday, Michigan; 200-yard breaststroke—Counselman, Ohio State; medley relay—Ohio State.

St. Josephs Trounces Gettysburg

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21—George Senesky, the irrepressible sharpshooter, rapped up 38 points to lead St. Josephs to a 66-23 trouncing over Gettysburg here. Senesky's total of 15 field goals and eight fouls smashed the Convention Hall record of 31 points set last week by Harry Boycoff, of St. Johns.

Anderson, Ingwersen in Services

CHICAGO, Feb. 21—Two leaders in Big Ten football have entered the services. Dr. Eddie Anderson, head coach at the University of Iowa, has been commissioned a major in the Army Medical Corps and Bert Ingwersen, line coach at Northwestern, is a lieutenant in the Navy.

Rube Melton Quitting Baseball for a Farm

GASTONIA, N.C., Feb. 21—Frank "Rube" Melton, lanky Brooklyn Dodgers pitcher, has announced that he has bought a 500-acre farm and is intending to quit baseball to run it.

Said Rube, "I hate to leave Branch Rickey out on a limb, but I believe I'm doing the right thing."

The Dodgers bought him from the Phils for \$30,000 last season.

Scribe Raps Gene Tunney

Sports Give Servicemen Best Kind of Relaxation

By Whitney Martin

Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—Commander Gene Tunney winds up all the way from Washington and turns loose his fast one in New York in an effort to make competitive sports pop out as far as the armed services are concerned, but as nearly as can be gathered his first pitch was a ball.

His 50-minute speech before the Touchdown Club here left one very vivid impression, to wit, that Commander Tunney is against competitive sports as a conditioner for the warrior.

Now we can't throw Plato and Keats and Shelley at the Commander in an argument, although we might slow him up a little with Dumb Dan Morgan, Mushky Jackson and Gen. John J. Phelan, so any argument probably would be a little one-sided.

Furthermore, he's right in his intimation that such sports aren't essential to the development of a soldier, as a fellow doesn't necessarily have to know how to execute a spinner or take out an end to be able to pull a trigger or hike 25 miles without his hip pockets dipping dirt.

No Recreation, No Morale

Now a fellow can build up a rugged, wiry physique by toting refuse cans or going through the 1-2-3 squat exercises. But he can't have much fun doing it, and goodness knows a service man is entitled to all the pleasure he can squeeze out of a grim business.

If he gets a bigger kick out of playing football or watching a game than he does in going to a movie or swilling down a few bottles of beer, why should he be denied such pleasure? A camp movie certainly couldn't be called an essential part of a soldier's training, and the two hours he spends hunched in a seat certainly aren't as conducive to his physical well-being as the same period spent in sports activity.

Commander Tunney's idea seems to be that anything that is fun should be cut out of service training. It could be, of course, but if you work a group of men 14 hours a day with no time for recreation, you're going to have the groughest, sourest bunch of malcontents you ever saw.

Don't Stop Singing

Sure they're preparing for the big fight, and nothing should be overlooked to make that preparation complete. But time off is absolutely necessary for morale, if nothing else, and if the men want to play football or basketball or some other competitive sport during that time off, why shouldn't they be allowed to do so?

The point, if we haven't lost it somewhere along the way, is that anything which will make the servicemen happier should be encouraged. They can't stage their games when they are slogging through the mud or sand or trying to blast a Zero or pointing a gun at an enemy destroyer, so they do the next best thing. They sing. That's a relief, a sort of synthetic recreation.

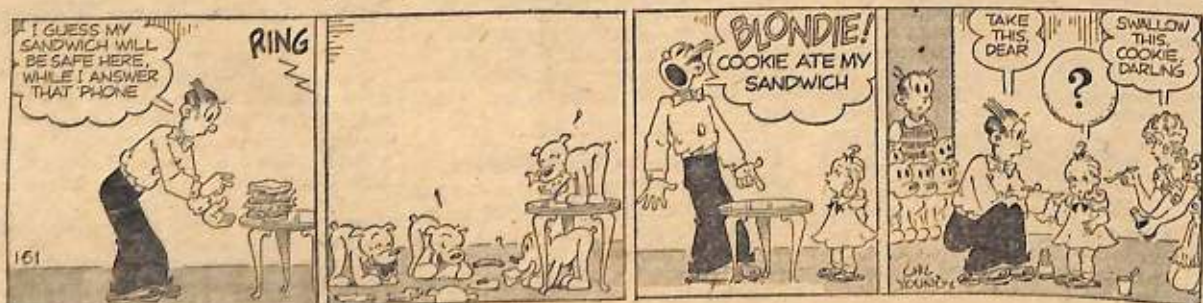
Nobody yet has tried to keep them from singing, although in some instances, judging from voices we have heard, it wouldn't be a bad idea. It's their pleasure, the same as taking part in competitive sports or watching competitive sports is their pleasure when circumstances permit.

This may sound like a lot of preaching, but as one who put in his hitch in the last war and knows how competitive sports break up the camp routine and tend to keep the men from exercising their time-honored privilege of griping, we think we're right.

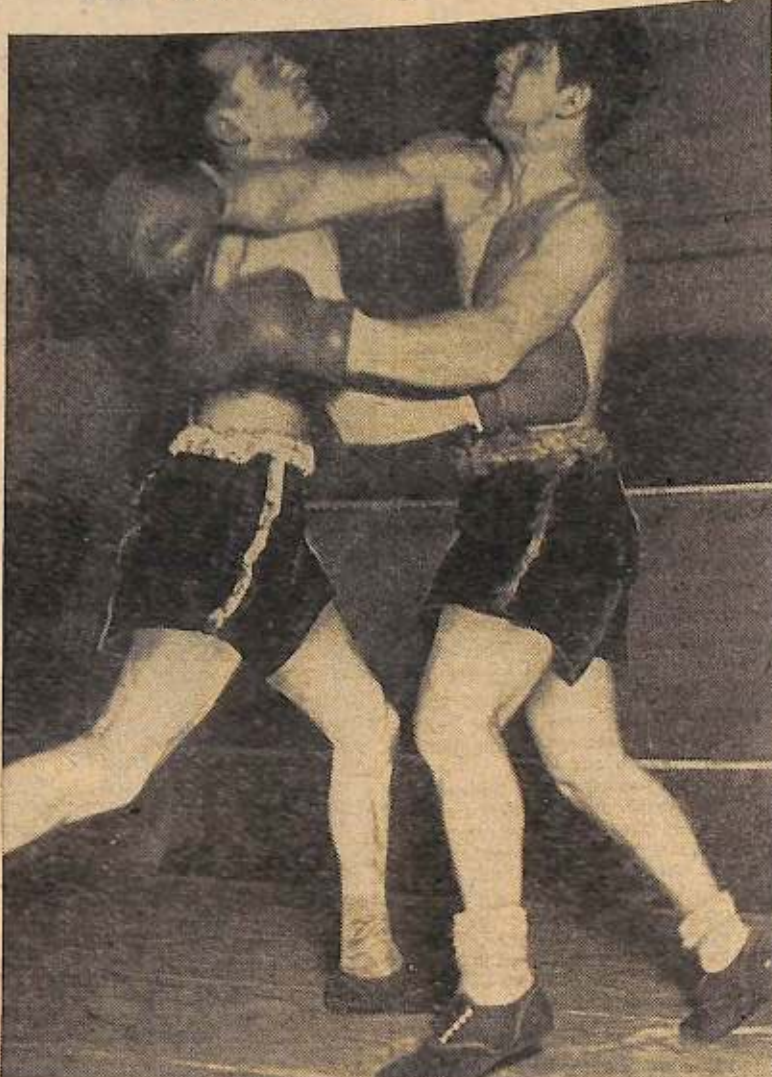
Let them have what fun they can while they can, as long as it doesn't interfere with the job at hand.

Blondie

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



He Won on Rights Like This



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

One of the two Bomber Command fighters to win their way through to the finals of the Eighth Air Force finals, Pfc Peter Lombardi, of New York, is smashing Cpl. Edward Kravitz, of Philadelphia, with a right to the head. Lombardi won on points.

Gil Dodds First In Baxter Mile

sets blazing pace Alter First Quarter to Win In 4:08.8

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—Making the national mile picture perfectly symmetrical, Gil Dodds had his turn at breaking the tape in the Baxter Mile at Saturday night's New York AC annual invitation indoor track meet at Madison Square Garden.

After finishing second to Earl Mitchell and fourth to Frank Dixon in two previous meetings this month, Dodds returned to the fierce pace-setting tactics which made him the nation's ace miler last year and crossed the line 15 yards ahead of Don Burnham, of Dartmouth, in four minutes, eight and eight-tenths seconds—the season's second fastest mile. Dixon was third, Jim Rafferty, New York AC fourth, and Mitchell a poor last.

Hugh Short, Georgetown middle-distance runner, making his final appearance before entering the Army, turned in a 58-second 500, beating Jim Herbert by ten yards with Ed Sausse, of Bayonne, third.

Burnham's Fastest Mile

Greg Rice won his 59th consecutive two-mile victory, beating Earl Hunter, of Notre Dame, who dogged him until the last lap, with a stretch burst which opened a 20-yard advantage. Rice's time was eight minutes, 58 and eight-tenths seconds, the season's fastest.

In the mile, which high-lighted the meet, Burnham set a 62 and seven-tenths seconds first quarter pace. Dodds, thinking the pace was too slow, took the lead on the third lap and started pouring on the speed. He hit the half mile in two minutes, two and four-tenths seconds, the three-quarters in three minutes, four and nine-tenths seconds, and by then held a 15-yard lead over Mitchell, who dropped back steadily thereafter. Dixon and Burnham started the final quarter in pursuit, but Dodds' finishing burst matched theirs. Easing up near the tapes, Dixon was overhauled by the surprising Burnham, who ran under four eleven for his fastest mile.

Army's Sports Ban Decried

Big Ten Official Accuses College Presidents of Bringing it On

CHICAGO, Feb. 21—Maj. John L. Griffith, Western Conference (Big Ten) athletics commissioner, has accused an unspecified group of college presidents of advising the Army officials against allowing student-soldiers playing on varsity teams in the schools to which they are assigned.

He said the action had been taken by a few prexies who "don't like college athletics," adding that it was following by last week's Army announcement that men trained for the Army in colleges would not have time to compete in intercollegiate sports.

Cites Knox, Halsey

Griffith said, "These college presidents present arguments against intercollegiate sports which are not clear. For instance, they refer to the transportation problem. Recently two of our Big Ten teams played a basketball game on the night when the temperature was zero. Fourteen thousand spectators were there and most of them walked to the field house.

"What's wrong with these people going out to watch two teams perform? What's wrong with these boys playing?"

Griffith recalled that Brig. Gen. Joe N. Dalton, assistant chief of staff for personnel of the Services of Supply, said "we're sending these men to universities to participate in big-time college athletics."

The commissioner remarked that Army and Navy officials' attitudes toward sports varied with individuals.

"Many don't like athletics, but there are many others—Capt. Arthur Radford who conceived the Navy preflight training program; Gen. MacArthur, Admiral Halsey, Lt. Gen. Hugh Drum, Secretary Knox—who have seen fit to commend competitive sport for the role it plays as a super conditioner of men for battle."

American Hockey League

- Indianapolis 6, Hershey 2.
- Washington 5, Providence 4.
- Pittsburgh 6, Buffalo 2.

Six Air Support Men Advance to Force Finals

Four Defaults by Bomber Command; Lombardi Takes Decision

It was all Air Support Command in Saturday night's semi-finals of the Eighth Air Force boxing tournament at the Rainbow Corner, with Air Support placing six men in the finals. Bomber Command defaulted in four weights with Air Support's scrappers going automatically to the finals.

Best fighter to swing the leather on the card was Sgt. John Bird, of Iselin, N.J., 165. Throwing rights and lefts from all over the ring, he scored a technical kayo over Bomber Command's S/Sgt. Al Roberts, of Waverly, Iowa, 163, in 35 seconds of the first round. Roberts, although game enough, was totally out-classed.

Bomber Command's best entrant was shifty Pfc Peter Lombardi, of New York, 133. Mighty midget Lombardi, always on his toes, carried the fight all the way and won a close decision over Cpl. Edward Kravitz, of Philadelphia, 131. Kravitz used his left effectively, but Lombardi's frequent right to the face jarred Kravitz during the first two rounds and by the third his nose was bleeding badly.

A Wrestling Match

Two heavy boys put on a combined wrestling and tug-of-war exhibition in the last bout of the evening. After three rounds of waltz-me-around-again-Willie, Cpl. Harold Raskin, of Chicago, 189, outpointed S/Sgt. T. J. Kilmer, of Alva, Okla., 190.

The scrap between Sgt. John Ruth, of Philadelphia, 147, Air Support, and Sgt. Charles Sanza, also of Philadelphia, 161, was declared no contest. Both men will go to the finals in their weights.

In two non-tournament exhibitions, Pfc Charles Wohlwend, of Superior, Wis., 127, won a decision over Cpl. Andrew McGinty, of Cleveland, 126, and Pvt. John Robinson, of Kansas City, Kan., 152, won technical knockout over Sgt. Henry Hoff, of Holyoke, Mass., 159, in 1.50 of the third round.

Win in League

By Wade Barton

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

AN AIR DEPOT STATION, Feb. 21—In the most thrilling games played in the Air Depot Group league, a privates versus sergeants game opened the four-game card. The sergeants, Team A, Repair, started with a bang, jumping into an 11-6 lead at the quarter. However, with Pfc Jack Mains, of Bay Village, Ohio, doing yeoman work under the basket, Pfc Carl "Black Jack" Peshoff's "Moe Club" boys closed the gap to 20-18 at the half, then went ahead to lead 35-27 at the end of the third quarter.

The Sergeants had two answers to this situation in Sgt. Earl Wilson, of Ashville, Ohio, and Sgt. Harold Wick, of Canoga Park, Cal., the big guns in a 17-point last period rally. Final score: Team A, Repair, 44, Team C, Repair, 38.

The second game was much closer than the 32-15 score indicated as Team E, Repair, defeated Team B, Supply. Sgt. Chris Laffleur, of St. Louis, of the Supply, and Pfc Hubert Christian, of Tupelo, Miss., played outstanding floor games.

The third game matched two undefeated quintets battling for the league lead, in which Team A, Headquarters, defeated Team A, Supply, with a last-period rally, 26-16. T/Sgt. Hans C. Enger, of Hico, Texas, sparked the rally with two long buckets, while 1st Sgt. Herbert McBride, of Ostrander, Ohio, of the victors, and S/Sgt. Philip Zakem, of Newport, Ky., of the losers, displayed outstanding defensive ability.

Sgt. Walter Machock, of Elyria, Ohio, paced Team D, Repair, to a 39-22 victory over Team C, Headquarters, with 19 points.

A Repair				C Repair			
Wick, Jr.	English, Jr.	Wilson, C.	Fazzold, Jr.	Cooper, Jr.	Massals, Jr.	Mains, C.	Parker, Jr.
6	3	7	1	2	4	3	4
0	2	3	1	1	1	1	1
12	5	10	2	6	6	5	6
Totals	19	6	44	Totals	18	2	38

E Repair				B Supply			
Hollopeter, Jr.	Evlisizer, Jr.	Christian, C.	Creech, Jr.	Hlavajcik, Jr.	Laffleur, Jr.	Watson, C.	Schultz, Jr.
2	3	3	0	1	1	3	1
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
3	4	4	0	1	1	3	1
Totals	13	6	32	Totals	6	3	15

A Hdqts.				A Supply			
McBride, Jr.	Enger, Jr.	Shrimplin, C.	Zimmerman, Jr.	Karps, Jr.	Rozeman, Jr.	Rigo, C.	Zakem, Jr.
1	4	1	3	2	2	3	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	4	1	3	2	2	3	1
Totals	13	0	26	Totals	7	2	16

D Repair				C Hdqts.			
Floyd, Jr.	Machock, Jr.	Radford, Jr.	Reigel, Jr.	Larkin, Jr.	Sennett, Jr.	Wells, C.	McGraw, Jr.
1	9	2	3	5	0	0	0
0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
3	3	1	7	1	1	2	2
Totals	16	7	39	Totals	9	4	22

Veterans Featured on Tomorrow's Fight Card

Dempsey Voted Better Fighter Than Joe Louis

Servicemen Give Manassa Mauler Nod After Seeing Movies

By Joe Williams

New York World-Telegram Sports Writer
NEW YORK, Feb. 21—Would Jack Dempsey have beaten Joe Louis? Doctor Nat Fleischer has taken a three-gated Gallop poll of soldier opinion on the subject from New York to Albuquerque, and it is no contest. The old Manassa Mauler would have won off by himself. Of course, Dempsey has beaten Louis with sickening frequency in the printed pages of magazines before, but this is the first time the armed forces have ganged on the champion (one of their own, too) and knocked him twisting.

Doctor Fleischer, whose tomes on the gentle art of beakbusting are of sufficient number and size to fill a warehouse, has been showing films of famous fights at camps and USO clubrooms. He has played to 500,000 men.

In his collection of filmed fights, most of them Dempsey's, Louis is included. As the films unwind the good doctor orates. At the finish, he polls the audience. He has had 32 showings.

To date and, as the doctor revealed in a current copy of the magazine Pic, Dempsey led the voting by about a two-thirds majority. The doctor is disposed to accept the finding as "an authoritative poll of a large section of informed public opinion."

Put Them in Ring

We question whether it is all that. Only a small percentage of young men in the camps saw Dempsey even in his later years, granted they had admission price, and were in position to travel to the scene of the fight. Possibly the same goes for Louis. "Informed public opinion" covers lots of territory.

No one, whether he belongs to an exclusive group of "informed public opinion," ever is going to prove convincingly that Dempsey beat Louis or vice versa. There's only one way—that's by putting them in the same ring at their best.

So it happens that your sentinel agrees with the servicemen; he thinks Dempsey was made of sterner stuff than Louis.

By this we mean we think Dempsey could take a punch better and this has nothing to do with gameness. Rather it concerns physical hardness and toughness plus a more instinctive sense of defense.

Dempsey was a better boxer than he was ever given credit for. He was so spectacular offensively that few paid attention to the deft manner in which he evaded enemy punches. His bobbing and weaving tactics made him a difficult target. As testimony to his defense, he hasn't a mark on him today.

Louis is a good boxer and has lightning speed, but he isn't hard to hit. And when he's hit everybody in the house knows it. Galento belted him into the ropes, Braddock had him on the floor, Schmeling murdered him their first fight—and keep in mind they kept Louis away from Schmeling two years after that grisly episode.

Schmeling Fight an Example

It seems reasonable to assume that if Schmeling could handle Louis so easily in their first fight, Dempsey meeting Louis under corresponding conditions would have turned in an even more smashing performance. Nobody ever said Schmeling was another Dempsey except for publicity purposes. It's true Louis had not been around long then, but even then they were calling him invincible, and he was making a shambles of all sundry opposition.

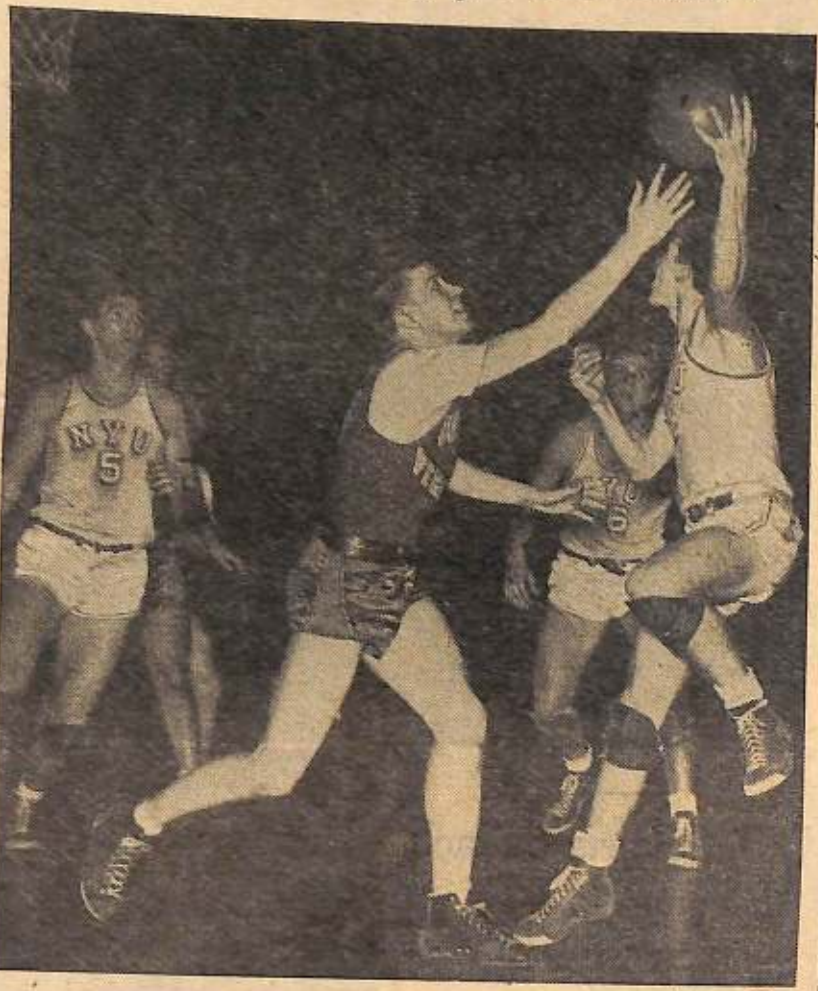
That night Louis couldn't get away from the right-hand swing, and it is our opinion that Schmeling would never have hit Dempsey with the same kind of punch. The right hander landed in the fourth round and the Bomber went down. The next landed in the fifth round, sending him flying against the ropes. Yes, it was after the bell, but neither apparently heard the chimes. The third right-hander was the finisher; it came in the 12th and drove Louis to the ropes again and the Bomber slid gently down and was counted out.

We could be wrong, but we just can't picture Dempsey at his peak getting hit repeatedly with that kind of a punch, and what's more important, being knocked down or staggered every time it landed. The old guy was a tough cookie, and we must side with the servicemen—Louis would have found him too tough to digest.

Maple Leafs Set Down Boston Bruins, 4-2

TORONTO, Feb. 21—The League-leading Boston Bruins suffered a serious setback by Toronto, 4-2, here last night. The loss prevented the Bruins from increasing their tenuous two-point lead over Detroit. The victory advanced the Maple Leafs to within four points of second place. Bill Cowley, League's top scorer, netted both the Boston tallies.

One-Handed Try for the Basket



Keystone Photo

Ray Lumpf, of NYU, takes a quick one-handed pot-shot at the West Virginia basket while opponent Carney Davis (9), of West Virginia, tries to hamper him as much as possible during their court contest at Madison Square Garden. New York U. won, 52-51.

Syndicate Taking Over Phils; Complete Shakeup Promised

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21—William Cox, New York lumber broker, confirmed the open secret that his syndicate is taking over the Philadelphia Phils, but quickly added that the club had not been "signed, sealed and delivered."

"I think the Philadelphia fans deserve an entirely new set-up and, if I have a chance, I'm going to give it to them," Cox added. "I haven't yet decided who the new man will be, but I like men like Pepper Martin, Bill Dickey or Lefty O'Doul—men of definitely established major league reputation. However, you can imagine the difficulties involved in getting men of that stature. But rest assured that I'll do my best."

Queried as to whether Bill Terry, ex-general manager of the New York Giants, might be engaged in the new setup, Cox said that he had Terry in mind, but he wasn't exactly certain what kind of a job there would be for him. He revealed "about ten" of the members of his syndicate, including Lt. W. Potter Wear, Philadelphia naval officer. However, he said the names of one or two members would not be announced since they prefer anonymity.

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Weekly Sports Quiz

If you knocked 'em dead with last week's Sports Quiz, here are five more memory twisters to set you guessing. Answers tomorrow.

- 1—Name the only boxer who has fought both Dempsey and Louis.
- 2—What American won the most points in the 1936 Olympics at Berlin?
- 3—What is the longest major league game played in innings?
- 4—Who was the last player to hit four home runs in one game?
- 5—What batter took the most American League batting championships?

Robinson Wins Over Wilson

Sugar Takes Decision In Close Contest At Garden

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—Young Ray "Sugar" Robinson, Harlem welterweight, proved himself the uncrowned champion of that division by hammering out a ten-round decision over Sgt. Jackie Wilson before 17,000 fans at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

In a close battle, Robinson's lightning left hook and superior speed at long range won the judges' votes, although Ray took a thorough body beating. Wilson might have won if he hadn't been floored in the fourth round and subjected to a terrific head beating the remainder of that session.

Wilson, 25-year-old California Negro who is stationed at Mitchell Field, seemed rusty, missing many of his punches throughout. Robinson, four years younger, fought more sharply, but his many clinches slowed the fight.

Wilson Wants Another Fight

It was a dull fight after the fourth round, in which Robinson apparently punched himself out trying to register a kayo over his semi-helpless opponent. In the first minute of that round, Robinson staggered Wilson with a left hook to the chin. Then a series of head blows drove the soldier backward after which the ropes. Wilson slithered off the ropes and fell, taking the count to eight. Robinson swarmed over him for the remainder of the round, nailing him repeatedly, but Wilson was not floored again.

Shuffling in Joe Louis manner, Wilson forced the fighting in most of the rounds. His body attack won the second and third rounds, but he lost the fourth and fifth. The sergeant took the sixth, staggering Robinson with a right to the head and beating him with inside punches. Robinson returned to take the seventh, lost the eighth, but took the final two rounds, rocking Wilson with hooks to the head.

After the fight, Wilson said he wanted another try at Robinson, confident he could do better next time. Robinson, who is entering the Army soon, weighed 142½, Wilson 142.

This was the first main event between two Negroes at Madison Square Garden in four years, and it drew a gate of \$47,683, 10 per cent of which was given to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Nation's Basketball Results

Friday's Games

- Colgate, 48, Buffalo 31.
- Princeton 52, Cornell 36.
- St. Johns 52, Manhattan Coast Guard 45.
- Worcester Tech 54, Massachusetts State 47.
- Duquesne 55, Wayneburg 44.
- Union 59, Williams 45.
- Stevens Tech 42, Hamilton 39.
- Glennville State Teachers 57, West Virginia Wesleyan 41.
- West Liberty 46, Broadus 40.
- Bates 52, Northeastern Maine 43.
- Swarthmore 58, Moravian 44.
- Ursinus 46, Haverford 41.
- Fort Meade 54, Franklin Marshall 30.
- Siena 57, St. Michaels 46.
- Fort Dix 60, St. Peters 55.
- Howard 73, Loyola 47.
- Morehead 53, Greentown 42.
- Davidson 54, Citadel 49.
- Mississippi State 51, Mississippi 39.
- VMI 41, William and Mary 33.
- Appalachian 41, Highpoint 33.
- Western Carolina Teachers 41, Catawba 36.
- Union 65, Transylvania 31.
- LSU 35, Tulane 34.
- North Carolina 39, Wake Forest 34.
- Georgia State 34, Camp Stewart 10.
- South Carolina 39, Wake Forest 34.
- North Carolina Preflight 50, Fort Braze 44.
- Iowa 47, Iowa Wesleyan 38.
- Capital 92, Wilmington 38.
- Culver Stockton 40, Westminster 31.
- Missouri Mines 59, Harris Teachers 27.
- North Dakota 39, North Dakota State 38.
- Hamline 59, St. Olaf 40.
- Erieham 35, Franklin 34.
- Wittenberg 56, Marietta 51.
- Muskingum 62, Heidelberg 46.
- Washington 47, Drake 33.
- Alma 57, Calvin 44.
- Kalamazoo 42, Michigan Normal 40.
- Western Michigan 51, Loyola (Chicago) 57.
- Dayton 47, Cincinnati 34.
- Milwaukee Teachers 45, Platteville Teachers 34.
- Xavier 68, Marshall 53.
- Baker 70, Bethany 43.
- Emporia State 44, Rockhurst 38.
- Gustavus Adolphus 42, Augustana 39.
- Morehead Teachers 45, Winona Teachers 36.
- Maryville Teachers 43, Wahpeton 31.
- Loras 53, Upper Iowa 40.
- South 52, River Falls Teachers 50.
- Milikin 44, Illinois Wesleyan 38.
- Wayne 55, Peru 46.
- Doane 38, Nebraska Wesleyan 30.
- Penn (Iowa) 45, Parsons 45.
- Valparaiso 61, Indiana State 49.
- Rose Poly 52, Oakland City 24.
- Minot Teachers 62, Valley City Teachers 39.

Saturday's Games

- Jamestown 44, Ellendale Normal 41.
- St. Cloud Teachers 38, Bemidji Teachers 33.
- Maryville 44, Springfield (Montana) 15.
- Texas Wesleyan 49, Howard Payne 23.
- McMurry 44, Abilene Christian 36.
- Ojatha Naval Base 47, Oklahoma 39.
- Arizona 41, New Mexico 37.
- Corpus Christi Naval 54, Baylor 23.
- Texas Mines 43, Hardin Simmons 42.
- Arkansas 74, Texas Aggies 49.
- Oklahoma Aggies 55, St. Louis 44.
- California Tech. 59, Occidental 57.
- St. Marys Naval Preflight 46, St. Marys 27.
- College of Idaho 60, Northwest Nazarene 56.
- Peperdine 63, San Jose State 57.
- Southern California 67, Stanford 49.
- Colorado Mines 59, Regis 32.
- Denver 49, Montana 47.
- Washington State 53, Idaho 33.
- Alameda Coast Guard 33, California 23.
- Oregon 42, Oregon State 38.
- Nevada 40, San Francisco State 35.
- Fort Warren 48, Colorado State 29.
- Brigham Young 44, Utah State 38.
- Wyoming 75, Utah 46.
- Greely State 49, Colorado College 34.
- Penn State 32, Pittsburgh 13.
- Cornell 35, Pennsylvania 30.
- Seton Hall 45, Rutgers 31.
- Vermont 48, St. Lawrence 45.
- Wooner 39, Mount Union 29.
- Niagara 52, CCNY 43.
- Dartmouth 60, Army 46.
- Georgetown 66, Maryland 36.
- Lafayette 64, Fort Monmouth 34.
- NYU 71, Lehigh 36.
- Maine 55, Northeastern 35.
- Fordham 39, Manhattan 31.
- St. Josephs 66, Gettysburg 33.
- Clark Clark 49, Boston Univ. 42.
- Muhlenberg 62, Bowling Field 37.
- North Carolina 50, South Carolina 27.
- Duke 58, Navy 48.
- Washington Jefferson 48, West Virginia 47.
- VMI 48, Richmond 30.
- North Carolina State 56, Wake Forest 32.
- Illinois 50, Wisconsin 26.
- Purdue 49, Iowa 35.
- Indiana 50, Minnesota 39.
- Ohio State 46, Michigan 44.
- Wooner 39, Mount Union 29.
- Ohio University 41, Miami 40.
- Toledo 81, Marshall 47.
- Kansas State 43, Fort Riley 29.
- Depaul 53, Kentucky 44.
- Lawrence 47, St. Norberts 45.
- Dubuque 48, Upper Iowa 39.
- Washington 40, Wichita 38.
- Oberlin 54, Berea 53.
- Rice 50, Southern Methodist 39.

Fans Will See Well Balanced Ring Program

Mariner, Bradshaw Back Seeking First Victories

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

An evenly balanced card of new faces and old standbys will appear tomorrow night in the regular weekly Stars and Stripes fights at the Rainbow Corner.

Among the new faces will be four Negro boys who, if they put up as good scraps as did Pvt. Rand Daviss and Pvt. William Garrett, will give the Corner fans the best night in two months of excellent ring shows.

Most experienced of the quartet is Cpl. William Brown, of Marshall, Texas, 175. As an amateur he has won the majority of his 12 fights. Pvt. Ernest Eanas, of Birmingham, Ala., 155, has been fighting as an amateur for a year and was entered in Golden Gloves competition.

Bradshaw Making Another Try
Pvt. Ulysses Mitchell, of St. Petersburg, Fla., 135, has fought eight fights as an amateur, and Cpl. William Carlton, of Philadelphia, 154, had 15 fights before he entered the Army and two since he has been in service.

Two Stars and Stripes veterans who need no introduction will be back again. Pvt. Billy McHale, of Philadelphia, 187, has two draws and a win in the books so far. Pvt. John Venezia, of Detroit, 147, has taken three straight and will be out for his fourth tomorrow.

Two scrappers who were new last week are making the second appearance tomorrow. Cpl. William Bradshaw, of Fredericksburg, Va., 180, Southern States champion in 1940, drew with McHale, but will try for his first win against another opponent tomorrow.

Pfc Thomas Flanagan, of Jersey City, 157, came through with a technical knock-out in the third round last week. Victory set so well that he will try to make it two tomorrow.

Two ring veterans may supply the program fireworks. Two weeks ago Pvt. Willie Mariner, of Monticello, N.Y., 150, lost a close decision to 1st Sgt. John Wooten. Mariner, New York Golden Glove semi-finalist, made a good showing against Wooten with a hard left and an educated right hand.

The other scrapper who has been around is Pvt. James Yonkers, a veteran of five years in the ring as an amateur and semi-finalist in the Chicago Golden Gloves.

Close behind these two are Pvt. Pete Sinuk, of New York, 185, and Sgt. Heaston N. Zirkle, of Schinnton, W. Va. Sinuk has been bouncing around the ring for three years, while Zirkle has one year of fighting with 14 bouts to his credit.

Pfc Howard Blaffkin, of Washington, D.C., 154, has been in both the Philadelphia Diamond Belts and the Washington Golden Gloves, in the latter of which he was a semi-finalist.

Big Ten to Drop Freshman Rule

CHICAGO, Feb. 21—The Big Ten is expected to cancel the freshman rule at a special conference of the athletic directors and faculty athletic representatives here today. This cancellation would enable the freshmen to play in varsity competition this Spring.

It is believed that the dissenters have been won over by the severe loss of athletes to the military forces and the recent Army announcement that student-soldiers returning to school for specialized training will not be permitted to compete in intercollegiate sports.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 21—The Reverend John Cavanaugh, athletic chairman at Notre Dame University, will eliminate the rule barring freshmen from participating in varsity sports. Father Cavanaugh explained that while Notre Dame is not a member of the Big Ten, it is ethically committed to the conference eligibility rules since the Irish compete so often against Big Ten schools.

Illini Beat Wisconsin For Tenth Straight

CHAMPAIGN, Feb. 21—Illinois won its tenth straight Big Ten basketball game by trouncing the Badgers of Wisconsin, 50-26, thus moving within two games of their second consecutive title.

Determined to prove their superiority over Indiana, which lost to Wisconsin last week for the season's only defeat, the Illini produced an avalanche of baskets which led to a 24-9 lead at the halt. In the first eight minutes of the second half they stretched the lead to 48-18, then used their subs.

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Washington The Boy

George Washington, general, statesman, first president of the United States, and descended of England's Edward the First, was born at Bridges Creek near Fredricksburg, Virginia, on February 22, 1732.

Little is recorded of Washington's childhood. It is known however that Lord Fairfax, a friend of the Washington family, and a neighbor, wishing to protect his lands, on which squatters from Pennsylvania were settling, sent off to the Shenadoah, in March, 1748, a surveying party which young George accompanied as assistant surveyor.

After his return from this trip Washington was assisted by Lord Fairfax to obtain the position of public surveyor for Fairfax County, his commission dating from July, 1749.

Lord Fairfax therefore was in a good position to know George Washington, the boy, and the following letter, written by him to Washington's mother, sheds some light on the developing character of a future world leader.

Wrote Fairfax:
"He is strong and hardy, and as good a master of horse as any could desire. His education might have been bettered; but what he has is accurate, and inclines him to much life out of doors. He is very grave for one of his age, and reserved in his intercourse; not a great talker at any time. His mind appears to me to act slowly; but, on the whole, to reach just conclusions, and he has an ardent wish to see the right of questions. . . what my friend Mr. Addison was pleased to call 'the intellectual conscience.'

Method and exactness seem natural to George. He is, I suspect, beginning to feel the sap rising, being in the spring of life, and is getting ready to be the prey of your sex, wherefore may the Lord help him, and deliver him from the nets those spiders, called women, will cast for his ruin. I presume him to be truthful because he is exact. I wish I could say that he governs his temper. He is subject to attacks of anger on provocation, and sometimes without just cause; but as he is a reasonable person, time will cure him of this vice of nature, and in fact he is, in my judgment, a man who will go to school all his life and profit thereby."

Washington the Leader

Every military leader must prove himself to his own troops. Washington was able to do this during his darkest hour when he struck brilliant blows at Trenton and Princeton, reviving the hopes and energies of his own troops and supporters in all thirteen colonies.

Prior to Trenton, Washington had been forced northward, more than once in danger of capture, till the loss of two Hudson river forts, one of them with 2,600 men, compelled him to retreat from White Plains across the river into New Jersey. General Howe, believing the American Army would soon dissolve, retired to New York, leaving strong forces in Trenton and Burlington.

Washington at his camp west of the Delaware planned a simultaneous attack on both posts, using his whole command of 6,000 men. His subordinates in charge of his wings failed him, and he was left on the night of Christmas Day, 1776, to march on Trenton alone with some 2,400 men. He completely surprised the unprepared Hessians, and after confused street fighting, killed the commander, Rahl, and captured 1,000 prisoners and valuable stores of arms and ammunition.

Learning of this defeat, General Cornwallis hastened with 8,000 men to Trenton and found Washington strongly posted behind the Assumpink river. Cornwallis decided to wait overnight "to bag the old fox." During the night Washington, leaving camp fires burning, circled around Cornwallis, and fell at daybreak on three British regiments at Princeton. These were defeated with heavy British loss, and Washington escaped with more captured munitions.

The effect of these victories heartened all Americans, brought recruits flocking to camp with the spring and encouraged foreign sympathizers with the American cause.

Washington had proved his leadership.

Hush Marks

Tacoma police, booking an Indian on charges of drinking too much firewater, were puzzled by his name, "Adam Bird-in-the-ground"—but not for long. They listed him, "Adam Birdinjal."

This actually happened in a London court. An irate housewife, asked to explain why she had "beat up" her spouse,



explained, "I complained to my husband that a strange man had spoken to me in the blackout—all he said was, 'well, that wouldn't have happened if he had seen you in the daylight.'"

Just give the army a little time and they'll accomplish anything. Roy D. Stevenson, of Tucson, Arizona, just received word from the War Department that he has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action near Bazoches, France, where he served as a sergeant in the AEF—25 years ago. Most any GI waiting on his request for furlough to come back knows just how you feel, Stevenson.

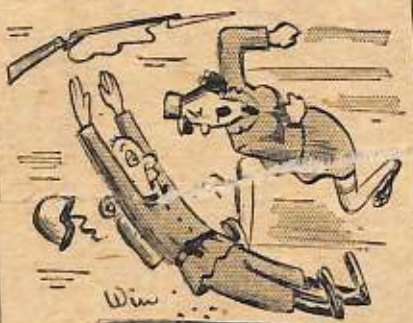
No wonder Hollywood casters act screwy. Frequently persons who are real Frenchmen, real Russians or real Italians do not look like the American moviegoers' conception of Frenchmen, Russians or Italians. In filming a recent scene involving a group of Russians, the 12 "Russians" consisted of two Swedes, an Hawaiian, three Swiss, two Frenchmen, a Greek, a Maltese with two of the real McCoy thrown in for good measure.

An anonymous note left in our typewriter reads: "Here are five handy answers to use any time you are stumped in an argument:

- "But statistics don't prove a thing . . ."
"You're obviously prejudiced . . ."
"That's a very superficial way of looking at it . . ."
"Your conclusion is highly debatable . . ."
"That's what I used to think . . ."

Try one of these the next time a bunch

In addition to preparing themselves to take over clerical jobs, the WACKS also have their "commando" training. A



non-com was overheard exhorting her squad with this timely advice. "If you find yourself face to face with the enemy, charge in just like you would at a bargain basement full of silk stockings."

PRIVATE BREGER



"Sir, he claims we're making him work like a mule!"

They Put a Plow on the Peep



U.S. Soldiers Launch Program to Raise Own Food

The "peep," that quarter-ton "Handy Andy" of the Army, which already is used for everything from chasing tanks in North Africa to carrying Queen Elizabeth on troop inspections, is doing spring plowing in England.

American troops, engaged in a large scale program to grow part of the Army's food and save 50,000 tons of shipping space a year, are using the peep for clearing and plowing thousands of acres of Great Britain's farm lands near U.S. Army camps. The peep has been considered as particularly suited for truck farming and the cultivation of staple crops, where light and medium-weight machinery is used. It has been employed successfully by British troops for this type of work. However, this spring the "mighty mite" will be given heavier and more difficult tasks to perform.

Hoisting Crops to Market

Maj. H. H. Hutchinson, of Raleigh, N.C., agricultural officer of the U.S. Quartermaster Division in the ETO, says the peep, will be utilized as a prime mover for the machinery used in harrowing, planting and cultivating. Hooked to a trailer, it also will haul the crops from the fields to storage centers or markets.

This new policy, formulated by the Service of Supply, of putting American soldiers behind the plow in their spare time will supplement work being done under the British Army agricultural pro-



field (top) near an American post in England. The Peep's pilot and a member of Britain's Land Army of girls pause for a smoke after a hard day's work.

gram. All the work will be "extra curricular" as far as the soldiers are concerned, and will not interfere with combat training.

British forces in 1942 put 7,952 acres of farm land under cultivation and reaped a harvest of fresh vegetables and fruits sufficient to feed 10 divisions for a year. The addition of the Americans, many of whom were farmers before entering the armed services, is expected to double the yield in 1943.

Officers Appointed

Maj. Hutchinson said that efforts will be made to rotate crops and to grow a greater variety of food. Assistant agricultural officers have been appointed for every U.S. Army installation in the United Kingdom. Equipment, tools, fertilizer, seed and other supplies will be provided by the British.

Any excess food above the needs of the U.S. Army will be distributed and

sold under a joint American-British system.

Everyone Wants a Peep

The peep already has proved itself as much an "off the road" vehicle as the tank, but this expanded program will give it a severe test, watched with interest by farm agencies as well as by Army officials. The future use of these "contraptions" has been the subject of much speculation and practically every member of the Army has expressed the hope that he can own one when the war is over. Each has a pet idea about the use he would have for one.

The uses to which these midgets can be put seem to be unlimited. The Engineers, for example, have used them successfully for clearing ground for the construction of roads and bridges, for pulling stumps, felling trees and removing boulders. In some cases the rear wheels have been jacked up and a belt attached to provide power for a circular log saw.



Guy With a Horn

What type of animal is he
Who through my slumbers hauntheth me?
So all my pleasant dreams disperse?
Who drives me to iambic verse?
I rue the day that he was born:
The guy that blows that awful horn.

Before this ogre was GI,
What other tortures did he try?
What evil deeds could lure his hand?
Stick pins in babies? Or put sand
In people's spinach? Did he dare
Pour syrup in his mother's hair?
Or did this misanthrope design
Female hats to ruin men's minds?

Some buglers toot it soft and low,
(Just loud enough to let you know)
Some may the boogie beat employ
But this fiend lives but to destroy.
His very note is garbled static.
Just call this dragon acrobatic.
Frankenstein had nothing on
This spectre who defiles the dawn.

Some day I hope the final note
Will stop and clog up in his throat;
And in his efforts to extract it
I hope his injury chiropactic.
But if he gets that last refrain
I hope he blows out his damn brain.
Cpl. John Peace.

It's a Fact

Mussolini's private bathtub
In the Mediterranean Sea,
Has had the plug pulled out of it.
How very mean some guys can be!
S/Sgt. Gene E. Bluhm.

Berlin Bound

On corner, street and square
The word is going round,
In rain or snow or hail
We're going Berlin bound.

Our part is being done
To strafe the foe with bombs.
Is your part being done
By buying more War Bonds?

All your help we need
When pay-day rolls around
To keep the bombers flying
For we are Berlin bound.
Sgt. W. P. Kubaska.

S'Fact

Some bold admissions must be made,
Which Hitler can't escape;
He used to be a paper-hanger,
Now he's hanging crepe!
S/Sgt. Gene E. Bluhm.

NEWS FROM HOME

Soldiers to Aid Harvest in U.S. If Labor Short

FDR Quoted as Believing Army Can Handle It Without Legislation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Rep. Hampton P. Fulmer (D., S.C.), chairman of the House agriculture committee, said today President Roosevelt had agreed to permit the use of soldiers to help harvest crops where there was shortage of farm labor.

Returning from a conference with the President, Mr. Fulmer said the President had endorsed in principle a provision of legislation introduced recently by Mr. Fulmer to relieve farm labor shortages.

The President felt there was no need for legislation to use troops for harvesting, and that the matter could be handled by executive order or army regulations.

Lynne Overman Dead

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 21 (AP)—Lynne Overman, 55, stage actor and film comedian, died yesterday of heart disease.

Production Still Rising

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (UP)—Deliveries of war material, guns, ammunition, tanks and equipment for aircraft and ships during December showed an increase of 28 per cent. over November, a preliminary report from the U.S. War Production Board disclosed today.

Part of the increase resulted from the year-end clean-up, but much was the result of the use of new machines and equipment and of an improved situation in deliveries of materials.

Priorities Defeat Counterfeiting

DENVER, Feb. 21 (UP)—Counterfeit money rackets in the U.S. are being defeated by war priorities and an educational campaign by the Treasury, according to an official in Denver.

Metals used by counterfeiters in the manufacture of coins, and chemicals, printing equipment and zinc used in the production of false notes are being carefully watched by the U.S. officials, who see that all of it gets to the war industries.

A U.S. Treasury campaign which is enabling people to recognize bad money is also being waged.

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 21 (UP)—Ginger Rogers collapsed while dancing in a film scene yesterday, overcome by fumes from

Texas Sheriff Assigned To Bring in Adolf Hitler

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Tex., Feb. 21 (AP)—The District Court Grand Jury yesterday indicted Adolf Hitler of the Third Reich.

A lengthy bill of indictment accused Hitler of a series of murders, robberies, thefts, rapes and violations of sovereignty.

The district attorney told sheriff William Melton, of Hopkins County, to bring in the defendant.

seven tons of "dry ice" (solid carbon dioxide) used to make clouds. She was ordered to stay at home two days.

Broadway to See French Sailors

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP)—The French Navy in some force will march down Broadway Tuesday. Sailors from the battleship Richelieu and the cruiser Moncalm, as well as British service men, will participate in a parade, part of a reception for Vice-Adm. Raymond Fenard, head of the French Naval Mission to the United States.

'We've Turned Corner'—FDR

Fight for Survival Over, Now Marching Toward Victory, He Says

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21.—President Roosevelt said in a letter to the St. Louis Post Dispatch yesterday that "after long months of preparation, of holding on, we have now turned the corner in the war."

The President's letter was published with the first of a series of articles discussing the aims of the war and the peace.

"Our primary job in those early days was survival, we had to beat the aggressors back. Now that we are on the march toward ultimate victory there is an important job of education to be done so that the tragedy of war will not come again."

"We are fighting for freedom not only for ourselves but for all people everywhere."

A similar message from Vice President Henry A. Wallace pointed out the advantages of air power in enforcing the peace.

Grable Sits in Wet Concrete And Leaves Behind Impression

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 21 (UP)—For the benefit of posterity they were taking an imprint of Betty Grable's legs, but, at the critical moment, the film star slipped and sat in the concrete, thereby adding the imprint of another part of her anatomy.

All this took place before 90 representatives of the Army, Navy and Marines, plus a man from the Hays office who was present to see that decency was maintained.

Miss Grable arrived outside Sam Grauman's Chinese theater, where the imprints of the feet of famous stars for the last 20 years have been taken. She was clad in a blue dress, but without stockings.

Three representatives of the fighting forces seized her tenderly and lowered her into the wet concrete.

But as she went down feet first into the concrete, her skirt came up and the gentleman from the Hays office cried "Halt" and told them to start all over again.

They started again, and then again, with

the same procedure. The last time a satisfactory means was established, and the soldier, the sailor and the marine were holding on grimly to give the concrete a chance to set when somebody's hand slipped and Miss Grable sat down hard in the concrete.

A few minutes later she departed, shaking hands with the soldier, the sailor and the marine, and shaking big dabs of concrete from here and there. She was, she said, going to have a bath.

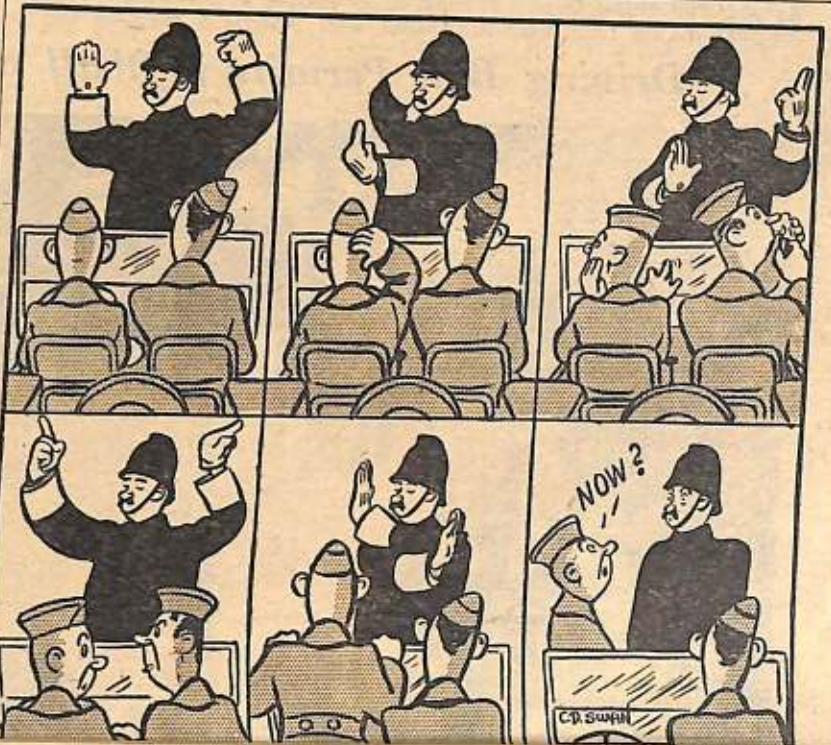
The studio said there will be no trouble about the marks on the concrete made when Miss Grable sat down. They will fill in the tell-tale indentations.

Joan Bennett Expects Baby

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 21 (AP)—Joan Bennett, film star, is retiring temporarily from active duty with the American Women's Voluntary Services Recreation Division because she is expecting a baby in June, her studio has announced. She is the wife of Walter Wanger, producer, and has two children by previous marriages.



"Sure be glad when this war's over and things get the hell back to normal!"



TERRY & THE PIRATES



JOE PALOOKA



IN REPLY TO MANY REQUESTS FOR BIG LEVITICUS AND HIS WHEREABOUTS... HE TOO IS FIGHTING TO NEW READERS, BIG LEVITICUS AND HIS FAMILY WERE THE ORIGINAL HILL BILLIES IN COMICS. THEY FIRST APPEARED IN THE PALOOKA PAGE IN 1930.

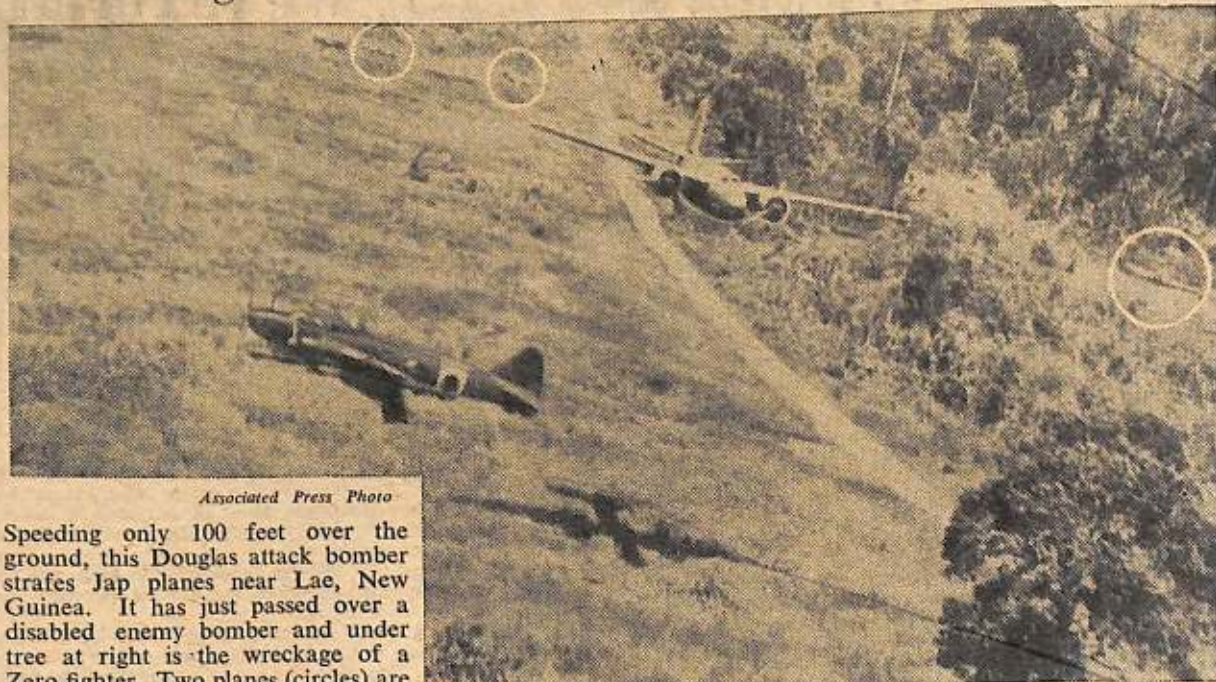
HAM FISHER

Actresses Visit N.I. Hospital



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
Bebe Daniels (left) and Ann Dvorak (right), film stars, visit Cpl. Clarence Rand, of Los Angeles, collaborator on song hit "Deep in the Heart of Texas," and Nurse Evelyn Hanley, of Brooklyn, at a Northern Ireland hospital during their tour of Ireland with American overseas artists.

Douglas Attack Bomber Strafes Jap Airport



Associated Press Photo
Speeding only 100 feet over the ground, this Douglas attack bomber strafes Jap planes near Lae, New Guinea. It has just passed over a disabled enemy bomber and under tree at right is the wreckage of a Zero fighter. Two planes (circles) are wrecked in the background.

Driving Ban Permits Softball on 42nd Street



Keystone Photo
At a traffic artery famed throughout the world—New York's 42nd street near 8th avenue—hotel employees play softball and traffic doesn't even bother them except for an occasional trolley, the reason being the recent driving ban now in force in New York. Maybe grass will be growing soon.

One of the Things We Left Behind

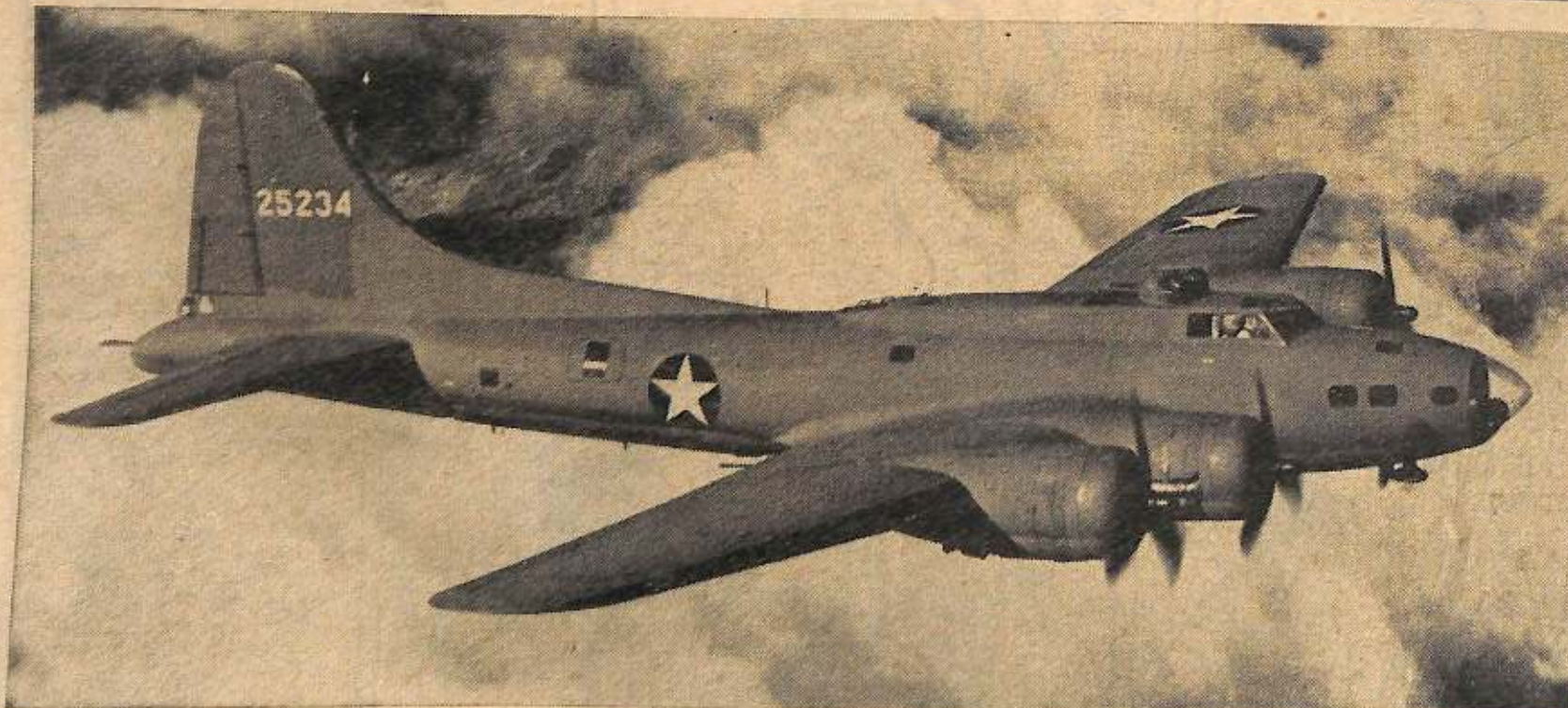
This is Susan Hayward, another shapely Hollywood lovely, who looks especially nice when she's in a bathing suit. Her most recent picture is "Reap the Wild Wind."



U.S. Built Grumman's Used on British Carriers



Hard-hitting Grumman Martlet fighters built in the U.S. are now based on British aircraft carriers. Here British deck hands wheel a Grumman into position for a take-off somewhere off the coast of Britain.



New Type Fort

The eighth in the line of four-engine Flying Fortresses, type "G," makes a test flight near the Boeing aircraft factory in California. The outward appearance is much the same as the type "F" and "E" used by the Eighth Air Force in the British Isles, except for the plastic nose, besides important improvement of internal detail.

Central Press Photo