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-And This Isn't Germany Speaking

# Is Reich Still Strong?—Puh-lenty!

By J. Wes Gallagher

How strong is Germany?

Prime Minister Churchill's view expressed in the House of Commons Tuesday that Adolf Hitler still has a mighty war machine echoes the beliefs of Allied military leaders. Here is the picture of Nazi military might as compiled from the opinions of two top Allied officers charged with assessing German military strength, plus that of an anti-Nazi German underground leader aiding the Allied cause.

None of them believes the combination of Allied bombing and Russian ground successes will cause a German collapse, although they acknowledge the contributions of both.

None believes a civilian revolution is possible at the moment.

All are convinced that bloody, large-scale battles must be waged on the Western Front to beat the Germans into submission

All say that German reserve stocks are low, but that German ground forces have no serious shortages of war

They roughly place German military strength in the same position as that prevailing in 1917 in the last war.

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Capital Stunned

Quits as Democratic Chief

Of Senate in a Dramatic

Protest on Tax Veto

tomorrow, as a protest against President Roosevelt's veto of Congress' tax bill.

In a bitter and sarcastic attack on the President, he termed Roosevelt's demand

for \$10,500,000,000 additional taxes "fantastic," and declared that he "did not propose to take this unjustifiable assault

Frequent criticisms by Mr. Roosevelt of the legislators' actions reached a climax

yesterday when he vetoed Congress' \$2,315,000,000 tax bill and sent it back

with some of the sharpest comments ever to go from the White House to Congress.

Break Stuns Washington

effects which this intra-party fight might have on the 1944 presidential elections.

Another slap at the President, which might widen still further the breach be-

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Says Poll Defeat for FDR

Would Pep Up All the Axis

National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan

asserted today that nothing "could hearten Hitler or the Japanese war lords

more than tidings that America repudiated the administration of Franklin D.

template with equatimity or com-placency," he said in a speech, "the idea

of the confusion that would be the inevitable result in a change of the administra-tion from Democratic to Republican,"

'I do not think any of us can con-

Roosevelt.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 22-Democratic

white House and the Demo-

lying down.

Civilian Front:

The Allied demand for unconditional surrender and the Russian determination to crush Germany have hardened civilians and soldiers to a feeling that they must stand fast to the last-for surrender would be their end, anyway. There is nothing in sight to drive a wedge in the morale of the home front like Wilson's Fourteen Points.

Germany in the Kaiser's day had no hold on civilian life comparable to the Gestapo's today.

German propaganda is still strong and grips the people's minds. Thus, although bombings have created terrible hardships, the only outward result has been to increase the sullen hatred of the enemy.

With all Europe to draw upon, there has been no appreciable deterioration in the food situation.

Eleven years of the Hitler regime have left the country devoid of leadership outside the Nazi Party and the Army, which are co-operating.

German Army:

Despite huge losses on the Russian front, which are estimated to have been between a million and a million and a half men in the last eight months, Hitler has not

# Barkley Breaks Worried Tokyo Declares Two Outposts Philippines State of Crisis

A state of emergency has been proclaimed throughout the Philippines following the "assumption of new and dictatorial powers" by the Japanese puppet president in Manila, Tokyo Radio announced last night a few hours after speaking of a "crisis" in the Japanese homeland as a result of a shake-up in the Imperial High Command.

Commenting on the day's news, the broadcast said the government changes

#### WASHINGTON, Feb. 23-Sen. Alben W. Barkley, Democratic leader of the Senate, has resigned that post, effective Finnish Envoy' Returns Home

## Peace Mission to Sweden By Paasikivi Believed As the Kentucky Senator gave up the leadership he has held since 1937 in the closest harmony with the President, he shouted: "If Congress has any self-respect left it will override this veto and cnact this tax bill into law." A Complete Failure

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 23-Juho Paasikivi, former Finnish prime minister, who has been in Stockholm ten days, presumably to negotiate a peace with Russia, returned to Helsinki with Mrs. Paasikivi A tense session listened to one of the most sensational speeches ever made in today as all signs indicated his mission had failed. the Senate. With reddened face and flinging his arms about, voice choked with emotion and tears in his eyes, the man who twice nominated Roosevelt for the Presidency declared:

Paasikivi appeared tired and discouraged, and the geniality evident when he arrived in Stockholm was no longer apparent. He refused to discuss his mission, but gave the impression at had not

"This is the first time in 32 years' service that I have been accused of voting for a bill which would 'impoverish the needy and enrich the greedy' (a phrase used by the President in his veto message). been too successful.

Asked if he planned to return to the Swedish capital, the aged former foreign minister said, "I have been here too long

> Meanwhile, Helsinki disclosed that Finnish trade negotiations with Germany were resumed Feb. 18—in spite of Secretary of State Cordell Hull's warning to Finland Jan. 31 that she must break with Germany or suffer the consequences of a Nazi defeat.

Barkley's vehement break with the President stunned political Washington and started a wave of speculation on the WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—Acting Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. told a press conference today the U.S. still hoped to get Finland out of the war.

## Bombs Strike Stockholm:

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> The government withheld any statement on identity of the aircraft.

throughout the empire came "at a time when an enormous enemy formation has

when an enormous enemy formation has pierced the vital Marshall Islands defense line and is exercising pressure on Truk." "We need a government now which is capable of coping with the greatest possible strain," the report added. Meanwhile, American ground troops in the Solomons opened a drive toward the center of Bougainville, gaining several miles and killing 120 Japanese. On New Guinea, Americans and Australians pushed northwest toward Gambi, jungle village several miles south of Madang. village several miles south of Madang.

Only scattered resistance was met.

Medium, bombers from Bougainville continued the air onslaught against battered Rabaul, New Britain, dumping 52 tons of bombs on newly repaired runways. There was no fighter inter-

In the Central Pacific, yesterday's com-munique reported only reconnaissance flights over the isolated eastern Marshalls, is Marines and Army troops on Eniwetok prepared to cross the narrow two-mile channel between the atoll's main islets to finish off the Japs on Parry Island, now under a devastating sea and air bombard-

In Burma the Jap offensive along the northwest coast of the Arakan Peninsula has failed completely after nearly three weeks of bitter fighting, United Press reported. More than 3,000 Japs were

#### 3 U.S. Nurses at Anzio Awarded the Silver Star

Three American nurses who carried on under German shell fire in the Anzio bridgehead in Italy have been awarded

the Silver Star for gallantry.

They are Rita Rourke, of Chicago; Elaine Roe, of White Water, Wis., and Mary Roberts, of Dallas, Tex. One shell crashed into the tent where the nurses were working. Two other nurses were killed

#### Lonergan Trial Postponed

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP)—The opening of the trial of Wayne Lonergan Canadian airman who is charged with killing his wife with a bludgeon, was postponed until Thursday.

## February Bomber Losses Sink From 3.1% Average to 2.2%

Battle losses of U.S. heav bombers operating in the ETO from Feb. 1 to 22-when more bomber sorties were flown than in any other full month in the history of American air operations in Europe-were cut to 2.2 per cent, Eighth Air Force disclosed yesterday.

Since the American air war against Germany began in August, 1942. battle losses of the heavies have been held to the phenomenally low figure of 3,1 per cent. Fighter losses through enemy action during their full period of operations in the ETO stands at 0.7 per cent. These figures do not include losses through accidents or other causes besides battle damage.

The disclosure was the first the USSAFE has permitted of a definite percentage of planes lost in the total number sent out.

So far this month, during which the number of individual flights greatly exceeded any other full month, and included the record penetration of 535 miles to Leipzig, fighter losses have risen slightly to 0.8 per cent.

# Libs from Italy Hit Luftwaffe's Largest **Ball-Bearing Plants**

#### Nazis Lose 10 Planes In London Fire Raid

The Germans lost ten planes in a raid on London early yesterday morning, their third attempt in five days to start widespread fires by oil bombs and incendiaries. Eight-planes were shot down on this side of the Channel, the others were destroyed over their

The attack, made by more highspeed bombers than have been sent recently to the capital, was met by a heavy barrage which was described officially as the heaviest of the war.

# Of Pskov Are BeingBattered

#### RedArmies of the Ukraine Gathering for Start of Big Advance West

Two outposts defending the Nazi strongpoint at Pskov came within range of Soviet artillery yesterday as powerful Russian armies at extreme ends of the 1,100-mile Eastern Front surged forward in new drives to regain ports on the Baltic and Black seems.

and Black seas.

While Gen. Malinovsky's troops in the Ukraine pursued the defeated Krivoi Rog garrison along the roads to Kherson and Nikolaev, three armies on the north-

and Nikolaev, three armies on the northern front opened attacks on Dno, 60 miles to the east of Pskov and Strugi Krasnye, 40 miles northeast.

Dno, where the railway linking Staraya Russa and Pskov cuts the Leningrad-Vitebsk line, was threatened by two columns—one nine miles away on the east and the other 18 miles distant on the north. In addition, an outflanking threat was developing from Gen. Khozin's Pre-Baltic Front army 27 miles from the Dno-Vitebsk railway in a thrust west from Kholm, 50 miles south of Staraya Russa.

Strugi Krasnye, 40 miles from Pskov on the rail line from Luga, already was under the fire of Russian guns and Soviet troops here were pushing home violent attacks. Another Red Army spearhead lunging at Pskov, gateway into Latvia and Estonia, was fighting through Port-kov. 40 miles east of the main invention.

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In the south, three Soviet armies under Gens. Malinovsky, Koniev and Tolouching with Gen Vaturios.

bukhin, working with Gen. Vatutin's First Ukraine Army wedged into Poland, squared off to sweep the Nazis out of the Dnieper Bend and drive on past Kherson and Nikolaev toward Bessarabia and the Rumanian border

Moscow dispatches said thousands of Germans died in the streets and approaches of Krivoi Rog, the Dnieper iron-ore center overwhelmed Tuesday.

#### Seven of Every 10 Buying Bonds, Morgenthau Says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23-Seven out of every ten Americans are putting part of their pay checks into War Bonds, Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr. estimates.

"Treasury figures," he said, "show that in 1943 Americans saved better than \$23 of every \$100 they made, and of every \$100 saved they loaned \$44 to the government."

Morgenthau said that "spree spenders" were in the minority, and pointed out that \$13 of every \$100 was going to pay

#### British Troops 'Cheated' Of Smokes, Paper Charges

NAPLES, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—Union Jack, British Army newspaper, estimating that only 25 per cent of the cigarettes sent to troops are received, today vigorously attacked what it called the "great cigarette gamble."

"If theft within the service is found to

be the sole answer to the mystery, then nothing short of drastic punishment for the offenders will satisfy the fighting men who are being cheated every day," Union

Both Are Corn-Fed

NEWARK, N.J., Feb. 23-First prize at a local war bond rally is a 325-pound pig. Second prize is a life-size photo of Frank Sinatra, the swoon crooner.

## 310 Nazi Fighters Downed in Great 3-Day Offensive

The thunderous campaign of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe to blast the Luftwaffe from the skies in preparation for invasion was carried into its fourth straight day by the Italy-based 15th Air Force yesterday in a heavy attack on the most important ball-bearing plants Germany has left, at Steyr, Austria.

The Eighth and Ninth Air Forces in Britain were grounded for the day after carrying out the three greatest daylight air operations of the war, aimed directly at cutting the Luftwaffe's fighter

directly at cutting the Luftwaffe's fighter strength.

Allied headquarters in Italy announced that a strong force of Liberators struck at two highly important factories manufacturing airplane engines and a wide variety of aircraft components, including ball-bearings, in the attack on Steyr, 90 miles west of Vienna.

The Liberators were attacked by a strong force of German fighters on the 1,000-mile round trip over the Alps and back. German radio said the U:S, force suffered "a great reverse," with 38 planes shot down from a force smaller than that which struck Regensburg yesterday.

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Factories bombed were those of the
Steyr-Daimler-Puch Corporation, producers of Messerschmitt fuselages, undercarriages and other component parts for Me109 fighters, and the Steyrwaffen Flug-motorenfabrik Walzlagerwerke, a comparatively new engine factory near the huge Daimler plant.

The two factories became the most im-portant producers of ball-bearings in Europe after the giant factory at Schwein-furt was destroyed last October. The Daimler plant also made aero engines in large quantities.

310 Fighters Downed Meanwhile, U.S. Strategic Air Forces here revealed that the first three days of the Americans' great offensive on Luft-waffe fighter strength had brought the destruction of 310 Nazi fighters in the air and dozens more on the ground, as well as crushing blows to the enemy's fighter production. fighter production.

In the first co-ordinated attack by the British-based Eighth Air Force and the Italy-based 15th on Tuesday, American bombers and fighters knocked down 133 German craft against a loss of 74 of their

own, headquarters announced.

Eighth Air Force bombers destroyed

4 enemy planes and their long-range fighter escorts accounted for 59. Fortyone American bombers and 11 fighters were lost.

The Italian-based bombers knocked down 40 German planes at a cost of 20 bombers and two fighters.

In the three consecutive days of assaults aimed directly at Luftwaffe fighter strength, the British-based Fortresses and Liberators have rolled up a score of 117 enemy aircraft destroyed and their escort-ing P47s, P38s and P51s—from both the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces—have destroyed 153.

Output Loss Heavier Yet

The Germans' heavy losses in the furious air battles which raged all across

furious air battles which raged all across Europe were still small, however, in comparison with the staggering loss the Luftwaffe suffered in aircraft production. Following up two days and nights of continuous assault on fighter factories and airdromes by both the USAAF and RAF, the Eighth's four-engined bombers delivered smashing blows Tuesday at Bernberg, which produces about 30 per cent of the Nazis' twin-engined fighters; at Aschersleben and Halberstadt, which make essential parts for twin-engined Ju88s; and at several unidentified air-fields and military targets in southern fields and military targets in southern

Germany.
Stabbing northward simultaneously from Italy, the 15th pounded the Messer-schmitt factories at Regensburg, where 35 per cent of Germany's single-engined fighters are produced. It also struck an airfield at Zagreb,

#### Secret Process Increases Speed, Range of Planes

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP)—A "hitherto impossible technique" which will "enable American planes to fly farther, faster and higher" has been developed by the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp., according to its presi-dent, J. Carleton Ward.

Ward said the discovery, a military secret for months, concerned a chemical process for binding pure aluminum to steel.

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#### Furlough Opportunities

An educational course covering almost any subject is available to soldiers on leave or furlough in the British Isles. Included are classes in engineering, architecture, English literature, administrative law, British sports and games, British government and veterinary science.

Applications for a short course in general political science at England's famed Eton College, Christ's Hospital (secondary school) and Charterhouse can now-be made. These open March 13.

The University of Birmingham is offering two courses, one general and one on sports and games, beginning March 30. Those interested in architecture can attend the course opening March 20 at the University of Liverpool or the University of Bristol opening July 10. At these universities some of Britain's foremost architects will explain the various aspects of cathedral, municipal and domestic architecture.

Courses in English literature and drama open April 3 at University College, Exeter, and others in engineering (civil, electrical and marine) at University College, Southampton, on April 18. Bristol University offers a course in British government history and practice, opening April 1. Oxford University offers a continuous series of courses of a general nature beginning each Monday. After March I attendance will be on the leave and furlough basis,

Courses at the University of Edinburgh in administrative law, and at the Royal Veterinary College, Streatley, in veterinary science will be announced soon.

All short courses are of a week's duration and include lectures, discussions on the subject and field trips. Students are allowed free periods for a variety of interesting extra-curricula activities which add much to these educational opportunities.

Fees to cover the cost of a week's billet and mess are only £3 12s, for officers and £1 12s, for enlisted men. There is no charge made for tuition.

Applications for attendance may be made in writing to the Chief of Special Service Hq, ETOUSA. Only one endorse-ment is required and that should contain a statement from the officer having the authority to grant leaves and furloughs that the applicant is entitled to such a period of absence from duty.

With the facts in your possession, the opportunity to continue your education is now in your own hands. The GI with an eye to the future should invest at least one furlough in a British university

#### Vive La France

Fighting under their old standards and under unit designations which tradition has endeared to the French Army, but fighting with new American equipt numerous French units have taken their place among the Allied forces clawing their way up the Italian peninsula. Reports on their effective use of American material have just been brought back to the War Department by an American officer of the International Aid Division, Army Service Forces.

Many of the French officers are the same men who fought the Germans in 1914 to 1918. Their men, delighted with their new equipment, are anxious to form the spearhead of an attack to drive the Nazis out of France itself. The French name tanks and other motorized equipment just as we do, but with a more serious note to the names. The designations do not include comic characters and slangy phrases typical of the breezy, informal GI outlook. The French prefer names of geographic locations and historical personages.

All the French troops, including native African troops such as Moroccans, Algerians and Tunisians, have been put into American uniforms. Identifying badges are being issued to be worn on the breast, bearing a shield with the blue, white and red of the French tricolor. Because of the personnel requirements of the American equipment, the French Army tables of organization for combat Army tables of organization for combat troops have been drawn up along American lines. The American arms go to French units destined for combat service, and the old French equipment is sent to the North African forces who are assigned to home defense.

History it appears, is repeating itself. As in the days of the American revolution, French and American troops are fighting side by side, and as in the days of World War I-on European soil.

# Hash Marks

Overheard in the blackout, "Daddy, what do you call a man who drives a taxi?" "It all depends on how close he comes to you, sonny." Ain't it so!

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English and American still ain't the same language! A captain bounced into his office the other day, stretched his



arms and jubilantly announced, "There now, I've been inoculated against typhus! His sweet, young English office assistant looked up from her typewriter and asked in a startled voice, "What have typists ever done to you?"

A 27-year-old air force major happened to meet up with one of his lieutenants while on leave in Blackpool. The junior officer was with a very pretty Lancashire lass, and as the conversation got well under way the major slyly revealed that he wasn't doing anything and would like the young lady to get him a date. The girl replied coyly, "My mother isn't doing anything tonight—perhaps she can come along." - Surprised and indignant, the major snorted, "How old do you think I am?" "About 47," the girl replied. "You missed it by 20 years!" retorted the major. To which the young miss blithely see To which the young miss blithely re-marked, "Why, major, you don't look 67 years old!"

We pass this story on without comment, A P38 pilot who is sweating it out in the ETO got a letter from a close friend back in the States asking him to write a certain GI back home to boost the guy's morale. The reason the GI's morale is low: he is on maneuvers that require him to be away from his wife and daughter TWO

weeks out of every FOUR.

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Whoopee! Some GI Joes way down in Africa managed to get their hands on a big barrel of beer but, woe is me, they



didn't have suitable tools for opening the Finally a native came to the rescue of the sad sacks-he loaned them his trained rhinoceros as a cork-screw!

Neatest explanation of the week Arrested for beating a woman he sat next to in a movie, an Ohio man alibied, "I

thought she was my wife."

J. C. W.

Secret Weapons: No. 4—The Bogey Stories

# Buck Rogers Is on the Firing Line

## Reports of Fantastic Schemes Put Out By Germans

Herewith the fourth and last of a series

#### By Bud Hutton

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A pall of explosive gas to cover London and be touched off by rocket guns . mysterious rays which from strategic points around Europe could short-circuit the ignition of Allied planes and tanks .. projectors to spread fog so thick no landing force could find its way in it . . barrage balloons of solid steel . . . giant "fly paper" sheets to "catch" enemy vehicles. . .

The terror weapon bogey is back on the propaganda firing line.

From neutral borders of warring states all across the world is beginning to come a new flood of stories describing the imminent appearance of one secret weapon or another. Some of them sound as if they had been hatched up at a conference between Jules Verne and the authors of Tom Swift, Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers.

Virtually all of them would have made good reading in Astounding Stories five years ago.

The preponderance of the Axis' secret weapon stories centers around their wellpublicized experiments with rockets. The stories dealing with the few Allied secret weapons mentioned are confined largely to applications of the jet propulsion principle which already is going into production in combat planes.

Perhaps the most fantastic of all the current secret weapon stories is one which came out of Istanbul this week and was ascribed to "Axis but non-Nazi sources" by the British United Press,

#### Blast London to Bits

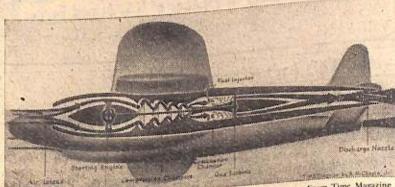
A non-poisonous but very heavy gas would be laid over London-or any other largely populated area-by the biggest fleet of planes the Luftwaffe could muster. The heavy gas would seep down into cellars, fill houses, search out the foundations of the city. Then German longrange guns or rocket apparatus on the far side of the Channel would fire explosive charges into the city, touching off the gas and blowing all London to bits.

According to the "Axis but non-Nazi sources," the weapon so terrifies even the Germans that they won't use it until the opening of the second front convinces them there is no hope of negotiated peace. No mention is made of how the Germans are going to keep folks in London from striking an occasional match before the rocket shells ignite the gas, and so spoil-ing all the Nazis' fun.

There are a dozen other stories going



If you don't mind my saying so Sir, I think you are taking our section a little too literally.



From Time Magazine

The diagram above shows the operating method of the Allied jet-propelled airplane,

the rounds, of equally fantastic proportions. There are a good many more which have a sound basis and could be

A report arising in Berne, Switzerland, and reaching England by way of Stock-holm, describes a new infra-red search-light ray which can cut through haze; dust and smoke for a distance of 125 miles and spotlight Allied bombers as they approach the Reich. Use of the light by ground units already is reported light by ground units already is reported, and experiments are being carried out with the light on night-fighter planes. High consumption of electricity, however makes it necessary to burden the plane with so much auxiliary power plant that it becomes virtually useless as a fighter according to the reports.

Reports of half a dozen new Nazi airplanes, which may or may not use jet propulsion, have come out of Stockholm, Berne, Lisbon and indefatigable Ankara.

Vague references to the possibility of a new type of aerial propulsion follow the world-wide pattern laid down by the Allied revelations that jet-propelled air-planes are in production.

#### Jet Propulsion in 1680

Jet propulsion, or "heiss-strahl," as the Germans call it, is not new; very few of the secret weapons are, basically. 1680 Sir Isaac Newton had an idea for jet propulsion. Working on the axiom that every action has an equal and opposite reaction, Newton designed a huge steam boiler with a jet nozzle facing rearward, the whole affair to be mounted on a carriage. In his theory, the backward thrust of a continual jet of steam from the boiler would drive the carriage for-Refined, amplified and taken aloft,

aerial jet propulsion is Newton's idea as much as anyone's. Here's what happens: Air is admitted to the fuselage of a propellerless plane through a duct at the front. It is partially heated by a starting engine, which also pushes it back into a compression chamber somewhere amid-ships. The compression chamber starts the air rotating, crams it back into a combustion chamber in which it is mixed with a burning fuel (the fuel is the secret). Tremendous gas pressure is created in the combustion chamber and as the gas is forced towards the back of the plane it actuates a gas turbine to drive the compressors after the starting engine is stopped. The highly compressed gases then rush into a tapered nozzle, splurt out the rear of the ship at a tremendous speed and impart an equal forward motion to the entire craft.

The big secret about jet propelled planes, aside from their combustion-inducing fuel, is how much, if any, tactical (let alone strategical) effect they will have upon the war if they can be put into production and shipped to the fighting lines

The Nazis, pretty well battered in the Battle of the Atlantic, may, however, have an ace ap their torpedo tubes. according to Associated Press reports from New York.

Edward F. Chandler, Brooklyn engineer and torpedo expert, says that the German submarines may be using an ingenious sonic-operated torpedo invented before the last war by Capt. Karl Leon, a Swedish Navy expert.

#### Sold Rights to Reich

"Leon told me some pars ago of the stand.

Chandler said, "that he sold the sold the

the recent reports of the running battle between two Canadian-bound convoys and packs of U-boats in the North Atlantic, parallel his predictions so closely that there would appear to be little doubt that the Germans have perfected the device.

"The Leon weapon is a torpedo of the usual type, but it is provided with sensitive wave response device capable of picking up the underwater vibrations caused by the propellers of an enemy ship. The general course of the torpedo is automatically steered toward the enemy ship by its gyroscopic gear, so that the torpedo may be launched against the target ship from a considerable and re-latively safe distance astern."

The gyroscope has been the steering control of torpedoes since before World

War I.

"Traveling at an average speed of 35 knots," Chandler continued, "the weapon rapidly overtakes the ship, bringing the wave responsive apparatus of the torpedo within the influence of the propeller vibrations. The sonic mechanism then takes over, cutting out the gyro control, and steers the torpedo directly into the ship's propellers. The explosion of the

torpedo warhead cripples the ship, leaving it an easy prey.

"Even from the meager reports so far

"Even from the meager reports so far-received, I believe it is best to assume that the Leon torpedo is actually in use by the Germans and that it must be looked upon as probably the most dangerous and formidable, weapon, we have yet had a formidable weapon we have yet had to

ontend with."

A further point is the possible use of an electrically-driven torpedo. The Germans have been said, in unconfirmed news reports, to use either an electrically-driven weapon or some other propulsive method which does not leave a wake of bubbles, like the usual compressed-air torpedo

#### Could Be Boomerang

Theoretically, a vessel firing a sound torpedo might become a victim of its own weapon, circling back to its owner's propellor. A timing mechanism, to delay the sound control from going into action for a certain short period, might clear that problem. The sound torpedo would have problem. The sound torpedo would have other handicaps, such as picking up another U-boat in a pack. Even taking after the noise of a whale or other big fish is among the theoretical possibilities. Again theoretically, the sound device might be set to pick up only cortain. might be set to pick up only certain wavelengths considered characteristic of pro-pellors. But the practical difficulties might be hard to overcome.

Back in November Dr. Goebbels began to step up the speed of his propaganda mills, and from them flowed endless whispers mixed with blood-curdling shouts about reprisals against Britain for the day and night air raids of the Allied Through the torrent of abuse, forces. Goebbels skilfully wove a thread of rocket gun stories. From one neutral country after another came despatches, not too obviously planted by Axis agents; which said that huge rocket emplacements were a-building on the Nazi side of the Channel, ready to fire ten-ton (some reports said 15, some 25, some 50) rockets laden with high explosives which would blast London off the map. At about the same time, American and

At about the same time, American and RAF bombers began their almost non-stop attacks against unidentified targets in the Pas de Calais and other northern France regions. The parallel seemed obvious, and a world-wide impression that the attacks actually were on rocket supthe attacks actually were on rocket gun emplacements was strengethened towards the middle of January when, as the bombing attacks continued with an-nounced successes, the Germans began to stop talking about rocket gun reprisals.

#### The Death Ray Bogey

For years stories of so-called "death rays" have erupted at intervals. Virtually all of them turned out to be without sound basis, and the few which did work were effective at not much more than two or three feet. In addition, from time to time there have been stories reporting the reputed perfection of mysterious rays which would short-circuit the ignition systems of airplanes, tanks and all other electrically ignited combustion engines. Probably because the Germans have specialized on the use of Diesel engines, this proterious can investigable uses attrithis mysterious ray invariably was attri-buted to their development genius. Diesels, driven by compression combus tion, are not dependent on electrical ignition.

The story is making the rounds again these days as fantastic as ever. It may come true, but not as known develop-

accords superstions to Ordnance, solid steel barned Press, include one for ventor didn't say balloons. (But the ininto the air.) Another awould get the ininstallation of strong, complete which would hurl the pilot of unknown plane into the air where he plane into the air where he coure his parachute at leisure.

Another genius wanted the Armspread "a sticky petroleum product" of the roads to hold enemy vehicles until troops could capture them. No suggestion was made as to what to do about detours.

detours.

The real Tom Swift, however, was the individual who suggested a leather flying suit on, literally, Superman lines, which, with the use of an outboard motor, would make soldiers to the without plane. enable soldiers to fly without planes.

Those are suggestions with virtually no scientific basis to say the least. Not all of the current stories are as fanlastic. And

of the current stories are as fantastic. And that's what makes military chiefs gray.

In the realm of explosives there has been talking on both sides about liquid oxygen, liquid air, split atoms and other developments of the chemist's and physicist's laboratories, How much of it possible, how much probable, how much of it will mature to be of military value in this war—the answers are the



to be inducted into the Marines, so on his last night as a civilian he left them his last night as a civilian he left them something to remember him by. Leading his St. Joseph's high basketball team to a 75—22 win over Sacred Heart, Rich poured 61 points through the nets to break his own city scoring record of 57 are left year. set last year.

When Byron Nelson won the San Francisco Open it was only his second California win in 42 tournament championships in ten years. Nelson won the Oakland Tournament in 1942 for his only other California success.

Bill Terry bowed out of baseball for-ever recently, and on his leaving made a speech that blasted

the national sport all over the lot. He said the game had become too cheap, that players and managers weren't paid enough and that there was nothing more in the game for him. Bill said that he was buying into a cotton manufacturing con-cern. What he didn't say was that the



dough he was going
to use was part of the half million dollars
he got out of baseball.

The latest attempt of the New York hockey Rangers to get into winning stride is the installation of a 3-H forward wall. That's not a draft classification—it's a front line made up of Dutch Hiller, Ott Heller and Byron Hextall.

We carried an item not long ago about boxer writing home from the South Pacific telling how he had lost a bout on a bum decision. The censor had added a note on the bottom saying the writer was all wet and that he had been decisively beaten. The boxer, Frankie Rogers, of Seattle recently wrote home again say-Seattle, recently wrote home again saying, "I was going to retire from the ring, but after reading what that guy wrote on the margin I'm resuming training. I want a shot at that censor."

The latest schoolboy track sensation to hit the headlines is 17-year-old Charley Parker, of San Antonio, Texas. Charley is entered in the Texas and Drake relays as a dash man and holds times of 9.5 in the 100 and 20.6 in the 220, which is plenty all right considering that Jesse Owens's records are 9.4 and 20.3.

LSU has announced a nine-game foot-LSU has announced a nine-game football schedule for next year and Alabama. Tennessee and Mississippi State are all on it, seeming to bear out the contention that the southern schools are coming back to the game. . . In the recent Valparaiso upset over DePaul, Johnny Janische threw in 15 points for the Valpo five. Janische recently enrolled at the Indiana school and joined the squad for the game, his first as a Crusader.

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#### Paschal Hears Whistle, Gets Thrown for Loss

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 23—Bill Paschal, New York Giant backfield star, is in hot water with Federal authorities, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. He was released until the trial after posting \$500 bond.

Paschal, employed as a dispatcher at the Bell Aircraft plant here, will appear before a United States commissioner tomorrow for a hearing. The Giant ace allegedly struck John Chastain, another Bell employee, during an argument.

"He whistled at me," Paschal declared, "and I didn't like it."

## Hawks Smack Rangers,

Chicago Victory Enables Club to Climb Over Bruins

NEW YORK, Feb. 23—With Doug Bentley netting four goals, the Chicago Black Hawks drubbed the hapless New York Rangers, 8—4, last night to climb ahead of the Boston Bruins in the scramble for possession of fourth place in the National Hockey League.

The Rangers' backward surge—they now have been defeated 32 times this

#### Hockey League Standings

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season—finally took its toll at the turn-stiles as 10,201 fans, one of the year's smallest crowds, saw the locals split wide open at the seams once again.

Bentley cracked the Ranger defense for

o goals in the first period, keeping the Hawks even with the Rangers, who scored twice on thrusts by rookie Al Palazzari and Dutch Hiller. Bentley's counter in the second frame handed the Hawks a lead they held the rest of the way. Ranger Goalie Ken McAuley

deluged with five goals, including Bentley's fourth, in the final session. George Allen contributed two and Mush March and Cully Dahlstrom one each. Oscar Aubu-chon and Bob Dill registered two useless goals for the Rangers near the finish.

## Alsab's Debut Queered by Vet

MIAMI, Feb. 23-A veterinarian's order kept Alsab, Cinderella horse of the

order kept Alsab, Cinderella horse of the American turf, from making his 1944 debut in the George Washington event here yesterday, despite strenuous objections by Owner Al Sabath, of Chicago. The vet reported Alsab suffering from a bowed tendon which had filled and ordered him scratched. After the last race, Sabath and Trainer Sarge Swenke sent their speedster over the six furlong route to prove the animal could have ruh without trouble. They were correct for Alsab covered the distance in 1:16. The race Alsab missed was won by One Only, who chugged the seven furlongs in 1:25.

the "big five" mile events on Eastern in-door tracks, but Gil Dodds, Boston

divinity student dominating the current campaign, seems likely to duplicate the

Dodds' brilliant effort Saturday when

he won the Baxter Mile, feature of the New York Athletic Club Games, in Madison Square Garden, stamps him as

one of the best milers in recent years. He navigated the route in 4:08, six-tenths of a second slower than the world record.

It was the best mile performance since

1942, as Dodds captured the third leg in his bid to sweep the five major races, and he wasn't even extended by the non-

**Dodds Follows Cunningham** 

Fenske, Nears'Big Five' Sweep

NEW YORK, Feb. 23—Glenn Cun-ningham and Chuck Fenske are the only two men ever to score a grand slam in AA Hunter Mile in 4:09.5, the best time

# Beau Jacks Up the Lightweights' Pot

## Making It 'Tough' For Uncle Mike And Garden

By Chip Royal

NEW YORK, Feb. 23-It wasn't so long ago that a boxing show was a flop unless heavyweights were squaring off. Now you can't have a fight card in the big town without lightweights-and the 135 pounders who haven't gone to war are making money hand over fists.

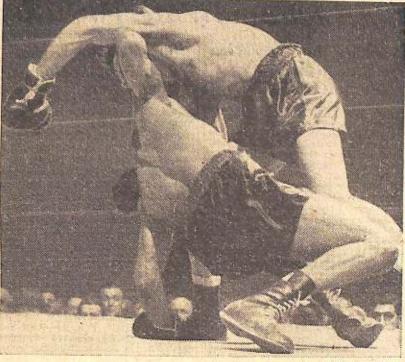
In fact, the way the lighter fellows have taken over Madison Square Garden's ring, acting boss Ned Irish is thinking about putting up electric lights reading: The best lightweights in the world

There will be some customers who will disagree with Irish. They'll argue that the present crop couldn't even polish the shoes of lightweights of the past. Maybe so, but the proof is in the box office, and business is terrific.

More Feathers in the Nest

All of which means more feathers for Uncle Mike Jacobs' New Jersey nest, for he has lightweights signed up almost until doomsday.

Beau Jack is Jacobs' biggest war-time attraction. The former Georgia shoeshine boy has played before a total gross gate of close to \$700,000 in ten main bouts.



Beau Jack (lower), of Augusta, Ga., and Sammy Angott, of Washington, Pa., fall to the canvas when Beau lost his balance and slipped during the eighth round of their bout in Madison Square Garden. The fight ended in a draw.

the same ring to defend the title against Angott, NBA champion, for the undis-puted lightweight crown (we hope).

It's more cash in the till.

If Jack stays out of the Army the was

Now he will meet Bob Montgomery the third time for the championship (New York version), Mar. 3. The winner of that struggle will then climb back into

# **Blast Bramham**

#### Cancellation of Deal With Reading Hits Mack's Pennant Hopes

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23—Connie Mack, grand ol' man of baseball and manager of the Philadelphia A's, refused to comment but other club officials were quick to blast William G. Bramham, minor

league czar, for can-celling the Athelies' recent purchase of Reading, Pa., in the Inter-State League. Saying that Phila-delphia's deal and one by the New York Giants to acquire Freeport, Long Island, in the same league, were same league, were for "dormant terri-tory," Bramham minor



for "dormant territ o r y," Bramham
ordered his minor league club presidents to drop negotiations.
While the falling out will affect Mack's
program to rebuild his team into a
pennant contender, the Giant setback
proved costly to Billy Jurges, veteran
shortstop. He intended to become part
owner of Freeport and manage the club
when his playing days are over.

#### Bucs Sign Rubeling

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 23—Pittsburgh Pirate officials have disclosed they had received a signed contract from Al Rubeling, rookie infielder.

ever clocked in Boston. Saturday he broke the tape 85 yards

shead of Rudy Simms, of NYU, while Jim Rafferty, of the host club, finished third. There's little doubt that Dodds would have lowered the record racing

He completed the quarter in 58.6 seconds; the half in 1:59.7, and passed

the three-quarter mark in 3:03.3.
Dodds has two future dates in Madison

Square Garden to complete his domina-tion of '44 mile activity. He will start in the annual AAU meet next Saturday, and

return for the Knights of Columbus Games, Mar. 11.

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# Diamondmen Hutson Cops Receiving Crown Despite Cecil Isbell's Absence

CHICAGO, Feb. 23-The axiom that receivers are only as good as the men who throw the passes was given a rough jolt today when the official pass-receiving figures of the National Football League were released.

Much of Don Hutson's pass-grabbing glory was given to Cecil Isbell, who did the aiming when he was with the Green Bay Packers. However, Isbell left the Packers for a coaching job at Purdue, and Hutson was just as terrific

as ever during the recent campaign.

For the third consecutive time, the Packer veteran was the League's foremost pass receiver, marking the sixth time in nine seasons that Hutson has led the field. During that period he compiled the brilliant record of scoring touchdowns on 21.6 per cent of passes caught, one touchdown for every five completed.

Hutson, who was coaxed out of retirement to play during the '43 campaign; snared 47 passes in ten games for a total gain of 776 yards and 11 touchdowns. During the game with the Philadelphia-Pittsburgh Steagles Dec. 5, the Packers ran out of quarterbacks, so Hutson took over and twice called for passes which he caught for touchdowns.

Hutson topped Joe Aguirre, Sammy Baugh's receiver on the Washington Redskins. Aguirre was on the receiving end of 37 passes for a total of 420 yards.

#### Rhode IslandStateHonors Athletes Killed in Service

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 23—Posthumous varsity awards to six former Rhode Island State athletes whose careers were interrupted by the war were announced by Professor Walter Snell.

The six, all of whom have died since entering the services, were: 2/Lt. Harry Adams, Marine Corps, of Fall River, Mass.; Lt. (jg) Carl Davis, Navy, Wilmington, Del.; Lt. William Erickson, Army, Baintree, Mass.; Lt. Russell Hall,

Army, Baintree, Mass.; Lt. Russell Hall, Army, Bristol, Conn.; 2/Lt. Joseph Hand, Army, Providence, and 2/Lt. James Rutherford, Army, White Plains.

# CAGE RESULTS

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Fort Knox 58, Georgetown 27
Greenville Air Base 37, Clemson 34
Hamline 39, Gustavus Adolphus 37
Haverford 48, Rider 46
Loyola 62, Johns Hopkins 42
Nashville Air Base 47, Vanderbilt 17
Norfolk Naval 53, Baipbridge Naval 48
Oregon 56, Washinaton State 36
Peru 66, Midlands 45
St. Olaf 43, Carleton 37
St. Thomas 68, McAlester 39
Texas Christian 49, Baylor 29
Washington 69, Idaho 55

# Cyclones Near Big Six Title

NORMAN, Okla., Feb. 23—Victory over Oklahoma next Monday at Ames, Iowa, will give Iowa State its first Big Six basketball crown in nine years. The Cyclones are unbeaten in eight con-ference starts, while Oklahoma has been

#### Big Six Standings

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clipped once in eight games. All other clubs in the circuit have been climinated, and Iowa State can clinch the flag by defeating the Sooners or Kansas when they meet Mar. 3.

#### Florida U. to Resume Intercollegiate Sports

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 23— After a one-year lapse, the University of Florida will resume intercollegiate athletics next fall. Florida was the first member of the Southeastern Conference to suspend its sports program last year. Alabama, Auburn, Kentucky, Mississippi, Mississippi State, Tennessee and Vanderbilt took similar action,

#### Fighters Sought For Corner Bouts

Hank Lacy, Rainbow Corner ring impressario, is seeking new talent to augment his weekly boxing shows, he announced last night. Individual mittmen may apply, as well as teams which have not already appeared at the Corner.

Lacy can be reached by calling Gerrard 5616, Ext. 30, or writing to him c/o ARC Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Avenue, London.

Li'l Abner THET LETTER IS FUM MAH OLD FRIEND, MRS SUSIE HAWGMEAT. SHE'S IN CHARGE OF A "MISSION" IN ONE O' TH' RITZIEST SECTIONS O' NOO YAWK CITY— "TH' BOWERY," THEY CALLS IT. READ IT!"

THINK OF TH' CONTACKS
YO'LL MAKE!? — AFTER
ALL — WHUT KIND OF
YOUNG MEN WOULD YO'
FIND IN A FART ONES,
NATCHERLY ? — TOO SKART
T'CO SOMEWHAR ELSE
AN' PAY FO' IT!



# Section

Thursday, Feb. 24, 1944

# A Globe-Busting Outfit Hits '100

From Oslo to Ploesti, the oldest Liberator a hospital ship. The plane that Lt. Col. Joe Tate, of St. Augustine, Fla., "stole" by flying her away from an airdrome in Scotland without the blessings of redutape, was now a jinx ship. Having taken targets with nearly 7,000,000 lbs. of HE

By Lt. Carroll W. Stewart

LIBERATOR BASE-There are diaries around this base that read like an approved Fitzpatrick Travelogue for this outfit-the ramblingest of them all-has been out seeing the world while grinding out 100 bombing missions against Hitler. They've plastered the enemy from Oslo, Norway, to the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania, via 16 German cities, Biscay, Pisa, Rome and Wiener-Neustadt (near Vienna) on a front that measures upwards of 6,000 miles.

Add to the 100 bombings seven more "small force" missions, 12 diversions and 20 Bay of Biscay anti-submarine patrolling missions.

They've spilled nearly 7,000,000 pounds of high explosives on the Nazis for the loss of 58 aircraft in enemy territory, while their gunners have destroyed 106 enemy fighters. The oldest Liberator outfit in the ETO and

one of the earliest heavy bomber groups, they claim seven enemy mer-chant vessels, and share the honors for uncounted submarines in the war on

The Unterzee boats.

The group was foredoomed to see plenty of action from the training days back at Barksdale Field, La., and Ft. Myers, Fla., in the summer of 1942. On three occasions crews spotted the sinister outlines of submarines in the Gulf of the summer of the control of the summer of Mexico and Caribbean, sank one, claimed two others.

They were led across the Atlantic in early September, 1942, by Brig. Gen. Edward J. (Ted) Timberlake Jr., of St. Petersburg, Fla., spanning the ocean wingtip-to-wingtip in the first formation crossing.

#### Blasting the Sub Pens

This "shoestring" force of B24s tacked on behind the Fortresses for the initial go against the enemy Oct. 9, 1942, at Lille. They bombarded Biscayan submarine shelters without loss for nine successive missions in the autumn months, and pulled anti-sub patrol from North Ireland to Algiers during the North African invasion, flying alone on ten- and 12-hour flighters. They were frequently attacked by enemy aircraft and one day the ship piloted by Lt. Col. Ramsay D. Potts, of Memphis, Tenn., was jumped by five Ju88s. His crew got two for sure, one

probable.

His Majesty King George VI inspected an American-occupied airdrome for the first time on Friday, the 13th of November, 1942, and was shown around by Timberlake.

The Ball of Fire returned from St. Nazaire with a bombardier in the cock-

Nazaire with a bombardier in the cockpit, the pilot and co-pilot wounded simultaneously by a 20mm, cannon shell. The bombardier, 1/Lt. Anthony (Kelly) Yenalavage, of Kingston, Pa., received both the American and British DFC. When Rommel and Von Arnim showed signs of acting tough down in Africa, Timberlake and his crowd got a hurry up call. Next morning they departed on a "special ten-day job," expecting to find sunshine and sand, oranges and wine, harems and snake charmers. They joined up with the infant Twelfth Air Force in Oran, and instead of sunshine and sand there was rain and mud. After their first there was rain and mud. After their first North African dust storm they whistled and thanked their luck they were going to stay "only ten days." The men were crowded into large, dirty rooms where they slept on the floor. It rained con-

In spite of the rain and mud, the Group pulled two missions on Bizerte then took pulled two missions on Bizerie then took off in the moonlight on the night of Dec. 17 to take up "housekeeping" in Libya, south of Tobruk. There was dust and sand, Spam and dehydrated cabbage cooked in alkali water. They had swapped the endless mud of Oran for the everlasting sun of the desert. Bomboth of the company of the desert. bardiers fretted over their delicate bombsights and engineers cursed the dust that shricked into the big radials.

#### Hot on Rommel's Trail

They harassed Rommel by smacking his ports of Sousse, Tunis, Sfax and Tripoli repeatedly. Hardly a mission fell below the rating of good. Enemy mer-chant shipping sank in flames and cruisers fled to safer berths. All the distances were long-not like the short "hauls" across the Channel from England in the days when you'd bomb, do your fighting and duck for home.

Meanwhile, they gave the business to Sicily and Italy—Palermo, La Goulette, Messina, Naples and Cotrone.

Weeks passed with missions every other day. The "ten days" stretched into two months. When they weren't operational they were grabbing "sack time," playing cards, working on engines, guarding ships, sweating out khamsins (dust storms), and bickering with the Wogs (native Arabs). A friendly British (native Arabs). A friendly British quartermaster issued British battledress. There is the story of the bombardier, 1/Lt. Clinton Sipe, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

(since killed in action), who plastered the Governor's Palace in Tripoli only to find on his return that the onpressing British had planned to use it as headquarters.

Shoot Luke fluttered into Malta with her wings blazing, the first B24 the

so many people into trouble, she now took them out of it, flying wounded away to an evacuation hospital before ambulances could take the wounded to nearby hospitals.

The Timberlake crowd roared 15-strong over Vegesack on March 18th and got into a hot bath of fire from enemy fighters and anti-aircraft batteries. They were under enemy fighter attack for one hour and 45 minutes, lost one ship, and destroyed 14 Jerries. Vegesack was the most successful Eighth Bomber Command mission to date-97 Forts and Libs participating.

Lord Trenchard, the revered father of the Royal Air Force, came to the base to deliver his congratulations personally.

The men were draped around their Nissen huts that night after the Vegesack

of Forts went into a target. Usually the feint worked, gummed up the Nazi Jagdfürer's radar screen, and the Libs had to slug it out with the Luftwaffe without

dropping bombs!
Extending his string of missions was Capt. Jack S. Jones, of Franklinton, La., probably the smallest heavy bomber pilot anywhere. Standing five feet six and onehalf inches, his 118 pounds stood as one of the ablest of the B24 pilots. "Jonesey" admitted that wrestling with a fully loaded Lib-weighing in the neighborhood of 64,000 pounds-was "quite a job." (He is

Bomerang, one of the originals and dubbed the "granddaddy," was being navigated by Capt. Gerald (Roger the Lodger) Ahlquist, of N. St. Paul, Minn. Born of missionary parentage in British East India, his comrades claimed him to be one navigator that's pages been lost. Ablouist will gator that's never been lost. Ahlquist will one day be lecturing before a college math class on calculists, perhaps bald and thin, never looking the role of the navigator

shortage and the men were stranded in the desert—150 miles from base—for 12 days. Mercy ships went out to search and drop supplies. Six were recovered and are now flying. Four perished.

Thirty-six in the force of 177 Liberators that took off on Sunday, August 1, 1943, to destroy the Ploesti Oil Fields in Rumania were from this Group. With each plane carfying 3,100 gallons of gasoline and 5,000 pounds of delayed-action bombs, they made their rendezvous in the bright Mediterranean sky and headed north. The longest daylight mass bombing operation yet undertaken—2,500 ing operation yet undertaken-2,500 miles roundtrip.

The bombers thundered northward over the coast of the Balkan peninsula at 10,000 feet. Once across the Danube, the formation came down to attack level

the formation came down to attack level—some planes as low as 20 feet.

Reeling across the treetops and edging by church spires, they saw Rumania as closely as travellers on a railway train. They admired pretty villages and rich countryside. Noontime approaching, the Force reached its "initial point" and separated into seven Forces, each aimed at one of the seven selected refineries. Baker's Group was two minutes from the target when the idyllic scene became transformed. Haystacks opened. Roofs swung back and walls fell from cottages. Guns belched from secret hiding places. Guns belched from secret hiding places. Bushes and trees hiccupped with flames.

The pilots identified towering stacks The balloon barrages were up. Baker's plane hit a balloon cable, severed it, but continued on course. So did others.

#### Ploesti was Hell

The bombers reeled into sheets of fire from 20-mm., 88-mm. and 105-mm. guns. The sky was woven with fire. Tracers and incendiaries sawed gashes across it. They raked the ground defenses with machinegun fire.

gun fire.

The plan was to swoop down on the oil refineries from the north, but two of the Groups, including Baker's, passed south of their target on their first approach. The leading Group made a wide circle, and Baker turned and pressed an attack on the target.

So low were the Liberators that more than one fighter dove into the ground in frantic efforts to intercept them. Flak was the chief menace. The gunners had been instructed to fire at railway equipment, especially tank cars. White heat geysered 200 feet into the sky. Billows of oily smoke rolled over the refineries and planes.

Eleven planes from Baker's Group, in-

Eleven planes from Baker's Group, in-cluding the commanding officer's ship, were lost in enemy territory.

The surviving planes returned with gaping wounds in the wings, engines and fuselages. The greenish camouflage dress worn in Britain had been changed into an oily black. Wounded were strewn about the tents. Hearts were heavy. Men wandered about the desert dazed. The B24s had been picked out of the air like flies.

They had been through Purgatory!
The ground personnel left behind in England were proud of "their boys." The price paid was high. No higher than expected. Best available reports listed permanent damage at 65 per cent of targets attacked.

Col. Leland G. Fiegel, of Rochester, Minn., was called in to succeed Baker. Still dazed from the hell of Ploesti, the Group was ordered to participate in the Friday, the 13th of August, assault on Wiener-Neustadt, near Vienna, a spawn-ing nest for Messerschmitt 109s-pro-ducing one-fourth of Germany's singleengine fighter output.

They took off from near Benghazi with Gen. Timberlake leading the B24 groups and Col. Fiegel leading his new command.
The Force slipped over the Continent

by way of the Adriatic Sea and emerged from cloud cover just before reaching the target. The city of Vienna, on the shores of the legendary Blue Danube, was visible. Ninety-live out of 110 of the 500-pounders were plummeted into the target area by Fiegel's group and the damage assessment report revealed extensive damage.

#### More and More Attacks

The Wiener-Neustadt "haul," some 150 miles longer than Ploesti, established another long-range daylight mass bombing record for the war

Came attacks on Foggia (twice), Cancello, Leghorn and Pisa, supporting the Allied push into Italy, and an order to again attack Weiner-Neustadt. Jerry was waiting when the B24s returned on Oct. 1. 1943. Anti-aircraft units had been moved in since the Aug. 13 plastering. They were ready. But the three Lib groups pressed on the attack through unfavorable bombing weather and intense opposi-Ruin was added to rubble. sole loss to Fiegel's Group was the "dream ship"—Jerk's Natural, last seen

in trouble heading for Jugoslavia S/Sgt. Bill Doerner, of Cl Ohio, rode the tail turret of Ready and Willing throughout his tour. One day over Foggia a formation of seven enemy fighters queued up behind his ship which had dropped out of formation to convoy a crippled sister ship. There were four (Continued on page iv)

Returning from Vibo Valentia one crew abandoned ship because of fuel

OSNABBUCK TRANKFORT (2) 500 MILE PADIUS UNANNOUNCED (4) 1000 MILE RADIUS H A e, d ea

Maltese had ever seen. The natives grabbed hatchets, axes and picks and hacked their way to put out the fire. Two weeks later Shoot Luke gathered up her wounded and rejoined the Group in Africa, while the pilot, Capt. John M. Murphy, of San Diego, Cal., filmed the entire proceedings in technicolor.

One day they got the gift of a plane. A South African RAF pilot swooped in with a resurrected Messerschmitt, blew a tire, and ground looped. "Want this damn thing," he said, then stumped off.

Over Palermo February 3rd Jerry was caught napping. Things were so quiet they didn't even bother to switch off Jack Benny's program, but dropped their bombs to the accompaniment of

Rochester's coarse chuckle.

The planes didn't see the inside of a hangar since leaving the States-had turned through 400 hours of gruelling flying in the 40 to 50 below zero tempera-tures in the substratosphere from England and in the blistering heat of the desert. Still the lubricant was the same.

#### Welcome for Desert Rats

There was a warm welcome when the bedraggled "desert rats" returned from African Expedition No. 1 in March, Many didn't come back, however, for losses proved greater while working on the so-called "soft underbelly" than from

One squadron that had been left be-hind in England collaborated with another Liberator group that arrived in the theater and Fortresses in blows at Wilhelmshaven, Rouen, Brest, and other targets. All without loss of a single

The Ball of Fire, shunned by all after five hectic missions climaxed with the Yenalavage incident, was converted into

It was a clear, cold night that enveloped the East Anglian Lib base. In a nearby city-some of the boys were enjoying relaxation. The mournful warble of air raid sirens some miles away announced the beginning of a retaliation by the Luftwaffe. Jerrie was mad. A loud whuff shook every hut and building. Falling flak outside might have beaten the brains out of the thrill hunters. Some of the GIs helped firemen fight incen-diary fires in the market place of the centuries-old city. Others stowed away in the American Red Cross club dormitory crawled out of their bunks and sped for safety.

#### Male o' a Dream Ship

Capt. Shine Shannon's Hot Stuff crew and Capt. Darrell Sims' Jerk's Natural crew were among the first airmen to go on the "retired" list in this theater. Hot Stuff later tore itself to wreckage against a bleak Icelandic mountainside with Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, Bishop Adna S. Wright, Capt. Shannon, and 11 others aboard. The lone survivor was S/Sgt. George Eisel, of Columbus, O. Jerk's Natural became known as the "dream ship"—the kind generals dream about because the crew had remained intact and

the ship without a scratch in 28 missions.
On Mar. 22 Jerk's Natural, The Duchess, Shoot Luke, Bomerang, Teggie Ann, Eager Beaver, and all their sister ships, locked wings with other Libs and Forts to attack Wilhelmshaven, A 20mm. splashed through Teggie Ann's plexiglass window and missed Gen. Ted's head about six inches.

Followed attacks on Rotterdam, Antwerp, Brest, Bordeaux, La Pallice and others. The "kindergarten" force of Libs often went out on diversions to suck up enemy fighters while the larger force

who gave his shipmates a running commentary while flynig over Mt. Vesuvius or the ruins of Syracuse—more interested in historical lore than the wall of flak
Bomerang was boring through. In his first
nine months overseas he wrote 2,500
letters—with poetry and verse thrown in.
On Easter Sunday the group took time

out to observe the day and pay tribute to their lost comrades. Chaplain (Capt.) James A. Burris, of Cassville, Mo., delivered the sermon. The baseball team romped over practically all-comers, with S/Sgt. Joe Forti, of New Brunswick, N.J., one of the pitchers, hurling everything but his DSC and DFC. The first nine months of operation in three theaters—European, North African, and Middle Easternthe group ten ships and crews over enemy territory in 44 missions.

In midsummer Timberlake was upped to a higher headquarters and I.t. Col. Addison E. Baker, of Akron, Ohio, became the new commanding officer.

The Liberators became non-opera-fional when a new and very specialized training of low-altitude flying set in. The big ships roared over East Anglia at treetop level. A month later they leapfrogged their way via Gibraltar to a Ninth Bomber Command Base south of

#### Back to the Sand

Desert life again. Another "special

They practiced low-level flying rigorously between operations for the ensuing three weeks. One day a plane was so low a prop sheared the humps off a came!! Targets: San Pancrazio, Messina, Ger-

bini, Vibo Valentia, Foggia, Naples, and Rome.

# Sea-going 'G-Men' Shadow the Axis

By Jean Bradnick

Stars and Stripes Navy Writer

SOMEHOW one doesn't picture the U.S. Coast Guard as a hell-forleather outfit. Excitement, yes, but no blood and thunder.

Mention that branch of the seagoing service to the average Gl and he'll pro-bably mutter, "Glamor boys!" Through his mind will flash pictures of thrilling rum-runner chases in the '20s, cruises in Alaskan waters to protect innocent seals and halibut, small boats dodging around harbors at home and occasionally darting into blue water to stage a thrilling rescue.

A few knowing guys might concede that the Coast Guard does a few odd jobs h war-time, such as escorting convoys or patrolling for enemy subs off the Ameri-

The GI picture of the Coast Guard in peace-time is not far wrong. The service was referred to as "the FBI of the sea," Smugglers, poachers and maritime lawbreakers were their dish. The Coast Guard also charted icebergs, kept the shipping lanes clear, protected fisheries, rendered medical aid and administered justice in isolated northern territory.

It all began back in 1790-nine years before the Navy was born-when Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton established the Coast Guard to combat smuggling and to enforce the tariff laws.

It was then known variously as the Revenue Marine or the Revenue Cutter Service. It was armed and organized on a military basis from its inception and it has always participated actively in the country's wars affoat. When the service was established, it soon became apparent that the personnel and equipment provided for maritime police duties were equally able to respond to distress calls. In consequence, the service was called upon to assume major responsibility for safeguarding life and property within the scope of its operations.

#### Important Services United

The importance of these particular functions was recognized in 1915 when the Revenue Cutter Service was united with the Lifesaving Service, itself dating back to 1848, with the new name of United States Coast Guard for the combined service. In 1939 the Lighthouse Service, established 150 years earlier, was also brought into the Coast Guard. Thus there was unified in one service those activities which guide shipping and those, both ashore and afloat, which render assistance to shipping in distress. In 1942 the functions of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation were transferred to the Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard "went to war" on Nov. 1, 1942, when President Roosevelt, declaring a national emergency, directed that the service should operate as part of the Navy and removed it from the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department.

Since the outbreak of war the "kid brother" of the Navy has been thriving on a harsh diet of Germans and Japs.

Most resounding successes of the Coast Guard have been scored by 327feet cutters-the battlewagons of the "hooligan Navy"-which have brought udden death to several German U-boats in the Battle of the Atlantic.

All of these cutters have been assigned to trans-Atlantic or Pacific escort opera- Steering a collision course for the Nazi tions. These seaworthy vessels are particularly useful in heavy weather when continued on its path until the U-boat taking on a tow or on long convoy routes, when destroyers or corvettes may become unable to patrol their stations because of lack of fuel. The smaller seagoing cutters of the 165- and 125-feet classes are all engaged with the Navy on coast and anti-submarine patrol.

The first spectacular cutter victory was that of the Campbell, which early in 1943 rammed and sank one submarine and depth-charged five others in a series of engagements which took place during a period of 12 hours while the cutter was on Atlantic convoy escort duty.

#### Saga of the Campbell

The cutter's running fight with the pack began when the vessel was separated from the main convoy to carry out a special assignment. She had gone some 25 miles distant, on orders to investigate the suspected presence of a submarine pack. After the checkup she headed back to the convoy. On the way the Campbell encountered an enemy sub on the sur-Hurrying to the spot, she saw the sub submerge and immediately dropped a pattern of depth charges.

Scarcely had the cutter driven this first sub down when it responded to the signals of a corvette that it was engaging another submarine. The cutter immediately rushed to the corvette's assistance.

The next morning a third submarine was sighted on the surface. As the sub-dived for protection, the Campbell dropped a pattern of depth charges. As the cutter proceeded to rejoin the con-voy she signted her fourth submarine. roar of the propellers of a convoy, forced sunk with all hands.



down on it the U-boat dived desperately, but the cutter dropped another pattern of depth charges. Shortly after this engagement the Campbell sighted its fifth sub and forced it to submerge.

The sixth engagement of the day came as the cutter was about to resume her terrible!" station in the convoy. The enemy submarine's presence in the vicinity was observed by the Coast Guard officers. They immediately established its position and rushed to the attack. This was the twelfth General Quarters call to be sounded in 24 hours and the Campbell's men once more opened their ready boxes. sub, the cutter bore down upon it and was so close that the Campbell's gunfire had to be discontinued. The enemy sub was dealt a glancing blow by the cutter. As the sub drifted free of the cutter following the collision, the cutter's guns resumed firing, and got off several rounds at point-blank range. The Campbell's officers could see the sub shudder from the impact of the exploding shells.

The Campbell was damaged by the ramming; her side below the waterline had a 12-foot slit, from which the engine-room was quickly flooded. Not only were the engines powerless but her electrical system was dead. Although there was no lift, she was adrift several miles from the convoy. Four of her men went over the side into the icy water to inspect the damage. An attempt was made to rig a collision mat, but it was ineffective.

#### A Tug takes Over

On the day after the ramming a little tug which had churned its way through 800 miles of open sea without an escort took the Campbell in tow. On the way in, the officers and men of the Campbell were all topside and on the alert. Ten days after the last engagement the Campbell reached an East Coast port.

The Campbell story is not the only Coast Guard saga of Usboat kills in this war. The cutter Spencer of the same class last summer skilfully tracked down a U-boat which tried to slip away under the

Once more the enemy sub found it ex- the raider to the surface with depth pedient to submerge. As the cutter bore charges and destroyed her in a gun battle which followed, taking many survivors prisoner.

When the German U-boat sailors were fished out of the Atlantic after the attack, several threw up their hands and ex-"Wasserbombs; terrible,

The Icarus, a 165-foot cutter, also scored a notable victory over a U-boat while proceeding southward from New York on a routine run.

through calm seas when the sub was of Navy troop transports are now com-detected dead ahead and about 100 yards pletely manned and officered by the Comdistant. Speeding forward, the Icarus reached the spot over the sub and dropped a pattern of depth charges. As she turned to come back for another attack a terrific explosion occurred in the open sea about 200 yards off the port side.

#### End of a Submarine

The Icarus crossed the spot where the undersea raider was submerged, dropped another pattern of charges and followed up with two single charges in quick succession. Then, as the officers aboard the cutter watched, air bubbles began rising to the surface. Suddenly the erippled U-boat shot up from below, her bow pointing skyward at a 45-degree angle. The conning tower burst open and submarine crew members scrambled to the deck and made for the deck gun.

The guns of the learns immediately opened a withering fire, sweeping the Germans back toward the conning tower. Then as the sub started to sink, the Germans jumped into the sea. The vessel suddenly plunged beneath the surface and the engagement was over.

The Icarus picked up 33 survivors, including the U-boat skipper.

The Coast Guard suffered the greatest The Coast Guard suffered the greatest proportionate loss of life among commissioned personnel of the U.S. services in World War I when 3.14 per cent of its officers were killed. On the basis of all personnel, the percentage of battle losses in the Coast Guard was 1.74 per cent in comparison with 1.42 per cent in the Army. The Coast Guard also suffered in the first World War the second greatest. in the first World War the second greatest single loss when the cutter Tampa was

its share of disaster. Early in the war the cutter Alexander Hamilton was torpedoed off Iceland, the Acacia was sunk in the Caribbean and the Muskeget disappeared without a trace somewhere in the North Atlantic. Last June the Coast Guard announced that the cutter Escabana had been sunk in the North Atlantic following an explosion of undetermined cause. The entire complement aboard the cutter was lost with the exception of two men.

The Coast Guard has more than sub-The small craft was alone, sailing busters on the Seven Seas. A number in action since. Guard. One of these is the Wakefield, which was damaged by bombs at Singapore and later swept by fire in the Atlantic. There are others-others who have landed men in the South Pacific atolls in one ocean and on the Moroccan shores of another.

A skill that has stood the Coast Guard in good stead is its proficiency with small boats. While their shipmates have been terrorizing Nazi U-boats and transporting troops in larger vessels, Coast Guardsmen of the "bath-tub Navy" have been listing such spots as Guadaleanal, the Gilberts, New Guinea, the Aleutians, North Africa, Sicily and Italy in their log books.

#### They're at the Landings

In virtually every principal landing in this global war the bluejackets of the Coast Guard-the guys once mockingly referred to as "shallow water sailors"have been doing a job.

In these actions the Coast Guard follows a legendary motto which has become a standing order among officers directing landing operations: "Pull 'em In addition to a up, patch 'em up, pump 'em out, put 'em back, keep 'em running!"

While the Greenland and Alaska patrols no longer function as they did in peace-time, Coast Guardsmen and their peace-time, Coast Guardsmen and their to vessels still operate in those areas. In I fact, the present commander of the Greenland patrol was in command of the Northland when she made the first naval capture of the war in this hemisphere when she scized a vessel off the shores of Greenland and destroyed the pro-Nazi radio station it had established. The Bering Sea still has sleek Coast Guard

In this war the Coast Guard has seen hulls slicing through its murky waters. Now, however, they have more to do than protect the seals against the Japanese poachers who formerly infested that area.

The Coast Guard has a corps of "hot" pilots seeing action in this war, too. Coast Guard aircraft; together with Navy and Army planes, are helping cover our convoy routes. Although the aviation branch of the service is limited, five Coast Guard fliers had earned DFCs before the outbreak of hostilities and many more have distinguished themselves

#### Pritchard was a Hero

Pre-war pilots in the Coast Guard spent their time on anti-smuggling patrols and on mercy flights: rendering medical assistance to merchant vessels, dropping hurricane warnings and doing rescue work in flood areas.

One of the aerial heroes of the Coast Guard in this war is Lt. John A. Pritchard Jr., 29-year-old Burbank, Calif., aviator. Operating an amphibian plane from a cutter, he covered thousands of square miles on reconnaissance flights, and in two spectacular rescues saved five airmen whose bombers were forced down on Greenland's frigid wastes. And then, in a valiant attempt to rescue another airman who survived the crash of a U.S. Army plane, the flier disappeared.

The intrepid Coast Guardsman, whose initial landing to save the fliers the previous day is believed to be one of the first successful landings and take-offs on the Greenland ice cap, picked up the last crash victim and flew off the ice cap again, but his plane crashed on the return

In addition to an A-1 fighting record, the Coast Guard has several thousand lovely SPARS who are attending to most of the shore jobs once held by the blue-jackets, it has Jack Dempsey as a lieu-tenant commander, Rudy Vallee as a lieutenant and Victor (Hunk o' Man) Mature as a chief bosun's mate. And to top it off, the outfit provides fore and aft rigs for its petty officers on shore duty in the States. To land-lubberish soldiers that make the states. soldiers that means pants with pockets, shirts, ties, and jackets with brass buttons a dream costume for sailors,

You can't beat an outfit like that.

# Saga of The 'Spit kits'

By Alfred Wagg (An excerpt from 'No Spaghetti for Breakfast')

TOOK a plane to North Africa and

The American Amphibious Forces had passed thousands upon thousands of tons those big red lights. So you keep dark. of cargo and many thousands of troops No collisions, please. The water is cold. over the beaches in Sicily. Most of them It's deep—and there are only two life rafts had come over during the winter, and on these little gadgets. Well, it's only ten Capt. L. S. Sabin, Jnr., U.S.N., in command of a flotilla of boats, had written Clutch the grab-rail with one hand, hold a letter to a friend on that trip across your glasses with the other; wrap your the Atlantic. He has kindly allowed me leg around a compass stand, peer into to quote from it. He described the land- the darkness and pray, brother, pray. ing craft to which he was assigned as Look out! Stop all engines, full left "interestingly stuffy, cramped and uncom-rudder! They missed us. Ahead, and were supposed to be (and were) sea- week going. The things that Sabin found out day after day, night after night, week ing. Sorry-no breakfast unless you fix after week, provided the basis for his leadership over the beaches to Sicily. He fried an egg before? had written:

"So we went to sea. The lawyers, the bankers, the garage mechanics, the salesmen-and me. In our little 'spit kits' we struck out boldly, if not fearfully. We hit rain, we hit fog. We hit sleet. We hit snow. We hit tog, We hit sleet. We hit snow. We hit storms. We even found sunshine and starry nights. But no romance. Days passed. Nights passed. Weeks passed. But we went whizzing along over the bounding main at the super-colossal speed of six knots. Day after day; night after night; week after week.

"Did I say bounding along?

"An understatement. Bounding and pounding; twisting and twirling; rolling, bucking and pitching. The cowboy who rode the bucking broncho in the rodeo for 15 minutes won a prize. Fifteen minutes! Nobody won any prizes in this outfit for staying with these bronchos, doing everything on the high seas but

at an advance U.S. Navy Amphibious
Force base 1 met a number of old get one of the big ships. Let them turn on their breakdown lights when they're in trouble. A sub couldn't possibly see They were tough and sturdy standard. Night after night-week after

> "Well, there's breakfast in the mornit. Cook's sick. Oh, well, who hasn't

"Stand in line to use the head. Dammit, caught your finger in that door. Who the hell is that staring back at you from the mirror? A dirty looking tramp. Stubble beard, bloodshot eyes. Dirty and dumpy. Frizzled and filthy. My Gawd, that's

"How about a bath?

"Sorry, no bath. Wastes water. So you continue to stink. Day after day. Week after week.

"How's the gyro?

"Pretty good today. Only a hundred and thirty degrees out. Magnetic okay, except no heeling magnet ever made could correct contortions of these cantankerous

"What's the course?

"Somewhere between north and east. "Why are you heading south?

"Compass error. Hell, that's simple. You figure out why.



Another All-Soldier Show comes to the ETO—a fast-moving production, whose talented cast makes the most of a well-written script. It's strictly GI from start to finish.

Britain to put on their show at American and Allied camps throughout the country. They lifted the veil on their GI stagecraft at the ETO premiere last week at an installation in the Wiltshire area-and wowed the audience.

Assembled by the Army's Special Service Division back home, the "Doodlers" were welded into a production which was rehearsed for three solid months before being sent overseas.

Now the biggest soldier-show since "This Is the Army" is marching across ETO stages. Incidentally, the "Doodlers" talents aren't confined solely to that bright area behind the footlights-they drill and do everything else that Joe does.

Any of them can wipe off the greasepaint and pick up and MI, and you wouldn't suspect he was the guy you saw doing a hula number in the show ten minutes before. Every Special Service company is trained to fight before it does anything else.

The boys are tough, and they're good, because they have to be. American coldiers over here have been given the best entertainment that Broadway and Hollywood can offer for more than a year, and they catch on quick if they see anything that slips below par.

Some of the "Doodlers'" numbers should take ETO veterans right back. Parker's Carmen Miranda strip routine a radio, in concert, and on the musical home-in spirit at least. Highlight is Ai which had scores of guys hollering for more on the opening night.

Indications are, an official hinted, that more all-soldier shows run along the same lines may be heading this way before long.

Every member of the cast had been a professional performer before entering the service. Each had made his mark in his own speciality. Pfc Samuel O. Carr, of New York City, had played the banjo professionally for twenty years and Pvt. Larry Tobler, of San Francisco, for ten, before they joined forces to do the only double banjo act in the business, that is, the Army. Pvt. Daniel Schwartz, of the New York City, is better known in Shaw and he still does his famous M.C. of Chicago, Ill., who has appeared in "By soldiers, With soldiers, For soldiers,"

"HE Yankee Doodlers," to pro- routines. Pvt. Al Parker, of New York vaudeville and night clubs for the past 15 fessional stage and screen City, was born in London and naturalized entertainers before the Army in the Army. He studied ballet with in the Army. He studied ballet with quartet. draped them in OD, have arrived in Fokine and danced with the Joos Ballet, and then adapted it all to the night clubs of Miami and New York with a flyer to South America. That is where he got the idea for the Miranda number.

#### Acted with Bob Hope

Pvt. Ted Arkin, of Chicago, Ill., has been in show business for 20 years and has appeared in "Anything Goes" and "Meet The People" on Broadway, and has been in several Hollywood films, including "Road To Singapore," with Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour. Pvt. Sydney Steingart, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was known on Broadway as Bob Sydney as a singer-comedian-mimic. He and Arkin do a double mimic act that is one of the novelty highlights.

The singing quintet really makes the rafters ring with trained and experienced voices. Cpl. Mario Fiorella was known as Conrad Mayo when, a protege of Tita Ruffo, he made his American opera debut with the Chicago Opera in "Pagliacci." Pvt. Abrasha Robofsky, of Baltimore, Md., has sounded off with his brilliant baritone voice in opera with almost every well-known opera company at home. Pfc Charles C. Kingsley, of San Antonio, Texas, has sung professionally for 15 years in radio and on the legitimate stage. Pvt. Arthur W. Angel, of New York City, won the \$5,000 Atwater-Kent Radio Audition Contest in 1932 and, as Wilson Angel, has appeared consistently on the comedy and opera stage. Pvt. Jackson B. Horn, of Chicago, Ill., has appeared in opera. In spite of their operatic background, the quintet gave out with harmonies of current popular ballads that brought cheers from the opening night

#### Dancing Quartet

The Tap Challenge routine has four tapsters vying with each other for top applause by neck-breaking stunts and winds up in a draw. Pvt. Gerard C. Ream, of Laureldale, Pa., was formerly of the dance team of Carol and Gerard, and Pvt. is here to stay for the duration plus, Thomas Knox, of Johnstown, Pa., was judging by its initial reception. At preformerly of the dance team of Frances sent its tour will be limited to installathe night clubs of New York as Danny and Tommy Knox. Pvt. Louis Pintacura, tions in the field. Its slogan is very apt:

years, and Pvt. Danny Shaw comprise the

"Lester Oman and his 'Little People' " was the stage name of the act done by Pvt. Stanley L. Oman, of St. Charles, Ill. His puppet act has the audience laughing, and, alternately, staring open-mouthed at the unique antics of the perfectly modelled figures. Ray-Mond, that master of legerdemain and deception, is just Pvt. Raymond N. Corbin, of Westminster, Md. His manipulation of cards and lit cigarettes is one of the cleverest exhibi-tions on record.

Old friend Sad Sack is present, 100, in the person of Pvt. Walter Carlock, of East Rockaway, L.I., N.Y.

The show carries its own orchestra, conducted by Pvt. Hy Lefshetz, of Brooklyn, N.Y., who plays the trumpet. Pvt. Jack M. Demay, of Pittsburgh, Pa., guitarist, Pvt. Andrew Frega, of Jersey City, N.J., accordionist, Pvt. Mario Gatti, of Bellaire. Ohio, accordionist, Pvt. Carl Hane, Minneapolis, Minn., accordionist and arranger, Pvt. John Markowski, of Midland Park, N.J., drummer, and Sgt. Ernest Reese, of Elwood City, Pa., bass violinist, complete the roll.

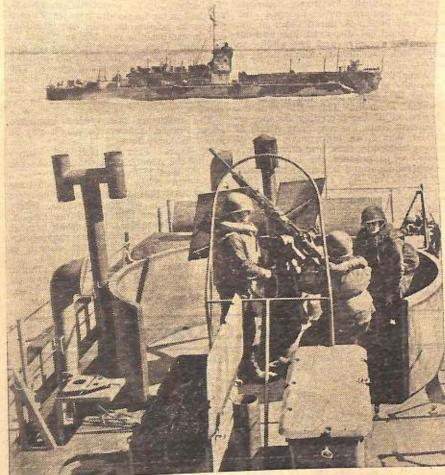
Typical reactions to the show give an idea of GI response to a show by their own men.

Chaplain (Capt.) Frank G. Elliott, Ft. Worth, Texas: "Wonderful! Finest allround show I have ever seen and the best soldier performance anywhere. Funny, tuneful, clean, clever.'

Pvt. Lawrence P. Chilzer, Monogahela City, Pa., said: "The dancers are terrific. And the feller with the dolls really was swell. Wish we could see shows like this more often. I had a great time. When are they coming back?"

Pyt. Samuel D. Chandler, of Lebanon, Pa., said: "You can quote me on this. I always thought you needed girls in a show to make soldiers enjoy it. Those GIs in the show tonight make up as girls had me fooled alright. It's a great show. I liked the Carmen Miranda number best."

'Yankee Doodlers" looks as though it



was 'interestingly stuffy, cramped and uncomfortable.' towards our destination for days, nights and weeks."

handsprings, on the high seas for-not muntes, not hours, not even days-but

"The majority were seasick (but not the old man, who was too decrepit to go to sea on a destroyer—that was me). They to sea on a destroyer—that was me). They were so seasick, most of them couldn't get out of their bunks. Some couldn't even move—except when they were thrown bodily by this tossing stallion from one side of the ship to the other. Day after day, night after night, week after week! And the food—nice, delicious fresh food which spoiled because fresh food always does. So we ate canned food and drank stale water. It didn't make much difference. Most of them were too sick to eat anyhow. And the were too sick to eat anyhow. And the were enjoying the delightful odor of oil were enjoying the delightful odor of oil stench of vomit, the refuse of those poor seasick devils too weak to clean up their seasick devils too weak to clean up their own mess.

seasick devils too weak to clean up down mess.

"Day after day; night after night; week after week. Tossing, turning and twisting. Pitching and pounding. Rolling. Pitching and pounding. Rolling. To the stern. Over up by the bow, down by the stern. Over up to the bow, down by the stern. Over up to the son the sea. Straining. To an and tattered and bruised. To an and tattered. "Darken ship at night so the submarines won't get you. Look out for a marines won't get you. Look out for a marines won't get you. Look out for a submarine you look like a sub. Black night. Can't see the ship ahead, astern or abeam. We're all too small. Little ships with big men. Look out for collisions.

"What's that on the starboard bow?" A sub?

"Got a star sight this morning. Turned the sextant upside down and watched the twinkle jump from the sky to the horizon.
"You can't take a sight that way.

"Who says so? You're standing on your head most of the time anyway. Never mind, it won't be long now. Just day after day, night after night, week after week.

"You watch the kids who are man-ning these things—officers and men. Almost all reserves. A year ago they were Almost all reserves. A year ago they were lawyers, accountants, advertising men, grocery clerks, soda jerkers and garage mechanics. Not so now. They're sailormen. They stick with it. Those who can still move struggle to their stations with a bucket. The look-out peers out turns his head, 'feeds the fishes' and peers again. The signalman pukes in the bucket again. The signalman pukes in the bucket in a steady rhythm with the flashing of a message. The steersman holds the ship on a course as best he can while vomiting

on a course as best he can while vomiting in the bucket between yaws of the ship. Day after day, night after night, week after week.

"They've got no guts left—these kids. They've spilled 'em all. But they've got what it takes—fine spirit. Game guys. Big men in little ships. American youth; learning the hardest way of all—on the high seas in a 'spit kit' through the war zone. They take it in stride. And somehow (God only knows how) they manage to smile. And somehow also you go below feeling, 'That's why we'll win this war. Nobody can beat that kind of stuff,'"





"Yankee Doodlers," now touring installations in the ETO, is a show "by soldiers, with soldiers, for soldiers," Pvt. Al Parker (left) brings down the house with his Carmen Miranda strip routine. Pvts. Ted Arkin, Walter Carlock and Danny Shaw make the original "Sad Sack" look like a very happy lad by comparison.

# Greeks Have A Word For It Highlights of Army Talks

## The desire to fly brought Steve Pissanos from Greece to America-A lucky break for the USAAF

By I Lt Grover C. Hall Jr.

T. Spiro (Steve) Pissanos, a Thunder-bolt fighter pilot, got excited years ago, and never has become unexcited. He talks with much feeling, he gestures incessantly, both with eloquence and He is excited about ships that He is excited about his latest decora-He is excited about ice cream days in the mess, and about America. Or, to say it otherwise, he is excited about Pissanos. And why not?

Steve, profoundly Latin in tempera-ment, is a Greek. Near the olive grove clinics in which Aristotle, Plato and Socrates exalted cold reason and remorseful logic, Steve, jet-propelled by impulse, obeyed an impulse of much personal

the was 15 that day, a mechanic on the way to work in Athens. In the azure sky over the Acropolis Steve was spellbound by the spectacle of two Greek air force biplanes doing aerobatics.

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"I was crazy, I guess," says Steve.
"Instead of go.ng on to my work, I walked the 20 miles to the airdrome. And I did this every day. I cannot tell you how angry my father was. But I made friends with the pilots and they gave me some free rides. I did anything to get to hang around the 'drome."

"What the hell have you been doing around here? I've seen you about for the last two months," said the Greek squadron leader one day to the air-struck boy.

boy.
"I told him I wanted to fly, but they wouldn't let me because they said 15 was too young," Pissanos recounts, "But they let me live in the hangar. I started going to school at night.

School meant about as much to Steve as it would have to Puck. He was flunked out of high school. Consequently, he was thwarted in becoming a Greek Army

Steve reacted with excitement : or maybe that was but a frill on his determination. Anyway, he called on Premier Metaxas and described his flying aspirations. He was elegantly explosive in his petition to the Premier, but there was

nothing doing.
"So I just went to the Royal Palace and asked to see King George," Steve recalls, "But you know how they are. They asked just what for did I want to see the King. I explained I have no money, no nothing-I just wanted to fly. But no

soap.
"I got damn mad with all this foolishness! There was none to pay any atten-tion to me and what I want to do. I I was the boy making the seafood cock-

a steamship. He was going to America. Six times Steve's ship crossed the Atlantic, but always to dock in a South American port. The seventh crossing got him to New York,

"There I was, boy," Steve says wonderingly. "I had no money, no friends, but the main thing was I could not speak English. Boy, I tell you, those were some date."

On the subway Steve was mightily gratified if he could read the Gothic streamers in the New York Daily News. Maybe someday he would be able to read the stories as well.

"I got a job in a restaurant," he explains, "because that work takes less talk than any other: You know, you can cooperate without understanding much or

saying much, you know, boy? The restaurant was Hatchitt's, 149th St. at Broadway. There in the summer St. at Broadway. There in the summer of 1938 the mercurial young Greek, pixilated with a desire to be a pilot, became a pantry boy for the next nine

"I always find that the best way to learn anything is to copy it down," Steve observes. "So all the words I have trouble observes. "So all the words I have trouble with I write down on pieces of paper. The easy ones I put here (tapping his posterior); the hard ones I put up here (tapping his breast pocket just under his Distinguished Flying Cross).

"It took me an hour to ride from my room on 33rd St. to Hatchit's. I suddenly see this is time I could spend well. I studied whatever I had in my pocket, here and here."

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Steve started his flying lessons: he made \$15 a week and lessons cost \$12. The proprietor's daughter, Elizabeth, took an interest in his will to be a flier. She cooked Greek dishes for him. She offered to lend \$500, but he declined because it was inconceivable to the pantry boy who wanted to be a flier that he could ever repay a sum like that. But Elizabeth surveyed the situation for the immigrant

as to obtaining a pilot's license.
"I tell you, boy, this \$12 a lesson was getting me. You know Clobber the Greek. Somebody asked why I didn't take flying at a New Jersey field—cheaper," he says. So this girl and I find out about it. I asked them how somebody could learn to fly around here. "I found a field (Westfield, N.J.) where it was more in my reach to go after the

it was more in my reach to go after the C.A.A. license. I got a job as pantry boy at the Park Hotel in Plainfield, N.J.

Pa., the pilot, and M/Sgt. Charles A. Chambers, her crew chief, talked them out of it. Over Wiener-Neustadt a burst of flak violently lifted Bomerang 150 feet in the air, nearly causing a flipflop, but Bomerang lived up to her name and chugged back. Bomerang got a new crew chief, M/Sgt. George E. Ewald, of Norfolk, Va., and is now-with 53 missions behind her-serving her "third genera-

Sgt. Ben Kuroki, Nebraska-born Japanese, returned to America after com-

say okay then—I leave the country, that's what!"

Steve signed on as a crew member on a steamship. He was going to America.

tails and giving out the desserts. I tell you, boy, it was rough. One day I opened 1,000 oysters. Look at this hand here!—from the clams and oysters.

"By this time my English it was getting better, you know. But I still had all this navigation stuff to learn. I discovered that the hotel's menus had a big white space on them. If you come to Plainfield now I bet you find 1,000 menus with my navigation problems scratched on them!"

Things got better, the pins began to get in a row. The hotel proprietor, Albert Stender, befriended his pantry boy, his bound Prometheus. He advanced him money for his flying lessons.

The war came. The Greek air force could not take him; the U.S. Air Corps wouldn't, because he wasn't a citizen. In the end Steve had his way with both nations, but it was by way of the Royal nations, but it was by way of the Royal Air Force, in which he enlisted. Thenceforward it was Prometheus unbound.

Pissanos transferred from the RAF to the AAF in September, 1942. He is now a first lieutenant, wears RAF wings on the starboard breast and AAF wings on the port over the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. When he transferred to the AAF he got his American citizenship, and now gives the Park Hotel, Plainfield, N.J., as his "home address." Pissanos has flown many missions over

Europe in the major air battles of the past year. He is credited with damaging one German fighter, and destroying three more for sure, the last two over Germany

more for sure, the last two over decision, quite recently,

"We saw 18 Jerries in front of us," he says. "They tried to get away. We attacked three of them. One tried to throttle back to get behind Vic. I dove on him down to 3,000 feet, doing 450 miles an hour. He went down burning. We started towards another mixup. I We started towards another mixup. I gave one a long burst. I saw flames. He went straight down.

"Sometimes I think of those people who laughed because the pantry boy wanted to fly. I'm not much, but it gives me pleasure to think I came to America with \$8 and couldn't even speak the language—and now 1 am an officer of the United States Army. 1 don't care who knows—I'm proud of that, 1 tell you,

Well, any way, one would think that Steve would now have a very good chance of seeing the King. Certainly that impulse of the 15-year-old mechanic, anachronistic as it was in the spiritual dell of Aristotie and Plato, carried him where mere chaste reason could not.

pleting 30 missions as a tail-turret gunner. His first mission was on the first anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Now he's bucking for Tokyo in a B24.

Lt. Col. George S. Brown, of Alpine, N.J., only original pilot remaining in the group, and T/Sgt. Bernard J. Edelman, of Placerville, Cal., a bombardier, participated in the first and the hundredth

The group is scheduled to receive the Distinguished Unit Citation from the President of the United States and the War Department.

WHEN American and Frenchman ment, and the aged Marshal Petam again meet, perhaps soon on the assumed the state leadership. soil of France, a friendship of nearly 200 years' duration may be put to its severest test. A terrible defeat and three years of intense suffering under the Nazi boot have not robbed France of her pride, but they have been a great shock and have affected her people deeply. If the Affied Army of Liberation is to seem just that to the French, it will need to be made up of men who have a true appreciation of France's humiliation and

The current issue of Army Talks points out the importance of restoring brance to her former status if political and economic stability are to be achieved in the post-war world. Co-authors of the article are Crane Brinton, former Professor of French History, Harvard Univesity, who is attached to the Office of Strategic Services, and Lt. Richard H. Ouphant, USN, staff liaison officer to the French missions from the headquarters of Admiral Harold R. Stark.

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Metropolitan France before the war had an area less than that of the combined states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, with a population of approximately 41,000,000. French colonies overseas add up in territory to 4,695,000 square miles, as compared to 3,734,000 square miles in the United States, its territories and dependencies. While the bulk of this vast colonial empire is in Africa, there are parts of it in every is in Africa, there are parts of it in every corner of the globe.

In a number of ways Frenchmen are much like Americans, according to the Army Talks article, France. Under the national motto of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, the French lived a democratic life. Every Frenchman, no matter how poor, is good enough to be called "Monsieur."

"France went down in 1940, but not out," the authors make clear. "There are many signs at the end of 1943 that France is rising again, and her long history gives an even better 'form-sheet' on which to base assurance of her come-back. The events of 1940 were nothing new in French history. In the thousand years of her existence as an independent nation, of her existence as an independent nation, dozens of victorious enemy armies—Norman, English, German, Austrian, Russian, Spanish—have tramped the streets of Paris. A dozen times in the past France has displayed her unusual powers of recovery and her ability to come back after defeat. She is doing so again.

While all was not well with France internally in 1940, say the authors, it is wrong to assume that the nation was "rotten" inwardly. The world economic depression of the preceding decade, rearmament costs, the remaining effects of World War I, an unfortunate lack of strong leadership, these and other factors combined to produce the condition in which France found herself at the outset of World War II. The effects of the German propaganda barrage which had been directed against France for years been directed against France for years, plus fifth column activity, also contributed to France's downfall.

When the armies of France were decisively defeated in the late spring of 1940, the French government was forced to decide whether it would continue the war from North Africa, or capitulate. The latter course was chosen in a close vote by the Ministers of M. Reynaud's govern-

After the armistice of June, 1940, the Frenchmen who were actual and wilful collaborators with the Nazis centered in Paris. This was never a large group. A second group of French leaders comprised the Victor government. of Unoccupied the Vichy government of Unoccupied France. In general, they represented that segment of opinion which held it expedient to the welfare of stricken France to at least co-operate with the Germans. The authors of the article believe that this government had the backing of the majority of the people when it was first

A third group refused to give up the fight against Hitlerite domination. A part of this group was outside of France at the time of the collapse, or managed to escape later. This part became known as the Free French, later the Fighting French. The other part of the group of Frenchmen who refused to submit to the Nazis remains in France itself, and isorganized into the Underground Resistance network. ance network.

Following the Allied landing in North
Africa in November of 1942, a serious
political division within the ranks of antiNazi Frenchmen outside of France
remained to be-healed. The Committee
of National Liberation was eventually
formed at Algiers, under the joint Presidency of Generals de Gaulle and
Giraud. The United States and Britain
then recognized the committee as the then recognized the committee as the legal authority responsible for all French possessions outside France itself. Formal recognition of any government of France is reserved until the French are freed and

are able to choose by a free democratic vote what their government shall be.

The period immediately ahead of France is not a pleasant one in prospect.

The brutalities of Nazi occupation will unquestionably be intensified by the reality of Allied invasion in an effort to restrict the assistance of the French Underground. Pulverizing Allied air assaults on German installations will necessarily result in damage to French property. Although liberation is assured, France must still suffer greatly before it becomes a fact, in the opinion of the

Admiral Stark, author of the foreword to the current issue of Army Talks, writes: Our friendship for France is traditional. We shall never forget the part the French played in helping us gain our freedom and in establishing our United States as a nation. Then, we were fighting for our liberty. Now, we are not only fighting for our liberty but for world liberty. The French and ourselves have always stood together, shoulder to shoulder, in the cause of freedom. This war is no ex-

The following are typical questions

about France, answers to which may be found in Army Talks:
Q.—Does French political history parallel the American governmental scene

over the past 150 years?

A.—No. Since 1798 the French have had at least half a dozen major changes in their form of government. Oddly enough, the one that lasted the longest, the Third Republic, 1870-1940, was at first regarded as a temporary makeshift. first regarded as a temporary makeshift. Q.—What is the dominant church in

France? A .- France is overwhelmingly Catholic, there being only about a million Protest-ants in the entire country. Since 1905 the Church and State have been separate.

#### Globe-Busters

Me109s, two Italian Macchis, and one Ju88. Doerner's twin fifties picked off three in one long burst, and broke up the attack. Though he received credit for only two, crewmen of both ships verify three. Doerner bounded out of tion" of fliers. Ready and Willing onto the crunchy sand and began doing handsprings.

Then Col. Fiegel led his pack back to lush East Anglia to go to work on Osnabruck. Ludwigshaven (twice), Danzig, Cognac ((wice), Kiel (second and third time), Brunswick (twice), Frankfort (twice), and the Pas de Calais (nine times).

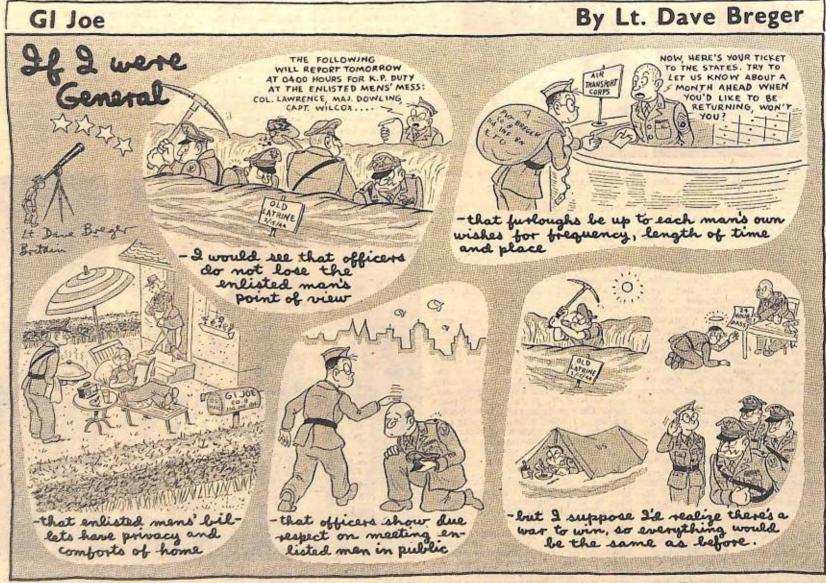
A master sergeant and soyabean farmer from Moweagua, Ill., Pop (Herbert F.) Hastings established an ETO record with The Duchess, the "queen" of the Libs, by running her perfect mission string without an "abort" to 51. And 1/Lt. Roger Skjei (pronounced "sky") of Madison, Minn., and his Hell Cat crew, hung up an endurance mark with four missions in as many days-two to Germany, and two to France. Beaver's Baby, skippered by 1/Lt. James B. Paterson, of Tulsa, Okla., then duplicated Hell Cat's feat.

Marriages to English girls soared to 65 (including seven officers). One lieutenant's wife and six-months-old son live in a village adjoining the airdrome.

Heavenly Daze headed out over England on her 25th operational mission, developed a conglomeration of mechanical troubles ranging from three runaway "props" to a conked out electrical system. The ship was abandoned and cruised aimlessly alone above the overcast. Finally, two Spitfires were sent up to investigate and after a lively exchange of views it was decided the abandoned Liberator should be disposed of.

The Spits shot the bomb-laden B24 down after learning quickly that the Libs aren't an easy aircraft to destroy. She finally plummeted into the icy North Sea. Her wings clipped.

Bomerang turned over the magical mark of 50 missions upon her return from Bremen. Over Lille 14 months earlier she was a veritable magnet for flak and 20mm., and so badly riddled the engineering officers decided to scrap her hulk, but Maj. John L. Stewart, of Ambler,



News From Home

## FDR Orders Army to Seize L.A. Lightand Water Facilities

#### Provides for Operation By U.S. to Avert Crisis Due to Coast Strike

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23—President Roosevelt ordered Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson today to take over and operate the strike-crippled Municipal Water and Power Department to avert a threatened emergency resulting from a ten-day walkout of more than 2,500 of the city's 5,700 employes.

The President's order declared the U.S. war effort was being impeded unduly by interruption in the service provided by Angeles power plants and water-

With 150 war factories and an estimated 50,000 homes without power because strikers refused to repair lines borne down by one of California's heaviest storms, city officials at the same time expressed fears for the Los Angeles water supply water supply.

The strikers demand a \$15-a-month

Clearing skies promised a termination of a storm that brought 7.19 inches of rain in four days, caused four deaths, drove over 300 persons from their homes and caused widespread damage to Southern California.

#### There Shall Be No Night

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Feb. 23—Police are sorry they tried to enforce a 1918 curfew law. Six boys and girls, 14 to 16, were picked up late at night and Sgt. George Warren phoned their parents to come and get them. The first three fathers bawled him out for calling at such a late hour, a mother said she couldn't leave her baby, and another father "couldn't be bothered." Warren wouldn't repeat what the sixth parent said. He drove the juveniles home and decided to forget the curfew.

#### Reunion After 17 Years

PRESTON. Idaho, Feb. 23—Patrolman Verl Fellows was taking a hitch-hiking sailor home to put him up for the night. "Goodnight, Verl," said a fellow officer. "That's my name, too," said the sailor. "What's your last name?" They were father and son, hadn't seen each other for 17 years. Fellows and his first wife were separated and the son since has lived with his mother's parents.

#### 70,000 Teachers Needed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—U.S. schools are short 70,000 teachers, and more than 1,000,000 children are being more than 1,000,000 children are being taught by sub-standard instructors, according to Willard E. Givens, executive secretary of the National Education Association. Since Pearl Harbor 200,000 teachers have gone into the armed forces or war factories.

#### The Impossible Is Done

GLENDALE, Cal., Feb. 23-A plastics plant turned out in one month a Navy rush order for 7,500 aerial cargo containers, 1,300 more than it ever made previously in a year. Needing 200 extra

#### When This Boy Necks, Anything May Happen

"I never know a kiss could revive him before. Mine always knocked him out," said the fiancee of Sgt. Barnard E. Jensen, of North Hollywood, Cal., when she heard that Jensen, gunner on the Fort Skippy, had been kissed back into consciousness by a pretty English girl after he was knocked out in a parachute landing.

"I've heard English girls are different," she said, when told the story by a correspondent in the States.

workers, the company hired a dozen Marines home on leave from Guadal-canal, as well as soldiers and sailors on furlough and high-school students.

#### He Should Know

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—Rep. Sol Bloom (D., N.Y.) observed a gold-bordered flag in the executive-office lobby of the White House. "That is against the law," he said. The AGO said it would take the matter under advisement. Bloom insisted nothing had to be taken under advisement. It seems he wrote the under advisement. It seems he wrote the law which bars gold fringe on flags.

#### Jane Froman Sues for a Million

NEW YORK, Feb. 23-Singer Jane Froman filed a \$1,000,000 damage suit against Pan-American Airways, Inc., for injuries sustained when the trans-Atlantic Yankee Clipper crashed near Lisbon a year ago. She also is suing for \$10,000 for loss of baggage.

#### Hassett FDR Aide

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23-William D. Hassett, 63, a member of the press staff at the White House since 1935, has been named a full-fledged secretary to President Roosevelt. He replaces the late Marvin H. MeIntyre.

#### Sock!-He's Cured

FITCHBURG, Mass., Feb. 23-John Andrews, a railroad worker, sneezed and couldn't close his mouth. Taken to a hospital, he was cured by an old-fashioned sock on the jaw.

#### A Hand-Me-Down

CAMP GRANT, Ill., Feb. 23—Sam Litrenti, 19, an Army inductee, examined the field pack issued to him and found the name James Litrenti. It was the pack his father carried in the last war.

#### Montgomery Back at Sea

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 23-Lt. Cmdr Robert Montgomery, former film star, has returned to active sea duty at his request, giving up his post in the operational training command here.

#### Amos Pinchot Dies At 70

NEW YORK, Feb. 23-Amos R. E. Pinchot, 70, attorney and brother of ex-

## Red Cross Clubs in London List Programs for the Week

Red Cross clubs for the week beginning today. Programs for non-London clubs appear in the Monday paper.

Columbia

Thursday—Dramatic classes, 6.30 PM; dancing classes, 8.30 PM. Friday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Sanday—Table tenn's tournament, 2.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Mon'ay—Dramatic classes, 6.30 PM; bridge club, 9 PM. Tiesday—Lean Year dance, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Movies, 7 PM

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Eagle Tuesday-Movic, 3 PM.

#### Hans Crescent

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Thursday—French class, 6 PM; dance, 7.30

PM Friday—Discussion group, 7 PM; table
tentis purnament, 8,30 PM. Saturday—Dance,
7.30 PM; cabaret, 10,48 PM. Sunday—Golf tournament, 9 AM; ten dance, 3 PM; table tennis
tournament, 6 PM. Monday—French class, 6,30

PM; table tennis tournament, 6,30 PM; movies,
9 PM. Tucsday—Table tennis tournament,
8 PM; dancing class, 7,45 PM. Wednesday—Classcal recordings, 8 PM; table tennis tournament,
8 PM. Daily—Tour of London, 9,45 AM; golf
instruction, 10 AM.

#### Rainbow Corner

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Thursday—American Eagle broadcast to U.S., 3 PM: portraits by Harold, 4 PM; round-table, 7.30 PM: jum session, 7.30 PM. Friday—Portraits, 4 PM: Judy at pigno, 4.30 PM: dance, 7.30 PM. Saturday—Movies, 2.30 and 6.30 PM: open hoise, 3 PM: portraits, 4 PM. Sunday-Movies, 2 PM; concert, 4 PM: dance, 7.30 PM. Monday—Judy at pigno, 3 PM: portraits, 4 PM: dance, 7.30 PM. Tuesday—Jam session, 3 PM: portraits, 4 PM: boxing, 7.30 PM. Wedne, d. y—Judy at pigno, 3 PM.

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#### Reindeer (Officers)

Thursday French class, 8 PM; symphonic recordines, 9 PM, Friday—Movie, 8.30 PM, Sunday—Symphonic recordines, 9 PM, Monday—Ouiz the British, 9 PM, Tuesday—Kay Laing at plano, 8.30 PM, Wednesday—Bridge talk, 8 PM

#### Mostyn

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Thursday—Mme. Tassauds tour. 10.30 AM;
square dance. 8 PM. Friday—Houses of Parliament tour, 9.45 AM; Spanish circle, 7 PM; Cortland, N.Y., reunion, 7.15 PM; "quiz me." 9.30
PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Tea
dance, 5.30 PM; table tennis, 7 PM; symphonic
recordiditis, 8 PM. Monday—Houses of Parliament
tour, 2 PM; roller skating, 6 PM; forum, 8.15
PM. Tuesday—Dancing class. 2 PM; movies,
6.15 and 8.15 PM; cerule Francais, 7.15 PM;
Leap Year dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dancing
lessons, 6 PM; table tennis, 7 PM.

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#### Victory

Thursday—Secretarial service, 7 PM; bridge club, 7.30 PM. Friday—Good resistor discussion, 8 PM. Saturday—Victory varieties, 8 PM. Sanday—Tea dance, 3 PM; movies, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM.

#### Washington

Thursday—Archery, 2.30 PM: German class, 7 PM. - Friday—Portrait'st, 2.30 PM: shorthand detention, 7 PM; movies, 8.30-PM. Santrday—Secretarial service, 10.30 AM; archery, 2.30 PM; French class, 7 PM; shorthand dictation, 7 PM; Spanish class, 9 PM; plano music, 9 PM, Tuessday—Dancing class, 4 PM; recorded concert, 7 PM; dance, 8.15 PM. Wednesday—Portraitist, 2.30 PM; quiz the British, 7 PM.

#### Women's Officers Club

Sunday—Dance, 7 PM. Tuesday—Movie, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 7 PM.

#### Women's Service Club

Thursday Entertainment, 9.15 PM. Saturday-Fortune teller, 8 PM. Sanday Movie, 6 PM. Monday Hobby night, 7,30 PM. Wednesday— Movic, 8 PM.

Terry and the Pirates

## Yanks Smash 2 New Attacks In Anzio Area

#### Nazis Still Regrouping, However, for Another Big Try in Italy

American troops have smashed two new German attacks on the southern flank new German attacks on the southern flank of the Anzio bridgehead in Italy, reports from the front said yesterday as reconnaissance photographs revealed that Marshal Kesselring was continuing the regrouping of his defeated forces for a third big offensive.

Supported by tanks, German infantry twice stormed U.S. positions west of Cisterna, only to be flung back after savage hand-to-hand fighting.

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Meanwhile, Allied air forces, hitting targets as widely separated as Regensburg. Germany, and enemy bridgehead installa-tions, flew 1,600 sorties to break their previous record of 1,500, set Feb. 17.

Even as reconnaissance reports dis-closed large movements of troops and vehicles behind the German lines, a spokesman at Allied headquarters cited the constant pressure brought to bear by the Nazis against the Allied lines as an indication that a new assault might be

Nazi casualties in Italy for the three days beginning Feb, 16 were described yesterday as the heaviest of any similar period of the whole Italian campaign.

One American battalion alone counted 500 Germans dead in the Carroceto area. On the main Fifth Army front, two German attempts to infiltrate in the peaks northwest of Cassino were broken up by artillery. The lull continued in the battle for Cassino and Manastery Hill.

#### City Living Costs Drop ·2 Per Cent in a Month

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—Living costs of city families declined two-tenths per cent between mid-December and midper cent between mid-December and mid-January, although the typical family budget still is 2.8 per cent higher than a year ago and 23.1 per cent more than in January, 1941, Miss Frances Perkins, secretary of labor, reported yesterday. Since 1939, she said, living costs have risen 25.9 per cent, compared to the 64.6 per cent rise in World War 1

per cent rise in World War I.

# Barkley - - -

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the Treasury Department and its so-called

experts.
"Every time Congress attempted to simplify the tax law, the Treasury experts brought it back with a language so complicated that neither Solomon nor all his wise men of the East could understand it. The President's message is a deliberate and calculated assault upon the honesty and integrity of every member of the U.S. Legislature.

the U.S. Legislature.

"I pleaded with the President not to veto this bill," Barkley continued. "I not only advised him not to do it, I implored him. I make no apology. Other members may do as they please. I do not appear to take this lying down."

There was loud applause as Sen.
Barkley concluded by announcing his resignation and calling on Congress to override the veto.

#### AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial 1375 kc. 1402 kc, 1411 kc, 1420 kc, 1447 kc 218,1m. 213,9m. 212,6m. 211,3m. 207,3m Thursday, Feb. 24

1100—GI Iive.
1115—Personal Album with Jo Stafford.
1130—Rhapsody in Rhaki (Return Engagement).
1200—Cari Barriteau and his Orchestra (BBC).
1230—Andre Köstelangtz (Repeat).
1255—Quiet Moment.
1300—World News (BBC).
1310—Barracks Bag—A Grab-bag of entertain-

ment. 1400-Visiting Hour-Hospital Theater. 1430-Sign off until 1700 hours.

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1700—Sign on—Spotlight on Jan Savitt.
1715—Showtime and Program Resume.
1713—National Barn Dance.
1800—World News (BBC).
1810—GI Supper Club.
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports—Latest Sports News by Corporal Johnny Vrotsos.
1905—Symphony Hall.
2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
2010—Fred Waring Program.
2025—Weekend Leave—Suggestions as to what to do on that leave that may be coming up.
2030—Bing Crossby Music Hall.
2100—World News (BBC).
2120—Novelty Time.
2125—Truth or Consequences.
2225—Gon Night Stand with Charlie Spivak.
2255—Final Edition.
2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Priday. Feb. 25.

Back From Attu



Martha O'Driscoll She quivered to please

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 23 (UP)-Martha O'Driscoll, raven-haired film actress just returned from an Aleutian tour of Army camps, said a revealing evening gown wasn't much protection against icy blasts—but the boys wanted low-necked gowns, so she shivered and wore 'em.

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Miss O'Driscoll, one of the first white
women ever to land on Attu, toured the
Aleutians with Errol Flynn, covering
10,000 miles by air and dogsled.

"I guess the men liked the dresses," she
said. "After one performance 1 had 400
offers of a date for the night."

#### Plane Carrier Shangri La Will Be Launched Today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 — The Shangri La, the Navy's new aircraft carrier whose length equals that of the longest ship ever built in the U.S., will be launched tomorrow at Portsmouth, Va. Sponsor of the carrier will be Mrs. James H. Doolittle, wife of Maj. Gen. Doolittle, now Eighth Air Force commander, who led the raid on Tokyo. Until security regulations were lifted, the base of Doolittle's Tokyo raiders was referred to humorously as Shangri La, the fictional land of James Hilton's novel "Lost Horizon."

Yesterday, at the Quincy (Mass.) yard of the Bethlehem Steel Co., the 13,000-ton heavy cruiser Pittsburgh was

# Is Reich Still Potent in War?

yet reached the bottom of the manpower

The German Army still has the same

The German high command in the last three months has been able to increase the strength of its garrisons along the Western Front in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany to 60 divisions from about 40, it has been estimated unofficially.

Each year a new military class brings 600,000 to 800,000 'teen-age recruits into the Army. Allied officers report these youths to be fanatical fighters. In Italy they had to be killed before yielding their poetitions.

seriously; guns have been captured bear-ing markings showing they were made late in December, 1943. Usually such equipment is held months in ordnance

that an entire infantry division was moved from southern France to the Italian front in less than a week, an excellent record bespeaking organization and adequate transport.

ever conceived.

In contrast to the Army the Luftwaffe has been striking less and less vigorously, and some believe the crack in the German military front which came in the factor.

## U.S. Chiefs Hail Russia's Army **OnAnniversary**

#### Marshall Cites Its Recent Victories as Forerunners Of Ultimate Triumph

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23-Messages of praise and congratulation to the Red Army on its 26th anniversary were sent today by government, military and labor

Gen, George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, cited the annihilation of ten German divisions in the Ukraine and Soviet victories before Leningrad as indications of the approaching triumph of Russia and the ultimate expulsion of the Nazis "from the last foot of Russian soil."

Vice-President Henry A. Wallace called the Russian people's "sacrificial single-ness of purpose" to "wrest from the enemy their own homes" a struggle "unique in human history."

Other tributes came from Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the AEF in World War I; Philip Murray, ClO president; and Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board. Nelson said no army "ever more richly deserved the admiration and gratitude of freedom-loving people."

## Roosevelt Agrees That War May Not End in ETO in '44

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—President Roosevelt told his press conference yes-terday he agreed with Prime Minister Churchill that the European war might not end in 1944.

He said Churchill's statement to Com-mons was just what he had been thinking for a couple of years.

Turning to the destruction of the Benedictine monastery on Mount Cassino in Italy, the President said he had received suggestions that a campaign be conducted in the U.S. to raise funds for its rebuilding.

He proposed, instead, that serious consideration be given to another suggestion that German labor and materials be used after the war to restore historic buildings destroyed by and because of the Nazis.

# Extensive Study Shows: Yes!

number of divisions as started the war-more than 300. These divisions have dropped in strength from the normal 15,000 in some cases to ten or 12 thousand.

There is no scarcity of arms, although

The German Army has lost little of its mobility. Recently there was evidence

Their defensive works along the invasion coast probably make it one of the most formidable military obstacles

#### Air Strength:

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the manpower last war in the Navy may come this time in the Air Force.

German air losses have been enormous and their fliers have shown no consistent ability to deal with the night bombers of the RAF or the American day bombing. By concentrating on fighter production, however, the Germans have maintained their front-line defensive strength at a

fairly high level.

Many informations to the contrary, there has been no definite factual con-firmed information that German fighter production has been cut below losses.

Increasing German night attacks on England and RAF night losses such as reached a new high of 79 recently indicate the Luftwaffe still has left a tremendous kick. Pilotless planes mentioned by Churchill might increase this punch, but military men do not expect this to be enough to unset seriously the balance of enough to upset seriously the balance of air power.

production has been cut heavily. The
Germans are able to draw on reserves
which are adequate but now dwindling
seriously; guns have been captured bearing markings shawing they were bearfactor in the opening of the Western Front. They expect, too, that bombings will so weaken Germany she will be unable to stand big losses in land fighting over an extended period.

#### Sea Power:

German sea power has been so weakened it is not expected to be a serious factor on the Western Front, and except for U-boats it may not put in an appear-

The principal sea problem facing the Allies is that of making amphibious landings with warship and air support against strong shore defenses.

In general, the Germans are expected to have superiority on land, at least at the start of the fighting, and weakness in the air—with Allied sea power versus the German land defenses the unknown

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