

THE TAR OWN SHATTERS Daily Newspaper of U.S. Armed Forces

in the European Theater of Operations



Vol. 4 No. 72

New York, N.Y.-London, England

Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1944

ppian Way Is Reported Cut by Allies

Reds Drive For Estonia: **Enter Kerch**

Hit Nazis From Armored Trains in North; Enemy Renews Vinnitsa Push

Russian tanks and infantry on the northern front seized a dozen miles of the escape railway leading to Estonia yesterday as Red infantry forced its way into the streets of Kerch in the Crimea and the Germans launched a redoubled counter-offensive east of Vinnitsa in the Ukraine

While German sources reported renewed fighting north of Nevel and southeast of Vitebsk and admitted a penetration of their lines northwest of Kirovo-grad, in the Dnieper Bend, Russian skiborne tommy-gunners advancing from Novgorod pushed retreating Nazis within 14 miles of the rail junction of Shimsk, at the westernmost end of Lake Ilmen at the southern end of the Far-north

German military experts, quoted by the Nazi-controlled Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau, suggested that the new Kirovograd offensive was intended to link up Gen. Koniev's forces with those of Gen. Tolbukhin south of the lower Dnieper.

Armored Trains in Use

South of Leningrad the Russians South of Leningrad the Russians brought great armored trains into use, rolling along newly laid lines southwest of Kransnoye Selo and pouring salvoes into the retreating Germans. The Soviet drive here was aimed at the two remaining north-south railways held by the enemy—from Leningrad to Vitebsk and Pskov, the nearest 50 miles away.

Two key rail junctions were menaded by the advance—Krasnovardevsk, 22

by the advance—Krasnovardeysk, 22 miles southwest of Leningrad, now ringed by troops to north, west and south, and Tosno, on the trunk line to Moscow, 30 miles southeast of Leningrad, half en-

West of Krasnovardeysk the Russians pushed along the lateral railway to the Estonian city of Narva, 60 miles away.

Moscow dispatches said the German counter-attack in the Ukraine, apparently an effort to draw Russian strength from the north, was being pushed up to a tempo even greater than that of their attacks in that area two weeks ago. Tanks and motorized infantry were thrown into the battle, but there was no sign they were having any effect on the Russian

Heavy Fighting at Kerch

At Kerch, in the Crimea, the enemy reported fresh fighting of great violence. "The Soviets are flinging in reinforcements and supporting their infantry with tanks and planes," the German Overseas Agency said, conceding that the Reds had "succeeded in widening their footbold in ucceeded in widening their toothold in

the harbor,"
Meanwhile, Moscow accounts told of Meanwhile, Moscow accounts told of the German devastation in Pushkin, former summer home of the Czars, 16 miles south of Leningrad. Not a single house of the once splendid show city was intact when Russian gunners worked their way into its center after wading knee-deep through the marshes.

The palace of Catherine the Great had been burned to the ground, the Alex-andrevsky palace wrecked and most of the other principal buildings left so damaged that rebuilding would be neces-

Coningham NamedtoLead 'Invasion Force' of RAF

Air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham, former chief of the No. 1 Tactical Air Force in the Mediterranean, last night was named to command the Tactical Air Force of the RAF based in Great Britain which probably will be the RAF's first-line weapon at invasion time.

N.Y. World-Telegram Has Got Nothing on Us

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (AP)-Under a front-page headline, "We Print Everything," the New York World-Telegram yesterday carried an announcement by Tommy Manville of his engagement to 18-year-old Barbara Allison, of Los Angeles. If the marriage takes place Miss Allison will be the asbestos heir's eighth wife.

The Bridgehead Broadens



Americans and British reinforce Anzio-Nettuno bridgehead, move inland to capture Littoria and Aprilia. On southern front, Germans continue counter-attacks, but on a smaller scale. U.S. troops re-cross Rapido river below Cassino. British and French stand fast on other Fifth Army sectors, Eighth Army patrols in eastern Italy probe enemy defenses.

Invasion Coast Pounded For 20th Time in Month

The secret targets along the northern coast of France were pounded in daylight yesterday for the 20th time this month.

RAF and Allied medium bombers hit the installations which may be emplacements for Hitler's rocket guns while USAAF Thunderbolt fighter-bombers were striking Nazi airfields and Thunderbolt fighters were staging wide sweeps over the Low Countries. The day's only losses were two Allied fighters executing the hombers in their

Conferees OK

A \$300 Bonus

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25-A compro-

mise mustering-out bill providing payment

of \$300 to all honorably discharged

members of the armed forces with over-

seas service, \$200 for service of more than

60 days in the United States and \$100 to

those serving less than 60 days was re-

commended yesterday by a Senate-House

less than 60 days \$100.

Previously, the Senate had enacted a measure providing payments ranging from \$200 for those with less than a year's service in the United States to \$500 for

vice in the United States to \$500 for service men and women with 18 or more

With certain exceptions, the mustering-

out money would be paid to all up to and

including the Army rank of captain or equivalent grades in other services,

months' service overseas.

fighters escorting the bombers in their third day in a row of attacks in the Pas

de Calais area.

The Thunderbolt bombers hit Luftwaffe airdromes at Gilze-Rijen and Leeuwarden, in Holland. The P47 fighters swept the Zuyder Zee area.

Monday's Losses 12 Planes

Meanwhile, a recapitulation of Monday's daylight attacks on western Germany, from which some USAAF heavy bomber formations were recalled because of bad weather, showed a loss of two heavy bombers and ten of the U.S. and Allied fighters which escorted them. Twenty-one enemy aircraft were destroyed in the heavies' operations, two by bomber gunners and 19 by the fighters. Monday's daylight penetration of in-

dustrial zones in western Germany was marked chiefly by bitter dogfights between escorting U.S. fighters and Nazi inter-

commended yesterday by a Senate-House conference committee.

Expected to pass both houses, the bill provides the same maximum and minimum payments contained in the measure passed by the House, but differentiates, as did the Senate bill, between overseas duty and service in America.

A bill approved last week in the House proposed to pay all honorably discharged. ceptors. As the big U.S. air armada ran into what officially was described as "unfavorable weather," a recall was sent out and proposed to pay all honorably discharged members of the armed forces with more than 60 days' service \$300 and those with less than 60 days \$100. part of the force returned to base. Some bomber units went on and hammered targets of opportunity through breaks in the weather

Good bombing was reported from some groups, which were well protected by a screen of USAAF P51s, P38s and P47s. Flak was spotty, crews reported, and ground defenses apparently were confused by the cruising bombers until it was too late to go into action.

The fighter versus fighter combats were

(Continued on page 4)

Advance Is Believed 1½ Miles From Main Rome-Naples Railway

Kesselring Moving Forces North to Meet Threat; Nazis Say Town 20 Mi. From Capital Has Fallen to Invaders

Allied troops pushing inland from their bridgehead south of Rome were reported last night to have cut the Appian Way, captured the villages of Aprilia and Littoria and advanced within 1½ miles of the main Rome-Naples railroad in their drive to isolate the Italian capital and sever the lifelines of 100,000 Germans on the main Fifth Army front to the south along the

Late dispatches last night indicated unofficially that American and British units were standing astride the Appian Way itself, awaiting the expected return of part or all of three panzer grenadier divisions sent from Rome to the south only last week to bolster Kesselring's Gustav defenses.

Rabaul, Wewak Hit Again; Enemy Destroyer Set Afire Off N. Guinea

ALLIED HQ, New Guinea, Jan. 25 Reuter)-U.S. pilots of the Fifth Air. Force, supported by airmen of the RAAF, scored another great air victory over the Japanese in the last 48 hours, shooting down 51 out of 120 planes which attempted to protect the key bases of Rabaul, New Britain, and Wewak, New

Allied pilots also claimed another 14 probables," their losses being 11 probables," machines.

(A Japanese communique, quoted by United Press, claimed more than 530 U.S. planes took part in the raids on Rabaul.)

At Wewak 50 Zeros, waiting at 30,000 feet, swooped on a U.S. formation, and in the fierce running battle which followed

the American bombers proved more than a match for the faster opponents, shooting down 12 with eight "probables."

Allied fighters also had a field day, sending to earth 21 planes and four probables. The Wewak bag was 33 "definites" for the loss of five planes.

The battering of these big Japanese bases was one of many successful air missions, including an attack on a Japanese destroyer off New Guinea, which was set on fire amidships, and the damaging of a 7,000-ton freighter off the coast of New Japanese New Ireland.

Medium bombers, with fighter cover, flew from Solomons bases to attack Rabaul, on the eastern tip of New Britain. The target was Lakunai airdrome. Many hits were made on the runway.

Seventy Japanese fighters flew to inter-

cept the Allied force, 18 being shot down during combat, with two "probables, for the loss of six planes.

the south only last week to bolster Kesselring's Gustav defenses. However, since the landings Saturday, the Allies have encountered little opposition, and yesterday's communique reported that they still had met no formidable force. The Allies announced officially that the bridgehead was at least 12 miles deep and several miles long norsh and south of Anzio, captured port two miles north of Nettuno. The German Overseas News Agency, quoted by Reuter, said that Velletri, "the first town in the vicinity of Rome to fall victim to the war," also had been taken. Men and supplies are now going into the Nettuno beachhead by air as well as by sea, United Press reported. Since there 51 Jap Aircraft Are Destroyed In Pacific Area

by sea, United Press reported. Since there is no need for further airfields in the vicinity—the Aflies have blanketed the air opposition to north of Rome—it is presumed that Allied transport planes

Capture Is Unconfirmed Capture of Velletri, only 20 miles south of Rome and about 12 miles north of Aprilia, was not confirmed by any Allied

are bringing in the supplies onto landing strips on the beachhead.

Accompanying the brief Allied an-nouncement that German units were being withdrawn from the Gustav line to meet the Allied threat in their rear, an Algiers radio report said that attacks against French positions in the Mount Croce sector were becoming less intense

—a sign that Kesselring might be
dangerously weakening his Cassino defenses to marshal a force for the defense

Although German counter-attacks slackened in most sectors along the Gustav front, a desperate, fruitless attempt to drive the British out of Min-

turno was announced yesterday.

A World War I veteran in the Minturno sector, describing the savagery of the fighting, said that he saw more dead Germans than he did at the Battle of the Somme

Yanks Recross Rapido

threats as the French took Mount Croce, the British expanded their bridgeheads in the lower Garigliano salient and American patrols recrossed the Rapido

River. Wild air battles over the Anzio-Nettuno Wild air battles over the Anzio-Nettuno area took place Monday as the Germans sent Focke Wulfs and Messerschmitts to attack troops and shipping. Warhawks, although outnumbered, drove off 30 Me109s and FW190s. Two German planes were probably destroyed and two damaged for the loss of no Allied planes.

Bari radio, quoted by Reuter, said Allied air forces were bombing airfields around Rome without a break and attack-

ing roads and communications in the area-to prevent the Germans from organizing

counter-offensive. Although bad weather hindered extensive air operations, fighters and fighter-bombers maintained a constant umbrella

(Continued on page 4)

Gen. Alexander Directed Italian Landing Personally

ALGIERS, Jan. 25 (AP)—Allied head-quarters disclosed today that Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, commander of Allied troops in Italy, personally directed land-ing operations at Nettuno and then went ashore himself to supervise early attacks

New Casualty List

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)-OWI announced today that the number of U.S. casualties since Pearl Harbor total 142, 289. Of these, 32,662 were killed, 47,123 wounded, 32,699 missing and 29,805 prisoners.

Bennett Escapes, Gets the Story Out

'inside Nazi Eugope," was published in newspapers of America and in London's Daily Express yesterday when INS Correspondent Lowell Bennett recounted his experiences of parachuting from a stricken Lancaster bomber over Berlin and his ultimate capture and escape from a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany.

Bennett, 24 years old, was reported missing following the Dec. 2 RAF raid on Berlin, but last Saturday the International News Service bureau in London received from him a letter written apparently from a German

P/W camp before his escape.

The arrival of his spectacular story was the first indication that Bennett had escaped. His present whereabouts are unknown, and the channel through which his dispatch was sent was not revealed. In his story Bennett said that "for the moment it is impossible to leave my hiding place, but it is relatively safe. At least I can get some food, some warmth and some rest, which are the only essentials.

Using the dateline, "Inside Nazi Europe," Bennett told of his take-off from a Lancaster base in Britain, of encountering flak from Nazi defenses off the Dutch coast

One of the most graphic stories of the war, written and of "searchlights by the hundreds" near Hanover. the center of a shield of a hundred shell and rocket explosions, scores of weaving, fingering searchlights and dozens of fighter flares," Bennett told how one of the bomber's gunners called off an enemy fighter "climbingtoward us from starboard.

Despite violent evasive action by the pilot the night fighter pressed home his attack, Bennett related.

Disaster came to us with terrifying suddenness," he "The world seemed to burst into an inferno of flame. Our plane shuddered and rocked violently. Cannon shells had ripped into the starboard wing, and both engines exploded into furious fire."

After the engineer switched off the motors, Bennett wrote, the fires continued to spread, flashed to the wing

fuel tanks and enveloped the fliers in flames.

The pilot said: "OK boys—bale out—sorry." later, after the crew buckled their parachutes: "Hurry up, boys, can't hold it much longer." The crew followed each other into the bombardier's compartment, tore away

their oxygen masks and spilled out into the cold air. "I dived out clumsily," Bennett said. "I pulled the

(Continued on page 4)

THE STARS AND STRIPES

inted at The Times Publishing Company, Ltd., nting House Square, Lundon, E.C.4 (Tel. Cen. 10), for U.S. Armed forces, under assistes of Chief of Special Services ETO, SOS Col. Oscar N. Solbert

Publications Officer, Col. Theodore Arter

Publications Officer, Col. Theodore Aster

Business and Editorial Staff

Editor and Officer to Charget.—Lt. Col. E. M.
Llewellyn: Associate Editors: Mai. H. A. Harchar
and Capt. Max K. Gilstrap. Treature Editor:
Capt. J. C. Wilkinson; News Editor: 21:1.
Robert Moora: Air Force Editor: MSst. Bad
Hutton; News Desk: M/Sgt. Ben. F. Price.
L'Satt. L. P. Giblin, Sgt. J. B. Henning.
Sgt. R. B. Wood: Sports Editor: S/Sgt. Mark
Senigo: Navy Editor: Yooman Iom Bernard,
USNR: Circulation: W/O W. F. McDonell
USNR: Circulation: W Vol. 4, No. 72, January 26, 1944

American Gossip

Our "All-American Spy," sweet little thing too, sends us the following lowdown on the home front.

The Hit Parade which is supposed to reach us short wave on the "B-Kit" radio we left back in the States is now featuring "My Heart Tells Me," "Paper Doll" and "People Will Say We're in Love." Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," first place for ten weeks, is sliding down the music scale but hopes to make another comeback when Santa calls in December.

And speaking of Song Hits brings us to Frank Sinatra, still crooning to the accompaniment of ecstatic moans from his female audience. Some of the boys are willing to bet the moans are supplied by the sound effects branch of the broad-casting company; but unquestionably Sinatra is still very much the rage with the gentle sex.

And speaking of girls brings up the danger of dish-pan hands. Some advertizers at home, of both soaps and lotions, now display frequent illustrations of "the hands HE loved to touch" with dire warnings of the changed affections which will result when HE returns to the raw red-handed "Girl-he-left-behind-him." The prospects of a 30-day leave are becoming traffic health to be a second of the change of th coming truly horrible.

Movies from the female point of view Movies from the female point of view have hit a new low, masculinely speaking. The girls it seems have difficulty reacting romantically to heroes who, in all probability, have ten children or a 4F rating. Ever since Errol Flynn popped up in the latter category disillusionment has reigned supreme. Hollywood glamor on the other hand has helped level the ship, and topping the glamor list is mad Betty Hutton, while our old friend Dottie Lamour, minus sarong plus soldier hus-Lamour, minus sarong plus soldier hus-band, has managed to sell more war bonds than any living creature in the memory of man.

Winter snows and sleet have hit most states together with the sniffles. Every-body it is claimed now has the flu or a reasonable facsimile thereof and doctors rate high on the social register.

And speaking of the social register, the family cook now sits smack on top. Today she rates more consideration than any other member of the family and is given more time off with no questions asked

That's America today, claims our female spy. Soldier, you've had it.

Post-War Employment

Peoria, Kansas, has led off with a study of ways by which its industry can be converted to post-war operation without throwing thousands out of employment.

The result of its study has uncovered a number of interesting facts. Each firm in Peoria now has a concrete plan for the post-war change over, and in many cases contracts for products to be manufac-tured after conversion. Each is able to estimate to within a reasonable margin the number of employees it will require

to carry out its proposed program.

Forty-five of Peoria's industries employ about 97 per cent of all the city's workers, and these firms thought they could keep 29,000 workers in jobs after the Armistice and, more important still, during the conversion period. This was a drop of only 1,000 workers from the war-time peak of 30,000 job-holders, many of them married women. This estimate looks good along side the employment figure for the same industries of 22,000 in January, 1940,

the best pre-war employment period.

The 45 firms surveyed, however, included only those employing more than cluded only those employing more than 50 persons; so Peoria continued the study and surveyed the 77 small industries also operating there. Of these, several already have completed plans for postwar activity and others were at work on their plans. Only a few were found to be reluctant to put in extra time at this date to plan for the future.

Eventually 74 firms reported and combined they indicate a need for 600 more

bined they indicate a need for 600 more men and women workers after the war than they now employ. This increase, set against the loss of 1.000 workers estimated by the larger companies in the first survey, gives a pretty good chance of Peoria going into the readjustment period

with its employment levels high.

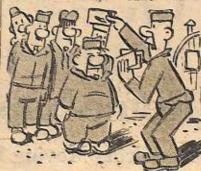
As a result of Peoria's experimental survey, hundreds of other American cities survey, hundreds of other American cities are planning post-war conversion plans. There are some 1,500 cities in America with a population of more than 10,000 persons, and already 1,200 of these have appointed post-war planning committees. Some of their findings will prove optimistic, some impossible of execution when the time comes; but America is planning for the great day when you'll be looking for a job, and that is important to every GI Joe. May success attend the effort.

Hash Marks

Signs of the Times. A Frankfort, Ky butcher hung this sign on his shop window: "Unless it's bologna, we ain't got it!"

Hitler's Secret Weapon? 'Tis reported in various squared circles that in checking the vast amount of booty the Russians have taken as they push the Germans back they found in one village three crates of Iron Crosses.

Scene at Mail Call. The mail orderly stepped up and shouted, "A letter for Cdadwinszkeidonzly," There was no



answer; he called again, "A letter for Cdadwinszkeidonzly." Finally a voice from the rear asked, "What are the initials?"

Stand up, Lt. Bill Davidson, and take a bow! One of our spies on the ETO front reports that Davidson, now over here, received the following clipping from his high school newspaper. The clipping, from the "Lebanon Lantern," read: "Lt. Bill Davidson, one of our school directors, has recently been promoted to Officer of the Day at Cecil Field, Florida,"

Overheard at a pub near an Eighth AF Service Command Depot: Waitress: "A glass of water, please." Bartender: "Who's it for?" Waitress: "A Yank." Bartender: "Is he sick?"

* * *

Cause for Divorce? After sweating out OCS over here, a newly-commissioned shavetail got a letter from his dearly



beloved wife asking, "Now that you've won your gold bars, darling, does that make you a gold brick?" (She wasn't kidding either.)

A bunch of the boys at a Liberator base gathered around the fire in their Nissen but the other day to play a little poker. Just as the game was getting in full swing, the hut was sprayed with bullets from a runaway "Fifty." All concerned hit the deck—that is, all except concerned hit the deck—that is, an except one brave GI who casually remained at the table and nonchalantly remarked, "If a bullet has your name on it there's no use moving around; it will find you."

From the far corner a dusty head poked poked weak voice was heard to utter, and a weak voice was heard to utter, the Nazis caught with their paints to who fled in their underwear.

To some extent, the success of the landings probably was attributable to the Allied strategy in drawing three German divisions south to the main front to seal of an anticipated attack. The Fifth up and a weak voice was heard to utter,
"That may be—but I feel a helluva lot
safer when I make a quick change of
address!"

Story Behind the Invasion Story



A Brilliant Maneuver Rich in Anecdote Is Reviewed

Saturday morning's Allied landing on Italy's Tyrrhenian coast south of Rome looked more and more like a routine maneuver operation yesterday-instead of the suicide mission the troops expected.

The complete surprise, the non-appearance of the Luftwaffe until nearly seven hours after the invasion, and the nextto-nothing ground opposition stamped it as one of the most brilliantly successful amphibious operations of this war-if not in history.

But the emphasis vesterday was not on the strategy but on the human element— the little men on the transports, the landing boats and on the beaches who jumped ashore eagerly in the dead of night because they knew that at last they had a chance to finish the slow, slogging, inch-by-inch crawl to Rome.

He Lost a Rifle

There was a good deal of fun about it. in retrospect, as correspondents made clear yesterday in delayed dispatches. There was, for instance, the American who took an unmerciful kidding because he lost his rifle on the eve of invasion . . the Army nurse who gave strict orders she wanted no professional dealings with any landing troops after the

orders she wanted no professional dealings with any landing troops after the operation began . . the Navy commissary officer who insisted on collecting an overdue mess bill even as the transports were moving in to the beaches . . the four drunken Germans who wandered into the American lines in a staff car . . .

off an anticipated attack. The Fifth
Army had given indications it was planning a big push. The Germans rushed
down, were promptly pinned down by

MOVE 1 ROME





MOVE 2

Kesselring Sends Down Reserves

the Fifth Army, and the amphibious troops flowed onto an unresisting shore.

The operation had been cooking for eeks. Troop movements, and ship movements and other preparations could mean only one thing. Then, on Thurs-day, 36 hours before the assault, Fifth Army correspondents were called in and told what was coming.

"We are going to smash Jerry with a left hook and knock him dizzy," the briefing officer said. Conditions were just right. There had been 15 days of mostly fine weather. The ground had hardened; trucks and tanks no longer mired down. The air force was able to operate again.

operate again.

The froops were in shape too. One unit commander, talking things over with his colonel, said everybody was ready except two officers who were "a little off their feed." It turned out one had a broken leg and the other a temperature of 106 day. In moch exclusives, the colonel, 106 deg. In mock seriousness, the colonel said anybody with a broken leg or a

fever over 103 deg, couldn't go.

The battalion commander, Lt. Col. E. S. Adams, of San Francisco, a West Pointer, class of 1940, warned everybody to be careful getting off the landing ships.

"There's a two-foot drop when we leave," he said, "that's a pretty big drop." Somebody wanted to know if it would be a dry or wet landing. "Wet, probably," he said, "about three feet of water, cold water." water.'

Navy Gives the Orders

Adams said the Navy would give the orders so long as the troops were aboard. "The Navy will tell us what to do in any emergency. If there is air or sea or submarine attack they'll issue lifebelts and give instructions for abandoning

ship."

The troops got up before daylight Friday to embark. They sang and whistled as they rolled their blankets. That was the time Pvt. James Parham, of Wisconsin, couldn't find his rifle. Nobody seemed excited. Capt. Fordyce Gorham, of Muncy, Pa., was full of pep. When correspondent Clark Lee wandered in looking for a bedroll, Gorham turned on his

for a bedroll, Gorham turned on his best hill-billy accent, and inquired: "Goin' afeudin' this mornin', neigh-

Later, aboard one of the destroyers going northward through the Tyrrhenian Sea, the Navy outdid itself at dinner. A double ration of chicken, white rice, fresh peas, and peach cobbler for dessert. Everybody knew it might be the last good meal for days.

That didn't keep Lt. Robert Stanley's however.

mind off his commissary books, however.
"That reminds me, suh," he said in a
soft Richmond (Va.) drawl to Lt. Gordon Smith, of Darien, Conn., "there's a mess bill for you on my books," Smith said he had no money but that

he'd give Stanley a check, "On any bank

you want," he explained. "I haven't any bank accounts, either." There was the usual small talk. The gunnery officers belittled "the guys on

gunnery officers belittled "the guys on the bridge" and the engineer officer main-tained that ships were only engines with a gun stuck here and there. "Wait'll these Ju88s start chasing you and the bombs start popping," he chortled happily at the executive officer. "You'll holler for knots then."

Put On Clean 'Drawers'

Lt. Archie Boswell, of Norfolk, Va., was trying on a new-type life preserver, big and bulky like Boswell. Somebody told him he should wear it all the time, "it improves your figure." Somebody else started a point-by-point comparison of Boswell and Mae West. The argument that resulted was interrupted by the ship's loudspeaker. It ordered everybody to take a shower and put on clean underwear. This, an officer explained, is just

old Navy custom before action. It reduces the danger of infection from wounds. Just then the loudspeaker squealed again. "Battle stations," it

The most surprising thing about the landing, of course, was the lack of oppo-sition. On some beaches not a shot was fired. On others there was only scattered

fire from what seemed to be two 88s.

The silence of the German guns worried a photographer who landed with Don Whitehead, Associated Press cor-

This isn't right," he said, "I don't like

A near by doughboy had a ready answer.

"It ain't right all right," he said, "but I like it

Unlike Salerno, there was no high ground from which the Germans could dominate the beaches. Floating mines were the biggest menace to the landing boats, but the Navy just eased through them and made the beaches safely.

Some of the enemy were caught so flat-

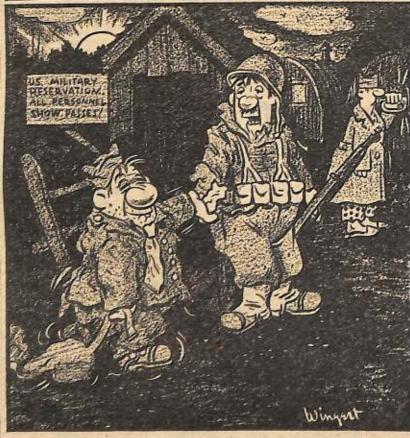
them and made the beaches safely.

Some of the enemy were caught so flatfooted they were found in their underwear. One group hot-footed it across
50 yards of beach, through low brushwood, across a field and then inland a
mile to a farmhouse. Inside, the beds
were still warm. Three Nazis had made
a run for it in the nick of time. One was
caught, but two scooted off in an
armored car toward their own lines.

A young German lieutenant in command of the detail guarding the stretch
of beach where the Americans entered
was caught in the stretch

of beach where the Americans entered was caught in an ignominious situation. He had been sent down from Rome two days earlier to command the company and almost before he knew what happened he and three others in his command post had been taken prisoner. They hadn't even had time to place machine-guns along the beauty. machine-guns along the beaches.

by SGT. DICK WINGERT HUBERT



"You're the kind of guy that gives the rest of us a bad name!"

Airmen, MPs Beat Infantrymen in Team Match

Sel, Star Fives **ToVieforLead** In Depot Loop

Undefeated Cagemen Meet Sunday for First Time This Season

By Irv White

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

— GENERAL DEPOT, Jan. 25—The
monotonous regularity with which the
Gun Sels and the Silvey Stars have continued to share first place in this station's
basketball league definitely will be disturbed Sunday evening when the league
leaders, who have been tied for eight
successive weeks, meet for the first time.

Both the Sels and Stars remained un-

Both the Sels and Stars remained undefeated as each took their 12th straight, while the Cossacks moved into a second place tie with the Claywell Cardinals with their 11th win against two losses. The Sels stopped the Hawks' winning streak at ten with a 25—13 victory while the Stars nosed out the Yardbirds, 26—25. The Cossacks moved up two places, trampling the Cardinals, 27—13.

Hawks Threatened

The Gun Sels led the Hawks, 14—5, at the half and it looked like the typical runaway win. However the Hawks threatened in the third quarter with the major role played by Pfc James M. Winiesky, of Vandergrift, Pa. His three long shots brought the count to 11—16 as the Sels made but one field goal, in the opening three minutes. There was no score for the remainder of the quarter as both fives tightened up on the defense. Two field goals and a free shot at the start of the final session gave the Sels a 21—13 margin, as Pfc James T. Whaley, of Southport, Conn., Hawk center, put a long one thru the hoop. It was the only Hawk tally for the entire period.

It was 12—12 as the Yardbird-Silvey Star third quarter began Pvt. Pat lnglese, of Weehawken, N.J., put the Birds ahead with a field goal and T/5 Robert Christman, of Elkhorn, W. Va., added three more, one a foul shot. Not to be outdone, the Stars pulled up to 16—17 on two free throws and a field goal. Then T/Sgt. Charles Robinson, of Weinton, W. Va., tied the score at 18-all as the quarter ended. The count went to 23—18 in the Stars' favor and they were never headed after that.

Led for Three Quarters

For three quarters the Cossacks led Hawks Threatened

Led for Three Quarters

For three quarters the Cossacks led the Claywell Cardinals by but two points and the quarter scores were 4—3, 6—4 and 10—8. Diminutive Cossack guard, Pfc John D. Rousomanoff, of Akron, Ohio, started the scoring with a field goal from the right side followed by two by Cpl. Horace Mamala, of Hammond, Ind., and two free throws by Pfc Louis S. Hawley, of Akron, Ohio.

Cardinal Pfc Johnny "Lefty" Pro-

Cardinal Pfc Johnny "Lefty" Procovic, of Garfield, N.J., made it 11—18 as he hit payoff money on a pivot shot and then followed with a successful foul. Pvt. Roman L. Pfeffer, of Jasper, Ind., tallied on an underhand shot and a free throw to put his quintet ahead again by eight points. Two long passes the full length of the court to Hawley by Rousomanoff and by Pfeffer, were both converted and put the crusher on the Card hopes.

Irish, Dartmouth Elevens Scheduled to Meet Twice

HANOVER, N.H., Jan. 25—Dartmouth and Notre Dame will meet on the gridiron in 1944 and '45.

This year Notre Dame makes its first New England appearance Oct. 14 at Fenway Park, the home of the Boston Red Sox, and next year the site will be South Bend, Oct. 13.

Help Wanted _AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, EC4. Unless otherwise stated in the ad, direct all correspondence c/o Help Wanted.

APOS Wanted

S/SGT. Paul H. Argabright, Bluefield, W. Va.;
Pyt Joseph Bauchner, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Lt.
James R. Bisbee, Tex.; Robert Bittielss, Mami,
Okia, Sat. Roy N. Bohen, Napn, Cal.; S/Szt.
Robert Butler, Kane, Pa.; Capt. Vlinnie Canelli,
Robert Butler, Kane, Pa.; Capt. Vlinnie Canelli,
New Haven, Conn.; S/Sgt. Burton Carters,
Knightstown, Ind.; Joseph Caruso, Anthony
Knightstown, Ind.; Joseph Caruso, Anthony
Thelma Clauss, Bethlehem, Pa.; Russell Cohen;
Thelma Clauss, Bethlehem, Pa.; Russell Cohen;
Sgt. Lawrence H. Daidone; Lt. Elizabeth Dean,
Sgt. Lawrence H. Daidone; Lt. Elizabeth Dean,
Mass.; Pyf. George Di Salvio, Rochester, N.Y.;
Mass.; Pyf. George Di Salvio, Rochester, N.Y.;
Mass.; Pyf. George Di Salvio, Rochester, N.Y.;
Mass.; Pyf. Antonio Fatica, Cleveland, Ohio;
Mich.; Pyf. Antonio Fatica, Cleveland, Ohio;
Mich.; Pyf. Antonio Fatica, Cleveland, Ohio;
Nich.; Pyf. Salvio, Salvio, N.Y.; Pyf.
Lost

HANDBAG (WAC utility shoulder bag) Dec. 15
In a checkroom of King's Canadian School
at Kingston. Contained personal papers, eyeglasses, two fountain pens, wallet with about 13
glasses, two fountain pens, wallet with about 14
glasse

SLEEPING BAG. Arctic style Kapok, including rubber air mattress £6. Capt. Carl W. Kunpe.

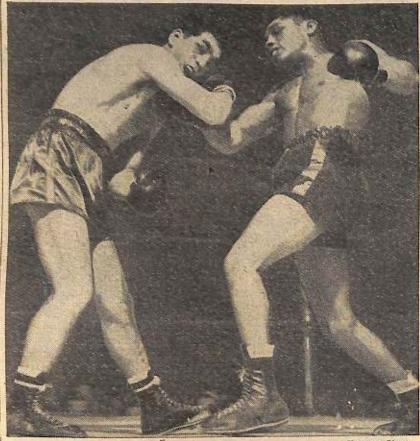
Kunpe. MACKINAW, officer's, size 38.—T/Sgt. Albert M. Young. 10600858.

Wanted

Wanted

CAMERA, 35 mm., preferably Lelca 3.5 lense
3.8-3a and Zeiss Contax camera, model 2 or 3
with F2 or 1-5 lense.—Sgt. M. F. Batt.

Jack Throws a 'Lulu' at Lulu



Beau Jack (right) lands a right uppercut to the chin of Lulu Costantino during their ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden. Jack, of Augusta, Ga., proved too much

club is located at Barons Court and can easily be reached by tube or bus.

for his lighter opponent and won the contest. 24 Cage Contests Feature Giant Show at Barons Court

The Queen's Club will be the scene of inter-Allied "battles" tonight when 24 teams, both male and of the gentle sex, fight it out on the court in a giant basketball program planned by London athletic officers

court in a giant basketball program planned by London athletic officers in an effort to make clear one of the leading American sports. Included in the program will be WACS, CWACS, ATS, WAAFS, RCAF, GIs, two English athletic clubs, and a mixed team of RAPTC and GIs. The WACS will take on a team from the Eastbury Club, the base censor Shorties will tangle with the Eastbury men's aggregation, the RCAF will play the Tigers, the — Ordnance Giants will swap baskets with the combined squad from a physical training school, the Canadian WAAFs will fight it out with the ATS and several picked teams of Army, Navy and Marines will meet. Getting under way at 7 PM, the pro-

NEW YORK, Jan. 25—The New York Baseball Writers' Association has voted to honor Branch Rickey, Brooklyn Dodger president, as the first recipient of the Bill Slocum Memorial Award. The scribes will present the award at their annual dinner here Feb. 6.

annual dinner here Feb. 6.

The plaque formerly was designated as the award for "meritorious service to baseball over a long period of time," but hereafter will be known as the Bill Slocum Award in memory of the veteran baseball writer who died last May.

May.

Rickey, a native of Ohio and a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan and Michigan Law School, was catcher

Branch Rickey Browns and on the the St. Los Yankees, then known as the Highlanders, in 1905-07. Later he was business manager of both the St. Louis ball clubs and baseball coach at Michigan Univer-sity, where he discovered George Sisler.

Rickey pioneered the farm system expansion while with the Cardinals before coming to the Dodgers in '42.

Georgia Appeals Fine On Use of Ineligibles

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 25 — The Southeastern Conference has fined Georgia University \$500 for using five ineligible players last fall, according to an announcement from Dr. W. D. Funktiere Conference Secretary houser, Conference secretary.

Funkhouser said Georgia had appealed the decision and it would be considered by the next Conference executive committee sometime this spring.

New York Ring Body Rejects NBA Proposal

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (Reuter)— The New York State Athletic Com-mission has rejected the proposal by the NBA that the winner of Friday's ten-round contest at Madison Square Garden between Sammy Angott and Beau Jack be recognized as world lightweight champion.

The New York body recognizes Jack as the title holder, and agreed that Jack should give first defense of his title to Bob Montgomery, from whom he won it.

Wildcats Upset By Great Lakes

Anderson's 26 Points Aid Bluejackets to Triumph, 46-36; Buckeyes Win

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Jan. 25 (AP)-With Forward Paul Armstrong sinking 26 points, Great Lakes' Bluejackets defeated Northwestern, 46-36, to avenge an early season defeat and break the Wildcats' seven-game winning streak.

The Wildcat Cagers, who whipped Notre Dame and Ohio State over the weekend, appeared tired and extended the Sailors for only the first 13 minutes, holding Great Lakes to an 18—16 margin. Sparked by Armstrong, the Bluejackets then pulled away and led at the half, 23—16.

Nick Vodick and Bennie Schadler paced Northwestern with 13 points apiece, while veteran Otto Graham was held scoreless by Jack Coleman, whose defensive play highlighted the game.

Ohio State Swamps Chicago, 83-44

CHICAGO, Jan. 25 (AP)—Ohio State rang up its third conference triumph in four starts last night, handing Chicago its 44th consecutive Big Ten defeat,

The Maroons, whose last League victory was in 1940, surprised with an early show of strength which gave them a 6—2 lead before five minutes had elapsed. But after Ohio's Don Grate tied the count with two baskets, the Buckeyes gradually drew away to take a 73—23 half-time advantage. Grate boosted his conference average of 20 points a game by popping in ten field goals and five free throws for high scoring honors. Getting under way at 7 PM, the program, under the supervision of Lt. Charles Eisenmann, of Superior, Wis., will be open to the public with no admission fee. All games will be played under men's rules. Each service taking part will be represented by a high-ranking official. The club is located at Barons Court and can

Cage Standings

club is located at Barons Court and can easily be reached by tube or bus.	W L Pct. Dartmouth 6 0 1.000 Columbia 1 3 250 Pennsylvania 3 2 .600 Princeton 1 4 .200 Cornell 2 4 .333
Six Marks Set	Big Ten W. L. Pet, W. L. Pet, Purdue 6 0 1,000 Hinois 2 4 .333 Lova 4 0 1,000 Michigan 1 5 .167
In Ice Spree	Ohio State 3 1 .750 Chicago 0 4 .000 Wisconsin 3 2 .600 Minnesota 0 4 .000 Southern
MONTREAL, Jan. 25 — National Hockey League headquarters has dis- closed that at least six records were broken at Detroit Sunday night when the Red	W L Pet. W L Pet. North C 5 0 1.000 N.C. State . 0 1 .000 W. and M. 1 0 1.000 Richmond . 0 1 .000 Davidson . 0 1 .000 Virg. Tech. 0 1 .001 Duke . 0 1 .000 VMI . 0 2 .000
Wings massacred the New York Rangers, 15-0. The score represented the most lopsided victory in League history; the big-	Big Six W L Pct. Oklahoma 5 0 1.000 Missouri 1 2 .333 Iowa Siate 3 0 1.000 Nebraska 0 3 .000 Kansas 2 2 .500 Kansas State 0 4 .000
gest shutout score; Detroit set a new record with 37 points on 15 goals and 22 assists; the biggest single outburst was the Wings' eight-goal final period; eight	Southwestern W L Pct. W L Pct. Texas 4 0 1,000 Baylor 1 4 200 Arkansas 5 1 833 Texas Aggies 1 4 200 Ricc 4 1 800 TCU 1 4 200 SMU 2 3 400
consecutive goals for one team in one period and 22 scoring points on eight goals and 14 assists also are new records for one period. The Rangers probably set some sort of	Pacific Coast Northern Division W L Pct. Washington 4 0 1,000 Wash't'n S'te 2 3 .400 Idaho 3 2 .600 Oregon 1 4 .200 Oregon S'te 2 3 .400
CAGE RESULTS	Southern Division W L Pct. California 1 0 1.000 S. Cal 1 2 .333 UCLA . 1 1 .500

Allie Stolz Stops Callura

NEW YORK, Jan. 25—Allie Stolz, Newark, N.J., lightweight, was awarded a verdict over Angelo Callura, of Hamilton, Ontario, when Callura refused to answer the bell for the seventh round of a scheduled eight-rounder at St. Nicholas Arena last night.

5 Straight Wins **Highlight Card** At the 'Corner'

Unpopular Decision Goes To Kozak; Molina Gets Another Victory

A contingent of ring men from North-ern Ireland, representing an infantry regiment, invaded Rainbow Corner last

regiment, invaded Raintow Corner last night and were repelled with heavy losses, going down before a combined Air Force-MP aggregation, 7—2.

Five straight victories iced the team match for the winners as Pvt. Primitivo Molina, Pfc Herbie Williams, Pvt. Vince Kozak, Pvt. Nick Gugliardo and Pfc Ray

Kozak, Pvt. Nick Gugliardo and Pfc Ray Wyzykiewicz wrapped up triumphs in the first five contests. The other victories were just gravy.

Molina, ETO bantam titlist from Concord, Ala., looked anything but a champ as he outpointed Pvt. Robert Spencer, 118-pounder from Buffalo, N.Y., in the opening bout: Spencer back-pedaled throughout the first stanza, with Molina continually circling seeking an opening. Not more than two blows were landed in that frame and no damage was done.

Primitivo got near enough in the second to pound a couple of lefts to Spencer's

to pound a couple of lefts to Spencer's head, but they came too few and far between to hurt. Spencer rallied in the third, but not enough to offset the points the Californian had built up in the first two rounds. two rounds.

Uses Left to Advantage

Uses Left to Advantage

Williams won his event in a breeze, decisioning Pvt, Jesse Chavez, of Los Angeles, 142. A 138-pound Negro from New Orleans who has two TKOs in three trips to the Corner, Williams stalked Chavez through the first round, rarely shooting a quick-breaking left to the head, which is his stock and trade. When that left did land, however, Chavez careened across the ring to the ropes,

Through the second and third frames, Williams kept pounding with the left, throwing it fast and never letting up. Only Chavez's rugged endurance kept him in the fight to the finish,

ETO champ Vince Kozak, 190-pound heavyweight from Hazleton, Pa., set the

ETO champ Vince Kozak, 190-pound heavyweight from Hazleton, Pa., set the count at three straight for the Air Force-MP aggregation when he took a close decision over Division champ Robert Fertig, Kent (Ohio), 192-pound corporal, but the spectators didn't like the outcome. The "law"man started early in the opening stanza, landing a couple of stiff lefts, and had Fertig on the canvas at 48 seconds with a left and right to the head. Although not visibly hurt, Fertig took the nine-count and carried the fight to Kozak for the balance of the round.

to Kozak for the balance of the round. The last two rounds were a little faster than the first, both scrappers mixing it up.

Texan Is Decisioned

Texan Is Decisioned

Downing his, man twice, Nick Gugliardo, 144-pound New Orleans southpaw, gave the Air Force-MP fighters their fourth straight with a decision over Pvt. Homer Molina, 140-pounder from Laredo, Tex. 4

The scrap started fast, with both boys landing lefts and rights in the opening round, Molina (no relation to Primitivo) going down as the bell rang and Nick's nose bleeding. The Texan went down again at 57 seconds of the second from a left and right to the head, after which the fight was all Gugliardo's.

Climactically enough, it was a kayo which clinched the honors for the Air Force-MP leather throwers. Wyzykiewicz, 126-pounder from Buffalo, N.Y., stopped Pvt. Frank Flores, of Corpus Christi, Tex., 124, at 1.41 of the first Wyzykiewicz, pounding all the time, dropped Flores with a left to the head and a smashing right to the jaw delivered in close. and a smashing right to the jaw delivered

In other fights:

Pvt. Frank Brozowicz, Trenton, N.J., 155, outpointed Pvt. Nathan (Chief) Harjo, Okmulgee, Okla., 148. Set. Johnny Ruth, Philadelphia, 150, TKO'd Set. Gordon Buckingham, San Antonio, Tex. 146, 1:58, first round.

Sgt. Marian (Pete) Corley, Onley, Tex., TKO'd Pyt. Sam Hendley, Detroit, 166, 1:28, second round. Pvt. Ed Synowicz, Milwaukee, outpointed Pvt. Jerome Cawley, Baltimore, 156.

John P. Grier Dead

MORRISTOWN, N.J., Jan. 25 (Reuter)—John P. Grier, the famous stallion who was Man O'War's most serious rival in 1920, has died here. Man O'War had to make new track records to defeat him.

≤ By Al Capp

Bainbridge Naval 78, Maryland 25
Camp Kearns 87, Bushnell Hospital 39
Canistus 42, Sampson Naval 37
Flovd Bennett Field 58, New York Army Fighter
Wing 36
Great Lakes 46, Northwestern 36
Norfolk Naval 66, Ft, Monroe 38
Ohio State 83, Chicago 44
Salt Lake Army Air Base 65, Ft, Douglas 31
Virginia 58, VMI 15
Washington 38, Oregon State 33 L'il Abner





Sent from East May Hit Britain

Last Week's London Raids Said to Be First of Revenge Attacks

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 25 (AP)-German bomber squadrons transferred from the Russian front to improved bases in northern France carried the weight of the attack against Great Britain on the night of Jan. 21-22 in the opening of the "new tune the Luftwaffe is going to play over

A war reporter of the Volkischer Beo-bachter, 'describing the scene as the bombers took off from one field, gave the impression that the attack was on the scale of the Battle of Britain days.

"Our thoughts wandered back over three years ago when we were established at this field," he wrote, "We flew against England and then came the battle in the East. Now we stand here again, armed as once before."

New Airfields in France

The reporter spoke of new airfields now ready after "weeks and months of pre-paration." They are provided with long runways from which aircraft carrying the

runways from which aircraft carrying the "heaviest bombs" departed.

A Berlin dispatch to the Stockholm newspaper Svenska Dagbladet quoted a German military source as saying that the raid was the first made by the specially formed Luftwaffe command charged with a reprisal campaign against England and particularly London.

Cold, wet weather covered the field from which the Volkischer Beobachter reporter described the scene, indicating that the Germans may have adonted the new

the Germans may have adopted the new Anglo-American tactic of using poor weather as cover for raids.

'Skirts,' Soldier Musical, Makes Its Bow in London

"Skirts," two-hour, all-soldier musical show in 15 scenes, produced by Eighth Air Force Special Service, made its official bow in London last night at the Cambridge Theater, Cambridge Circus. It is scheduled to run in London through Saturday, with matinees at 2.30 PM today, tomorrow and Saturday, as well as evening performances every day at 6.30.

ing performances every day at 6.30; Tickets, obtainable from Special Service officers and Rainbow Corner, are free to officers and EMs of the U.S. and Allied forces. Allied forces get theirs from the Trafalgar Sq. ticket pool. Following the London run, "Skirts" is scheduled to play at Bournemouth and Norwich.

Italy - -

(Continued from page 1) over Allied convoys putting more men and

equipment ashore.

Fifteen German planes were destroyed for the loss of 11 Allied craft in aerial fighting in all areas.

Although yesterday's Allied com-munique said only that patrols pushing out from the bridgehead were only a few miles from the Appian Way, reports from

miles from the Appian Way, reports from other sources stated that Fifth Army units already had severed the vital German supply line.

The first indication that the Germans had organized defensive measures appeared Monday afternoon when long-range guns shelled Anzio. Further evidence that the Nazis were recovering from the surprise blow was given by prisoners captured by Allied patrols. The prisoners hinted that several battle groups were planning a counter-attack.

Sen. Van Nuvs, Indiana, Washington Dies in

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 — Sen. Frederick Van Nuys (D.-Ind.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee, died today at the age of 69. He had served in the upper house since 1933. His death reduced the number of seats held by Democrats to 57,

an Nuys sponsored the controversial anti-lynching bill in the Senate and also began a sweeping investigation of the liquor industry

AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial 1402 kc, 1411 kc, 1420 kc, 213.9m, 212.6m, 211.3m, Thursday, Jan. 27

1115 Showtime, in Khaki, 1130 Rhapsody in Khaki, 1130 Little Orchestra, directed by Jack Hardy (BBC), 1230 Music from America, 1255 Quiet Moment, 1255 Quiet Moment, 1300 World News (BBC), 1310 Barracks Bag—A grab-bag of entertainment, 1400 Visiting Hour, 1430—Sign off until 1745 hours,

1745 Spotlight Band and Program Resume.
1800—World News (BBC).
1810—Gf Supper Club.
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports—Latest Sports News
by Corporal Johany Vrotsos.
1905—Symphony Half.
2000—News from Horne—Nightly roundup of
news from the U.S.A.
2010—Fred Waring Program.
2015—Weekend Leave—Suggestions as to what to
do on that leave that may be coming up.
2020—Crosby Music Half.
2100—World News (BBC).
2110—Novelty Time.
2125—Mail Call.
2155—Truth or Consequences.
226—Final Edition.
230—Sign off until 1100 hours Friday, Jan. 28.

German Planes It's Two Years Today for Some of Us

50 Days After Pearl Harbor, First GI Reached U.K.

By Carl Larsen

Stars and Stripes Belfast Bureau BELFAST, N.I., Jan. 25—Just two years ago tomorrow a lanky infantryman from Hutchinson, Minn.—Pfc Milburn Henke-stepped ashore from a camouflaged troop transport at a Northern Ire-land port and became the first U.S. soldier

langed troop transport at a Nortnern fre-land port and became the first U.S. soldier of World War II American Expeditionary force to touch British soil.

It was a dark January morning on which the first contingent of American troops to be sent to the European Theater of Operations landed in Ulster. Only a few quayside workers and British Army offi-cials were at the docks to greet them. And the newspapers which had told of the Pearl Harbor incident only 50 days, before were headlining a 150-mile advance in Libya by Rommel's Afrika Korps.

Without fanfare, the troops, wearing leggings, old-style helmets and bearing arms, marched through the rain to waiting vehicles which took them to camps throughout Northern Ireland. Infantry-men, engineers, signal corps men, artil-lerymen, medics and QMs made up the vanguard of the ETO's AEF.

First of a Huge Army

First of a Huge Army

In the two years since, hundreds of Allied convoys have transported thousands of American soldiers of all types and from all walks of life to the ETO in preparation for the great assault on Hitler's western wall.

In the first contingent were many Irish-Americans, men of Scandinavian descent, one full-blooded Sioux Indian and one Chinese. It was a cross section of America, a heterogeneous group.

From the land of the "coke," canned beer and sponsored radio programs, these Americans now were in the Ulster of mighty ships, fresh green fields, winding lanes and the land where "wee bit down the road" might mean a four-mile walk. They reached port safely after a journey which offered greater potential peril than the first AEF met less than 25 years before; they groped through their first blackout and saw for the first time the actual scars of Luftwaffe raiders.

Editorially, the Belfast Telegraph said: "It would be unnatural if we Ulster people did not feel a special pride in this historic occasion. Our ties with the United States are long established. From the road" might mean a four-mile walk. They reached port safely after a journey which offered greater potential peril than the first AEF met less than 25 years before; they groped through their first blackout and saw for the first time the actual scars of Luftwaffe raiders.

Editorially, the Belfast Telegraph said: "It would be unnatural if we Ulster people did not feel a special pride in this historic occasion. Our ties with the United States are long established. From



Remember this picture two years ago? Most of you were civilians then back in the States. It's Pfc Milburn Henke, a Minnesota infantryman walking down the gangplank onto a Belfast dock. He was the first U.S. soldier to land in the ETO (called FBI then) on Jan. 26, 1942.

Air Finish Fight Bennett Escapes the Germans, IsSoughtinItaly Gets His Fantastic Story Out

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy, yan. 25—Maj. Gen. J. K. Cannon told war correspondents today that the Mediterranean area's tactical air force, of which he is the newly appointed commander, was pursuing the defeated Luftwaffe in an effort to bring it to battle and "finish it off."

Although granting that the German air force, particularly its fighter strength, still packed a wallop, Gen. Cannon asserted that the quality of Nazi pilots had deteriorated, adding that the consensus from all fighting fronts was that the Germans were using more and more inexperienced

Declaring that total German fighter might had not decreased, Gen. Cannon pointed out that the Reich had ceased production of bombers to concentrate on turning out fighters to defend Germany from the massive Anglo-American air attacks.

AFL Rejects Invitation To Attend Labor Talks

MIAMI, Jan. 25 (AP)—Announcing that the American federation of labor had refused an invitation to attend the international labor conference in London on June 5, the executive committee of the federation said that the meeting was untimely, embraced too many discordant elements, and lacked the sponsorship of the international federation of trade unions.

The statement added that international "delegations of some of the nations in-vited cannot truly represent free and democratic labor, because no free and democratic movement now exists in those

The statement failed to mention specifically the Soviet trade unions with which the AFL previously declined to

ripcord of my parachute almost im-mediately, which is the wrong thing to do at a four-mile altitude.

"Flak spangled the darkness around me. My ears rang with concussion and explosions; my head whirred with the wildness of mad nightmares. Beneath me the fires spread larger and clearer.

"I was certain I was going to drop into one of them. A nearby shell-burst rocked the parachute and for a moment I thought

"A wild panorama of the Battle of Death—crazed symphony of bombs, planes, guns. A tumultuous jig-saw of color, sound, consuming fear, bewilderment, wonder ment, wonder.

"The bag strapped to me was twisted around my throat, and with frozen fingers I could not move it, so I could not look downwards easily.

"Suddenly, however, I noticed a glint of light reflected on the water off to the side. I realized I was dropping into a lake. I tugged frantically at the parachute to sheer off landwards, but I was too cold. It had been 40 below zero at the height from which I jumped.
"Then suddenly I hit, smashing through

thick reeds, and sinking waist-deep into the mud, chest deep in water."

After releasing the tangled 'chute and inflating his Mae West, Bennett said he tried to struggle from the mud. What happened in the next few hours was not exactly clear, he said. He thought he was temporarily out of his head and recalled shouting to himself to move, but couldn't.

Bennett was picked up by two men in a rowboat and taken to a cottage in a German village where two sergeants from a nearby searchlight battery came for him. That afternoon, he wrote, he was taken by truck to a camp near Berlin with two other members of his crew who had been picked up.

"Sometime later, during another trans-

(Continued from page 1)
almost imgething to do
details of that and my subsequent travels
and my present location must remain
secret until I have reached a safer point
for dispatch

"The bigger story from here of aerial destruction inside Germany must await a safer 'date-line.'

Bennett, a resident of South Orange,

NJ., once before was imprisoned by Germany after the occupation of Paris. He many after the occupation of Paris. He saw action in the Finnish-Russo war and with the French and British armies in France. He accompanied invading U.S. forces to North Africa in 1942 before being assigned to the INS bureau in London.

Army Lists U.S. Dead, Injured in Train Wreck

All except one of the 13 American soldiers injured in a train crash at Ilford Station, Essex, Jan. 16, have been dis-charged from hospitals or are well toward recovery, it was announced yesterday by ETOUSA headquarters.

The casualty list was released yesterday, except the names of one victim who remains semi-conscious and two others still receiving medical treatment. The list follows:

The list follows:

Dead—Vernon L. Gaffros, Kenosha, Wis.; 2/Lt.
David L. Stamper, Cincinnati, and Sgt. Richard T.
McGee, Wheeling, W. Va.
Injured—Lt. Clarke G. McCarthy, Missoula,
Mont.; Lt. Thomas Carson, Portland, Ore.; 2/Lt.
Warren Dill, San Diego, Cal.; Cpl. Peter Martin,
Lorraine, Tex.; James C. Kidd, Lexington, Ky.;
Richard Smith, Milwaukee, Wis.; Dan Lionidakis,
River Bank, Cal.; Harvey, Broaten, Birminghaen,
Ala.; Gifflam: Blackard, Evansville, Ind., and
Nanie Black, Coring, Kan,

P47's Now in Italy

NEWS FROM HOME **RunoffAppears** A Certainty in Louisiana Race

Song Writer Has a 30,000 Lead Over Candidate of Long's Old Machine

NEW ORLEANS, Jan, 25—While returns from last Tuesday's Democratic primary were still incomplete, an unofficial tabulation of ballots from all but 253 of Louisiana's 867 precincts showed that Jimmie H. Davis, of Shreveport, and former Rep. Lewis L. Morgan were the leading candidates in the eight-man contest for the gubernatorial nomination.

Song-writer Davis held a 30,000-vote lead over Morgan, candidate of the old Huey Long faction, but it appeared virtually certain that they would have to meet again in a runoff primary Feb. 29. For lieutenant governor, with 381 precincts still unreported, Earl K. Long, brother of the late Huey Long and run-

brother of the late Huey Long and run-ning mate of Morgan, had 153,491 votes in the unofficial count to 94,866 for J. Emile Verret, Davis' running mate.

Banker's Term Commuted
TOPEKA. Kan., Jan. 25 — Gov.
Andrew Schoeppel has commuted the
sentence of Ronald Finney, member of a
Topeka and Emporia banking family
who faced a total of 600 years in prison
on his conviction for participation in the
Kansas bond scandals of a decade ago.
The governor reduced Finney's term to a
maximum of 36 years and a minimum of
18. Thus, with allowance for good behavior, Finney will become eligible for
parole in February, 1945.

Shipping Line Indicted

SEATILE, Wash., Jan. 25 — The Moore-McCormack Steamship Line, of New York, and three of its officials have been indicted by a Seattle jury on a charge of conspiring "to defraud the federal government in the delivery of Lend-Lease material to Russia." The indictment charged that the line conspired to receive rebates in connection with the furnishing of terminal facilities in Seattle.

Lockout-Strike Ends

WINCHESTER, N.H., Jan. 25—The strike at the Winchester Tannery Co., where 24 executives voluntarily locked themselves in the plant and received their food through the mail, is over. The tannery's 650 workers voted to return, ending a 12-day work stoppage. The strike started over a lunch-pay dispute.

Red Skelton to Wed?

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 25—Columnist Louella Parsons said that Red Skelton, radio and screen comedian, was planning to marry Muriel Morris. Miss Parsons said no date had been set for the wedding, as Skelton was to be inducted into the armed forces next month. armed forces next month.

Raids

(Continued from page 1)

scrambled battles in the clouds, in which the third USAAF pilot to score a triple

the third USAAF pilot to score a triple over Europe got three Nazis. One pilot, Capt. John B. Stratford Jr., of Montgomery, Ala., fired at an FW190 and then, coming in close, clipped it with his wing-tips and sent it crashing.

In a battle between four Thunderbolts 15 FW-190s, 2/Lt. Chester A. Vijali, of East Dedham, Mass., became the third USAAF pilot to score a triple. The three other pilots in his flight each got one German, making a total of six-to-nothing. They were Maj. Gerald Johnson, of Owenton, Ky., flight leader, who shot down his ninth; 2/Lt. Wallace G. Maxwell, of DeL and, Fla., and 2/Lt. Albert well, of DeLand, Fla., and 2/Lt. Albert Niemi, of West Yarmouth, Mass. Lt. Col. Glen E. Duncan, of Houston, Tex., destroyed two Mel10s—his seventh

and eighth Germans-and, with his guns empty, dived on two FW190s to drive them from the tail of Capt. Dewey New-hart, of St. Joseph, Mo., who had also destroyed one and was heading for home

on the deck.

F/O Edward J. Downey, of Oak Park, Ill., was bounced by a German, but evaded, and the enemy was destroyed by J/Lt. Robert Knapp, of Norwich, N.Y. Downey's wing man. The German, however, had forced Downey so low that he was coming home on the deck. At P47's Now in Italy

ALLIED HQ., Italy, Jan. 25 (UP)—
P47 Thunderbolt fighters now are in action in Italy, it was officially announced at Allied headquarters today.

Terry and the Pirates









Printed in England by The Times Publishing Company, Limited, Printing House Square, London, E.C.4, and Published by the United States Armed Forces-26-1-44,