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# Russians Recapture Dniepropetrovsk

# Rome Road

Front Pushed Forward Three Miles; Eighth Nearing Vasto

Fifth Army spearheads seized the important junction of Sparanise on the road from Naples to Rome yesterday as advance guards of Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's Eighth Army pushed forward along the Adriatic flank to within four miles of coastal

Both armies advanced about three miles, but their gains were not so important as the fact that the drives put them in position to launch a combined push northward.

Capture of Sparanise, 13 miles inland and eight miles north of Capua, gave the Americans command of an important rail and road junction where the road to Rome splits into two routes, one swinging along the coastal plain and the other running 30 or 40 miles inland through two river valleys.

May Force Withdrawal

Its loss was expected to force the Germans to execute a new withdrawal north of the Volturno to avoid outflanking. The town's importance to the enemy was shown by four bloody counter-attacks.

Gen. Montgomery's forces, working

Gen. Montgomery's forces, working against strong opposition, consolidated their bridgehead north of the Trigno river, where the coastal road crosses it. A military commentator at Allied head-quarters stressed that the Eighth's attack was "merely a curtain raiser" and not a large-scale offensive. He pointed out that three rows of mountains rising 1,200, 1,700 and 2,200 feet give the enemy excellent opportunities for defense.

In the air, Wellingtons made a 1,500-mile round trip flight to make a low-level attack on railway yards and an aircraft factory at Postoia, northwest of Florence, and unescorted Mitchells struck across the Adriatic to bomb 25 parked aircraft on a field at Tirana, Albania, Marauders and Lightnings attacked a viaduct and rail terminus at Terni, on the Rome-Florence railway, Mitchells damaged a railway bridge north of Orvieto and other fighters struck at bridges, trains and transport behind the front.

# Nazis Prepare For Bad News

Germany's home front situation is command has asked Nazi leaders to prepare the people for grave new setbacks, reports from neutral capitals in Europe said yesterday

Stockholm dispatches forecast that German collapse "might come sooner than anyone expected—estimates ranging from a few weeks to months."

German press reports took on a pessi-mistic tinge in the past week, Stockholm observers pointed out, and the two con-ferences of Nazi and military leaders this month indicated a stirring of events be-hind the German censorship.

From Madrid came assertions that German leaders are frankly preparing their people for bad news, possibly for big withdrawals believed imminent in Russia.

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This setting the scene for bad news was said in Madrid diplomatic circles to be inspired by four developments: (1) German reverses in Russia; (2) Allied air bombing; (3) the growing feeling in Germany that she is left alone in the war; (4) failure of the U-boat war to yield the desired results.

### Thousands of Sea Hops. But Losses Are Negligible

Thousands of Allied aircraft have flown the Atlantic in the last year in both direc-tions, but losses have been less than onehalf of one per cent, the Air Ministry said yesterday.

The crossings, effected in all kinds of weather, have been made by the RAF Transport Command, U.S. Air Transport Command and planes of British Overseas

Three factors were credited by the Air Ministry for the high safety percentage: Aircraft reliability, high crew training standards, and ground organization.

# Junction On 'This Is the Army' To Have 3-Week

By Arthur W. White Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

London Run

Irving Berlin, composer-creator of the giant all-soldier musical show, "This is the Army," which already has swept America to the tune of \$2,000,000 for Army Emergency Relief, and is expected to gross \$10,000,000 more there for the same cause, has arrived in London to make arrangements for the show's high-powered ETO appearance.

The soldier-cast of 150, including musicians and stagehands, has not yet arrived, but will be here in time for rehearsals before the gala opening performance Nov. 10 at the London Palladium. The show will run in London for three weeks. Irving Berlin, composer-creator of the

More than 60,000 American and Allied servicemen are expected to see the musical in London, and in several other large British cities. Free enlisted men's tickets for the London performances may be obtained at the CBS Special Service office. There will be several shows exclusively for troops and one-third of all seats at other performances will be reserved for them. Officers will have to pay an admission charge.

Brought here at the request of Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, the entire proceeds of the production will be turned over to British War Service Charities as a symbol of American gratitude for British hospitality.

A British committee will cooperate with the army in the production, and theatrical production. More than 60,000 American and Allied

the army in the production, and theatrical producer George Black has turned over (Continued on page 4)

# N.Y.Investigates Beauty's Slaying

25 Sleuths Probe City's 'Most Baffling Case'; **Escort Detained** 

NEW YORK, Oct. 25—New York faced one of its most baffling murder mysteries in recent years today in the death of beautiful Patricia Lonergan, 22-year-old wife of a Canadian airman, whose nude body was found in the bedroom of her luxurious Manhattan apartment yesterday. She had been bludgeoned to death apparently with an antique table lamp. It was not known whether she had been criminally assaulted.

Deputy Police Inspector Patrick Kenny assigned 25 detectives to the case, calling it the most perplexing murder in recent years. They detained a 43-year-old interior decorator as a material witness. Last person known to have seen her before her death, he told police he had toured night clubs and hotels with Mrs. Lonergan from 7 o'clock the previous night to 6 AM.

Mrs. Lonergan, heiress to a brewery

Mrs. Lonergan, heiress to a brewery fortune, was found dead by a Marine captain, Peter Elser, who had called to take her to dinner. He was admitted by a maid and, becoming impatient when Mrs. Lonergan failed to appear, sum-moned the maid to find her. When the maid found the bedroom door locked, she and the captain broke into the room.

Two diaries and an address book found in the apartment are being examined for

Wayne Lonergan, with whom the dead (Continued on page 4)



Irving Berlin, well-known composer of American song hits, gives an autograph to Pfc Sybile Kinsley, after his arrival in London yesterday to make plans for his musical comedy, "This is the Army."

# Austria Bombed from South; Berlin Says It's Shuttle Raid

German-occupied Europe felt the increasing squeeze of the Allied bombng offensive from north and south on Sunday when bombers attacked targets in Austria from the south, Allied headquarters in the Mediterranean rea announced yesterday.

Berlin radio said large formations of American four-engined bombers struck numerous targets throughout southern Europe and then flew on to

struck numerous targets throughout so Britain, but there was no confirmation of this from Allied sources. USAAF head-quarters in London refused to confirm nor deny the story, and it might be a typical Nazi "fishing" expedition.

Berlin also said that the bombers had flown from bases in Italy, but the two-sentence mention of the operation in the Allied communique did not specify whether the planes were based in Italy or in Northwest Africa. If they used Italian airdromes, the operation was the beginning of the eagerly awaited offensive on German-held territory from newly-won fields in Italy.

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The communique did not identify the targets, and said only that heavy clouds made observations of the results difficult. Nazi radio's story of the attacks, broadcast many hours before the Allied communique was announced, said that 300 U.S. bombers, escorted at the start by 200 fighters, had attacked unnamed places in Germany and Austria, causing "major damage" at one place.

DNB (German news agency) said bombs were dropped over a fairly large area between Vienna and the northern approaches to the Alps. The last big raid in the Vienna area was carried out against the Wiener Neustadt airplane factories

the Wiener Neustadt airplane factories Oct. 1 by Liberators based in Northwest

In addition to the Berlin reports, dis-atches from Budapest to Stockholm said that Hungary had suffered her first bombing of the war. The dispatches said that bombs and incendiaries, as well as leaflets, had been dropped in several towns in southwestern Hungary. These accounts also suggested that it was a shuttle raid from Italy to Britain.

Erwin Rommel has become commander-in-chief of German forces in Italy, a dispatch to La Suisse of Geneva, passed by

### Rommel C.-in-C. in Italy? BERNE, Switzerland, Oct. 25-Marshal

German censor, said today,

# 2 Yank Dieppe Captives Land With 3,351 Back From Reich

By Richard Wilbur

A SCOTTISH PORT, Oct. 25-Singing "Roll out the barrel, we've got the blues on the run," 3,351 Allied prisoners of war—among whom were two American members of the Canadian Army—arrived

in relays at the dock here today.

The Americans were Pvt, John A. Fleming, of Highland Park, Mich., and Sgt. Everett Oglesby, of Manila, Ark., both members of the Essex Scottish Registration who were continued in the Dispuse. ment, who were captured in the Dieppe raid. [Twelve other Americans are arriv-

ing in another large group tomorrow.]
Ship whistles echoed through the harbor in a wild welcome as tenders carried the British, Canadians and Americans-all repatriated from German prison campsashore from the Empress of Russia and the Drottningholm, the ships which

brought them from Sweden on the last lap

Most of the men were too excited to eat food prepared for them as part of a large official reception, and could only gulp down tea as they talked. Fleming and other Canadian Army men told how German guards at their

prison camp kept expressing hope the war would be over in three months. When the prisoners said they thought the war would last at least another year, the German guards would back away and say, "Nein, nein."

The former prisoners said they would have starved without Red Cross parcels sent to them. They recalled giving food from the parcels to a German guard on the train that brought them from prisons on the first repatriation lap. After eat-

(Continued on page 4)

# Connally Urges World League

### Senate Gets Bill Asking U.S. Participation in Halting Wars

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25—Opening one of the most important Senate debates in a generation, Sen. Tom Connaily (D.-Tex.) won applause from both floor and gallery today by demanding that the U.S. dedicate its "influence and might to the mistrates."

amendment asking that an "international organization" be set up vested "with the power, including military force, to supmilitary aggression and preserve

world peace."
Sen. John A. Danaher (R.-Conn.) proposed that the nations taking part in the present war forgo any territorial gains

made as the result of it.

Connally told the Senate preservation of world peace could not be attained by the U.S. alone but only through coopera-

"Isolationism failed," he said. "Let us try collective security. The U.S. cannot write a pattern of its own and expect all the other nations to accept it in

Sen. Arthur H. Vendenburg (R,-Mich.) described Connally's resolutions as a forthright expression of American intent to see the war and peace through to a "victorious finish."

### Huge Middle East Field Dedicated by Gen. Royce

CAIRO, Oct. 25-Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce, U.S. Army chief in the Middle East, today dedicated Payne Field, one of the world's largest airports, through which warplanes and transports are carrying war weapons to the Far Eastern fronts in everincreasing volume.

The mammoth airdrome, which last spring served as a base for a British re-connaissance squadron, was expanded in 58 days to accommodate six times its former traffic. Its 70 buildings serve 1,150 officers and enlisted men.

The field was named for Lt. Col. John

Payne, of Austin, Tex., who was killed Jan. 11 on a Ninth Air Force bombing mission over enemy territory.

# Allies Seize Irving Berlin in England for GI Show Site of Huge **DamBackin** Soviet Hands

# Reds Bypass Krivoi Rog; Nazi Lines Crumble as Big Trap Develops

The last remaining vestiges of a German defense line along the lower Dnieper collapsed last night with the Russian capture of Dniepropetrovsk, in the northeast corner of the Dnieper Bend, and Dnieprozerzhinsk, 20 miles to the west.

An order of the day from Marshal Josef Stalin announced this fresh triumph in the great Russian offensive in the south. The victory was to be hailed in Moscow by 20 salvos from 224 guns, the second such celebration to be witnessed by U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull and British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden.

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Dniepropetrovsk is the site of the great Dniepropetrovsk dam, blown up by the Russians as part of their "scorched-earth" policy in the retreat before the German Army in 1942.

### In Krivoi Rog Suburbs

Announcement of the twin victory came after earlier dispatches revealed that Red Army columns had stormed their way into Krivoj Rog, vital communications and steel center southwest of Kremenchug within the Dnieper Bend.

Other Soviet forces had bypassed the city to the west and reached a point less than ten miles from the important railway running from Znamenka to Nikolaev, Black Sea base in the southwest.

While this northern jaw of a developing pincer movement closed down on ast German forces within the loop of the river, a southern arm was pressing on

vast German forces within the loop of the river, a southern arm was pressing on relentlessly after cracking the entire German line from Zaporozhe to Melitopol.

These Red Army hordes evidently were driving straight west toward the lower stretches of the Dnieper. Between these two surging Russian hordes German armies were rapidly being crunched into a trap. Their escape gap west has narrowed to 50 miles.

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in a generation, Sen. Tom Connally (D.-Tex.) won applause from both floor and gallery today by demanding that the U.S. dedicate its "influence and might to the maintenance of world peace and the suppression of military aggression, wherever it may lift its venomous head."

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee took the floor to urge adoption of his resolution that the U.S. "join with the free and sovereign nations in the establishment and maintenance of international authority with power to prevent aggression and preserve the peace of the world."

Although every indication pointed to eventual approval of the resolution by an overwhelming vote, 14 senators headed by Claude Pepper (D.-Fla.) introduced an amendment asking that an "international aggregation" with the Red Air Force enjoyed superiority on all sectors, particularly west

superiority on all sectors, particularly west of Melitopol. Last night Moscow reported that motorized units already had reached Semenovka, halfway between Melitopol and the Perekop Isthmus.

### Heavy Fighting at Kiev

To the north, Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, remained the focal point of heavy fighting raging along the whole western bank of the Dnieper to a point just south of Gomel, along the White Rus-

sian front.

Kiev was invested from both north and south, and bloody battling was continuing at both ends of the city. The Germans were believed to have 14 divisions trying

Along the entire front from Kremen-chug to Gomei, unprecedented tank battles were progressing, with the Russians crush-ing German defenses and pushing ever

The farther the Russians roll the enemy back, the greater becomes their pile of booty. At one point the Red Army encircled and wiped out the whole of the German 23rd Panzer Division, whose commander was killed.

### **U-Boat Battle Off Portugal**

LISBON, Oct. 25 (UP)—A battle between an Allied convoy and U-boat packs has raged for two days outside Portuguese territorial waters, Lisbon maritime circles said early today. At least one U-boat was said to have been sunk and several Allied ships torpedoed.

Gen. Clark Gets Naples Degree

NAPLES, Oct. 25 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark received today the honor-ary degree of doctor of political science from the royal University of Naples,

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### Polish Courage

Warsaw has passed through another week of terror, with Gestapo round-ups in the streets and mass shooting of Polish hostages in public executions on main avenues of the stricken city.

A week ago, Gestapo agents swooped suddenly, blocked streets with motor lorries and rounded up dozens of Poles.
Many others were shot as they tried to
escape. Next day, loud speakers announced that 60 hostages, including several women, had been taken and that for every German killed ten hostages would be publicly shot.

Then came the brutal blow, for the Germans brought twenty hostages clothed only in their underwear and shot them dead in Independence Street. The following day, twenty more were shot dead in Pius Street. One was a woman. The scenes of martyrdom have become places of pilgrimage for Warsaw citizens who of pilgrimage for Warsaw citizens, who have heaped them with flowers.

The German excuse for these executions was that unknown people had murdered German soldiers in those streets and at the spots selected for the revenge mas-

German armoured cars are still cir-culating in the streets of Warsaw and the shootings go on, for the Polish spirit has not been broken by the terror tactics of

Say Polish patriots in a message to London from Warsaw: "Poland will not be frightened by this senseless, cruel action. In answer to this kind of terror, further action will be taken by the under-

And their day of retribution is not far

# Philippine Independence

Senator Millard Tydings, Chairman of the Senate's Insular Affairs Committee, has introduced a resolution providing for immediate independence for the Philippine Islands.

According to the Associated Press and the United Press, the resolution would modify the old Act calling for complete independence July 4, 1946, and would authorize the President to enter into nego-tiations with President Manuel Quezon of the Philippines within 30 days after the resolution's adoption for proclaiming the independence of the islands and the withdrawal of American sovereignty.

The Senate resolution would also pledge the United States to continue the fight for liberation, and would set up a legislative council representing both nations to formulate the post-war economy defense and relationship of the two governments. two governments.

As soon as the Independence Proclamation has been announced representatives of Congress and the Philippine Commonwealth would begin conferences on post-war relations. The U.S. would be repre-sented by three Senators and three Repre-sentatives appointed by the President

Philippine delegates would be appointed by President Quezon.

The resolution said: "The people of the Philippines have established by their wisdom in peace and gallantry in war their right to take an equal place in the family of free nations. The United States should recognize the independence of the Philippine Islands as a separate and self-governing nation."

The Americans who died with the Filipinos on Bataan would all vote

# It's Better to Give

It's Christmas once a week to the children of a British Orphanage and members of an Old Folks Home, both located near the Headquarters of SOS, thanks to the good sportsmanship of officers and men of the U.S. Army Printing Office.

Unsolicited, the GI's in the printing detachment placed a large box in a con-spicuous place in the hallway of their building and each week they donate their candy, cookies and gum for distribution to orphans and old folks nearby.

As one GI expressed it: "Gosh, it sure gives a fellow a swell feeling to think of the joy those little tykes and the old folks too will get from my ration."

That seems to sum up the feeling of all his buddies, and we mention this example of voluntary giving in the hope the idea will spread

Certainly we can all remember how important candy was to us when we were small. As men, our ration will hardly be missed; but properly shared, it will give joy to many less fortunate than ourselves. And those who share will soon learn that it is better to give than to receive.

# Hash Marks

Thwarted Ambitions Dept.: The Letters to the Editor column in the Wash-ington Evening Star recently carried a short communication reading, "Sorry, but I find the perpetual-motion gadget I wrote to you about the other day won't work at all."

Why draft board clerks go whacky. A guy showed up at Selective Service Head-quarters in Pueblo, Col. and said he



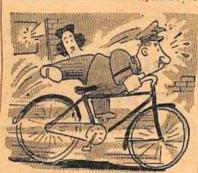
needed a new draft card. His name: Leiansszuieusszesszes Willihiminizziss-loizzii Hurrizzissteizzii. P.S.—His friends call him Leo Ward for short.

Screwiest Alibi of the Week. Because James Higgins, of New York City, is afraid to ride on a subway, he is being held as a draft dodger. He told FBI agents that he failed to report for examinaagents that he failed to report for examina-tion because he was afraid that if he passed he would have to take a subway to the induction station. A subway may be rougher than a tank, at that!

We've just heard about a unit over here that has mixed Army, Navy and Merchant Marine personnel. On inspection days there's a sharp contrast of blue and khaki. If the Gl's buttons aren't shined they have to take a hike, and we do mean a long one. If the nautical guys don't pass they have to go rowing on the Scrpentine, we hear

For ingenuity, we nominate Pvt. Bill Lewis, of Oregon. He was headed for his wedding and missed the bus. But he made it on time—after hitchhiking rides on a garbage truck, ambulance, Model-T Ford, and a street sprinkler.

A 1/Lt, was cycling merrily along the area surrounding a medium bomber station over here when he espied a lovely



young damsel sitting on a porch. He applied the brakes to his speedy vehicle, At least, he proceeded until an authoritative voice from inside the house bellowed in a veddy British accent, "Tell that Yankee to get the hell out of here." The Lt. jumped on his bike and peddled away, without even looking around. Even if he HAD looked around. HAD looked around, he never would have guessed that the girl's boy friend, a USAAF corporal who had very nicely faked the trick accent, was relaxing smugly inside the cottage.

# Sea-Going Jeeps Sneer at the Water

# Ordnance Experts Waterproof 'Em To Perfection

By Philip H. Bucknell

STATION, Oct. 25-Knowing jeeps, it is hardly surprising to see one drive down a beach into the sea until only the driver's head and three inches of windscreen show above the water, and then come out, shaking itself like a dog after

But it is surprising to see a stately Diamond-T perform these aquatic feats and a two-and-a-half-ton truck with trailer looks crazy doing it, too.

This is the kind of thing that does go on at this station, because, at the moment, its first job is the waterproofing of vehicles-waterproofing to such an extent that land vehicles can operate even when water is lapping over engines' vital

In campaigns, and in rehearsals, it has water seeping into the engine.

Ten months ago, Capt. Robert D. Baer, of Steele, N.D., and ten men began experimenting (now there are 250 personnel at the station, and Capt. Baer is just about to leave for another assignment). First, some means had to be found of keeping the ignition system from coming into contact with water. After numerous failures, they produced a substance which, smeared over joints and exposed connections, will

The problem of allowing air to get to 12 hours a day on the job how simple it

Most of the problems have been solved, however, and officers and men from various outfits come down to this station for courses on waterproofing, then take their knowledge back to their units. W/O Richard Ewell, of Louisville, Ky., is one

Yesterday Ewell brought down a convoy to the shore near this station to test

"This job," said Ewell, "is not as easy as it looks. To waterproof a jeep will take a good man-a good man, mind you-ten hours, and larger vehicles take about 15 hours."

# Stars and Stripes Staff Writer AN ORDNANCE EXPERIMENTAL

been found that if water off the beach to be attacked is shallow, landing barges cannot get in close enough to the shore to enable the ramp to touch solid ground. Vehicles landing, therefore, have to plunge into perhaps four feet of water, which normally would play hell with the ignition system, apart from the effects of

In cooperation with the British, Ordnance got busy discovering a way to prevent sea water swirling over the top of the engines, impairing the efficiency of the vehicles.

Whole Engine Waterproofed

waterproof an engine indefinitely.

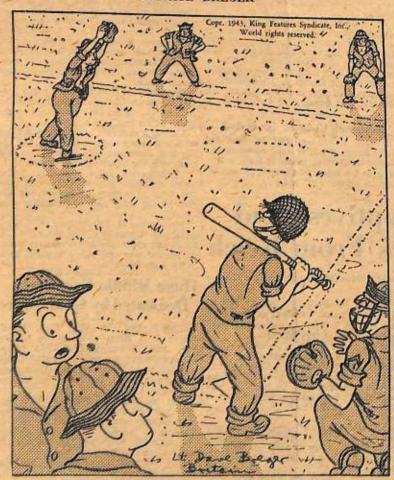
the carburettor intake was solved by an extension tube leading up and over the water line-all of which sounds simple. Just ask the men who have been sweating

of those men.

the efficiency of his unit teaching.

Behind Ewell's jeep, a beaten-up job that has done over 20 "wades," were a string of vehicles ranging from the Diamond-T to MPs' jeeps. After a last-

# PRIVATE BREGER



"Insists on the helmet! Got beaned last time!"

Stars and Stripes Photo. by Richard Koenie

These ordnance men aren't riding in an amphibious jeep, it's just an ordinary one waterproofed by a special process to enable it to ride through water deeper than the top of its radiator.

actual operations this would have been done aboard the carrying craft), he started up the motor and headed for the water-edge.

The jeep plunged into the water like a terrier, the muffled roar of its exhaust booming over the water. Deeper and deeper it went until only a few inches of windscreen was visible over the white wake thrown back by its progress. Level with the shield top, Ewell's head in a waterproof hood made its own wakeand then he started stunting.

### Like a London Taxi

He threw the jeep around in the water like a London taxi in a crowded street. As he gyrated around, GIs on the shore got hepped up.

"Look at that little - " one yelled admiringly. "Put wings on the jeep and he'd fly the goddam thing."

When Ewell got back to the shore they crowded around him for final instruc-

"Remember," he said, "get your fourwheel drive into lowest gear, and keep your foot hard down. Then you can't

go wrong.' They could, though. Some of them 'conked out" soon after entering the water. Others stayed around for a time, but left the lists as soon as they got their hulls down with the waves beating over the cab. Possibly they had let the throttle up as their vehicle dipped into a hidden gully, perhaps their waterproofing didn't stand up.

For the sake of the lame ducks, a largesized bulldozer was standing out to sea, only its upper works showing above the surface; down below, a secure waterproofing job was proving its worth.

Lumbering and clattering, the bulldozer would come alongside a stationary vehicle and either push or tow it to the shore. This work is an important part in the tactics of beach landings, and is known as beach reclamation. The pilots known as beach reclamation. The pilots of the dozer were new on the job and on the shore, a pioneer in this work, S/Sgt. James Odell, of Saginaw, Mich., danced up and down, waving his arms trying to indicate in sign language the right procedure for the job in hand.

"That boy," said Capt. Baer, "doesn't know when to stop working. All the way through he has worked all hours, getting things right. And another, S/Sgt. Wayne Honkala, of Ontonagon, Mich., you can't get him away from the job, either. He is

get him away from the job, either. He is the other reclamation expert."

But they didn't all fall by the seaside. An MP corporal, Carl Hoffmann, of Neligh, Neb., made his first wade without a hitch, and so did several others. "This," said Hoffmann, "is the best fun I've had since I've been in the army."

It seemed to be a unanimous verdict. Officers and men competed for rides.

Officers and men competed for rides. Some had waterproof clothing, most hadn't. In a variety of clothing ranging from denims to rolled-up pants—some even chanced the sea breeze and the cold water to take the trip in their shorts—they clambered on the seagoing trucks,

minute checkup of the waterproofing (in some on top, some inside. All were laughing and shouting like a picnic crowd at a barbecue.

On shore was a busy gent in swimming trunks clambering around vehicles that had broken down, seeing what went wrong. "That," said Baer, "is another one of the oldtimers, Sgt. Thomas Weathley, of Detroit. He's 'crazy', too.
One time he had to climb into the cab of
a truck that had bedded down in a gully

and rescue a driver who had panicked."

Meantime, officers were betting each other bottles of wine and ten shillings that they could make the trip without breaking down. Maj. R. C. Conner, of Los Angeles, is short a bottle of wine

Commenting on reasons for the enthusiasm for the job shown by the learners, Capt. Baer said, "It is not only that it is something different, but they can see that it is something they will have to do one day. It is a job with a point and reason that everyone can see."

Capt. Baer will move off to be Ordnance

Capt. Baer will move on to be Ordinance Officer at the Assault Training Center shortly, and he goes with mixed feelings. "It's always good to be doing something new," he said, "but hell, I just don't like to leave boys like Odell, Hon-laborated Warthlay and all the others. I kala and Weathley and all the others I have been working with on this job."

# Blood-and-Guts' Patton Turns Out to Be Poet

NEW WORK, Oct. 24-The two-fisted, gun-toting commander of the American Seventh Army, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., known affectionately to his men as "Old Blood and Guts," was revealed yesterday as a poet.

A poem that the editors said would take its place "with the world's great war literature" was published in the current issue of the Women's Home Com-

The hitherto unpublished work was turned over to the magazine, its editors told the Associated Press, by Mrs. Patton, who has cherished it ever since the

General wrote it. Mrs. Patton read two of her husband's poems before the annual Authors' Club dinner in Boston last week. She declined to release the poems for publication, but said the subject-matter was of military

Title of the poem published in Women's Home Companion is "God of Battles." It follows:

From pride and foolish confidence, From every weakening creed,

Great God, who through the ages Hast braced the bloodstained hand, As Saturn, Jove or Woden Hast led our warrior band.

Again we seek Thy counsel, But not in cringing guise. We white not for Thy mercy— To slay: God make us wise,

For slaves who shun the issue We do not ask Thy aid. To Thee we trust our spirits, Our bodies unafraid.

From doubt and fearsome 'boding, Still Thou our spirits guard. Make strong our souls to conquer, Give us the victory, Lord.

# Morgenthau Reports to FDR 13 Charges of Nazi Savagery

NAPLES, Oct. 24-Thirteen charges of German savagery in Naples have been forwarded to President Roosevelt by Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau after a tour of Italian war zones, it was disclosed today.

Morgenthau told how the enemy seized prominent Neapolitans, including the Catholic Bishop Cava Dei Terreni, and carried them away as hostages, a United Press correspondent said.

(The Treasury secretary, in Algiers after swinging through southern Italy and blitzed Malta, warned Saturday night in a broadcast that "the day of final victory is a long way off, and the fighting will be tough and bloody." He said he had seen the war "at point blank range" on the Fifth Army's front.)

Morgenthau's 13 main charges against the Germans:

I-Destruction of the city's water supply with the blowing up of the city's main aqueduct and the draining of the reservoirs.

2-Destruction of the pumping facilities and

2—Destruction of the pumping lactions sewage disposal system.

3—Destruction of generators and transformers and power supplies for the wheat mills.

4-The complete destruction of the city's trans-

port system.
5-Destruction of the city's communications. 6-The blowing up of hotels and the firing of

7-Blowing up of a number of tunnels in the

city.

8-Set time-bombs in various parts of the city, many of these detonated after the arrival of Allied troops.

9-Opened the doors of 13 criminal prisons in and around the city.

10-Destroyed the Nanles flour mills.

11-Destroyed the university and its library.

12-Robbed the city's hospitals of equipment including medicine, instruments and dressings.

13-Committed atrocues on individuals.

# Persley and Menchack Meet at Corner Tonight

Fails as Bears Triumph, 33-21

Losers Tally First Points Of Season in Last Half

CHICAGO, Oct. 25—The Chicago Bears downed the Brooklyn football Dedgers, 33—21, here yesterday as the Dodgers scored their first points of the season in the last 16 minutes of play.

The Bears opened the scoring in the The Bears opened the scoring in the first period when, after a march from their own 13 to the Dodger 26 stalled, Bob Snyder place-kicked from the 34, giving the Bears a 3—0 lead. Later in the same quarter, Sid Luckman pitched his tenth touchdown pass of the season, a 28-yarder to George Wilson. Snyder's bick was wild.

Another field goal, in the second period, accounted for the third Chicago score, Snyder booting the ball 37 yards. After the kickoff, Cecil Johnson punted out to the Bear 21. On the first play from scrimmage, Dante Magnani raced 79 yards around his own left end for the second Bear touchdown. The score at the half was 19—0.

Fancy Catch by Wilson

There was no further scoring until mid-way in the third period when Merlyn Condit's punt was partly blocked and the Bears took over on the Dodger 38. Five plays later Luckman tossed an 18-yarder to George Wilson, who scored on a fancy catch in the end zone, Snyder converting.

catch in the end zone, Snyder converting.

After the next kickoff, the Dodgers got their first first down of the game on the Bear 47 when Chicago was penalized for an offside. Pug Manders' bucking brought the Dodgers to the 25 from where Ken Heineman pitched the first Brooklyn score of the season to Cecil Johnson in the end zone. Bruiser Kinard added the point.

In the last stanza, Brooklyn pushed

In the last stanza, Brooklyn pushed to the one-yard line and Manders bucked over, Kinard again converting. With two minutes left in the game, the Bears tallied their last touchdown as Ray MacLean scooted over from the 19 with Snyder adding the point. The final score of the ball game saw Dodger Frank Sachse heave a tremendous 57-yard pass to Johnson with Kinard adding the finishing touch.

# **Commando Five** Annexes 2 Tilts

BELFAST, Oct. 25—The 4-F Commandos, basketball quintet of the — Ordnance Unit, established themselves as a strong contender for the Northern Ire-land basketball championship over the weekend by edging out a 24-23 victory over a Navy team Saturday, and deci-sively whipping the Redbirds, another Army Ordance team, yesterday, 37—15.

The same Navy team defeated the Fighters, an Air Force team, by 25-17,

The Northern Ireland League officially opened its season last night with the Monsters, — MP team playing the — Port Headquarters entry. Tonight the Rangers meet the Shamrocks and the Air least the Pillsollers a hospital Force MPs play the Pillrollers, a hospital unit team which was one of last year's

# Help Wanted -ÂND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, EC4.

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WAC Addresses

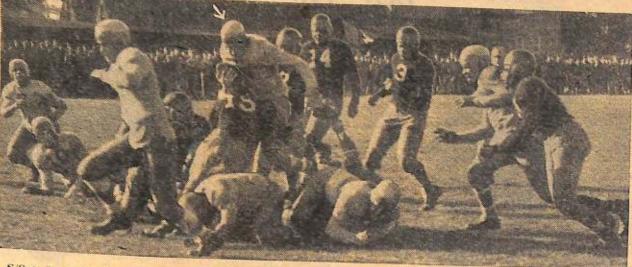
A NYONE interested in contacting any WACs they know listed in vesterday's Stars and binger can write to them c/o Help Wanted, mains on the envelope "Oct. 24."

OFFICER'S B4 bag, picked up near station at Kettering by enlisted man, who said he was ming to deliver it to the base where owner is assumed. Will he please return it or advise Lt. I. Sair, c/o Help Wanted.

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# QM Back Stopped After Short Gain



S/Sgt. Urah Reed, of Seaside, Ore. (arrow), left halfback of the — QM Depot eleven, is stopped cold by Pvt. Forest Tidwell, of Dayton, Ohio, — Engineer left guard, in a game played at Wellingborough, Sunday. It was a scorless tie.

Army-NavyTilt

Charges Denied

WEST POINT, N.Y., Oct. 25-Col.

Sailors Sink Marquette

Behind Steve Juzwik, 41-7

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 25—Led by Steve Juzwik, former Notre Dame star, Great Lakes trampled Marquette, 41—7, here yesterday before 15,000 fans.

Juzwik made two touchdowns as did Dewey Proctor, former Furman ace. Marquette made a fight of it in the first half, trailing the Bluejackets, 13—7. They weakened, however, before a powerful onslaught in the second half and the sailors scored four more touchdowns.

# Giants Avenge Early Defeat, Packers Clip Smash Steagle Eleven, 42-14 Detroit, 27-6

NEW YORK, Oct. 25—Over 42,000 fans turned out yesterday for the season's opener at the Polo Grounds and watched the Giants avenge an earlier defeat by beating the Philadelphia-Pittsburgh Steagles, 42—14.

The Giants scored 14 points the first period. O'Neale Adams galloped 34 yards with a blocked kick for the Giants' first score and Ward Cuff kicked the first of six extra points. In the same period, Emery Nix ran back a punt play, he passed to Will Walls on the seven-yard line and Walls danced over.

Army-NavvTilt

In the second quarter, the Giants scored twice again. Bill Paschal climaxed a 49-yard march with runs of 14, ten and four yards for the first tally, and the next drive also started on the 49 as Tuffy Leemans heaved to Frank Liebel on the 18. Paschal then went around end for a touchdown.

The Giants' fifth touchdown came in the third period as Al Blozis grabbed a blocked punt and ran 35 yards. Paschal plunged four yards for the Giants' last

Bob Zimmerman, ace Steagle passer, was hurt in the first period. Lefty Al Sherman, formerly of Brooklyn College, passes in the last period to Ben Kish. Kish fumbled the second one, but Al Wukits fell on the ball over the line for a score. Ted Laux converted each time.

# Southworth Claims Series Press Ban Was Mistake

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 25—His barring of the press from the Cardinal club-house before the fifth and final World Series game was due to a "misunderstand-ing" Billy Southworth, St. Louis manager,

At a home town reception Southworth said the incident grew out of an agreement with Yankee manager, Joe Mc-Carthy. Southworth continued, "Hereafter the door of my team's clubhouse will always be open to newsmen. I will enter into an agreement with no one regarding the barring of reporters. I shouldn't have entered into that agreement with Mc-

### Two London Loops Start Play

Six games marked the opening of the two CBS touch football leagues Sunday. In the Marble Arch League, the Engineers were defeated by AAC, 13-2; ATC defeated the Zombies, 13-0; Signals defeated the Lombies, 13-0;
Signals defeated the — Hospital, 25-6,
and the — MPs trounced the Misfits,
70-7. The — Engineers defeated Headquarters, 54-0, and the — MPs took a forfeit from the Car Company in the Unit League.

# Del Monte Blanks San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25—Del Monte Pre-Flight took advantage of intercepted passes and swamped the University of San Francisco, 34—0, here yesterday. Three of five touchdowns came from interceptions

Signals Win, 31-0

EIGHTH BOMBER COMMAND HQ. Oct. 25—The Eighth Bomber Command touch football league was officially opened here yesterday when the — Signals blanked the Eighth AFFMMS squad, 31-0.

The third period saw Green Bay score again, Lou Brock plunging from the two-yard line and Hutson again kicking the

# WEST POINT, N.Y., Oct. 25—Col. Lawrence "Biff" Jones, graduate manager of athletics at the military academy here, has denied reports published Saturday that congressmen, despite the geographic restrictions placed on the patronage at the Army-Navy game here Nov. 27, will receive special consideration. Jones said, "The entire ticket distribution will be handled by the Army Athletic Association. Neither applications nor tickets have been mailed outside the tenmile area surrounding West Point. Distribution of tickets will be by mail only and will not be made until Nov. 17." By law the only congressmen eligible Michigan to Lose Daley, Six Other Varsity Men By law the only congressmen eligible to attend the game is Rep. Hamilton Fish, Republican from the 26th congressional district.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Oct. 25—Michigan University will lose the services of Bill Daley, the nation's leading ball carrier, and six other varsity players by Nov. I.

Daley and his teammates are to be transferred to other stations for further training. Backs Paul White, Jim Holgate and Bob Stenberg and Tackle Leonard Naab, all Marine trainees, played their last game for Michigan against Minnesota yesterday, but Daley and Tackle Merv Pregulman and End Jack Petoskey, who are Naval students, will be around until after the Illinois game Oct. 30.

# Ross Again in Hospital; Suffering From Malaria

is back in the hospital with malaria.

The Marine Corps has announced that period. The game was a memorial to the late Maj. Frank Cavanaugh, former Boston College and Fordham coach. Movie star Pat O'Brien presented the plaque to the college.

The Marine Corps has announced that Ross, recently touring as a war bond salesman, "is again a bed patient at the U.S. Naval Hospital at St. Albans, Long Island." Ross contracted malaria in the South Pacific and had several relapses.

# Only Lion Score Comes In First Quarter on Sinkwich Pass

DETROIT. Oct. 25—The Green Bay Packers walloped the Detroit Lions. 27—6, in a National Professional Football League game here yesterday.
Frankie Sinkwich passed to Matthews in the first period for the only Detroit score. The kick was no good.
The Packers racked up three points in the first period on Adams' field goal. In the second quarter the Packers scored again, Don Hutson catching a scoring pass from Iry Comp. Hutson kicked the point.

The Packers scored ten points in the last period. Brock again plunged through center and Hutson booted the point. Hutson's field goal wound up the scoring.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25—Sgt. Barney Ross, former lightweight and welter-weight champion and Guadalcanal hero,

Eagles Upset Camp Hingham
BOSTON, Oct. 25—Boston College
upset the heavier Camp Hingham team,
42—6, here yesterday. They scored in
every period while the soldiers managed
to squeeze over their score in the second
period. The game was a memorial to
the late Maj, Frank Cavanaugh, former
Boston College and Fordham coach.

# Farkas, Moore Lead Redskins To 13-7 Victory Over Cards

Farkas and Wilbur Moore led the Washington Redskins to a 13-7 victory over the Chicago Cardinals here yesterday. After being held scoreless during the first

half, Farkas took the opening kickoff in the second half 86 yards to the 14-yard line. 'Three plays later Sammy Baugh passed to Joe Aguirre for a score and Bob Masterson converted.

Shortly afterwards Moore and Farkas combined on a 53-yard march, Farkas

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 — Andy diving over from the one-yard line. The The Cardinals opened the last period

with a 95-yard march that was topped off when Walter Masters passed to Ed Rucinski for a touchdown, Lee Stokes converting.

The Cardinals threatened again late in

the Cardinals threatened again late in the last period, but Moore intercepted a pass within the five-yard line and raced to the Chicago 42, where Washington froze the ball the last seconds of the game.

Griffith Stadium sold out to 35,540.

# 12-Bout Card Also Features **Bill Kingsland**

# ETO Light Heavy Titlist Matched With Shapiro

By Mark E. Senigo Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

The Rainbow Corner fight season rolls into high gear tonight for the first time since the opening of the new season four weeks ago. Twelve bouts are lined up—with a professional wrestling match thrown in for good measure.

Probably the outstanding scrap of the evening will be a welterweight affair between Pvt. Dick Menchack, of Port Arthur, Texas, and Pvt. Arthur Persley, of New York.

Both fighters are making their second appearance in the Corner ring. Although their present weights puts them in the welter bracket, they are only a shade over the lightericht. welfer bracket, they are only a snade over the lightweight figure and in a few weeks should be down to the 135-pound limit. As such, they will give any lightweight yet seen in five months fighting at the Corner plenty of trouble.

Persley Kayoed Smith

Persley proved himself with a one-round knockout victory over Pvt. Johnny Smith three weeks ago. He is fast, clever, and tough. Smith, who has been around, got a chance to throw about three punches before he hit the canvas.

Menchack was out of condition when he first showed two weeks ago. The former two-time Texas and Chicago Golden Glove bantamweight champ weighed in at 139 then and is down to 136, two pounds under Persley. He outpointed Pvt. William Cleeland Oct. 12 and proved that his increase in weight hasn't hampered any of his skill.

Rugged Pfc Bill Kingsland, Redondo

pered any of his skill.

Rugged Pfc Bill Kingsland, Redondo Beach, Cal., light heavyweight and ETO champion, is returning tonight for his second appearance in two weeks. Bill, who has yet to be stopped in the ETO, slugged his way to a decision over much heavier Pvt. Ben Pickett on Oct. 12. His opponent tonight is Pvt. Morris Shapiro, 170-pound Philadelphia novice.

Two other recent starters, one a winner,

Two other recent starters, one a winner, the other a loser, will be hitting for the top tonight. Sgt: Aaron Kahn, Brooklyn light heavy, won a third-round TKO last week over Sgt. James Wade. Kahn's man tonight is Pvt. Ysias Espinoa, of Chippawa Falls, Wis. Espinoa has fought only in the Army. He is a thoroughbred Indian.

Hanna Made Bad Start

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Cpl. Roy Hanna, of Tulsa, Okla.,
made a bad start in his first appearance,
losing a three-rounder to Sgt. Rudolph
"Killer" Koch on Oct. 12. Hanna, out
of condition then, did well enough to stay
the distance and should show better tonight against Sgt. Owen Travers, 175pound New Yorker. Travers has had 20
amateur fights, but has not yet opened
at the Corner. at the Corner.

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Real old timer on the card is Pvt.
Willie Mariner, 150-pounder from Monticello, N.Y., who has knocked around in a few New York Golden Glove competitions. Willie made two starts last season, dropping his first to 1/Sgt. John Wooten on a decision, then coming back to TKO Pfc Jack Falkner in the first round. Mariner meets up with Pvt. Lee Glover, of Knoxville, Tenn., tonight. Glover is a new boy, weighs 148 and has three victories in three starts in Eighth Air Force bouts in the ETO.

Novices Sought

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In an effort to stimulate more novice entries in the Corner fights, Tex Blaisdell is putting on three bouts tonight. They are Pvt. George Witt, Brooklyn, N.Y., 135, vs. Pvt. William Atwood, Long Beach, Cal., 140: Pvt. Thomas Ferris, Jackson, Miss., 165, vs. Pvt. John Almedia, Philadelphia, 165, and Pvt. Tony Ponterella, New York, 175, vs. Pvt. Saint Holton, 180.

In other contests tonight, Pvt. Joseph Landry, of Lafayette, La., 185, takes on Pvt. Oscar Hamp, of Gary, Ind., 178; Pvt. Mark Haller, of Philadelphia, 143, is pitted against Pvt. Dick Shinn, of San Francisco, 135, and Cpl. Stanley McCarron, of Bellville, Ill., 147, is matched with Cpl. Edwin Semenza, of Stockton, Cal., 148.

The wrestling match is a professional grunt and groan affair between two British heavies, Frank Jefferson and Mick Casey.

### WMCAllows Ball Players To Work in War Plants

NEW YORK, Oct. 25-Professional baseball players may work in war plants this winter and return to the diamond next spring, Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, New York regional director of the War Man-

York regional director of the War Manpower Commission, stated.

The ruling, obtained from Washington,
was based on the fact that baseball is
the chief occupation of the players and
off season war work is merely supplemental. Players are to be considered
under contract to a club even though not
yet agreed to terms. The ruling coincides
with one recently issued in connection
with the members of the Chicago Bears'
professional football team who worked
in war plants in the summer and left their
jobs to play on the gridiron. jobs to play on the gridiron.





# B25s Destroy 24 Jap Planes, Two Big Ships

### Aussies Wipe Out Enemy Troops Attempting to Reach Coastline

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Oct. 25—Waves of Fifth Air Force B25 Mit-23—Waves of Fifth Air Force B25 Mitchells swooped down on the ruins of Wewak, New Guinea, and knocked out 24 Jap aircraft, two large merchant ships and 16 barges while 100 miles to the east, at Finschafen, Aussies wiped out Jap troops attempting to reach the New Guinea coast, where they expected to find ships ready for evacuation of the area.

Other Australian troops quickened their advance towards Madang, the next big

advance towards Madang, the next big port lying before the Allies in New Guines.

As the Allies once again seized the initiative in the land fighting in New Guinea, their air onslaught against the Japanese was considerably accelerated throughout the southwest Pacific area.

Heavy Allied bombers, in a surprise night attack, struck at Japanese shipping off Buka Island, in the Central Solomons.

Aircraft scored three direct hits amid-ships on a large vessel resembling an air-craft-carrier, causing a large explosion and

U.S. fighters, based on Bougainville Island, shot down three out of 20 Japanese planes for the loss of one Allied aircraft in a raid on Kahili.

These raids follow further heavy attacks on targets throughout New Britain, where the Japs still apparently hope to build up an air force strong enough to hit back at the massive Allied air forces in

### Cheltenham Club to Mark First Anniversary Tonight

CHELTENHAM, Oct. 25-An invita-

CHELTENHAM, Oct. 25—An invitation ball to celebrate the first anniversary of the Red Cross club here will be held tomorrow night at the Town Hall. The "Yankee Castlemen," Engineer orchestra directed by I/Lt. Dale E. Stout, of Richmond, Ind., will play. The social committee consists off.

Pfc James Morello, chairman, Barrington, N.J.; Sgt. Leon Rozene, Bridgeport, Conn.; Cpl. Richard Gardella, Glastonbury, Conn.; Pfc Mike Figlio, Columbus, Ohio; Pvt. Joseph Buchino, Stratford, Conn.; Sgt. Walter Johnson, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Sgt. James Stokes, Johnson City, Tenn.; Cpl. August Bacolini, Brooklyn; Pvt. Herbert Turkewitz, Brooklyn; Sgt. Joseph Arcemont, Morgan City, La., and Sgt. Joseph Young, Scarsdale, N.Y.

### Milestone Officers Dance Off

A Hallowe'en dance scheduled for Friday at the Milestone Officers Club, London, has been cancelled.

Bury St. Edmunds

Thesday—Dance; basketball, 5 PM.
Wednesday—Dancing class, 7,30.
Taursday—Tour, 2 PM; movies, 8,30 PM.
Friday—Basketball, 5 PM; October birthday
arty, 7,30 PM.
Saurday—Tallent show, 8 PM.
Saurday—Halloween party.

Huntingdon

esday Movies, 8 PM, ednesday Dance, 8-11 PM, misday Snooker, 7 PM, iday October birthday party, 6.45 PM;

rday-Halloween dance, 8-17 PM, day-Classical recordings, 8-9 PM

# Murder - - -

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woman eloped in 1941, was being questioned by Toronto police today, it was learned here. The couple were said to have separated some time ago. They have a two-year-old son.

(United Press quoted police last night to the effect that Lonergan had visited his wife and baby son Saturday, Inspector Kenny said he understood Lonergan had scratches on his face when arrested Jean Murphy, 22, an actress with whom police said Lonergan spent Saturday night and most of Sunday, also is being questioned.)

## American Forces Network Operated by Radio Branch, Special Service Division, SOS, ETO

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1200-World News (BBC).

1310-Barracks Bag.

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1800-World News (BBC).

1810-Personal Album.

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Club. Club. 2100 World News (BBC).
2100 World News (BBC).
2116 Waitz Time.
2125 Into Battle—A BBC dramatization of heroic incidents of this war.
2135 Fliber McGee and Molly.
2200 Al Donahue and his orchestra.
2230 San off until 1100 hours Wednesday, Oct. 27.

Berlin in 1918



Irving Berlin, who sings "Oh how I hate to get up in the morning" in his all-soldier production, is a veteran of the last war, shown above in his 1918 attire.

### Irving Berlin in England With Show This Is The Army'

(Continued from page 1) the Scala Theater for rehearsals and the Palladium for the London run.

Berlin-short, black-haired and with a slightly nervous grin-wowed corre-spondents yesterday with "White Christ-mas" after somebody had jokingly sug-gested he sing one of his hits.

After the ETO tour, Berlin said, the entire cast will go to North Africa, play for troops there and then break up to be assimilated into combat outfits.

The 150 soldiers, in fact, far from having found a home in the army, have worked harder since the show opened on Broadway, July 4, 1942, than most steady KP pushers, he said, "Soldiers first, actors thereafter," ordered the army, and if men missed any rehearsals they pulled back-stage details—lugging props and scenery around after working hours.

After Broadway they placed in

After Broadway they played in America's biggest theaters and finally America's biggest theaters and finally wound up in Hollywood making a movie version of the show (it hasn't arrived here yet) with which. Warner Brothers hope. Berlin said, to make \$10,000,000 for Army Emergency Relief. The fund meets emergencies in the lives of American soldiers' families.

The cast—including 20 Negro soldiers—who put "This is the Army" over—"did a magnificent job for civilian morale and

a magnificent job for civilian morale and came through with performances that critics agreed reached a new high for soldiers," Berlin said.

"This is the Army" was a follow-up on "Yip Yip Yaphank," a soldier-show that Berlin, then an infantry sergeant at Camp Upton, L.I., N.Y., produced in the last war to raise money for a new camp com-munity house. After Pearl Harbor, the War Department asked him to produce another. It doesn't have any "love scenes, dramatics or heroics." another.

Berlin wrote 15 musical numbers for the two and one-quarter hour show. Berlin appears in the show to sing "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning," the hit of his World War I show.

## Yank Concert for British

CAMBRIDGE, Oct. 25-Nearly 1,000 British servicemen cheered a two-hour variety show presented at the Guildhall last night by a Negro Quartermaster truck battalion attached to the Eighth Air Force. Feature of the show was the Peerless male chorus, directed by 1/Lt. Ran-dolph Wright, of Detroit. **NEWS FROM HOME** 

# 7,500Kentucky Miners Strike: 19 Coal Pits Hit

### 300,000 Tons of Fuel Lost In First Week of Work Stoppage

HARLAN, Ky., Oct. 25 (AP)—About 7,500 eastern Kentucky soft coal miners refused to enter 19 pits today as "wild-cat" strikes spread in spite of an appeal from officials of the United Mine Workers that the men stay on the job.

Seven new walk-outs were reported in Harlan County, while eight additional strikes were reported belatedly in the Big Sandy field of northeastern Kentucky.

Tom Raney, UMW board member at Pikesville, in the Big Sandy field, said he learned of the eight new strikes there only today, although the men left work on

learned of the eight new strikes there only today, although the men left work on Friday. He accused the owners of purposely not reporting the strikes to the union, which has not authorized the walkouts. Raney said the eight mines employed 1,800 men.

The coal strikes in Alabama and Indiana have cost the United States 300,000 tons of coal in one week, Charles Wilson, acting chairman, of the War

Wilson, acting chairman of the War Production Board, said today. The effect on stel output is even graver than the decline in the output of the coal mines, he said.

### Ask Foreign Affairs Study

NEW YORK, Oct. 25—Wendell L. Willkie, 1940 Republican Presidential candidate, declaring that foreign policy was a matter of too much importance "for us to blindly delegate to a few specialists' asked that the American people take an interest in foreign affairs. Willkie spoke at an Astor Hotel meeting at which the first annual "Freedom Award" was presented Walter Lippmann, the columnist.

### Soap Boom in America

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (AP)—
Americans have been buying soap this year faster than it has been manufactured under government restrictions. A government department said that purchases have been made at the rate of 1,832,000,000 pounds a year, or 90 per cent of the 1940-41 average use.

# Auto Industry's Plane Output

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (AP)—The automobile industry has produced more than \$4,000,000,000 worth of planes, engines and other aircraft equipment since it actively began aeronautical production, the Automotive Council for War Production reported today.

### Knox Urges Interdependence

WILLIAMSTOWN; Mass., Oct. 25-The interdependence of the British Empire and the United States was "the greatest factor that will contribute to our ultimate victory," Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said here on the 150th anni-versary of Williams College.

# Eleanor Powell Weds Marine

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 25 (AP)

—Eleanor Powell and actor Glen Ford, were married Saturday night at her home here. Ford is a sergeant in the Marine

# Prisoners

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ing, the guards became "food drunk, they said.

If 10,000 troops were sent into Ger-

many armed with tins of coffee, they'd just about win the war, a British re-

An American football game, played Oct. 9 by RCAF, Canadian Army and Oct. 9 by RCAF, Canadian Army and American prisoners at Stalag 8B in Upper Silesia, was recalled by Alfred Reid, a member of the Royal Scots Regiment. Two of the Americans were parachutists captured at Salerno, he sald.

Of the 3,351 repatriates, 2,487 were sick prisoners and 864 were "protected personnel"—officers and men of the medical services, and chaplains.

A Scottish chaplain, who had lost an arm as a combatant in the last war, was the first person to step on the dock.

the first person to step on the dock.

It was a day for the British. Just after disembarking, a British private said to a British major in the reception party:
"Now I know what I'm walking on." "It belongs to you" replied the major.

belongs to you," replied the major.

Twelve U.S. Army men are among another shipload of Allied war prisoners expected at a British west coast port to-

The Air Force's Jack of All Jobs

TO THE



P38 Lightnings now are on escort duty with the Eighth Air Force and have seen action in every theater—as fighter-bombers, low-level attack planes, long-range bomber escorts, or reconnaissance aircraft. Here, Col. Frank James, of Humington Park, Cal., and Lt. Russell Guske, of Fort Huron, Mich., discuss the P38's performance

# Fort Finds Itself in the Middle Of Nazi Night Raider Mission

AN EIGHTH BOMBER STATION, Oct. 25 (UP)-Returning at night from a routine trip to an English coast town, a gunless Flying Fortress unwittingly joined a formation of German bombers in the belief they were Americans, and flew alongside unnoticed despite bright flares and a brilliant

# Hull and Stalin Meeting Is Held

### **Expect Weighty Decisions** As Allied Conference Ends First Week

Secretary of State Cordell Hull had an interview with Marshal Stalin yesterday, Moscow radio announced. Averell Harriman, American ambassador to Russia, and Soviet Foreign Minister Vyachesloff Molotov were present. Hull's meeting with Stalin dispelled rumors that the tri-power conference was one-sided. After British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden's conference with the Russian premier, some circles said America was being overlooked.

The Alied diplomats continued their discussions yesterday as the conference entered its second week. Staffs began drawing up drafts on the subjects already discussed.

Moscow observers expressed the belief but the discussions supported their discussions described the discussions of the subjects already discussed.

Moscow observers expressed the belief that the discussions have entered their most vital phase. The agenda has been drawn up and all preliminary matters have been disposed of. In the next few days weighty matters of great international significance are expected to be decided.

national significance are expected to be decided.

War and the Working Class, Soviet journal which on Sunday demanded a second front, yesterday called for unity of the three nations as a basis of postwar world peace. Its attack on the Polish government in London, however, was taken as an indication that the Russian government was not prepared to resume diplomatic relations with the Polish government in exile. ernment in exile.

## Call Out For WACs, GIs To Take Roles in Musical

Lt. Arthur Brest, special service sec tion, Eighth Air Force, appealed yesterday for air force enlisted men and WACs to appear in a ten-scene GI musical, "Skirts," to be staged in the ETO in November and December.

He said that castings were under way, but that many important roles still were open. Rehearsals will begin Nov. 1, and the musical will be staged in Liverpool and Norwich before coming to London, he said. Brest said that a request for assignment

on temporary duty for 30 days would be made for soldiers and WACs chosen to appear in the production.

The Fortress, a "hangar queen" whose guns had been dismounted, was piloted by 1/Lt. Warren F. Bacon, of Portland, Ore., who was not aware that German planes were attacking a nearby town as he approached his blacked-out field and requested the control tower to fire a flare.

fire a flare.
"Right after that I saw red and yellow "I thought for a minute it was damned good service on the part of the tower, but I sort of wondered how they fired flares

of us, and I figured it was another ship coming in for a landing. I was all set to tag behind him when I saw the so-and-so drop a flare—and then a bomb. At that time we were a good distance from the field.

"I didn't waste any time losing him, and I circled the field again. A few moments later I saw a plane silhouetted against the moon. It was a Ju88. It came our way dead level, passing us about 50 yards astern as though on urgent business. We saw about sight of these gues. ness. We saw about eight of those guys from various distances, but none of them seemed to know we were there.

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"Sitting up there was some experience. There were all sorts of colors from flares and ack-ack. The night was beautifully clear, and the searchlights looked like the Northern Lights. We saw one of the enemy ships burst into flames over the town they were attacking and diveright into the earth."

Bacon came in for his landing with a German bomber flying close behind, control tower officers said, but night fighters drove the German off, subsequently shooting it down.

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Flying with Bacon were 2/Lt. James W.

Dunlap, co-pilot, of Woonsocket, S.D.,
and Capt. Seymour Topor, of Hollywood,
Cal., squadron adjutant, who had gone to the coast town on business.

### Dance for Sailors, Marines To Bea Navy Day Highlight

Navy Day will be celebrated in the ETO Wednesday when enlisted bluejackets and marines hold a dance at Porchester Hall, London.

Made possible by a donation from the Lockheed-Vega Employees' Buck-of-the-Month-for-Victory Club, the affair will be highlighted by prize awards for the best looking couple with the girl in uniform and the best looking with a civilian guest. Prizes will be offered in

other contests.

A number of WRNs, ATs, WAAFs,
WACs, CWACs and ARC girls have been
invited, but the men also may bring their

own guests Special entertainment by British stars e on the program. Music will be are on the program. Music will be furnished by W/O Frank Rosato and the ETO Dance Band,

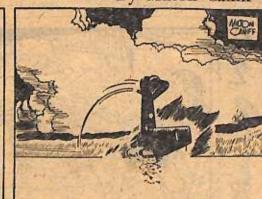
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