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Allies 12 Miles Inland, Resistance Grows

Soldier Vote Bill 'Fraud'-FDR Big Battle Expected

Asks Action On Uniform Single Ballot

Says Proposal That States Run Absentee Balloting Is 'Meaningless'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—President Roosevelt again stepped into the Congressional wrangle over votes for soldiers today with a sharp criticism of the measure passed by the Senate last month and a demand for "ade-quate legislation."

In a message to Congress the Presi-dent described the bill, approved Dec 3 by the Senate and now pending before the House, as "meaningless." The bill to which the President referred

and which passed the Senate, 42—37, limits Federal action to the distribution and collection of ballots printed by the states. The bill also provides for the use of state absentee voting processes, which, according to an Associated Press survey, are of "questionable" value in 18

'Fraud on U.S. People'

"I consider such proposed legislation a fraud on soldiers, sailors and Marines now in training and fighting for us and for our sacred rights," the President de-

clared.
"It is a fraud on the American people "It is a fraud on the American people and would not enable the soldier to vote with any greater facility than provided by a previous law, under which only a negligible number of soldiers' votes were cast. he added.

The President's blunt demand brought Republican guffaws in the House and a cry in the Senate that he had delivered "a direct insult" To the law makers.

'Insult!' Taft Shouts

Immediately after the message had been read, Sen. Robert Taft jumped to his feet and shouted: "I resent as one of those who propose state voting for the armed services the designation of that proposal

he added that Roosevelt had sent "a direct insult" to both houses of Congress.

Taft denounced the proposed Federal ballot declaring that it linkes with plans

ballot declaring that it linked with plans for a fourth term for Roosevelt.

The President endorsed substitute measures proposed by the Democratic Senators Theodore Green (R.I.) and Scott Lucas (Ill.) and by Rep. Eugene Worley (D.-Tex.), which would provide simplified Federal ballots on which soldiers could write the name of their choice for President, Vice-President, Senator and Representative. This idea was rejected by the Senate as "unconwas rejected by the Senate as "uncon-stitutional and a violation of states

There is nothing in this bill violating the rights of the States," the President declared. "I am sure I express their (the troops) wishes in this matter and

their resentment against the discrimina-tion being practised against them."
"What is needed is a complete change of machinery for absentee balloting which will give members of our armed forces and Merchant Marine all over the world an opportunity to cast their ballots without time-consuming correspondence and without waiting for each separate state (Continued on page 4)

House OKs Senate Bill For \$300 Discharge Pay

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—The House, by a vote of 277 to 103, today passed and sent to the Senate compromise legislation which would give maximum mustering-out pay of \$300 to honorably discharged personnel of the armed forces who have served overseas or in Alaska.

Personnel whose entire service has been in the U.S. would receive \$100 for service of less than 60 days, \$200 for 60 days or longer.

Ploesti Raider Discharged Until Old Enough to Fight

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 26—Sgt. Thomas Kincaid, Ploesti raid airman with 300 hours' combat flying time to his credit and holder of the DFC, is being discharged from the Army because he is only 16. Kincaid shot down two enemy planes.

They Earn That Extra Jump Pay



At the jump door, paratroops tense for the jumpmaster's signal which will send them out into 750 feet of air.

Chutists, Glider Troops Here Training Hard for Invasion

By Philip H. Bucknell

AN AMERICAN PARATROOP SCHOOL, Jan. 26-The presence of American airborne units, paratroops and glider troops in the ETO was announced today. To the thousands of men who have been undergoing the most rigorous of training for months in Britain's green and muddy land, this announcement is welcome.

Of all the troops that America has in this country it is doubtful if any

Fathers Facing Constitution into the task ahead than these men—ground troops with their own methods of transportation. Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery, Britain's invasion chief, came to see them here recently, and told them that American 'chutists were the equal of any fighting unit in the world. They liked that.

Needed to Ease Critical Situation, Hershey Says

DETROIT, Jan. 26—Every available pre-Pearl Harbor father between 18 and 38 must be inducted if Selective Service is to find the 1,400,000 men required for the armed forces during the first six months of 1944, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey told the National Automobile Dealers Association today.

He revealed at the same time that the authorized strength of the armed forces by June 30 would be 11,300,000.

The Selective Service director explained

draft boards would be forced to take pre-Pearl Harbor fathers previously deferred by reason of dependency because no other manpower source would be left after 8,500,000 men had been deferred on grounds of physical or mental dis-qualification, conscientious objection or employment in agriculture or war in-

Hershey, declaring "a critical situation exists with regard to our manpower," called upon the nation to "do more with

War Dept. Returns Money

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)— Chairman of the House Military Appropriations Sub-Committee reported to the House today that \$27,378,000,000 appropriated to the War Department would be returned to the Pulges. would be returned to the Budget Bureau' reserve because it would not be needed

14th AF Sinks 17 Ships

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)-Maj. Gen. Claire B. Chennault, chief of the 14th Air Force in China, announced today that his planes had sunk 17 enemy ships, totalling 30,000 tons.

have had more intensive all-round in-

Artillery Flies, Too

Both parachute and glider outfits are triat to be the bottle (allered a partial terrestriation) are left from the first from t that carried in gliders), engineers and signal companies. Gliders, in addition, have transport, anti-aircraft, field kitchens, etc.

In normal operations paratroops would be used for making the first thrusts at enemy positions behind enemy lines with gliders coming in as support. Airfields are obvious targets for such operations. In Sicily paratroops were used alone as

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AsFoe Moves North; Cassino Evacuated

Powerful Air Armadas Hammer German Supply Routes to Bridgehead; Nazis Weaken on 5th Southern Front

Allied forward troops yesterday met growing German resistance while advancing cautiously inland from their strong bridgehead south of Rome, indicating that large scale clashes with the Nazis may be expected hourly in the battle to decide the fate of the Italian capital and Kesselring's armies imperilled on the southern Fifth Army front.

Persistent reports last night said the Germans had evacuated Cassino and were dispatching forces northward to stem the Allied drive from Nettuno. Exact disposition of the Allied troops in the bridgehead area was uncertain last night. The official communique today merely announced that

NazisFaceNew

Peril As Fort

Foe's Last Escape Route

To West Now Severed;

Reds Gain in South

Soviet troops on the northern front,

blasting their way forward street by street,

overwhelmed the Nazi fortress of Kras-

the same time, coinciding with fresh Nazi counter-attacks east of Vinnitsa in the Ukraine, where the Russians said the battle rose to its old fury.

How City Fell to Reds

Krasnovardeysk, last main German stronghold left of the original Leningrad

siege line, fell by storm after the Russians fought their way to the center of the city

extensive German minefields, cut large

gaps in the Nazi lines defending the 40-mile stretch of Moscow-Leningrad trunk

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troops had extended their foothold south of Rome to 12 miles inland, while Cairo radio claimed the Allies were not only astride the Appian Way itself, but also had crossed the double-track railway

from Naples to Rome.

A German radio commentator said the British had thrown tanks into the battle for the first time in an engagement north of Nettuno. Powerful Allied air armadas continued In North Falls

goverful Allied air armadas continued to hit the enemy's vital supply lines, blasting bridges, road and rail junctions to hamper the transfer of Nazi reinforcements. Providing cover for the troops fanning out from the bridgehead, fighters of the Tactical Air Force flew more than 1,000 sorties Tuesday in spite of bad weather. weather. Less intense German resistance and

fewer counter-attacks along the southern front suggested that Kesselring had dis-

novardeysk yesterday and took from the Germans southeast of Leningrad their last escape route to the west. A quarter of a million Nazis faced encirclement as the Russians chopped

front suggested that Kesselring had dispatched troops to the north.

Decreased German activity was reflected in the capture of Ceracoli, two miles west of Castelforte, the crossing of the Rapido by Americans and reports that Cassino had been evacuated.

According to Cairo radio, the first American patrol to enter Cassino, after crossing the Rapido, reported that it was apparently deserted. The patrol was forced to leave, the United Press reported, because of fire from the German-held hills dominating the town.

Allied headquarters said yesterday that there were no official reports that Cassino, one of the main bastions of the Southern Line, had been evacuated by the Germans

A quarter of a minion Nazis raced encirclement as the Russians chopped their way through the enemy's crumbling defenses, employing artillery on a scale described by a German spokesman as "hardly equalled during the whole Russian campaign."

Fall of the key railway junction 22 miles southwest of Leningrad, controlling the lateral line west to Narva in Estonia and the line south to the German Baltic bases of Luga and Pskov, was announced last night by Marshal Stalin in an order of the day.

Even as it was broadcast, Moscow dispatches forecast the imminent fall of the last 40 miles of the Moscow-Leningrad trunk railroad in German hands. New flareups in the fighting around Kerch, in the Crimea, and Kirovograd, in the Dnieper Bend, were reported at the same time, coinciding with fresh Nazi

one of the main bastions of the Southern Line, had been evacuated by the Germans or occupied by the Fifth Army.

Nazi counter-attacks decreased in intensity yesterday, but the Germans were reported locked in a bitter battle with French forces for possession of heights several miles northeast of Cassino.

It was disclosed yesterday that the French were driven off Mount Croce Monday after fierce hand-to-hand fighting. South of Mount Croce, however, the French continued to advance.

The American units which waded across the Rapido encountered heavy anti-per-

the Rapido encountered heavy anti-per-sonnel minefields, but less opposition than the units who unsuccessfully tried to esta-

blish a bridgehead south of Cassino.
Confronted by the Allied advance,
Nazi authorities in Rome proclaimed a
state of siege to quell anti-German activity, according to Swiss reports.

in fierce street battles. Soviet artillery hurled shells into the Nazi defenses at point blank range and great fires raged as the fighting reached its climax.

A 12-mile Soviet advance, in spite of Yesterday's communique did not con-firm claims that the Allies already had captured Velletri, rail junction on the Appian Way 20 miles south of Rome, or. Aprilia and Littoria to the south. The announcement, however, that

Velletri had been bombed by the Allies on Tuesday apparently refuted a German report that the rail junction had fallen the between Tosno, 30 miles southeast of the northern capital, and Chudovo. Some units already had reached the line at

Although the Allied communique did not elaborate on the brief announcement that Fifth Army units were pushing for-(Continued on page 4)

GrandJuryIndicts Former Icke's Aide For Forgery

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—Charged with forging Harry Hopkins' signature to a letter predicting Wendell Wilkie's nomination as the Republican Presidential candidate, George Briggs, former confidential aide to Secretary Ickes, has been indicted by a federal grand jury.

The jury's report followed an inquiry by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which was called in by Hopkins, Presidential adviser.

'Back the Attack'

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 26—Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin issued an unprecedented proclamation designating every day until Feb. 15 as "Let's All Back the Attack Day." Hartford responded immediately by buying \$570,000 worth of War Bonds at a soldier and WAC talent show.

Russians Charge Germans Shot 11,000 Poles in Mass Execution

SMOLENSK, Jan. 26 (AP) — The ghastly graves on the goat hills in a near-by forest have given up evidence which the Soviet Special Commission calls "indisputable proof that the Germans conducted a mass execution of Polish prisoners in August and September, 1941."

The commission of the crime.

It was because the Polish government in London took up the German story that the Poles were and the commission of the crime.

The commission, after reconstructing the crime, offered its solution of one of the major mysteries of the war and a major political issue.

It found that the Germans killed 11,000 Poles by shooting them in the back of the head, cast them in mass graves, had them dug up again by 500 Red Army men who were prisoners in their hands, who were in turn shot, and then prepared the "provocation" char Russians killed the Poles. charge that

British and American newspaper cor-

in London took up the German story that the Poles were shot by the Russians in March and April, 1940, and asked the International Red Cross to investigate it, that the Soviet Government severed rela-tions with the Poles.

The party of British and American newspapermen taken to the scene of the crime by special train were shown the bodies in mass graves, medical experts at work making post-mortems and the special commission hearing the testimony of witnesses.

Among the party was Kathleen Harri-(Continued on page 4)

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Glory for All

In reporting the Fifth Army's operation southwest of Rome, full credit for the part played by the Navy and Merchant Marine has not yet been given. This is due partially to censorship and partially to the very nature of the operation itself, for even though it was an amphibious operation, attention, since the first, has been focused on the battle to be fought between the two converging ground

Successful surprise, achieved in the early stages of this operation, was due in the main to the excellent job done by the Navy and Merchant Marine. Ships were gathered from all parts of the world, loaded and assembled into a great convoy which at the precise moment began the displaying of the precise moment began the discharging of troops and supplies on the beaches between Nettuno and the Tiber. Manning those ships were thousands of the boys from home, lawyers, bankers, farmers, garage mechanics, salesmen and students who took their little "spit kits" through rain, fog, sleet and submarines to the appointed place. Many were making their first action cruise when they climbed aboard their landing craft, which eventually arrived at Nettuno. Today they're sailormen, for they stuck it.

They've got guts those kids . . . even though they've spilled 'em a thousand times on 'their first cruise. And they've got an unbeatable spirit, too, claim those who've seen them go into action. And they've earned a bit of the glory that comes to troops who participate in a successful operation, for together they've delivered the guns and supplies needed by GI Joe and Tommy Atkins as they march side by side on the Road to Rome.

The Appian Way

The Fifth Army has cut the Appian Way and this report brings back into the news the most famous of Roman roads.

Via Appia was called queen of the long-distance highways by early Romans. It was administered by a curator of praetorian rank, as were the other important roads of the empire. Milestones and inscriptions, together with other historical data, give a complete record of its construction and repair.

The first section of the Appian Way, 132 miles in length, was constructed by the censor Appius Claudius Caecus in the year 312 BC. It led to Capua and was extended in the year 244 BC to

At Forum Appii the old road entered Mussolini. This portion of the old road was 19 miles long and is now in the battle area. That it was a part of the original road is-proved by a milestone at Ad Medias dated 250 BC.

The modern Appian Way follows the ancient highway over much of its course. Three original and well preserved bridges still serve it. Men of the Fifth Army will use it as they move forward, for the road built by Applus and repaired extended by Theodoric, Hadrian and Diocletian leads to Rome.

Not Even a Glass of Beer

The American Legion has asked the War and Navy Departments and the Department of Interior to initiate action in Congress to remove the discrimination against the Indians which now exists in the Federal Indian liquor laws. In making this request the Legion points out to the cabinet officers concerned that this discrimination still applies, by law, to men of Indian blood in the armed services, of whom there are many thousands.

At the present time it is still unlawful for Indians to purchase beer at a post for Indians to purchase beer at a post exchange. In fact, if the present law were precisely applied, a soldier could not buy a glass of beer for an Indian comrade without subjecting both of them to criminal proceedings. This discrimination does not exist with relation to men of any other race, and is a hold-over from the past when the laws in question were enacted to cover a very different set of conditions

As a result of this war, human rights are everywhere up for close re-examination. It is well in America that we look to our own house before we try to advise the rest of the world on how to straighten out the muddle in which it now finds

"We hold these truths to be selfevident, that all men are created equal.' Surely such a broad bill of rights includes a glass of beer for a fellow citizen who in the service of his country is willing to die to insure the preservation of our constitution.

Hash Marks

After reading all the headlines about the latest invention in the field of avia-tion, a little moron was heard to remark "There's nothing new about that idea-my cows have been giving jet-propelled

Leave it to the Yanks, they'll impro-vise every time. Stationed somewhere in the ETO, Cpl. Walter Lowther was sadly



in need of a haircut, with a stiff inspection coming up next day. There were no barbers on hand and the situation looked pretty desperate until Sgt. Paul Haddad came to the rescue. Haddad volunteered for the job and went to work with the only pair of scissors on hand—a small manicure pair from a Red Cross kit with a blade a half-inch long. It took him three hours and forty minutes to make Lowther presentable for inspection—but he succeeded. he succeeded.

Sgt. George Hendrix, of a Bomb division over here, suggests that the new theme song of the German army is "Don't Get Around Much Anymore."

The most surprised guys of the week were a bunch of Army engineers assigned to build an airport on a south Atlantic isle. They found that large booby birds, isle. They found that large booby birds, nestling on the runways, hampered plane take-offs, so they imported cats to do away with the birds. But the boobies—so called because of their apparent stupidity—were smart enough and big enough to fly off with the cats! and drop them in the sea.

Chivalry doesn't always pay—just ask Pvt. Joe Palermo. While waiting in the queue for a bus one stormy night he



noted two girls shivering in the doorway of a nearby building. Doffing his cap politely, he offered them his place in the line. Smilingly, they accepted-and so did their two GI boy friends, who had been lurking in the shadows behind them.

News to Make Your Mouth Water. loe cream "bombs"—so-called because of their shape—weighing a pound each, costing five shillings and containing fruit, chocolate, nuts and whipped cream, have been invented by an Italian and are being sold in Cairo.

J. C. W.

Introducing the Chief's Lady Aides

14 Women, 9 of Them EMs, Here After Serving in North Africa With Gen. Eisenhower

By Charles F. Kiley

WACs were not available in France in 1917 so it is not on the record what "Black Jack" Pershing thought of having female personnel working for him at AEF

But 26 years and another war later, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has found women to be invaluable at his Supreme Allied Command HQ in Algiers and London.

When America's No. 1 soldier in this part of the world was appointed Allied chief of invasion forces and brought his varsity team back to Britain from the Mediterranean
--Montgomery, Spaatz, Bradley, Tedder, et al-he also brought 14 women who occupy positions on his winning combination.

The distaff side of Gen. Eisenhower's office, who recently arrived in London to take up their duties where they left off in Africa, include nine enlisted and three commissioned WACs working as secretaries and stenographers for members of his staff, a WAC captain who is secretary to the general and a British girl who has been the chief's personal secretary and chauffeuse since

he first came overseas in May, 1942.

The enlisted WACs, all of whom were among the first contingent of the Corps among the first contingent of the Corps to reach Africa a year ago, are S/Sgts. Nana M. Rae, New York, and Lillian E. Beck, Philadelphia; Sgts. Rhoda M. Laird, Houston, Tex.; Marguerite J. Collins, St. Louis; Margaret G. Chick, Ohio, and Sue Sarafian, Detroit; Cpls. Pearlie Hargrave, Minneapolis, Minn.; Helen Hornor, Ardmore, Okla., and Cecilia M. Morford, Erwin, Tenn.

Stopped Here in '42

The quartet of WAC officers, first of the Corps assigned overseas who were temporarily stationed in Britain in November, 1942, and shortly afterward went to Allied HQ in Africa, are Capts. Mattie A. Pinette, Gen. Eisenhower's secretary from Fort Kent, Me.; Ruth L. Briggs, Westerly, R.I.; Martha E. Rogers, Jackson, Miss., and Louise Anderson, Denver, Colo. Capt. Anderson, a shorthand-typist, was the only woman present at the Casablanca conference between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

The lone non-military member of the general's feminine force is Kay Sum-mersby, an Irish-born Londoner, who has held the joint position of personal secretary-chauffeuse for Gen. Eisenhower for

almost two years.

With M/Sgt. James (Mickey)
McKeough, ex-New York bellhop and
orderly-chauffeur for the general since the
latter was a colonel in Texas, Kay Summersby has driven "the boss" in Britain,
Africa, Sicily and Italy. She and Capt.
Pinette live together in a London flat.

How do the WACs compare service in

How do the WACs compare service in North Africa with that in Britain?

In Africa, they maintain, there were sunshine, summer-long swimming in the Mediterranean, no KP, sanctioned dates with officers, informal dress in hot weather, admiration and respect from all and a lot of work done willingly by the

In Britain, the food is better, dress regulations are more strict, there is no sun-shine, soldiers whistle and ask "Does your mother know you're out?" and a lot of work is still done willingly without martyr-to-the-cause attitude.

The enlisted WACs in Africa were permitted to date officers, the girls said,



Kay Summersby, Irish-born Londoner (top), who has been Gen, Eisenhower's personal secretary and chauffeur for almost two years, was one of 14 female members of the General's winning team to follow him from Africa to Britain. Four of the nine enlisted WAC secretaries, stenographers and drivers assigned to staff officers of Supreme Allied Command (above, left to right) are Sgt. Sue Sarafian, Cpl. Pearlie M. Hargrave, S/Sgt. Nana M. Rae and Sgt. Margaret G. Chick.

OK not to date officers exclusively but as a privilege to choose their own com-pany whether it be a general or buck private, they claim. (In Britain WACs must receive special permission from their COs to date officers, i.e. friends from home, relatives, fiances, etc.)

At least two of the new arrivals, Sgt. Laird and Cpl. Hornor, are engaged to Laird and Cpl. Hornor, are engaged to officers they met in Africa. In fact, Sgt. Laird was to have married 2/Lt. D. F. Mullins, of Monroe, La., on Feb. 5 but willingly sacrificed personal life for Army duty when she transferred to Britain. Cpl. Hornor is affianced to 1/Lt. Robert B. Walton, of Forth Worth, Tex.

The one soldier-WAC romance that began in Africa and is being continued in London is that between Mickey McKeough, the general's G1 "aide-decamp," and Cpl. Hargrave. They were

since August. They welcomed the official engaged Dec. 17 in Algiers and were able to remain together with the transfer of Gen. Eisenhower's HQ. Cpl. Hargrave has driven for Gen. George C. Marshall and Lt. Gen, Omar N. Bradley, chatted with Winston Churchill, and was one of

with winston Churchill, and was one of the first women in Bizerte after the city fell to the Allies. She also drove in the Tunis "Victory Day" parade.

In the short time the girls have been in Britain one of them has had a family reunion, Sgt. Laird, a secretary, met her brother a few days ago after a three-year separation.

Air Force Briefing

During the Battle of Central Germany on June 11 Howard took on some 30 Nazis in a lone and successful effort to Nazis in at lone and successful effort to break up an attack on a bomber group. Fortress crews sang praises of the Mustang pilot, claiming "better than half a dozen" for him. But the reticent Howard turned in claims only for "two, two and two," two certain, two probables. two and two"—two certain, two probable and two damaged.

What may have influenced the fighter ace's claim was his background on that confirmation board, which passed on confirmation board, which passed on every claim put in by the volunteer pilots in China. At that time the Flying Tigers were an unofficial group, and one of their main sources of income was the \$500 bonus given them by the Ghinese government every time they got a Jap plane confirmed. That was big money and Howard's board used to check and recheck and then be conservative. check and then be conservative.

check and then be conservative.

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* Casings from .50 cal. ammunition have been used by soldier-craftmen at a Service Command depot to make communion cups for chapel services. Chaplain Edward Wyckoff, former Baptist minister from Los Angeles, salvaged the shells and got soldiers in the station machine, carpenter, welding, paint and armament shops, under 1/Lt. George Goodheart Jr., to transform the casings. They were cut to one and one-quarter

FIGHTER pilots at the Mustang station from which Maj. Jim Howard operates know why his claims of e/a destroyed on the Oschersleben mission were so modest: The Major was president of Claire Chennault's combat claims confirmation board when he was with the Flying Tigers in China.

ten pounds. Powell has bills from Scot-land, Danzig, Iceland, Italy, Algiers, Brazil, French Morocco, Dakar, French West Africa and British West Africa. Two U.S. dollar bills in the collection remind Powell of the Regensburg shuttle to Africa. He tried to spend a regular dollar bill from the U.S., "and the Arabs spit on it as counterfeit," but a specially printed, "invasion money" dollar bill— minutely different—was acceptable every time.

Three ground crewmen at a Thunderbolt base have been decorated with the Soldier's Medal for heroism displayed

Soldier's Medal for heroism displayed in rescuing a pilot from a burning aircraft. They are S/Sgt. James Dibble, of Richfield Springs, N.Y., S/Sgt. Leo C. Flint, of Monida, Mont., and Sgt. Stanley A. Croshaw, of Philadelphia.

OLD Double Zero, the B26 piloted by Capt. Paul Stach, of Rosenberg, Tex., is the second Marauder bomber in the ETO to complete 50 missions. Old 00 passed the half-century mark in last Monday's 200-plane effort against the Pas de Calais area targets, and Stach says the ship's good for another 50, anyway.

THERE are very few instances in the life

THERE are very few instances in the life of a mechanic in which he is praised for throwing rocks at a \$250,000 airplane. Sgt. Bernard Hellige, 23, of Fort Madison, lowa, found one

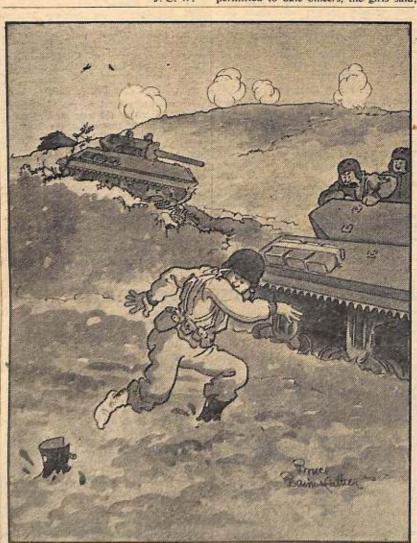
armament shops, under I/Lt. George Goodheart Jr., to transform the casings. They were cut to one and one-quarter inches, reamed out to half their original thickness polished, silver plated and turned over to the Chaplain for communion.

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A Nine-foot string of signed bills from 12 countries or territories is T/Sgt. Glenwood Powell's answer to a Short Snorter's greeting. Powell, whose home is in Emporia, Va., is a 25-mission radio

Sgt. Bernard Hellige, 23, of Fort Madison, lowa, found one.

Hellige, mechanic at a B26 base, saw the Marauder piloted by 1/Lt. Norman parked plane and a gas truck after a flap-fast, chucked rocks in front of the course. It missed the parked plane and for throwing rocks at a plane.



"C'm on step on it, we gotta get going!"

Section

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U.S. and Canada Study at Leeds

North American soldiers join in family gathering to take scientific course; agree it's good idea for future furloughs

By Richard Wilbur

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

to buy clothing and blankets help change the world. sent to the New World from industries in Leeds, center of many worldwide developments in natural science.

North American soldiers-19 U.S. Army men, 24 Canadian Army menwent in early 1944 to this city, and attended a five-day course in natural science that included visits to Leeds industries.

"Quite a family gatherin'," said a worker in one of the factories that they visited.

This family gathering of American and Canadian soldiers volunteered a week's furlough to studies organized by the University of Leeds, and the furlough seemed to be a success. Most of the soldiers said they'd spend craters and no future furloughs in courses like this, earth will be. . . if they had the chance.

after being in the Army a while. Like getting a shot of B-1," said Capt. Herbert L. Combs Jr. (former school teacher), member of the Signal Corps, who was liaison officer for the American group.

Some plan for organizing Americans and Canadians at night, as well as during the daytime, was the only improvement on the course suggested by the Canadian side. "We usually went out to pubs together at night," an RCAF corporal said, "but we never all got organized in the same pub.'

A tank commander and a first sefgeant were among the American soldier-students. Other Americans came from ordnance, medical, chemi-cal warfare and signal units. Their former occupations included textile worker, soil chemist, shoe store owner, welder, student, seaman, telephone switchman.

The Americans and Canadians went on furlough to study in Leeds, where oxygen was discovered by a minister named Joseph Priestly, where a new use of machine tools led to mass production methods, where men's suits were first made by mass production methods, where the first attending night college. "I'm going successful rangefinders that later to college after the war's over, if we revolutionized gunnery were dis- get that choice of a \$600 bonus or a covered.

North Americans were The formally welcomed by the Mayor this industrial city of some 500,000 people-first known as an agricultural village cultivated by some 35 farmers—which later became, according to civic claims, the center of the English woolen trade, and, before the war, the largest readymade clothing center in the world.

All with scientific backgrounds, acquired either in civilian jobs or schools, the North American soldiers were given a detailed "refresher course" in science by the University of Leeds.

They listened to Leeds professors give them special lectures on the history of science, such as "The Chang-Universe"-visited university science departments, including the department of leather industries, first of its kind in the world-examined some rare books in the library-talked things over at tea every afternoon in the Students' Union social roomvisited several industries, one of which was turning out suits for demobilized

THE CHANGING UNIVERSE

Wiping the blackboard in a lecture room, Dr. J. W. Belton erased some words referring to a previous lecture on atom-smashing experiments, "IN-VISIBLE - INDESTRUCTIBLE -INDISTINGUISHABLE," and began to lecture on "The Changing Uni-

ORTH American pioneers and verse' before a group of American Indians in the early 1800s used and Canadian soldiers destined to

"Back as far as the Bible, people were speculating on where they were going," Dr. Belton said.

"The Hindus thought the earth was supported by four elephants, the strongest things they knew. . . .

"Ancient people in the Mediterranean area made a chart and put the infernal regions about where we'd put Germany today. . .

"Traveling at 186,000 miles per second, the speed of light, it would take four or five years to reach the nearest star. A very long job to reach them all. . . "The moon is a dead world, accord-

ing to a past view-barren, with large craters and no vegetation-as the

"We as men occupy a very small corner of the universe, and people are Mass. (former shoe and dry goods

be left with two attitudes. A feeling said, "I wondered how I could ever of depression—a feeling that nothing matters at all. Or we can realize that man has existed only a half million years, and that civilization has been in effect only 10,000 years.

what can be achieved.

Sgt. Jack J. Dinan, of Jersey City (former laboratory assistant in food research), a tank commander, mentioned aside-after the lecture on "The Changing Universe"-the main impression he was deriving from the the librarian. course so far:

missing, a sense of the waste of time."

Three years in the army, Dinan was with the Eighth Army before it started the drive forward from El Alamein. As a civilian, he was four-year college course," he said,

EATHER DEPARTMENT

In this Leeds University department-the only one of its kind in the established in the U.S. at Lehigh and around." Cincinnati universities-Prof. Douglas McCandlish told the Americans and Canadians:

"It would be difficult to find a leather company anywhere in the world which did not have a staff member who has been trained here. That seems a rather tall claim, but men trained here have come from -and he reeled off the names of 15

The soldier-students looked around the leather laboratory at samples of tanned leather and animal hides, and W. R. Adkins, senior lecturer of the department, brought out a brown hide with a tag reading "Human" Skin." Cpl. Herman Roth, of Detroit (former mechanical engineering student), member of a chemical warfare unit, said, "Looks like human

"This," said Adkin, turning the tanned human skin over in his hand, "is something we usually keep sub rose. It isn't done.

"However, we wouldn't mind doing a similar job on Hitler and use it to bind a copy of Mein Kampf. Or Goering, and two copies."

Tannic acid in tea was mentioned



the furfoughs in courses like this, they had the chance.

"It's a great stimulus, this course, ter being in the Army a while. Like for life to exist, we now know—at thing a shot of B-1," said Capt. least, it is believed. . . . "Would you say when we're drinking so much tea in England we're tanning our hides inside?" Adkin reflected. "Well . . "he said." by Adkin, and an RCAF soldier said,

T/4 Philip Lufty, of Worcester, not as important as we once thought. store owner), member of an ordnance unit, recalled visiting a Leeds tannery "From this bird's-eye view I have the day before. "After all that work tried to give of the universe, we can at the tannery to make leather," Lufty sell shoes at two bucks.

LIBRARY

While the rest of the group was "We can look at what has been achieved in this time, and consider ton (former Merchant Marine seaman), member of an ordnance unit, and T/5 Stanley Vidinghoff, of Rochester, N.Y. (former petroleum salesman), member of a station hospital, went over to the university library, and were shown around by

Showing the T/5s a collection of "I get a sense of what I've been the Bronte sisters' books, the librarian recalled taking an American across the Wuthering Heights moors-not far from Leeds-to show him where the Brontes had lived. The American, having American ideas about English weather, was wearing hip-length boots, the librarian said. "I don't blame him," Thomas said.

librarian showed the T/5s some rare service unit, they said. signed by Henry VIII and one by James I-which he said he'd never shown before, "See?" Thomas said. "You'd never show world until similar departments were these rare things unless we came

> The librarian opened some volumes of exceptional printing-Thucydides, Chaucer-and mentioned the close call that Leeds had when the Germans bombed nearby Sheffield, as he glanced at stacks of 800 volumes of the American Carnegie Institute collection.

> "We could lose the pretty-pretty volumes of fine print, but not the Carnegie Institute collection-those books are meat and drink to us," he

STUDENTS' UNION

1/Sgt. Frank M. Otey, of Bedford, Va. (former science teacher), a Negro soldier of an ordnance unit, took time out from talking with some Leeds University students. "A lot of happy-go-lucky all the time," he said. here that entertainment isn't all we're

As a Leeds student finished tea at precision gage worker); member of of a USAAF ordnance unit; Capt. sentative.

Coming to Leeds, these American and Canadian soldiers (top) found that a five-day course in natural science was a big "refresher" in the middle of army life. (Bottom) Leeds University students explaining their work to the soldiers.

anything like the vocabulary of these of an ordnance unit. 16-year-old students. It would floor an average American college gradu-

The course wasn't of special interest but was a help-to T/5 John W. Hawkins, of Indianapolis (former welder), member of an ordnance unit, or to T/Sgt. Robert H. Haase, of Philadelphia (former telephone boys turning out cloth ordered by the Down in a special vault, the switchman), member of a signal port British Ministry of Supply to make

> Everything helps," Haase said, "You can never get too much education," Hawkins declared. "You always come up against a block in your work.'

> A special interest in the course was taken by Capt. Reuben Roseman, of Baltimore (former chemist), member of a general hospital, because he saw in the program a list of noted Leeds chemists-"names I've read about"and he had a chance to talk with some

> of the chemists he'd read about. Two American soldiers who were planning extra-curricula visits in the university were T/3 Charles R. Shaw, of Baton Rouge, La. (former zoology student), member of a medical detachment, who said he was going to "contact some zoo people," and 2/Lt. Kenelm C. Winslow, of Baltimore (former mining engineering student), member of a weather squadron.

Other American soldiers taking the course were Pvt, Tullis M. Free, Dothan, Ala. (former textile worker), member of an evacuation hospital; Pvt. M. H. Levine, New York (former English people think Americans are soil chemist and conservationist), member of an engineers unit; Cpl. "But I've had a chance to tell some George E. Anderson, Merchantville, N.J. (former student), member of an Portland, Ore. (formerly accountant), member of a transportation, unit

an ordnance unit, was sitting, W. H. Lee, of Muskegon, Mich. Brummitt remarked, "I never heard (former chemical engineer), member

TEXTILE FIRM

At a textile firm that did a thriving pre-war luxury trade in men's suits with Abercrombie and Fitch in New York, and with Bond Street in London, the American and Canadian soldiers saw women, old men and suits for demobilized soldiers.

"Americans are very particular about blues," D. R. H. Williams, director of the firm, said, as he showed the soldiers some samples of luxury

He told how he helped devise some special cloth that had "a tre-mendous run" at Abercrombie and Fitch.

"You pretend you're a mug and know nothing about it-tell the loomer to fool around, and get something silly," he said. "It's all just by chance, like women weavers in the old days who looked out the windows and wove colors they happened to see into a fabric."

The woman operating a warping machine that was making cloth for demobilized soldiers said, "Not a bad cloth, not bad at all," to the mobilized soldiers

In the drying room, filled with steam heat, an RCAF soldier said, First time I've been warm in Eng-A worker, surveying the land." Americans and Canadians, gave a broad smile. "C gatherin'," he said. "Quite a family

The British Council, the U.S. and Canadian army educational services and Leeds University sponsored the ordnance unit; Sgt. D. Vincent Jr., five-day course. Similar courses in agriculture and the drama will be held for U.S. and Canadian servicemen, if the table where Cpl. W. M. Brum- Capt. D. M. Hutchinson, Columbia, this course is considered successful, mitt, of Kalamazoo, Mich. (former S.C. (former sales engineer), member according to a British Council repre-



target comes in the operations and intelligence officers get together with the lead pilot and begin working out details.



bigger forces, calls in the weather man for a conference on the all-important "met problems"



1.—The alert is called the evening before the mission. When the 2.—The Group CO, who often leads his unit or 3.—Intelligence officers hours before briefing choose their maps target comes in the operations and intelligence officers and intelligence officers and intelligence officers are the operations. and pictures. The whole picture—routes in and out of Germany, and the target itself—must be clear in every airman's mind.



7.—Before take-off the navigator rebriefs the pilot, co-pilot and bombardier. while the gunners install their weapons and the ground crewmen make a final check of the ship. No detail is overlooked.

VITH a vast number of heavy bombers— Fortresses and Liberators—now operating from England, and increasingly large forces planned for the future, every American attack against Germany is a major offensive, and each mission requires the strategic planning plus the plain hard work of a battle operation.

While the targets are selected and the planning executed in higher headquarters, details of the mission are worked out in individual combat groups, mostly by the men who are to fly and fight that day.

Surprisingly rapid and smooth-running channels function for every operation. Higher headquarters funnel out duties to the Bomber and Fighter commands, and the whole day of combat is cut up and divided among the lower echelons. Ultimately a combat group is told that it is to fly to a certain place, at a certain time, with its bombs aimed at a certain target.

This is the story of a combat operation by one of the participating bomb groups.



11.—Meanwhile, as time for the return approaches, groundmen gather to "sweat in" their comrades. The chaplain and a special group of medics are always on hand until the last plane is reported.

The Bombers

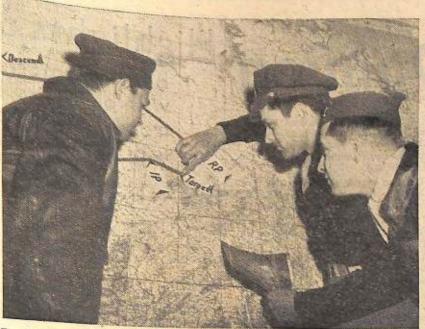


8.—Then comes take-off. The heavily laden bombers assume their place in the carefully stacked



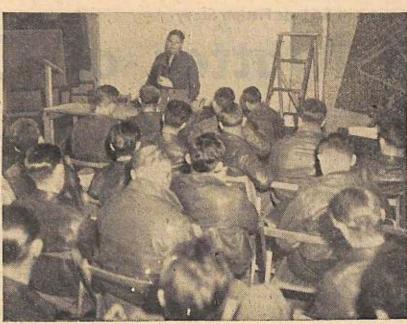
12.—On landing, the pilot signs his Form I, and after looking over the ship with the crew ch





ground crewmen have gone into big ships are gassed and bombed to check routes, points of bombing and after-bombing rally points and every flak position en route.

5.—The lead navigator and bombardier for the day are especially careful to check routes, points of bombing and after-bombing rally points and every flak position en route.





d head for the enemy coast.



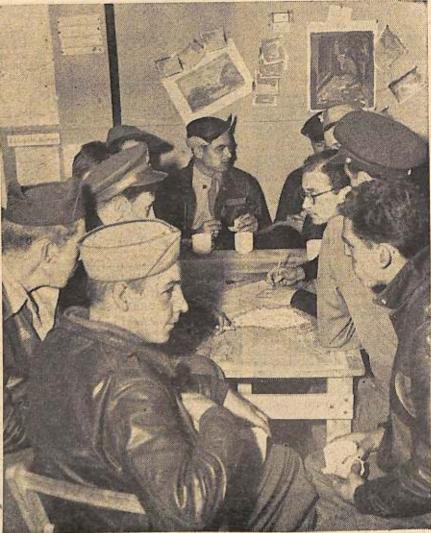
the bomb run. This photo is of the first stick of bombs falling away from the lead Fortress-precision bombing at its best.



on battle damage. Photos by Sgt. Duke Apodaca



13.—Immediately on coming from the line, combat crewmen report to the "Hot News" desk anything they might have seen that will require immediate action.



14.—A cup of hot coffee, a bite to eat, is followed by the Intelligence interrogation. Here the crew's summary of the mission is recorded and later evaluated from the operational and intelligence viewpoint.

A Stars and Stripes Fiction Story

A Matter of Opinion

By Lt. James F. Cooper

knows it is an airplane, and he is usually content to let the matter the first pilot. drop there. He may or he may not have an additional opinion.

Now. I have my own personal opinion about the crate, but this thought is not for publication at the present time, since these days you can't tell who it is you are talking to and some fellows are pretty sensitive about the matter. I will say, though, that the subject seems to carry quite a lot of pros and cons in discussions between gents who fly, especially between gents who fly the B26s and gents who fly the B25s, and the main theme of these conversations seems to center on whether the crate is easy or whether, as is sometimes said, it is a very hot baby indeed. I want it understood from the start that I am not taking sides with the B25 guys who usually hold their noses when they speak of the crate under discussion, nor the B26 pilots who love the job very dearly.

The B26, you know, is a two-engined structure with a single tail fin and about a million machine-guns and quite a few horses under the hoods, too. When it takes off most of the gents who fly it like to use all the runway that the government boys have put there to use anyway and sometimes some of them silently wish the engineers had dumped, say, a couple more buckets of concrete on the far end.

The story seems to be the same when they bring it in, with the possible excep-tion that they wish for maybe four or six more buckets as the case may be.

The Pilots Respect Her

And then sometimes when it comes in, the pilot gets to thinking about the gal at home or something and once in a while they take the crate off the runway in two, perhaps three, dump trucks.

So you can understand that the ship is highly respected by the pilots who have to bring it in, and they aren't just exactly willy-nilly about the whole procedure.

Well one day I am standing in the briefing shack talking with a bomber-pilot who is on his way back to the States, the lucky stiff, when in comes none other than Major Suss and asks me what I am doing to earn the good money the govern-ment is paying me. I am about to say that personally I think I am cheating the government out of their wages so why don't they fire me and send me back to Kansas, when I get an eleventh-hour control on the potato trap and remember that Majors are not quite accustomed to being talked to that way in the United States Army as yet. What I really say is, "Nothing at the moment Major Suss and what does the Major have on his

Evidently the Major's porridge must have been cold this morning for he seems to have plenty on his mind and lets me in on it, dwelling for some time on the advisability of all second lieutenants to speak to Majors in words of one syllable and that it isn't an established custom in the army to ask them what they have on their minds, and besides that, the floors look like a pigpen in this briefing shack.

He then deals for some more minutes with various and sundry other subjects— all bad—but I finally get the last words in, which in this case are, "Yes Sir."

They Call Me Navigator

After these pleasantries are tossed back and forth, he comes to the meaty part of his mission and informs me that since the army, though Heaven knows why, seen fit to call me a navigator, would I mind getting on ship number 4253 and navigating it to ---, since the regular navigator has a toothache and cannot fly and don't take all day getting out there.

This job is strictly a Ferry detail so I hurry and eagerly sharpen my pencil and put on the old fleece-lined jacket. However, when I walk out to the ship, I begin to feel an ache in my molars too, for I have at this time my own opinion of the B26 and that is just what this baby happens to be.

But the crew invites me aboard so pleasantly that I climb without hesitation up through the hatch and take my seat and ask the pilot can I take the noose from round my neck now, as it chokes a little.

The first pilot, a first lieutenant, snarls something through the throat mike that comes over the intercom, "Quabble schish momfith duthith," and then two minutes later comes running back to my desk and breathes in my face with the query, "Are you going to give me a heading to fly or are we going to sit on this naughty word runway all day?"

I hurriedly shake my head to the negative and hope that he takes it the right way, because if you aren't taken the right way by pilots who are impatient, the eardrims don't get a rest for the next two hours or so. This gent evidently decides to ignore me and rushes madly back up to the cockpit and feeds the horses all the hay the throttles can pitch.

I take the brain (called an E-6-B computer, one each, in the army Sears and Roebuck) and fish out a heading, scratch all we can see is tog so thick you can who looks like he eats smaller nails than

All goes well for the next two or three hours, and the radio man and I play some checkers and I don't have a worry in the world because the old calculations tell me we are right on track,

Pretty soon the co-pilot works his way back to the desk and sits down and we bat the fat around quite a lot about this we discuss them pro and con and give each other titbits from our vast experience with them, the talk swings around to B26s. I remark very friendly like that they are surely fine ships, and give as an example the one we are in, my basis for reasoning being that we are still in the air and not 20,000 leagues under the sea however far that is.

Not His True Love

And the co-pilot, who comes from Kentucky and is not from Harlan county, which in itself is a remarkable thing for a guy from Kentucky, tells me that they are the finest ships in the world in his opinion, but sadly enough this outlook is not shared by the pilot, who happens to be commissioned the class ahead of him, and is therefore an authority as far as this crew is concerned.

He then explains that this pilot used to fly the B25s which have two tail fins, a million machine-guns and a team of horses with plenty of hay, and that said pilot is transferred to the B26s and so, to tell the truth, is none too pleased with his new position. This change, moreover, is so much disapproved by him that he tells somebody what they can do with the ship, and since that time is mad at everyone in the world in general, especially the jerk who designs the plane in the first place. His vocabulary, the co-pilot says, is also expanded, though not quite along the lines some gent named Webster

Well, finally, a noise comes through the intercom that sounds like the Ford factory whistles at noontime, so the co-pilot hotfoots it back up to the cockpit. I, in turn, make a pillow by inflating my Mae West and catch a few winks, first cautionthe radio operator to awaken gently when he sees a certain island, as according to my calculations that will give me time to catch a cup of coffee and a sandwich before we land, if we do-which in my mind is still a bad bet for anybody's dough.

So what seems to be two minutes later, the RO gives me the nod, and I get up and pour the coffee. Then I look at the brain and a couple other instruments and decide that we will be over the field in 20 minutes, which is a great idea since the gas gauge indicates we have about

At the end of the 20 minutes we all crane

it on a sheet of paper and run back up to land on the top of it, which would be NY guy knows what a B26 is. He the cockpit and give it to the co-pilot, nice but for the fact they don't have elevators down to the runways on this particular field.

> The pilot has no other alternative then, so he starts making an instrument letdown through the stuff, at the same time making the statement that all weather men are of dubious ancestry.

Everything goes great for a while, but just as I am about to concede the fact that our chances are up to fifty-fifty of and that and women of course. And after making it, one of the engines takes a notion to go on furlough, which is suicide in the B26 as anyone with any sense will tell you. Besides that we can't see the wingtips for the fog, and the gas needle starts jumping like mad, indicating that the insides of the tanks are just barely wet.

I hastily scratch out a note leaving all my debts to my darling wife, when all of a sudden we break through the stuff and there is the field right under us, the only trouble being that we are going across the runways instead of with them, which is customary. Besides that the control tower looms only a few hundred feet in front of us, which is really nothing to worry about, because the other engine quits and we are goners for sure any-

But this pilot happens to be a dope that never gives up, and he somehow manages to stall the ship in and brake it to a stop. How he does it I do not know, as the visibility in the B26 is not so keen from under the navigation table.

A Dent to Explain

But he does it just the same, though I will have to admit that there is a funny dent in the side of the control tower that someone will have to explain.

We all climb out of the ship cheering and patting the pilot on the back and telling him what a sweet job he does. And he even manages to show some teeth, which is practically laughing his head off as far as he is concerned.

After the clamor has subsided the pilot walks over to me and tells me that he is sorry for hollering at me, and then walks away muttering something about the B26 being the best hunk of airplane in the sky.

That is about all there is to the story, and should convince everybody that the B26s are very remarkable ships. My opinion, as I have said before, is that of a detached onlooker ever since the night I met this first pilot about three months later. I am in a pub in London and he is there with about 30 other pilots, and I walk up to him and propose a toast to the B26, the best hunk of airplane in the

It is not until a couple of fellows 1 know pick my broken body up off the street outside the pub that I learn this first pilot is now on his way home after completing a tour flying over Italy in one of those B25s with the two tails.

Highlights of Army Talks

British-American cooperation will be at its best in invasion from the west, says an English military correspondent

tary operations will be seen at their best in the invasion of the European continent from the west, according to Capt. Cyril Falls, author, lecturer and Military Correspondent of "The Times" of London. Author of the current issue of Army Talks, "Two Nations-One Army," Capt. Falls notes in his article the unprecedented character of relations prevailing between the armed_forces of Britain and America. He points out the great advantages of such close cooperation, as well as certain difficulties attend-

A liaison officer between a French division and an Australian division during the latter part of World War I, Capt. Falls stresses the misunderstandings that arose through differences in military habits and methods of carrying out certain tasks, and the extent to which difference in languages contributed to these misunderstandings. The interpreter, he terruptor."

For nearly four years the Allied armies of World War I operated largely as separate organizations. Not until the final phase of the war was Marshal Foch made Allied Commander-in-Chief, and then only under the pressure of the greatest danger. This move is generally credited with having averted defeat, and made possible the concerted Allied counteroffensive which led to the armistice. Effective as the unified command in 1918 may have been, however, it did not approximate the combined operations of today as achieved by all arms of the British and American military forces.

Speaking of the development of this cooperation in "Two Nations—One Army," Capt. Falls says, "Though the military methods and machinery of the two countries differed in some ways, they spoke the same language, which made the possibility of linking together their fight-ing forces far easier. Yet I doubt if anyone realized at the start how close the link was to become. It was first forged in the MacArthur headquarters. made harder and closer still in that of General Eisenhower. It has since ap-peared in that of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten. On a higher scale it has long been functioning in Washington."

Combined operations are seen in their fullest effect in the almost daily coordinated assaults on the Continent by the RAF and USAAF. Convoy escort duty in the North Atlantic is shared by the navies of both countries in a smooth-running system that has mastered the U-boat. American troops have landed in North Africa, Sicily and Italy under the covering fire of British naval units. The Fifth Army in Italy is comprised of both

BRITISH-American combined mili- British and American troops under one tary operations will be seen at their

Capt. Falls believes that the armed forces of both countries have profited through their continued close contact and integrated operations. He mentions particularly British admiration of American artillery methods and engineering equipment on the one hand, and the valuable lessons in infantry tactics and training that the Americans have been able to learn from the British.

Capt. Falls urges cooperation and an effort toward mutual understanding on the part of the enlisted personnel of both military forces. Individual jealousies and unit rivalries can be a nuisance within one army, and they can be a serious detriment to relations within a combined military force.

"Tolerance and effort to understand the other fellow's point of view are pretty considerable virtues," he says, "useful in time of peace and even more so in time recalls, was commonly nicknamed "in- of war. It is worth the while of all of us 'to cultivate them.'

> Following are typical questions concerning British-American combined operations to which answers may be found in Army Talks:

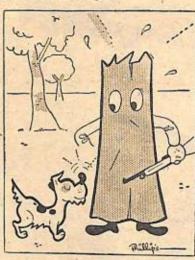
Q-Do the Germans have anything like Allied combined operations?

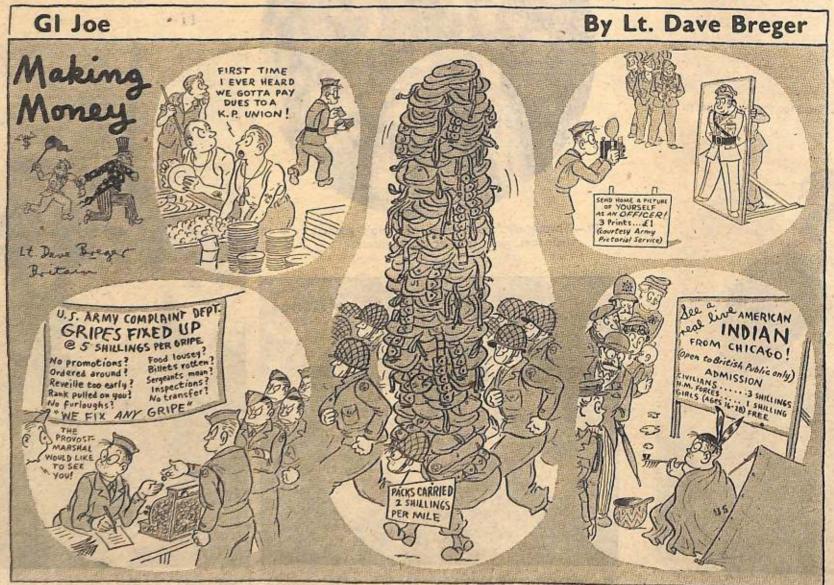
A-No. Rumanian, Bulgarian and other satellite forces are treated not as equal partners but are completely subordinated.

Q—Why are combined operations more readily possible between Britain and America at present than was possible among allies in other conflicts?

A—Because, aside from the common land.

language advantage, there is the very great advantage of both nations having the same outlook on war, and essentially the same objectives in peace.







NEW YORK, Jan. 25—In six bouts at Madison Square Garden in the past year, Beau Jack drew \$481,415. No wonder he doesn't particularly care whether the NBA recognizes him as lightweight title holder.

Sgt. Al LaCombe, who used to promote the New Orleans Turkey Bowl game, has issued a challenge to Sgt. Joe Louis and party now touring southern encampments. Al manages the Persian Gulf Command fight team that has bowled over all opponents and he wants the Louis gang to come over and take on his boys. Ralph Ivins, of Newark, N.J., is his heavyweight. He also has middleweight Hal Agusta, of St. Louis; welterweight Smokey Williams, of Hollister, Cal., and lightweight Woodrow 'Rock' Campbell, of Meridian, Miss.

Miss. * * * *

The Navy wrecked the services' most promising baseball team for the year when it transferred players from Bainbridge Naval Station. Among the moving men were Johnny Lucadello, Johnny Mize, Barney McCoskey, Bob Harris, Vern Olsen, Joe Grace and George Dickey, all major leaguers. . . . Ensign Joe Burk, who used to be national sculls rowing champ, is skipper of a PT boat in the South Pacific.

in the South Pacific.

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Tom Heeny, who fought Gene Tunney for the heavyweight title and lately sparred with Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom when Maxie was on his South Pacific tour, has been promoted to chief petty officer in New Caledonia. He serves as boxing instructor for the Navy base there. . . Bill Cowley, the Boston Bruins' veteran hockey center, recently set a new National League record for assists when he was credited with a pair in a game with Chicago. It brought his all-time total to 258, two better than Frankie Boucher of the Rangers who held the old mark.

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The longshot horse players have been having a field day for the last couple of months, but even they were surprised at the luck they had on a recent day at Fair Grounds and Tropical Park. On an eight-race card at New Orleans, seven winners paid over \$12, with one hitting \$51. On the same day, at Tropical, five of eight winners kicked back better than \$10. . . . Bob Dill, the new defense man that the Rangers got from Buffalo, aspires to be another Eddie Shore. He is off to a good start, leading his league in penalties every year since be got into prohockey.

The new Cleveland Boxing Commission head to succeed Tris Speaker was Stan Cofall. Cofall may be remembered as All-American fullback and captain at Notre Dame in 1906. . . . Iowa State College at Ames started a move to popularize the intramural athletic program by abolishing a rule that made physical education mandatory for male students. Officials said that forcing students to participate created dislike ing students to participate created dislike for physical sports.

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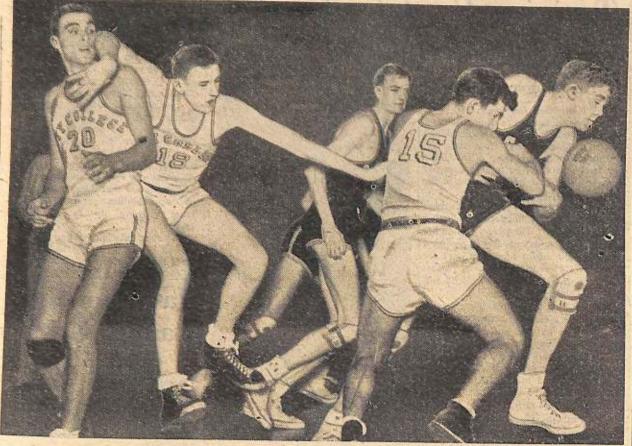
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Found
LIGHTER, "Zippo" and leather cigarette case,
left in London-Reading train by WAC. Has,
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A reunion dinner for men of the City College
of New York will be held at 6.30 PM.
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House Sq., London, E.C.4.
Congregational Chaplains
A conference of American Congregational chaplains, with leading Congregationalists, will
take place in London Feb. 8 and 9. For particulars, apply to Mrs. Frieda J. Demarest, American
Congregational Service Committee, 22 Memorial
Hall, Farringdon St., London, E.C.4.

Too Many Cooks Spoil the Pudding



It was a sure case of too many men in this play as CCNY men Ronnie Richard (20), Hal Koroyin (18) and Sid Trubowitz (15) get in each other's way, allowing Bob Kurland, of the Oklahoma Aggies (right), to break loose with the ball at Madison Square Garden. City won, however, 39—27.

Flier Pedal Pushers Compete Detroit Sextet In First ETO Bike 'Classic' ClipsBruins,6-3

AN EIGHTH BOMBER COMMAND STATION, Jan. 26—In a setting totally unreminiscent of the six-day cycle contests at Madison Square Garden, 13 pedal pushers raced around three and a half miles of perimeter track here in the first "ETO Classic" with Sgt. James A. Turner, of Chattanooga, Tenn., a combat radio operator with six Fortress missions, flashing home first to annex first prize, a bottle of Scotch.

The entries, riding everything from drab, high-wheeled GI bikes to sleek racers and geared de luxe models, spun around the field in an effort not only to win the coveted jug of highland dew but also to better the 11-minute mark set in time trials by 1/Lt. Walter E. Fieg, Special Service officer. Turner did the trick, coming in at 10:40.

All contestants got off to a good start.

All contestants got off to a good start. Lt. Fieg aborted with an unspecified mal-function which he later attributed to sabotage. Freezing weather and several-days of "liquid sunshine" resulted in a fast track, and there were several minor crackups on the turns, but no one was

Pressing Turner all the way, 2/Lt. Edmund Tiller, of Mayesville, S.C., squadron ordnance officer, was half a second behind the winner in a photo finish to claim the two-day pass put up by Lt. Col. Bert Arnold, group executive officer. Third-place prize winner, S/Sgt. Joseph M. Walsh, Fort gunner from Scranton, Pa., was presented with several cartons of cigarettes.

Tony Pavone Starred On Taunton Ring Card

TAUNTON, Jan. 26-One of the most elaborate boxing shows ever staged in the ETO outside London will be held here at the Territorial Drill Hall Saturday night with several favorites of Rainbow Corner in action.

Among the battlers who will participate in the 12-bout card are: Pyt. Tony

the 12-bout card are: Pavone, Lynn, Mas., 146, who has lost only two fights in two seasons of boxing at London; Pfc Lee Mills, 150-pound

Golden Glove champ from Kansas City;
Pvt. Henry Robertson, New York, 153,
and Pvt. Don Carlisle, Detroit, 136.
As added attraction two bouts have
been planned between members of the
British Territorials.

CAGE RESULTS

Baylor 42, Texas Aggies 39
Catholic University 49, Loyola (Md.) 29
Ft. Dix 58, Villanova 56
Ft. Warren 65, Denver 49
Hobart 54, Rochester 53
Lafayette 47, Rider 27
Mercer 54, Georgia 48
Mitchell Field 62, Sperry Gyroscope 26
Simpson 78, Upper Iowa 38
Smyrna Air Base 42, Tennessee Tech 37
Texas Fech 48, Lubbock AAF 46
Washington State 42, Oregon State 36

Williams Kayoed By Montgomery

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26—Former lightweight champion Bob Montgomery stopped the winning streak of Ike Williams at 33 straight here last night as he kayoed Williams in the final round of a 12-round bout with a right cross to the jaw which put the Trenton Negro out for four and one-half minutes.

No knockdowns were scored throughout the fight until the 12th, when Montgomery dumped Williams for eight with a right hook and again for nine with a left before the final right finished him.

Williams took a bad beating through most of the fight, but the crowd thought the could make it without going down. The United Press gave Williams the fifth round, called the first even and gave the rest to Montgomery.

Montgomery, at 137, enjoyed a five and one-half pound advantage and used it to bull Williams around the ring throughout.

Hockey League Standings

Wings Climb to Within One Point of Second Place in Loop

BOSTON, Jan. 26—The Detroit Red Wings moved up to within one point of the second-place Toronto Maple Leafs, last night as they scored their fifth straight National Hockey League victory and thwarted the Boston Bruins' attempt to gain third place by shellacking the Bruins, 6—3.

The Wings took the lead on Adam Brown's goal 52 seconds after the game started and Boston never caught up.

In the second frame the Wings clinched the game with four goals. Brown tallied again and Syd Howe banged one in less than a minute later. Joe Carveth and Carl Liscombe went in for the Wings before the period ended, leaving the Bruins behind, 5—0.

In the final stanza, Norm Calladine put the Bruins in the scoring column within two minutes. Ten minutes later Carveth racked up the Wings' final goal and thereafter Detroit coasted, Herb Cain scored one and Art Jackson netting the final counter for the Bruins. Cain assisted in the final goal and took over the top spot among the league scorers.

Hockey Leaders

Hockey League Standings

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Montreal 22 3 5 49 Boston 13 15 4 30
Toronto 16 15 2 34 Chicago 12 16 1 25
Detroit 14 11 5 33 New York 6 23 1 13

G APts. G APts. G APts.

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Cowley, B'ton 19 33 52 Bodnar, Tr'to 16 26 43
Lach, M'treal 13 32 45 C'veth, D'troit 16 27 43
M's'ko, Ch'go 21 33 44 J'ksan, Boston 20 22 45
Smith, Ch'go 13 28 41

Diamond Clubs Face 2nd Year Hank Armstrong Stops Of Training at Northern Sites

second straight year that the major league baseball clubs start for northern training camps. Some teams actually will finish training in their own parks.

With outdoor batting practice facilities limited, pitchers again are expected to have a good start on the batters in the early weeks of the season.

National League training camps are:
Boston—Wallingford, Conn.; Brooklyn
—Bear Mountain, N.Y.; Chicago—
French Lick, Ind.; Cincinnati—Bloomington, Ind.; Philadelphia—Wilmington,
Del.; Pittsburgh—Muncie, Ind.; St.
Louis—Cairo, Ill., and New York—Lakewood, N.J.

American League camps are: New by the Phillies.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26—This is the econd straight year that the major league baseball clubs start for northern training tamps. Some teams actually will finish training in their own parks.

With outdoor batting practice facilities

Nork—Atlantic City, N.J.; Boston—Medford, Mass.; Chicago—French Lick, Ind.; Cleveland—Lafayette, Ind.; Detroit—Evansville, Ind.; St. Louis—Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Philadelphia—Frederick, Md., and Washington—College Park, Md.

The only National League change was the Phillies' move to Wilmington from Hershey, Pa. The Phillies' new owner, Bob Carpenter, owns the Wilmington club in the Interstate League and has a fine stadium there.

The only changes in the American League were the Yankees moving to Atlantic City from Ashbury Park and the Athletics move to Frederick. The Athletics were forced from Wilmington

Breadon Paints Sorry Picture Of Card Hopes

Redbird Prexy Doubts He Can Scrape Together 19 Players

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 26—The most pessimistic statement from a major league executive so far was issued here yesterday when Cardinal President Sam Breadon said, "The way players are being taken by the draft, it seems questionable whether we will have enough to operate."

Breadon explained that he considered

Breadon explained that he considered 19 men the absolute minimum for a club during the season. Taking stock of available material, Breadon doubts he has 19

"The only players we can count on with any degree of certainty," Breadon said, "are the 4-Fs; and even they may be called for limited service. The situation as it affects our personnel is changing so rapidly that information we gather today is of little value tomorrow."

Schoendienst to Play Gap at Shortstop

NEW YORK, Jan. 26—Sam Breadon, president of the St. Louis Cardinals, who delivered himself of a few pessimistic words yesterday concerning the future of baseball, mentioned the draft and 4-Fs among other things. Sam won't have much to worry about if he can come up with rejectees to fill in for draftees the way he has this week.

When a team loses a shortstop like Martin Marion it's a pretty serious matter. But it becomes a little less serious when they have the most valuable player of the International League, with a nice 4-F draft tag on him, ready to fill in.

The young man who will most likely take over Marion's spot is Al Schoendienst, whose chief claim to fame two years ago was his ability as a mill worker. Since then Schoendienst has come through the Cardinal chain gang, stopping off only briefly in the lower leagues. He will be

the Cardinal chain gang, stopping off only briefly in the lower leagues. He will be at Cairo, Ill., when the Cardinals gather there in March and he aims to stay a while

Punch at Bat

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Punch at Bat

The Cardinal scouts were immediately attracted by the dash and spark of the lean, rangy, redheaded kid playing semi-pro baseball between tricks at the mill, and they signed him. The scouts were particularly impressed by the confidence with which he snared grounders. The punch in his bat clinched matters, despite the fact that he had only two years of high school ball behind him.

Schoendienst was sent to Union City, Tenn., in the Kitty League and lasted there six days. He hit 407 and was sent to Albany, in the Georgia-Florida circuit. After finishing the year in Albany he was marked down as a definite Cardinal prospect and sent to Portsmouth, Va., in the class B Piedmont League, where they couldn't get him out in his first eight games. After playing ten games and amassing a 400 average, the Cardinals bought the redhead another railroad ticket.

He got off at Rochester in the Inter-

ticket.

He got off at Rochester in the International League—quite a jump from the Piedmont, Schoendienst was entirely unimpressed by the surroundings in the top minors. In 136 games he hit 1337 and led the league in hits with 187. He slapped 21 doubles, five triples and six homers. He finished his first year as the loop's leading hitter and was voted the most valuable player. In addition he stole 20 bases.

Turiello in the Seventh

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 26-Former triple ring king Henry Armstrong kayoed Saverio Turiello in the seventh round of their scheduled tenrounder here last night before 10,000 spectators.

The little Los Angeles Negro discarded his old-time windmill style and stood up to slug it out with the New York Italian. Henry led throughout and in the seventh banged into Turiello with a right, flooring him for five and then bouncing him down for seven when he arose. Another knockdown for a nine-count preceded the payoff blow. Armstrong, at 144, spotted Turiello four pounds.

L'il Abner







Japsfrom Hills Near Madang

Junction With Americans From East Due; Air Victory Over Rabaul

ALLIED HQ, New Guinea, Jan. 26— Australian veterans today were nearing the coastal valley leading to Madang, Jap stronghold in northeastern New Guinea, after clearing Jap positions in the moun-tain ridges overlooking the area. Heavy equipment was being hauled for-

Heavy equipment was being hauled forward last night in preparation for the big push along the coast. U.S. troops, meanwhile, were pushing toward the Aussias from Saidor, and a junction of the two forces was expected hourly tonight.

The final assault on Madang, according to United Press, probably would not take place until these forces had met. In another great assault on Rabaul, Solomon-based torpedo and dive bombers with fighter escort executed a surprise attack on Lakunai airdrome shortly after

attack on Lakunai airdrome shortly after dawn yesterday and shot down 32 Jap fighters while they inflicted heavy bomb damage on the target. Five U.S. fighters

A few hours later, fighters returned to the battered New Britain base and shot down an additional 14 planes. No U.S.

planes were lost.

On New Britain and in the Solomons land fighting was restricted to patrol acti-

MacArthur Gets DSM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)—Pre-sident Roosevelt has awarded the Dis-tinguished Service Medal to Gen, Douglas MacArthur for his successes in New Guinea and New Britain, on the occasion of the veteran general's birthday today.

Soldier Vote -

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to hold its primary, print its ballots and send them out for vote. Mr. Roosevelt emphasized that the inclusion of other groups of voters who

were engaged abroad in various kinds of war work would be desirable.

"But as to members of our armed forces and merchant marine I deem legislation imperative," he said.
"Our millions of fighting men have not any lobby or pressure group over at Capitol Hill to see that justice is done for them."

Mentioning his own status as com-mander-in-chief of U.S. armed forces, he

"As their Commander-in-Chief, I am sure I can express their wishes in this matter and their resentment against dis-crimination being practised against them. "The people of America cannot believe that Congress will permit those fighting

fact Congress will permit those ingiting for political freedom to be deprived of their voice in choosing personnel for their own federal government."

Mr. Roosevelt advocated legislation permitting delivery by air of blank ballot forms throughout the world well ahead of election time.

"The recent bill proposed by Senters."

"The recent bills proposed by Senators Green and Lucas and by Representative Worley seem to me to do this job. They

set up proper and efficient machinery for absentee balloting."

The President also called for a roll-call vote on the disposition of the soldier vote in Congress. He said he knew he had nothing to do with the making or en-forcing of Congressional rules but he thought there were times "when the Presi-dent can speak as an interested citizen."

Russia- - - -

several points and others were fighting in the Chudovo suburbs.

A hundred miles southeast of Leningrad, in the Lake Ilmen sector, Red ski troops pushed within ten miles of Shimsk, at the Lake's westernmost edge, in a vast outflanking movement behind the Ger-man fortress of Staraya Russa.

Red Star, the Russian Army newspaper, said the roads along which the Soviet forces were advancing west of Novgorod were strewn with thousands of enemy dead and masses of enemy equipment abandoned as the Nazis fled in disorder.

AFN Radio Program

Friday, Jan. 28

1100-GI Jive, 1115-Personal Album. 115—Personal Album. 150—Bandwagon. 200—Ivy Beason (BBC).

1230 - Curtain Call. 1235 - Quiet Moment. 1300 - World News (BBC). 1310 - Barracks Bag. 1400 - Visting Hour. 1400 - Sign off until 1745 hours.

1745—Spotlight Hand and Program Resume,
1800—World News (BBC),
1810—G1 Supper Club,
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports,
1905—Connedy Caravan,
1930—Designed in Britain,
2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of
news from the U.S.A.,
2010—Fred Waring Program,
2025—This is the Army—Little known facts hout
your Armed Forces,
2030—Tubilee.
2100—World News (BBC),
21100—World News (BBC),
2110—Thear a Rhapsody—with Norman Clouter,
2120—Charlie McCarthy Show—with Edgar
Bergen, Dale Evans and Ray Noble's
Orchestra.

2145 Roundup Time-Western Music.

2155-Suspense. 2225-Final Edition. 2239-Stan of until 1100 hours Saturday, Jan. 29

Aussies Clear Chutists, Glider Troops Here Training Hard for Invasion

Airborne Forces, Able to Make 50-Mile Marches, No Longer Secret

(Continued from page 1) shock troops, landing well inland and effecting junction between various Allied troops making landings from the sea. From that action, and from others, there are stories that will be told to compare with anything that has happened in the history of war.

Gliders can carry guns of high caliber, jeeps, baby bulldozers and other heavy equipment. The gliders now in use weigh 3,750 pounds and carry 15 equipped men, or their weight equivalent, and are towed by C47 and C53 transport planes.

Paratroops land heavily-loaded and quipment 'chutes land material.

Men for both these arms of the service are volunteers, and any man not making the grade in training just isn't an airborne troop any longer. Paratroops, whose high boots and parachute wings are now familiar in the ETO, receive an additional \$50 a month for EMs and \$100 for officers.

The paratroops earn it.

50-Mile Forced March

To qualify they undergo a full commando toughening-up course, and then have to make five jumps before they rate as jumpers. At the end of their course they have to make a forced march of at least 50 miles. But that is only the start of their training.

The real training starts when the men leave school," says the commandant of the school here. "This is only equipping them to enjoy a fast method of transport. When they make a combat jump, their problems start after they have landed."

This reporter wishes to testify that the training is rugged. This afternoon the four and a half hours toughening up process started with 75 toe-touching calisthenics and the same number of full knee bends, with variations.

And that, likewise, was only the start.



White parachutes blossom above dangling black shapes which are American paratroops as the skyborne infantry bails out of a C47 carrier.

Red Cross Clubs Here to Hold FDR's Birthday Celebrations

Red Cross clubs at several points in I the ETO will join in the President's annual birthday ball celebrations on Sunday. In London special parties will be held at the Milestone and Mostyn clubs.

An open house from 3-5.30 PM is scheduled at the Mostyn, while the Milestone will hold a dance at 7 PM.

John Mason Brown, American theatrical critic and lecturer, will preside over the weekly round-table discussion at Rainbow Corner tonight at 7.30. Service men and women from southern New Jersey will hold a reunion at the Mostyn tonight Next Wednesday will be Metropolitan Chicago night.

Programs for non-London clubs appear in the Monday paper. Those of the London clubs follow:

Milestone
Thursday—German class, 8 PM; pop concert,
9 PM Friday—Dancing class, 7 PM; dance, 8
PM. Saturday—Horseback riding, 11 AM; President's birthday ball, 7 PM. Sunday—Open
bouse; 7 PM, Monday—Movies, 8:30 PM,
Tuesday—Theater party, 5:30 PM; games night,
8 PM, Wednesday—Dancing class, 7 PM; dance,,
8 PM.

Mostyn

Thursday—Baskietabl practice, 7 PM; South
Jersey reunion dinner, 7.15 PM; square dance, 8
PM. Friday—Camera group, 7 PM; Spanish
circle, 7.15 PM; Huntsville, Tex., AAS Class 7
reanion dinner, 7.15 PM; 'quiz me,' 9.30 PM.
Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—'Open house,'
3 PM; syraphonic recordines, 8.30 PM. Monday—Roller skating party, 6 PM; Iowa reunion
dinner, 7.15 PM; international forum, 8.15 PM,
Tuesday—Movies, 6.15 and 8.15 PM; baskethali
practice, 7 PM; cercle francais, 7.15 PM, Wednesday—Dancing lessons, 6 PM; Metropolitan
Chicugo reunion dinner, 7.15 PM; glee club, 8
PM.

Rainbow Corner

Thursday—American Easle broadcast to U.S.,
3 PM.; Rainbow roundtable, 7.30 PM. Frday—
Judy at plano, 4.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Saturday—Movies, 2.30 and 6.30 PM; open house,
3 PM. Sunday—Jam session, 3 PM; coffee and
cake concert, 4 PM; dance, 7.30 PM, Monday—
Judy at plano, 3 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Tuesday—
dam session, 3 PM; busing, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Judy at plano, 3 PM; Engrest's dinner,
7 PM; variety show, 8 PM, Daily except Wednesdays—Portraits by Harold, 4 PM.

Tuesday-Movies, 3 PM.

Washington
Thursday—Archery, 2.30 PM; German class, PM; variety show 8.30 PM; Friday—Artist, 30 PM; shorthand dictation, 7 PM; movies, War Loan drive \$17,000.

8.30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8.15 PM. Sunday—Albert Hall concert, 1.30 PM; tea dance, 3.30 PM; movies, 9 PM. Monday—Sceretarial service, 10 AM; archery, 2.30 PM; French class, 7 PM; shorthand dictation, 7 PM; Spanish class, 9 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 4 PM; recorded concert, 7 PM; dance, 8.15 PM; Wednesday—Artist, 2.30 PM; Italian class, 7 PM; guiz the British, 7 PM; chess instruction, 8.30 PM.

Victory

Thursday—Secretarial service, 7 PM; bridge club, 7.30 PM; Barney Stockley at piano, 9 PM. Friday—Good neighbor discussion, 8 PM. Saurday—Victory Varieties, 8 PM. Sunday—Tea dance, 3 PM; movies, 8 PM. Tuesday—Visi of Polish artists, 8.30 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8.30 PM.

Columbia
Thursday—Dramatic classes, 6.30 PM; dancing lessons, 8.30 PM. Friday—Table tennis tournament, 2.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Saturday—Tour of wax works, 11 AM; dance, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Table tennis tournament, 2.30 PM; January birthday ball, 7.30 PM. Monday—Tolumbia players, 8 PM. Tuesday—Table tennis tournament, 2.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Movies, 7 PM.

Hans Crescent
Thursday—Dance, 7,30 PM, Friday—Variety, 8,30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 7,30 PM; variety, 10,45 PM. Sunday—Golf tournament, 9 AM; tour of Petticoat Lanc, 10 AM; tea dance, 3 PM; table tennis tournament, 7 PM. Monday—Table tennis tournament, 6,30 PM; movies, 9 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 7,45 PM; table tennis tournament, 9 PM. Wednesday—Table tennis match, 8 PM.

Thursday—Dance, 7.30 PM, Saturday—Tea dance, 3 PM, Sunday—Musical tea, 4.30 PM; supper dance and show, 6 PM. Tuesday—Gl furlough dance, 7.30 PM, Wednesday—Theater party, 8 PM.

Reindeer (Officers)
Thursday—French class, 8 PM. Friday—
Movies, 8.30 PM. Monday—Bridge, 8 PM. Tues
day—Kay Laing at plano, 8 PM. Wednesday—
Bridge lecture, 8 PM.

Women's Officers Club Thursday—Buffet dance and caberet, 7,15 PM. Sunday—Buffet dance and sing song, 7 PM. Tuesday—Movies, 7,30 PM.

Women's Service Club
Thursday—Informal entertainment, 8.30 PM,
Saturday—Informal entertainment, 8.30 PM, Tuesday—Informal entertainment, 8.30 PM,

High-Price Hose HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 26 (AP)-The

auction of two pairs of nylon stockings at a war bond rally netted the Fourth

Mass Shootings Laid to Enemy

home.

normal sex life."

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man, daughter of the U.S. ambassador
to Russia, who was formerly a reporter
in London, and John Melby, third secretary of the U.S. Embassy, who accompanied the correspondents at the Ambassador's request. The conclusions already reached by the

Vienna Expert (?) Says

Yanks Are Poor Lovers

MONTEREY, Cal., Jan. 26-American husbands make bad lovers,

in the opinion of Dr. Rudolph von

Urban, 64-year-old Viennese "sexolo-

of practicing medicine without a

license, Von Urban testified that all

he was trying to do was "teach a

"I have studied all over the world,"

he said, "and found that marital life in

America was very much endangered.

The sex taboo that dominates here in

so many families prevents children

from growing up in a normal

and wife is disturbed because the hus-

band is not an expert in love.'

"The sex relation beween husband

Defending himself against a charge

special Soviet atrocities commission are: 1—It is established that in August and September, 1941, the Germans killed Polish prisoners of war on the goat hills (in the Katin forest).

2—Feeling their position insecure the Germans hastened to cover up their crime. For this purpose they opened the grave, tried to find witnesses, bodies from other graves and mounted the provocation.

Correspondents were shown documents

taken from the Polish bodies dated as late as June 20, 1941, which would make the German explanation of the mystery impossible and heard evidence confirming the Soviet version.

The scene of the crime was a sparse cluster of pine trees on the sandy goat hills above the upper Dnieper just off the Smolensk-Vitebsk highway, ten miles west of Smolensk, where seven open graves exposed indisputable evidence of the thousands of Poles killed. More than 700 hedge clearly appearance of the source of the thousands of Poles killed. 700 bodies already have been removed from the tombs.

Italy----(Continued from page 1)

ward from their bridgehead against "in-creasing resistance," dispatches from the front indicated that the battle for Rome

might soon begin in earnest. Fighting in the Aprilia area, 12 miles north of Anzio, and further east at Lit-toria, was reported by Vichy radio. British and American troops, sweeping

across the Mussolini Canal which parallels the Appian Way, have captured two im-portant road junctions, Algiers radio said. An Associated Press dispatch said that American infantry, supported by tanks,

had to blast German machine-gunners from farmhouses along the canal. Reports that German paratroops were being dropped at night to reinforce the German lines were taken as a sign that the Allied air forces had so disrupted

enemy communications that Kesselring could not transport troops by rail or

Concentrating on communication tar-gets in central Italy, the Allied air forces attacked enemy supply routes between the main Fifth Army front and the new beachhead and the rail line between Florence and Rome which the Germans must use to reinforce their garrisons 'Rocket Gun' Targets Get Rest

Nazi military targets in the Pas De Calais area on the northern French coast,

which have been bombed on 20 days this month, were given a respite yesterday as overcast weather closed down on the Straits of Dover. During the preceding night Mosquito bombers attacked objectives in western Germany and hit unspecified targets-possibly the rocket gun em-placements-in northern France. One plane was reported missing.

Colgate-Syracuse Reunion A reunion dinner for men of Colgate

and Syracuse Universities will be held at the No. 3 Grosvenor Sq. Club, London, Saturday at 6.30 -PM. Reservations should be sent to The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, Printing House Sq., London, EC4.

NEWS FROM HOME

Main Problems Of Mass Output Solved-Nelson

Production of Munitions At High Gear; Navy Goals to Go Up

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, declaring that all major problems of mass production had been solved in 1943, indicated last night that the nation's war output had reached the scale necessary

Amplifying his statement that muni-tions output had reached "high gear" and now was settled down for "the final pull," Nelson revealed that December produc-tion was approximately the same as November's, adding that no over-all in-crease was planned for 1944.

However, naval production goals for 1944, Nelson announced, would be 50 per cent higher than in 1943, a year in which were launched two 45,000-ton battleships, 11 cruisers, 15 aircraft-carriers, 50 carrier escorts, 128 destroyers, 306 destroyer escorts and 56 submarines.

Aircraft production, too, would be expanded this year, Nelson asserted. Including spares and parts, a 65 per cent tonnage increase was planned over 1943,

Output of landing craft for invasion, the production chief disclosed, would rise 175 per cent over the 1943 totals.

The settling down process, Nelson said, was reflected in a production decline in four of six major categories in December. Only the production of aircraft and communication and electronics equipment rose, he said. Aircraft output in Decem-ber amounted to 8,802 planes.

Urges Passage of Service Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)— Urging the adoption of National Service legislation, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson last night revealed in a broadcast that last week alone 22 strikes in war plants had resulted in the loss of approximately 135,000 days of manpower production.

Adding that merely penalizing the strikers only would be treating one symptom of a "grave underlying lack of responsibility," Stimson said: "The purpose of a National Service law is to reach the base only of irresponsibility and to this basic evil of irresponsibility and to extend the principles of democracy and justice which should exist throughout the population. Certainly a nation has no less right to require a man to make weapons than it has to require another to fight with those weapons."

Virus Discovery Hailed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—Among the outstanding medical achievements of 1943 was the discovery of the virus of a new human disease of the typical pneumonia group, Surgeon General Thomas Parran said in his annual report.

Minnesota Drought Ends

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 26-The 72day winter drought in the twin cities and day winter drought in the twin cities and in central Minnesota has been ended by a light rain. Although a record drought for the vicinity, agriculturists said there was no danger of damage to crops.

House OKs Relief Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)—The House passed and sent to the Senate yesterday a bill authorizing the expenditure of up to \$1,350,000,000 for the relief of war-distressed peoples. The action came after the Democratic leaders had defeated by a vote of 217 to 175 a Republican attempt to put the control of relief funds in the hands of the secretary of state instead of the President. instead of the President.

New U.S. Rocket Gun Used in SW Pacific

ALLIED HQ, New Guinea, Jan. 26 (Reuter) - Rapid-fire rocket guns, newest American weapon, were used in invasion landings at Arawe and Cape Gloucester, New Britain, and at Saidor, New Guinea, an Allied spokesman disclosed today.

He said the guns were fired from infantry landing craft, amphibious-"ducks" and submarine chasers. When the rockets exploded, they seemed to disintegrate everything within 50 yards' radius.

By Milton Caniff

Terry and the Pirates





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THANK YOU, CAPTAIN ...



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