





# Cassino Deadlock Blame Laid To Over-optimism, Bad Weather

## Effects of Record Bombing Overestimated, Germans Surviving in Underground Havens; Assault On Monastery Hill Thwarted by Rain

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ALLIED HQ, Italy, Mar. 25 (delayed)—A combination of over-optimism and unfavorable weather at a crucial moment is probably to blame for the deterioration in the Allied assault on Cassino which, ten days after a most favorable start, is almost at a standstill.

A third reason for the deadlock is the fanatical, stubborn resistance put up by some of Kesselring's picked troops—the First Paratroop Division.

These men not only continued to hang on when the outlook appeared black for them, but, with the help of Panzer Grenadier reinforcements, succeeded in infiltrating into areas already cleared after the initial bombing of Cassino. They stabilized the situation on the western edge of the town to present a new close-knit defense system supported by interlocking fields of mortar and machine-gun fire, tanks and snipers.

This is a barrier virtually as impenetrable as before the assault was launched on Mar. 15.

Fifth Army over-optimism at the beginning doubtless was based on too high an estimate of the effects of the mighty bombing and artillery attack on the opening day.

Subsequent events have proved the Germans were able to take shelter effectively deep under ground. Their casualties from bombing and artillery fire were far lower in proportion than the destruction caused to the town itself.

### Out of the Ground

Material destruction could be measured by the eye and by photographs—but until the Germans started popping up from cellars, tunnels and caves it was not possible to evaluate the effectiveness of what the air force had been able to accomplish in unloading over 1,400 tons of bombs on an area of less than one square mile.

The tough, well-conditioned paratroopers were able to take it. Some taken prisoner later showed no appreciable after-effects as a result of their record battering by explosives. They were not nervous or shocked, and showed no signs of having used drugs.

Holding up the Allied infantry assault for several hours while a mighty artillery bombardment played upon the town, instead of smothering Cassino immediately under advancing waves of massed infantry, may have given the Germans a chance to recover from whatever shock effects were felt during the bombings.

### Weather Favors Foe

The weather intervened on the side of the Germans on the night of Mar. 15-16, when Fifth Army men obtained a good foothold two-thirds of the way up Monastery Hill. A heavy rainstorm coated the hillside with slippery mud, making the climb up the steep slopes extremely difficult. Given a fair, dry night, the Cassino battle might have been won in those first hours.

When the Germans succeeded in infiltrating three or four companies of Panzer Grenadiers to re-establish and strengthen their strongpoints, they already had virtually re-established Cassino's defense.

Allied spearhead troops on the monastery hillside were isolated by this infiltration, and for the last five days have been supplied only by air.

## Winant and Bevin Speak At Seamen's Club Opening

CARDIFF, Wales, Mar. 26—Ambassador John G. Winant, in a radio address to America at the opening of the Allied Seamen's club here yesterday, said that seamen know that the well-being of their trade depends on peace and international collaboration, and Ernest Bevin, British Minister of Labor, added that the war "has taught us how much our prosperity and happiness in peace time depends upon our merchant navy."

The club, made possible by a contribution of \$50,000 from CIO and AFL members through the British War Relief Society, is set up for Allied seamen ashore.

### AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial  
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.  
218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- Monday, Mar. 27
- 1100—News Headlines—Personal Album with Connie Haines.
  - 1115—Hello Swingtime (BBC).
  - 1150—French Lesson.
  - 1200—World News (BBC).
  - 1205—Barracks Bag.
  - 1300—World News (BBC).
  - 1310—BBC Scottish Orchestra.
  - 1330—Kate Smith (Return Engagement).
  - 1400—Visiting Hour.
  - 1430—Sound Off.
  - 1445—War Commentary.
  - 1459—News Headlines.
  - 1500—Music While You Work.
  - 1530—Off The Record.
  - 1630—BBC Midland Light Orchestra.
  - 1655—Quiet Moment.
  - 1700—Family Hour and Program Resume.
  - 1730—Dance Orchestra of No. 1 Ballroom Centre.
  - 1800—World News (BBC).
  - 1815—GI Supper Club.
  - 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
  - 1905—Red Skelton—with Harriet Hilliard and Ozzie Nelson's Orchestra.
  - 1930—Command Performance.
  - 2000—News from Home.
  - 2010—Fred Waring's Program.
  - 2025—Leave and Learn.
  - 2030—Contented Hour.
  - 2100—World News (BBC).
  - 2115—Front Line Theatre.
  - 2145—Melody Roundup.
  - 2200—Village Store—with Joan Davis and Jack Haley.
  - 2225—One Night Stand with Les Brown.
  - 2255—Final Edition.
  - 2300—Sign Off until 1100 hours, Tuesday, Mar. 28.

## New Patch for Men of Invasion HQ



ATS Sgt. Lucia Lawson sews the new shoulder insignia on to the uniform of Sgt. Clarence B. Taylor, of Howe, Ind. Both work at SHAEF HQ and are entitled to wear the patch.

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, has issued its new shoulder sleeve insignia. This colorful identifying emblem will be worn on the left sleeve by all officers and enlisted personnel attached to Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters, including both American and Allied personnel.

The shield-shaped cloth patch with a black background, representing the dark-

ness of Nazi oppression, bears the Crusader's sword of liberation with the red flames of avenging justice leaping from its hilt. Above the sword is a rainbow, emblematic of hope, containing all the colors of which Allied flags are composed. The heraldic field of blue above the rainbow is emblematic of peace and tranquility for the enslaved people of Europe—the objective of the United Nations.

## 2 Fort Groups and B26 Unit Attain the 100-Mission Mark

Last week's assaults on German targets rounded out 100 missions over Europe for the Fortress groups commanded by Col. James L. Travis, of Portland, Ore., and Col. Chester P. Gilger, of Darrrouzett, Tex. At the same time, the B26 group commanded by Col. Wilson R. Wood, of Chico, Tex., became the first Marauder group to complete 100 missions.

Now operating under the Ninth Air Force, the Marauder group made its first attack July 16, 1943, under the leadership of Col. Herbert B. Thatcher, of Chevy Chase, Md., who since has gone to a higher command.

Its mark of 100 raids was made in 251 days, indicating that the group was out practically every time there was good bombing weather. It has dropped nearly 5,000 tons of bombs on a wide variety of targets in France, Belgium and Holland.

Col. Gilger's group, formerly lead by Col. John K. Gerhart, of Chicago, and Col. Alfred A. Kessler Jr., of Sacramento, Cal., hit the 100 mark with last Wednesday's Berlin raid. The group started operations in the Spring of 1943. Its original commander, Col. Kessler, is now leader of a Fort combat wing. Col. Gerhart is assistant chief of staff in charge of operations at a heavy-bomber air-division headquarters.

Col. Travis' group arrived in the ETO last April. At that time it was headed by Col. Archie J. Old Jr., now executive officer of a combat wing. The group led the Feb. 25 raid on Regensburg.

## Girl Offers an Eye To Save Sight of Flying Fort Hero

A California girl has offered one of her eyes to T/Sgt. Forrest Vosler, of Livonia, N.Y., a Fortress hero wounded by shell fragments who wanted to be thrown out of the plane to lighten its load, the United Press reported. The girl, wife of a U.S. sailor, read of Vosler's bravery Feb. 15 and made her offer in a letter to the press association's London bureau.

Vosler is now in the U.S. or on his way. Flight surgeons who originally had little hope for his eyesight said his right eye seemed to "be coming along pretty well" but that the left eye was not showing much improvement. They explained there was a good chance that it would not be necessary for the girl to give up her eye, even if Vosler consented to accept it.

Vosler's squadron flight surgeon, Capt. Harold Broady, of Lowell, Mass., said there were previous instances of corneal transplantations and that it might be possible to remove the outer covering of one person's eye and give it to another person.

## 2nd War Bond Drive Due For Navy ETO HQ Men

The second War Bond drive for officers and men attached to U.S. Naval Forces in ETO headquarters will open today and continue for a week, Adm. Harold R. Stark has announced.

## Unarmed Hops Win ATC Pilot Double Award

### He Gets DFC, Air Medal For Flying Transports In Burma Theater

Capt. Olen E. Cupp, now a pilot for the European Wing of Air Transport Command, has been awarded the DFC and the Air Medal for flying 76 missions in unarmed transport planes over combat zones in India, Burma and China.

Cupp was presented the awards—the first made to any member of the European Wing—by Brig. Gen. Paul E. Burrows, wing commander, in a ceremony at headquarters in England.

He received the DFC for "participating in more than 50 operational flights in unarmed, heavily overloaded transport planes through the combat zones of Upper Assam, Burma and southwest China, where enemy attack was probable and expected."

His citation for the Air Medal described other missions "for the purpose of maintaining our commitments to the Republic of China and for delivering vital war supplies to active combat fields."

## 'Shepherd' Wins DSC

For extraordinary heroism in shepherding two fellow Lightning pilots and a Fortress back to England through swarms of Nazi fighters, Capt. Joseph Myers, of Canton, Ohio, has been awarded the DSC.

On a Bremen raid, Myers, an Eighth Air Force pilot, damaged a Ju88 as it was attacking a Fortress and then shot down an Me109 just after the German craft had disabled a P38 piloted by Lt. Gerald Brown, of Phoenix, Ariz.

While protecting Brown's plane on the way back to England, Myers came across Lt. Peter Dempsey, of South Tacoma, Wash., whose ship was limping along with only one engine. Refusing to leave the crippled planes, Myers drove off continuous attacks by more than a dozen German fighters. Later, soon after he crossed the German border, Myers drove off three or four enemy planes attacking a crippled Fort.

## Col. Duncan Honored

Col. Glenn E. Duncan, of Houston, Tex., 25-year-old commander of an Eighth Air Force P47 group, has been awarded the DSC for twice dispersing large numbers of enemy aircraft which attacked U.S. bombers last Nov. 11.

Separated from his group as a result of leading a squadron against a large number of German planes, Duncan, then a major, attacked enemy aircraft, destroying one and dispersing the remainder, "though at an unfavorable altitude and in the face of overwhelming odds," the citation said.

While proceeding to his home base he observed four enemy planes attacking a struggling Fortress. "Although his gas supply was dangerously low, he engaged the enemy and dispersed them, thereby saving the Fortress and its crew."

## Medals for Navy Fliers

Two U.S. Navy pilots of a Liberator bomber operating with Coastal Command have been decorated by Adm. Harold R. Stark, commander of the U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, for their part in the combined attack on 11 German destroyers in the Bay of Biscay Dec. 28.

Lt. Stuart D. Johnston, of Upper Darby, Pa., pilot of the plane which made the first contact with the Nazi ships, was awarded the Navy Cross, second highest Navy decoration. His co-pilot, Lt. (jg) Raymond W. Stone, received the DFC.

The swift action of Johnston and Stone in reporting the position of the Nazi destroyers and their expert airmanship in keeping contact with the enemy for six hours with other aircraft resulted in the sinking of three of the vessels and the damaging of four by the British cruisers Glasgow and Enterprise.

## Zemke Gets DSC

Col. Hubert Zemke, of Missoula, Mont., 29-year-old commanding officer of the highest-scoring fighter group in the ETO, has been awarded the DSC for gallantry "beyond the call of duty" in missions Feb. 11 and Mar. 6. Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, USSTAF chief, made the presentation.

Zemke's February exploit was the strafing of an airfield. Destroying one plane and damaging two others, he spread havoc among ground personnel by blasting two hangars and destroying buildings in the dispersal area. On the second mission to Berlin, when the Eighth Fighter Command set a record of 73 enemy planes destroyed, Zemke brought down three and probably a fourth.

Zemke previously had been awarded the Silver Star, DFC with three oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with three clusters, and British DFC.

## Mahurin Becomes a Major

Promotion of Walker M. Mahurin, of Fort Wayne, Ind., Thunderbolt fighter pilot and second highest scoring American ace in the ETO, from captain to major has been announced. Maj. Mahurin also has become a fighter group operations officer, but is still eligible for combat flying.

## Old World and New Salute the Soldier



U.S. soldiers and members of the Honorable Artillery Company, clad in the uniform of the City of London's old-time pikemen, join in a tribute to the British soldier. The Salute the Soldier drive this week is designed to raise £165,000,000 for Britain's National Savings Campaign.





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The Hungarian Prisoner

The occupation of Hungary by the Nazis means that Hitler has transferred his main base for the defense of South-east Europe to the threshold of Germany.

The cause and reason for this step is the victorious and rapid advance of the Red Army into Southern Poland, in Bessarabia and in the Ukraine.

Occupation of Hungary therefore was a defensive measure, taken to prevent the collapse of the southern sector of the eastern front, which has been lengthened considerably.

For the successful defense of the Carpathians, the control of the communication lines to that chain of mountains is absolutely essential.

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Gusville

You won't find Gusville listed in your atlas, but for the moment this busy "township" is as deserving of a place on the map as Detroit, Rome or Proskurov.

Although it lacks some of the civic institutions customarily associated with a thriving community, Gusville can make a strong bid for recognition as a "model" town.

Daffynition. A fox is a wolf who sends flowers but a weasel is a fox that steals other wolves' chickens.

Every night the Black Devils of Gusville, American and Canadian troops, steal quietly out of town, move over deep into enemy lines to kill or capture Germans.

And these night raiders, proud of their front line shanty town, are not lacking in civic enterprise. They issue their own newspaper, the Gusville Herald-Tribune, so that the troops in town can follow the war outside the bridgehead.

To us these facts all add up to make Gusville an important place. It is another spot where it is being proved that the men of the Allied nations can be fused into a deadly fighting machine.

Gusville's existence as a community will be short-lived, but she needs no chamber of commerce. Her reputation is being assured by the deeds of her citizens.

Hash Marks

A Yank, new to the ETO, offered to walk an English girl home from a dance. As usual, she said home was "only a short bit down the lane," but the GI swears the climate changed three times before they got there.

Here's a "Senatorial report" that sounds convincing. In a special test several Senators recently nibbled some K



rations. "I enjoyed it," said one statesman, grinning wryly while plucking the stumps of two shattered teeth from his mouth.

Two nurses were comparing notes on their recent dates. One said she had been courting; the other varied the conversation by saying she had been sparking.

Guys may sneer and say the Paragraph Troopers will not win the war, but there's no two ways about it, a clerical error can really snafu the works.

This Week's Silly Conversation. 1st GI: "You're coughing much better, pal."

Surprise. The new rookie crop back home must be dumb, or sumpn'. An AWOL soldier sent this wire to his CO.



"Please forward my mail care of General Delivery, Talahasee, Fla." The CO obliged by sending the mail—with two MPs to make sure that he received it.

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Comics Previewed Burma Air Stab

Terry and the Pirates 'Broke' Story of Glider Invasion

On the morning of Mar. 17 a lot of military master minds in Washington and elsewhere must have fallen over backward when they read Terry and the Pirates.

Like the millions of American men in the street and their kids who avidly follow the daily adventures of Terry, they must have noted Col. Flip Corkin completing plans for an invasion of Burma by his newly-organized glider-borne Air Commandos.

It was one of the strangest coincidences of the war, more incredible because it involved a comic strip, for on the following morning Page One headlines reported the actual operation; the greatest airborne thrust of the war had dropped the Indian-based Commandos 150 miles behind the Jap lines in Burma to cut communications between the enemy's northern and southern armies.

To Terry's readers, Flip Corkin is familiar as the square-jawed, forceful but fair commander of a fighter squadron, an Air Force hero with multiple decorations whose war career has thus far taken him to North Africa, China and India.

To cartoonist Milton Caniff, who in nine years with the New York Daily News-Chicago Tribune syndicate has made the



Home from Italy, Col. Cochran at the Stork Club.

strip one of the most popular in America, however, Flip Corkin is his old friend, Col. Philip Cochran, of Erie, Pa.

Cochran and Caniff have been friends since their college days at Ohio State University, and when the flier first achieved fame as a daring young man in a P40 in Africa, his exploits have been woven into the comic strip.

A cartoonist with a fetish for accuracy, Caniff has promoted Flip Corkin soon after Cochran got each boost. He has Corkin look, talk, think, dress and act like Cochran.



Flip gets promoted whenever Philip does.

is that Cochran has no steady girl, while Corkin is enamored with Taffy Tucker, ex-Red Cross girl who became an Army nurse.

ETO followers of Terry, Flip, Taffy, Grett Murrum, Madame Shoo Shoo and the rest were not aware of the coincidence between the Burma invasion and the comic-strip story because mailing facilities put The Stars and Stripes behind U.S. publications with the strip.

The American public scarcely knows Cochran by his own name because of his activities in the comics. The Nashville Banner reported the Burma invasion with a headline, "Flip Corkin's Men Carry Out Daring Move to Split Japs."

When the flier returned from North Africa with six medals, several citations and two Nazi planes to his credit after eight months and 61 missions, he found people weren't as much interested in his own experiences as in how he was getting along with Taffy Tucker.

Assigned to train fighter pilots in the States, Cochran later was called on by Gen. Henry H. Arnold to go to London and discuss with Lord Louis Mountbatten a plan to ferry wounded from Burma by plane.

Last November the unit was in India, everybody from Cochran down to the buck privates using improvised tools to assemble gliders and planes, cooking their own food, borrowing trucks and elephants for manual labor.

Then, when the stage was set, Cochran sent his glider-borne Commandos on their first big job. In less than 24 hours after they landed, a huge landing strip was constructed for the arrival of heavily-laden transports.

The democracy within Cochran's Air Commando outfit already is a legend. He and the rest of the officers queue up for mess in the same line with GIs, first come, first served.

The 34-year-old ex-choir boy who enlisted in the Air Corps after he was graduated from Ohio State told officers they could not enjoy privileges unavailable to enlisted men.

He talks to his men the way they want to be talked to. When some of the

Flip Corkin Actually The Col. Cochran Who Did the Job

Commandos started to grow ears he posted the following order:

"Look, fellows. The birds and attempts at beards are not appreciated by visitors. Since we cannot explain to all strangers that the fuzz is a gag or something-I-always-wanted-to-do affair, we must avoid a report that we are unshaven.

Work comes before maving. You will never be criticized for being unkempt if you are so damned busy you cannot take time to doll up. But be clean while you can. Ain't it awful."

"Signed: P. G. Cochran, Colonel, Air Force, Commanding."

Cochran believes drunkenness and fighting aren't a good mixture. He got his point across thusly:

"To render yourself unfit to give every last drop of your effort at this stage of our action is a shameful act and one who does it breaks faith with those who are facing hardships and great danger daily to bring success to this project."

That's the way Cochran is to his men and that's the way Caniff pictures Flip Corkin to his readers.

How long Caniff will use Cochran in his comic strip remains to be seen. Because Cochran's love interests are not centered on any one girl, there may not be a happy ending between Taffy Tucker and Flip.

Caniff was prevented from entering service because of a leg injury suffered early



Flip Corkin doesn't look too much like his real-life counterpart.

in life. He has, however, devoted much time illustrating the Army's "Pocket Guide to China" and producing another strip, "Male Call," free to more than 1,000 Army, Navy and Marine publications.

The cartoonist has worked out a general plan for Terry and the Pirates for the next ten years. Pat Ryan, now getting gray at the temples, will become an older man and ultimately get married. After that, Caniff will introduce a juvenile replacement for Terry and begin the whole cycle all over again.

Notes from the Air Force

TWO more Distinguished Service Crosses, second highest American award for valor, have been awarded to Fortress airmen.

2/Lt. Charles Spencer, Peoria, Ill., bombardier who stayed at his nose guns after the plexiglass had been shot away exposing him to below zero blasts, got one of the DSCs at the hospital in which he has spent weeks recovering from near-fatal frostbite.

The other went to Capt. Sumner H. Reeder, St. Louis, Mo., for staying at his plane's controls for three hours during a long fighter attack although he had been wounded by shell fragments which killed his co-pilot.

Three pilots at one Fortress base have completed 25 missions without once turning back for mechanical failure or weather. They are 1/Lts. Donald B. Jaynes, Lubbock, Tex., skipper of Blues in the Night; Donald A. Roderick, Elba, Col., of Patches, and B. H. Davidson, Midland, Tex., of Peg o' My Heart.

2/LT. JAMES BURKE'S search for a name for his P51B fighter ended when he read a Terry and the Pirates strip in The Stars and Stripes. The strip showed Terry checking out a P51B, with Col. Flip Corkin saying "She's an easy rockin' mama, Terry—sharp, tight controls. . ."

Burke, who is a pilot in the original Ninth AF Mustang group, liked the phrase and today his Mustang carries the title, Easy Rockin' Mama.

Fortunately, S/Sgt. John H. Walters, of Gloversville, N.Y., a veteran air gunner, was in the nose of Buffalo Gal as a bombardier when the B17 had to go down to the deck on the way home from Berlin.

This Is The Army

PATIENTS at an ETO general hospital frequently down the contents of beer and whiskey bottles, but it's all strictly above board. No medicine containers were available when the hospital unit arrived in the ETO, so Capt. Arthur H. Kotila, of Ashtabula, Ohio, medical supply officer, got busy on some informal requisitioning—he and crew collected beer, whiskey, soda and other kinds of bottles in a house-to-house canvas and searches through salvage heaps.

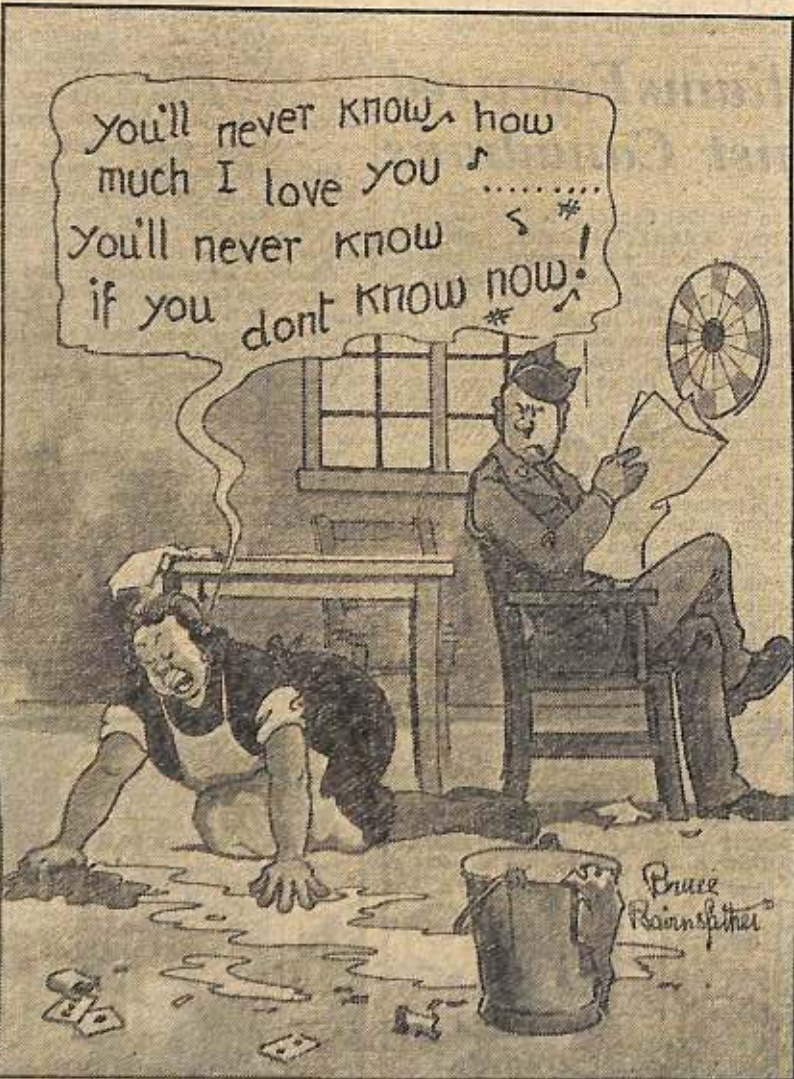
A Chinese-American officer, 1/Lt. Wesley Ko, of Philadelphia, is now in the ETO after serving in Africa, Sicily and Italy. In Italy Ko was in charge of a forward supply dump located on top of a 4,000ft. mountain crest. So steep and rocky was the height that even mules could not be used to carry supplies to front-line troops and Italians formed a human pack train up the trail to the mountain summit.

A PORTABLE plywood dental chair on which thousands of U.S. soldiers squirmed in World War I is now in use in the ETO at a station hospital.

Capt. Edgar F. Crevier, of Junction City, Kan., whose 23 years of dental experience is less than the age of the chair, ordered a modern steel portable but received the wooden one, estimated to be 27 years old.

From gold miner to X-ray technician in the Army. That's the jump taken by S/Sgt. Farrell Gorman, of Grayling, Mich., who operated a gold-mining lease near Helena, Mont., before he got that letter from the President.

SGT. Don Adrian, a Racine (Wis.) paratrooper stationed in the ETO, is one man able to traverse the world and exercise linguistic ability in 14 nations. Also an excellent artist and pianist, Don is a great help to the intelligence section of his regiment.



Hm . . . . ?

# NEWS FROM HOME Senate Votes \$3,500,000,000 Aid to Veterans

## 'GI Rights Bill,' Approved Unanimously, Goes to House This Week

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26—The \$3,500,000,000 "GI bill of rights," providing virtually every suggested aid to veterans of this war except adjusted compensation, goes to the House this week.

The measure, passed unanimously by the Senate late Friday, would authorize \$3,000,000,000 in benefits plus \$500,000,000 for construction of new hospital facilities.

Veterans would be entitled to government-paid education from one to four years, based on length of service; unemployment compensation of \$15 a week for a maximum of 52 weeks out of a 24-month period; loans up to \$1,000 for the purchase of farms, homes or businesses, and a job placement service.

### Father Gets Actress' Child

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26—Joan Manners, former film actress, has been denied all rights to see her 11-year-old daughter in a court decision awarding custody to the father, John Langan. Previously a Montgomery County (Md.) court awarded custody to both parents, but Langan kept the child. He faces arrest for contempt if he returns to his home at Chevy Chase, Md.

### Old Enough to Know Better

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 26—In an experiment to test the reactions of chimpanzees to music, a piano was placed in front of the cage of four-year-olds Kippy and Percy and an aged chimp, Annie. There was little reaction when the pianist played classical music. When he turned on the jive, Kippy and Percy went into a jitterbug routine, but Annie sat in a chair and rocked sadly.

### Won't Fight, Eh?

FORT McCLELLAN, Ala., Mar. 26—Twenty-eight Japanese-Americans who refused to take military training have been placed in the stockade to await court-martial. Brig. Gen. Wallace C. Philoan, commanding general, said all had lived in Japan and had "become indoctrinated with the military philosophy of that country." Most were recent inductees.

### No Privacy

DALLAS, Tex., Mar. 26—OPA investigator Robert F. Bryant Jr. found Virlia E. Kincaid covering in the bathtub at the latter's home, and arrested her on charges of acquiring gasoline and tire coupons illegally. The suspect was released under \$1,500 bond.

### Dough Re Me

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 26—Paula Stanway Thorpe is suing her husband Carlyle for \$1,000 a month and a share of \$100,000 community property. Her Supreme Court suit for separate maintenance claims Thorpe, a sportsman, is worth more than \$1,000,000.

### Red Cross Drive Clicking

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26—The American Red Cross announced that the war fund drive reached the halfway mark with incomplete returns showing contributions totaling \$103,745,538. The goal is \$200,000,000.

### Harbingers of Spring

ESCANABA, Mich., Mar. 26—Coast Guard cutters have begun ice-breaking operations for the opening of Great Lakes navigation. Two cutters smashed fields off Escanaba and another at the head of Russell Island.

### Uncle Sam's the Heir

NEW YORK, Mar. 26—The late Mrs. Corrine St. Jacques willed her property to the U.S. government "in gratitude for the privilege extended to me to live in this great country." Her property is valued at not more than \$9,000.

### Life Begins at 69

DETROIT, Mar. 26—Joe Moody, born of Slav parents, was graduated from Northwestern High School's eighth grade at the age of 69. A clarinet player, Joe said: "Nobody has to get old. Jive is what keeps you alive."

### On the Ball

CHICAGO, Mar. 26—Fast work by two police resulted in the capture of two notorious ex-convicts. One had seized \$1,200 from the Olson Transportation Co. a few minutes before his capture.

## War Is Striking Home; No Bock Beer This Year

NEW YORK, Mar. 26—The Brewing Industry Foundation announced that there would be no bock beer this spring for the first time since repeal of Prohibition in 1933. Two reasons were given: (1) Malt houses are working at capacity and can't change over for the bock process, and (2) only certain dealers want bock, which means extra drivers at a time when no extra help is available.

## Gets Air Medal



The first Women's Air Force Service pilot to receive the Air Medal is Barbara Erickson, of Avenger Field, Tex. In five days Wasp Erickson, whose home is in Seattle, Wash., flew more than 8,000 miles delivering three different types of planes.

## Food Poisoning Wave Hits 1,000 More in Texas Town

BAY CITY, Tex., Mar. 26—One thousand more residents have become affected by the mysterious wave of food poisoning. City, county and state health officials searched for the cause as 3,000 of the city's 10,000 residents were reported ill.

Laboratory tests were being made of all fruits and vegetables. It is believed that the poisoning may be caused by insecticide sprayed on farm produce.

## Ex-Governor Who Once Bopped Huey Long is Dead

BATON ROUGE, La., Mar. 26—Jared Young Sanders, former governor of Louisiana, died here at the age of 75. He was an arch foe of the late Huey Long and once battled the "Kingfish" with his fists. The fight took place in 1927 when Sanders was a candidate for governor.

### Diane



### Male Call



### Blondie



## It Made Charlie Sweat

# Joan Ends Story of Chaplin Amours

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 26—After an embarrassed two-day recital of intimacies with Charlie Chaplin, Joan Barry's long ordeal on the stand as the government's chief witness apparently was ended today as the comedian's Mann Act trial entered its second week.

The 22-year-old starlet, whom Chaplin is accused of having transported from California to New York for immoral purposes, left the stand after the court prevented Chaplin's lawyer, Jerry Geisler, from questioning her about relationships with other men.

"This about shuts the door on our books," Geisler told newsmen. "Under the circumstances, I have no more questions to ask this lady."

The ruling came after a 58-minute huddle in which Geisler said he made various offers of proof in resisting the government's objection to his questions.

Earlier, Miss Barry, in a dark dress and bright lavender coat, testified that her mother accompanied her to New York, and that Chaplin was not aboard the train.

She evaded Chaplin's eyes as she told of intimacies with Chaplin in New York

and Hollywood and became embarrassed when Geisler went into details. Chaplin, who will be 55 next month, sat mopping his brow.

The actor's lawyer went back to her story, told the day before, of breaking into Chaplin's Hollywood home in December, 1942, gun in hand. After she had been in the house about an hour and a half, Miss Barry said, she and the comedian were intimate.

"Did you keep the gun until the act of intercourse started, and when it was completed did you regain it?" Geisler asked. She said that was the case.

## Five of German Spy Ring Are Sentenced to Prison

DETROIT, Mar. 26 (UP)—Five members of a German spy ring were sentenced to a total of 57 years' imprisonment yesterday.

Mrs. Behrens, former secretary of the international YMCA, was given a 20-year term, and Walter Abt, described as a friend of Goebbels, was sentenced to ten years. Leonhardt got ten years and his wife five. Grace Buchanan Dincen was sentenced to 12 years.

The case of Countess Von Moltke is still under consideration.

## Horse Cavalry Is Praised For Italy Scouting Work

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26—Horse cavalry troops of the U.S. Army are carrying out vital reconnaissance missions in Italy, penetrating ravines and scaling mountain peaks inaccessible to mechanized troops, according to a report from the Third Infantry Division.

The War Department announcement described the speed and daring with which cavalry units move quietly cross-country by day and night, locating and reporting enemy positions.

## North Dakota House Votes To Lower Voting Age to 18

BISMARCK, N.D., Mar. 26—The North Dakota House of Representatives has adopted a resolution calling for the lowering of the voting age to 18. As first drawn, the resolution would have applied only to servicemen for the duration of the war. However, an amendment applying it to all persons permanently won approval.

### No Halfway Measures

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Mar. 26—The ration board took away Steve Logan's gasoline privileges, even though he "hitch-towed" his car home from Florida behind trucks and other cars. The used-car dealer admitted he drove his car south under its own power.

## Waitress Is Found Clubbed To Death at Palm Beach

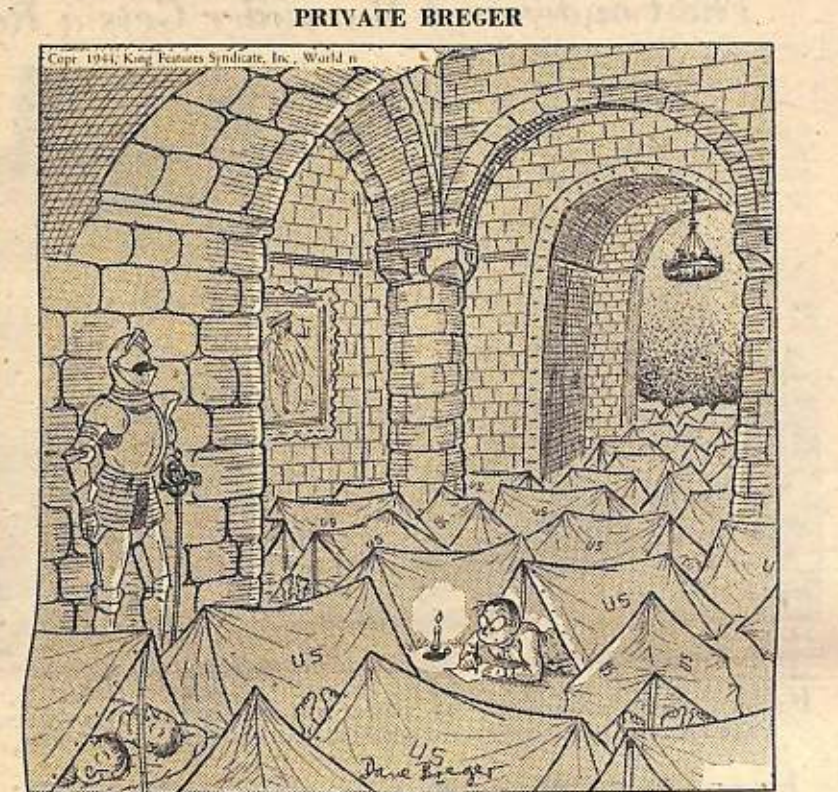
PALM BEACH, Fla., Mar. 26—Police are investigating the murder of Mrs. Charlotte F. Huber, 30-year-old waitress whose body was found Thursday in a fashionable area here.

State's Attorney Sidney J. Catts Jr. said bruises were found on the woman's head and body. Sheriff L. R. Baker said a bloodstained piece of wood was believed to be the murder weapon.

Mrs. Huber was the wife of Peter Huber, chef at the Fort Wayne (Ind.) country club.

## It's Still Only a Nickel On New York Subways

NEW YORK, Mar. 26—Efforts to boost the nickel fare on New York subways were defeated temporarily. The Board of Estimate voted unanimously against the increase, advocated by James J. Lyons, Bronx borough president, and a committee of large taxpayers.



"Dear Folks: You'll be proud to hear I'm living in a real old twelfth century castle..."

### By Jean Baird



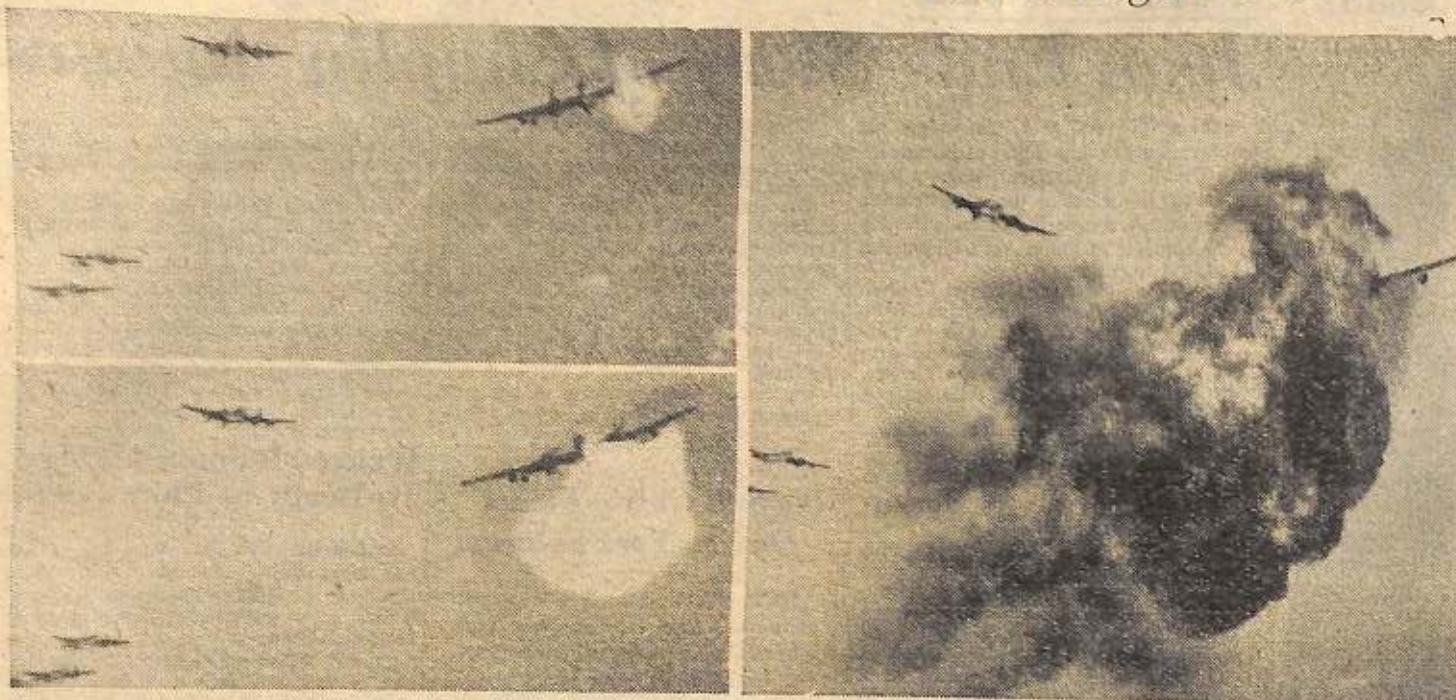
### By Milton Caniff



### By Chic Young



### P47 Pilot Takes on Four Nazi Planes, and Bags Three



The photos above—one of the most unusual sets of combat pictures ever taken by American airmen—were recorded on the automatic camera of Lt. Paul Conger, of Piedmont, Cal., as he dove his P47 at four rocket-totting ME110s in a recent air battle

over the Reich. Hits were scored on Number 1 plane (left) then Conger gave the final burst and blew the German apart. He later finished off two other MEs and damaged another. Conger's wingman swooped in to "kill" the damaged ME, to make a clean sweep.

U.S. Army Air Force Photos

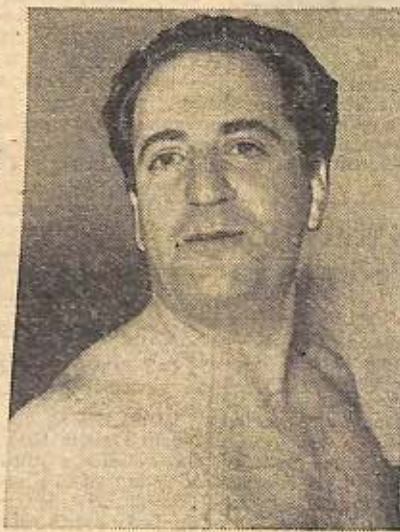
### The Condemned Marauder Gets a Reprieve



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Satirical crewmen of a Ninth Air Force group named their B26 after the Senatorial committee whose report a year ago condemned the Marauder a dangerous plane. Senate report or not, Truman Committee, veteran of 44 combat missions, got home safely despite a flak barrage which killed the bombardier, wounded the pilot and left scores of holes, shown by arrows.

### Saroyan in ETO



Associated Press Photo

William Saroyan, the author and playwright, has arrived in the United Kingdom as a private first class assigned to the Army Signal Corps. Here he is shown while weighing in at his draft board in July, 1942.

### Lana & You Know Who



Frail Frank Sinatra, the voice, dances dreamily here with Lana Turner, lovely Hollywood actress. Walter Winchell says The Voice is grossing more than a million dollars yearly and maintains his slim build by hauling so many wheelbarrows of money to the bank.

### USO Actor Sees London AA



U.S. Army Air Force Photo

Al Bernie, comedian in the USO show "Flying High," takes a squint through a "tracker" while visiting a gun site in London where ack-ack gunners the past month have taken a heavy toll of German night raiders.

### Frances & Rare Swim Suit Nazi Flier—Got an Aspirin?—Taxpayer



Keystone Photos

During the last week German airmen and U.S. taxpayers have had something in common—a headache. The weary man at left has just ended a day session with American airmen and is on his way to "hang-one on" at Fritz's Fresh Air Bar. The guy at right is just a U.S. citizen adding, subtracting, multiplying and chewing pencils as he ponders over his income tax blank.

### Campaigning For the Soldier Vote



Keystone Photo

The Soldier-Vote Committee of the Entertainment World two weeks ago arrived enmasse at the capitol to call on Congressmen to enact legislation on the soldier-ballot question. Banners they carry express their sentiments.

### One of Those 'Fearless' Japs



Keystone Photo

Fright showing plainly on his face, this Jap prisoner, captured during central Pacific fighting, scrambles up the gangplank of a U.S. vessel which will carry him to a prison camp. Two sailors in the barge below seem to be itching to let the son of Nippon have it.

We say your day isn't complete until you've studied this rare 1944 bathing costume on Frances Rafferty. Unlike most swim suits these days, it covers the "center department," but the rest—as photo testifies—is "just Frances."