

## Berlin Sees Raids as Invasion Prelude

*This Is Hamburg—Berlin Is Getting It Now*



This picture, which arrived in London yesterday via neutral sources, shows the battering that Hamburg got from RAF and USAAF bombers in July and August—a battering that now has been switched to Berlin, crux of the German war effort. Hamburg has had a total of 10,000 tons of high explosive; Berlin has felt 6,000 within the last ten days.

## Third of City Is Left In Ruins After Fourth Massive RAF Blow

### Hitler's Paper Tells People How to Make Out Wills; Mass Evacuation of Capital Appears Imminent

One-third of Berlin, the fifth biggest city in the world and the key to Germany's war effort, was reported in ruins yesterday after six consecutive nights in which the RAF had exacted retribution in kind for what the Luftwaffe had done, a few years before, to Warsaw, Rotterdam, London and other cities.

With the city darkened by clouds of smoke from fires which spread still further, Nazi officials appealed to the German people to maintain calm and alert in the face of a prelude to an Allied invasion. Reports reaching Stockholm quoted some German military leaders that the Allied strategy was first to crush the nerve center of the Reich and then launch the big attack.

Typical of the spirit which pervaded Berlin, after 6,000 tons of bombs had been loosed upon the city in ten days, was an article in the *Voelkischer Beobachter*, Hitler's newspaper, telling residents how to make out their last will and testaments. An editorial denied that the state intended to requisition the goods and property of victims of air raids.

## Developments On Diplomatic Front Awaited

### Chiang May Join Big 3; German Peace Feeler Rumors Discounted

Mounting reports from abroad indicated last night that announcement of one of the war's major diplomatic developments, closely related to the Allies' world-wide victory strategy, was expected momentarily.

Persistent reports from Allied, neutral and Axis sources concerning the expected conferences between President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin said that Chiang Kai Shek, China's leader, also might be present, while in Washington usually well-informed sources were quoted as saying that these three main issues probably would be considered:

1. Time, place and method of opening the Second Front.
2. Treatment of Germany.
3. Post-war frontiers, particularly those of Eastern Europe.

It was stated that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill would place before Marshal Stalin a coordinated plan prepared by United States and British military and shipping experts for an assault on the continent in the early spring.

Vichy radio commented last week that Churchill was absent from the opening of the new session of the House of Commons, and the Swedish *Aftontidningen* took this as evidence that the British Prime Minister was already on the way to see Stalin and Roosevelt. The absence of Anthony Eden, Foreign Minister and Commons leader, also was noted.

### Peace Feelers Rumored

News dispatches from Atlantic City said that some European members of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Committee believed that the Germans, stunned by the Russian successes and the mounting Allied aerial offensives, were taking preliminary steps for an early armistice.

The Reuters correspondent, Robert Vivian, cabled that members representing occupied countries had received reports from usually reliable sources that Pope Pius XII was considering "certain peace proposals" from the Nazis.

Declaring such rumors had been heard before, London diplomatic observers said they regarded them as part of the optimism prevalent among large sections of the Allied public because of the recent military successes. However, they agreed that there was no doubt of an Allied victory and that the major question was how long the Germans and their satellite nations would be able to hold out.

## Knox Says U.S. Losses On Tarawa Were Heavy

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP)—Reviewing the Gilbert Islands campaign, Secretary of the Navy Col. Frank Knox told a press conference that although Makin had been taken with light losses, American losses on the Tarawa Atolls had been heavy.

Knox revealed that Rear Adm. Henry M. Mullinnis had been killed in the Gilbert fighting.

## Penny Pasted on a Liberator Started Fund for 2 Orphans

By Carl Larsen  
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Two English orphans—a boy and a girl—were assured yesterday of five years of extra services and luxuries because LeRoy Oesch found a penny on the floor of Henry Ford's huge Willow Run bomber plant at Ypsilanti, Mich., last August.

A Liberator, destined for the ETO upon completion, was passing Oesch's line when he picked up the penny and decided to paste it on the B24's fuselage "just for good luck."

Another Willow Run worker saw the penny and a note from Oesch suggesting that others also contribute. He pasted a quarter on the side of the plane.

The Lib continued to pass down the assembly line and the workers continued to paste on pennies, dimes, quarters and even dollars with Scotch tape.

Finally, the bomber passed from the assembly line, but before painters could go to work they spent several hours peeling off the money. They placed it—bills and coins (totaling \$1,110.09—in a box and turned it over to Glenn R. Brayton, president of Local 50, United Automobile Workers Union (CIO), on behalf of the plant's workers.

At Oesch's suggestion the money was sent to the headquarters and service company of an engineer aviation battalion in England. Oesch's brother, T/3 Clifford Oesch, is a heavy equipment operator in the company, which has assisted in the construction of several U.S. army airfields in Britain.

The letter from union headquarters to Capt. Richard M. Rice, of Portland, Ore., company commander, said:

"Enclosed are money orders totaling \$1,110.09 to be distributed among members of your company. We are sorry we are not able to send the actual money as many of the bills were autographed. However, instructions from the War Department have advised us to send postal money orders.

"We feel sure it would boost the morale of our workers at the plant if some of the recipients were to send us notes telling what they are doing and how they managed to spend the money. We sincerely hope that this will afford a little enjoyment."

The day the money orders and letter

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## Absentee Ballots Ready Soon For Louisiana Primary Jan. 18

Soldiers having voting residence in Louisiana, which will be the first state to hold primary elections next year, can obtain blank absentee ballots early in December after making application to their state, according to a War Department circular received yesterday.

The Louisiana primaries for state and local offices will be as follows: First primary, Jan. 18; second primary, Feb. 29. In other states primary and general elections will be held from April through October.

Absentee ballots filled out by Louisiana soldiers must be received in Louisiana before the polls open on the primary day. The circular advised soldiers to make their voting applications immediately because of the three separate transatlantic mailings necessary.

Soldiers with Louisiana voting residence can make application for absentee ballots either according to Louisiana laws or by mailing postcard applications to the Secretary of State for Louisiana.

Postcard applications have already been supplied to overseas units, the circular said. Where they are not available, soldiers may use the same text for application by letter.

## Germans Race To Escape Trap In Gomel Sector

### Russian Drives Threaten To Close Sack; Big Battles Rage in the South

The German army of Gomel was retreating pell mell from its fallen bastion last night, leaving behind vast stores of equipment in a rush to escape through the neck of a sack which threatened to draw tight on 250,000 Nazi troops.

Dispatches from Moscow said that the entire German front in White Russia appeared to be disintegrating.

Advancing on the lower Beresina River, Red Army units were within 15 miles of Zhlobin and 22 miles of Bobruisk, both key railway junction points northwest of Gomel. Seizure of the railway network in this area, which would be accomplished by capture of Zhlobin and Bobruisk, would open the way for new drives either west to the old Polish border or to the north in an outflanking thrust at more German bases from the rear.

A three-pronged advance threatened the Germans. One column pushed up from the south, a second advanced directly from Gomel, driving the Germans before it, while a northern arm of the Russian pincers gained anew in its drive west, making it increasingly difficult for the Germans to escape through the neck of the sack.

### Escape Gap Narrowing

The escape gap was narrowing hourly, with the Nazis fleeing generally in a north-westerly direction, leaving hundreds of dead in addition to large quantities of gear that had been built up over the last two years.

Strong German counter-attacks against the southern flank of the Russians' Kiev salient were reported by Moscow, which added that all were beaten back with heavy losses. Berlin said that Korosten, key point on the Leningrad-Odessa rail line, was in German hands, but it was not clear whether the Nazis were claiming to have recaptured the town. Korosten was seized by the Russians some time ago.

Reports from this section were conflicting. Moscow reported that the Germans were attacking, while Berlin said that it was the Red Army which was mounting the offensive.

There was no confirmation from Moscow, but Berlin made a significant announcement of a big Russian drive for Nikopol in the Dnieper Bend. Heavy fighting in all sectors of the river loop was reported by the Germans.

## Reich's Biggest Bombers In Mediterranean 1st Time

ALLIED HQ, Nov. 28 (UP)—Germany's biggest bomber, the Heinkel 177, was in action for the first time in the Mediterranean when 30 German planes attacked a convoy, it was announced officially here.

At least eight of the bombers were shot down, one by anti-aircraft fire. Damage to the convoy was negligible.

## Bremen Raid Big Help

Success of Friday night's raid was widely credited to two Allied "tricks." Earlier in the day, a huge force of American heavy bombers had struck again at off-bombed Bremen, thus disrupting German fighter defenses a few short hours before Berlin got it.

Too, the RAF not only provided a diversionary blow by simultaneously attacking Stuttgart, 300 miles southwest of Berlin, but swept in over the Reich capital from the southeast. These moves were designed to raise havoc with night fighter defenses over Berlin.

Nevertheless, the Germans put up a terrific fighter swarm. Some eyewitnesses reported from neutral countries over the weekend that as many as 2,000 fighters took to the air in a vain attempt to halt what the RAF termed a "very effective" raid. Thirty-two bombers were lost, but these were shot down both at Stuttgart and Berlin.

### Target of 6,000 Tons

The first city of the Reich now has been the target of probably some 6,000 long tons of bombs in little more than a week, loosed on at least five times the scale of London's worst raid.

All dispatches to Stockholm indicated that the populace more than ever was moving toward a wholesale evacuation unless the Allied air forces suddenly were grounded because of weather or some other unforeseen contingency.

The deputy gauleiter of Berlin, Goerlitz, was quoted by Stockholm's *Afton Tidningen* as having stated yesterday that an acute water shortage in Berlin might force such a step. Hundreds of Berliners were said to be queuing up at fire hydrants to obtain water.

Moreover, thousands of persons were said to be camping in the streets, while 1,000,000 more were declared living in cellars. A severe food shortage was reported in the wake of bomb destruction of vast stores of bread, milk, potatoes, etc.

### People Walking in Daze

Latest dispatches from the German frontier told of Berliners walking in a daze—as big steamrollers tried to push lanes through debris in the streets—thinking mainly of getting away to places like Holland and Bavaria, where reception centers were reported being readied.

German censorship was tighter than

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## Last Lap Begun, RAF Chief Says

Berlin has been blasted with more than 6,000 tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs in eight days, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, head of RAF Bomber Command, declared in a message to all Royal Ordnance factory workers made public yesterday.

"No bombs dropped anywhere could have had more effect. No weapons used elsewhere, or in any other way, could do more to shorten the war," he said.

Urging ordnance workers to put as much effort into "this last lap of the race" as bomber crews, the British bomber chief said:

"As you make and fill the bombs, remember that you and the crews of Bomber Command have started a new Reichstag fire, which this time will put the Nazis out of office."

# Largest Force Of 8th Heavies Raids Bremen

## 56 Enemy Planes Down as Fighters Set Record; 29 Bombers Lost

The largest formations of Eighth Air Force heavy bombers ever dispatched from Britain bombed Bremen and operated over northern France Friday and left the great German inland port "well plastered" in spite of heavy anti-aircraft.

Fifty-six enemy fighters were destroyed—36 of them by escorting Thunderbolts and Lightnings—for a new combat record, topping their previous high mark of 25 destroyed July 30 on the Kassel raid. Twenty-nine heavy bombers, four mediums and five fighters were lost.

Bomber crews who went to Bremen, a major shipbuilding port which is the largest producer of 750 and 1,200-ton Nazi submarines, reported good bombing results, but one force of Fortresses which went to France found its target covered by clouds and returned without dropping bombs. A standing order forbids indiscriminate bombing in the occupied countries.

In spite of Lightning and Thunderbolt escort over the target, some of the Fortress and Liberator formations which struck at Bremen encountered persistent attacks by as many as 100 German fighter planes. The raiders met an intense ack-ack barrage over the target.

While the heavies hammered Bremen Marauders ripped up airfields in the Pas de Calais area of northern France. Crews reported good bombing and "lots of smoke and destruction."

It was "colder than hell" flying over Germany. 2/Lt. Bayard T. G. Dudley, of Houston, Tex., co-pilot of Ritzzy Ritz, said the thermometer in his cockpit "went down to 48 degrees below zero; then the needle hit the peg and started to bend."

Two ball turret doors ripped off in the wind. One of the gunners, Sgt. Charles S. Bullions, of Mount Lebanon, Pa., crawled up into the plane and rode as a passenger the rest of the way, but the other, Sgt. Robert Dearth, of Columbus, Ohio, stuck it out in his open turret, despite the subzero gale, until after the bombs were dropped. It was 19-year-old Dearth's first mission.

# Big Santa Hunted To Give Irish Kids Real Belly Laugh

AN EIGHTH COMPOSITE COMMAND STATION, Northern Ireland, Nov. 28.—A major and a mess sergeant are running neck and neck—or belly and belly—in a competition to find a corpulent Santa Claus to entertain kids at a Christmas party here.

Candidates must measure at least 40 inches round the waistline. No pillow-stuffed midriffs are allowed. In preparation for the party, soldiers have set up a carpenter shop and are making Mickey Mouse dolls and other toys out of old packing crates. When party day arrives, the gifts will be displayed under a big cedar tree.

Weekly collections of candy and gum from the men's PX rations are being made by directors of the Aero Club, Mrs. Elsie Lindquist, of Minneapolis, and Miss Francis Lux, of Canton, Ohio. The soldier arrangements committee consists of S/Sgt. Harry M. Teufel, of Mt. Carmel, Pa.; Pfc John Egan, of Jamaica, L.I., N.Y., and 1/Sgt. Robert Read, of Elizabeth, N.J.

### Liquor Stock Goes in 2 Hours

SHREVEPORT, La., Nov. 28.—An advertisement by a liquor firm here that it would sell its stock of 7,200 bottles of whisky one bottle to a customer beginning at 8 AM brought out a line of people long before the store opened that stretched for two blocks. The entire stock was sold out in two hours.

### Eagle Club All-Night Snacks

The Eagle Club, Charing Cross Rd., London, will remain open all night for coffee and snacks starting Dec. 1, it was announced yesterday.

## Orphans - - -

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were received Capt. Rice posted a suggestion in the company orderly room that the major portion of the contribution be turned over to the Stars and Stripes War Orphans' Fund for the assistance of two children.

Every member of the company signed his approval and Lt. Andrew M. Prescott, of Lakeport, Cal., and 1/Sgt. Oris C. Brashears, of Alameda, Cal., were chosen to represent the unit in donating \$800.

# 36 to 4—a Score for Fighter Pilots to Talk About



Thirty-six Nazi planes destroyed against a loss of four U.S. fighters is something to talk about. Here fighter pilots who escorted the biggest force of bombers yet to hit Germany, in the Bremen raid Friday, swap yarns. Left to right: Lt. Harold Comstock, of Fresno, Cal., who got an Me110; Capt. Walker Mahurin, of Fort Wayne, Ind., who got three Me110s and a probable, first U.S. pilot to score 10 or more Jerries; Lt. Raymond Petty, of El Paso, Tex., and Lt. Fred Windmayer, of Chicago.

# U.S. Fighters Run Wild, Bagging 36 Nazi Planes for Loss of but 4

Fighter planes of the Eighth Air Force had their greatest day Friday destroying 36 German fighter planes for the loss of four of their own.

P47s and P38s went into Paris early in the day with the heavy bombers and destroyed three German planes, and later in the day took Forts and Liberators all the way to Bremen and knocked down 33 enemy interceptors.

"The Zemke group," which is under a new commander, had one of the greatest days ever enjoyed by any U.S. fighter group, the Thunderbolt pilots destroying 26 enemy planes. One squadron in the group accounted for 15 of the 26.

Capt. Walker M. Mahurin, of Fort Wayne, Ind., became Eighth Fighter Command's leading ace and the first USAF pilot in this theater to reach the ten mark. He bagged three German planes, jumping his score from eight to 11 German fighter planes destroyed.

Leaders said the combat of the "Zemke group" took place immediately after they rendezvoused with the bombers. From 40 to 45 German planes were seen attacking the bombers at that time, and the fight started.

"We went in under the bombers," Capt. Mahurin said, "and found a bunch of Me110s strung out behind the Forts. At first we thought they were stragglers, but as we came in closer we identified them as Messerschmitts and came in shooting. All three of the planes I destroyed caught fire, but none of them exploded. Two of the pilots bailed out. The third one was struggling in his cockpit and seemed to be caught there."

F/O Irvin E. Vall Valenta, of Sweet-home, Tex., also destroyed three, and six other pilots knocked down two each. The scores were:

- Two each—Lt. Col. David C. Schilling, Traverse City, Mich.; Maj. Francis S. Gabreski, Oil City, Pa.; Capt. Walter V. Cook, Cincinnati; Maj. Horace C. Craig, Hamilton, O.; Capt. Eugene W. O'Neill, Cincinnati, and Capt. Ralph A. Johnson, Pikeville, Ky.
- One each—1/Lt. Harold E. Comstock, Fresno, Cal.; Maj. James C. Stewart, Corona, Cal.; F/O Frank W. Klibbe, Anderson, Ind.; Lt. Stanley B. Morrill, Williamette, Conn.; Lt. John P. Bryant, Glendale, Cal.; Lt. Anthony R. Cardone, Bethlehem, Pa.; Lt. Frederick J. Christensen Jr., Watertown, Mass.; Maj. Gallas W. Webb, San Antonio, Tex.; Maj. Herbert E. Johnson, Los Angeles; Capt. Roland M. Malmstedt, Amityville, L.I., N.Y.; Capt. Donald C. Dilling, Cincinnati, and Lt. Cadman V. Padgett, Bethesda, Md.
- Lt. John H. Tueluck, Lynchburg, S.C., shared credit for one FW190 with Lt. Mark A. Boyle, Provo, Utah. Lt. Robert Berksire, Tarzana, Cal., shared an Me109 with Lt. John C. Bennett, Cleveland.

# Willkie on Tour of South To Make GOP Converts

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 28.—Wendell Willkie, who is now on a political tour of the south, said that the main objective of his trip was to bring the south into the Republican Party.

Declaring that he wished to make the party more representative of the nation as a whole, Willkie said that he felt the GOP could win next year's Presidential election without the south, but he added that it needed the south if it was to be a truly national party.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced that the honorable discharge buttons authorized for civilian wear by former soldiers discharged or transferred to inactive status were being distributed throughout the country and soon would be available to persons entitled to them.

The buttons, made of gold-covered plastic and bearing an eagle within a circle, will be given free to all men and women who have served honorably in the Army since Sept. 9, 1939, and who have been separated from the service under honorable conditions.

### British C.O. in Ulster Inspects U.S. Air Stations

NORTHERN IRELAND, Nov. 28.—Lt. Gen. Sir Allen Cunningham, British commander in Northern Ireland, inspected U.S. Air Force installations over the weekend, accompanied by Commodore Cortlandt Baughman, chief of the U.S. Naval Operating Base in Londonderry, and high-ranking U.S. Army officers.

Following the inspection, the former commander of the British Eighth Army had luncheon with Brig. Gen. Edmund W. Hill, head of Eighth Air Force Composite Command.

# Keep It Rolling, Workers Urged

## 8th Fighter Chief, Citing Advances, Warns Not to Relax

The Germans are weakening in the air to the extent that "we find them unable to resist in certain places," Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, head of the Eighth Fighter Command, said yesterday in a broadcast to the U.S.

At the same time he warned Americans this was no time to relax—to keep the production rolling. Gen. Kepner added that the Germans know the U.S. can lose plane for plane with the Nazis and still come out ahead on the basis of "our production of aircraft and trained men."

The Allies have profited considerably through the mistakes made by the Germans during the Battle of Britain, he said. By striking at widely separated points, the Allies are forcing the Nazis to move their air force back and forth, using up men, material and gas. The Germans concentrated their bombing when they blitzed England.

Col. Earl W. Thomson, acting chief of staff for intelligence of the Eighth Bomber Command, also broadcasting to the U.S., said that "we have gone after factories and installations which are vital keys to the effective prosecution of Germany's war effort."

# London Out of Bounds To Most Troops at Xmas

ETOUSA headquarters announced yesterday that London would be out of bounds for U.S. Army soldiers stationed 20 miles or more outside the metropolis from Dec. 23 to 28, inclusive. The order conformed with one previously issued to British troops.

However, seven-day furloughs for U.S. Army personnel may be extended to nine days this year "to fit into the leave travel schedule," but to keep transportation facilities free for civilian travel unit commanders have been ordered not to grant furloughs beginning Dec. 23 to 28, inclusive.

Forty-eight hour passes may be extended to 72 hours and may be granted up to and including Dec. 20, but none may be granted on Dec. 21 and none may be granted between Dec. 23 and 28, inclusive, where the travel involved exceeds 20 miles.

# Programs for U.S. Network

- Operated by Radio Branch, Special Service Division, SOS, ETO
- 1402 kc. On Your Dial 1420 kc. 213.9m. 211.3m.
- Monday, Nov. 29
- 1100—GI Live.
  - 1115—Personal Album—Betty Jane Rhodes.
  - 1130—Music in three-quarter time.
  - 1145—Billy Cotton and his orchestra.
  - 1230—Half and Half.
  - 1255—Quiet Moment.
  - 1300—World News (BBC).
  - 1310—Barracks Bag—Grab-bag of entertainment.
  - 1400—Sign Off until 1745 hours.
- 1745—Program Resume—Spotlight on Xavier Cugat.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
  - 1810—GI Supper Club.
  - 1900—Sports—Presented by The Stars and Stripes.
  - 1905—Red Skelton.
  - 1930—Command Performance.
  - 2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A., presented by The Stars and Stripes.
  - 2010—The Fred Waring Program.
  - 2025—The Week in Science.
  - 2030—Burns and Allen.
  - 2100—World News (BBC).
  - 2110—Your Radio Theater.
  - 2205—Meret The Band—Lawrence Welk.
  - 2225—Final Edition—Stars and Stripes News.
  - 2230—Sign Off until 1100 hours Tuesday, Nov. 30.
- Tuesday, Nov. 30
- 1100—GI Live.
  - 1115—Personal Album—Martha Mears.
  - 1130—Bing Crosby and Connie Boswell.
  - 1155—Quiet Moment.
  - 1200—BBC Concert Orchestra.
  - 1230—Yank Swing Session.
  - 1255—Quiet Moment.
  - 1300—World News (BBC).
  - 1310—Barracks Bag.
  - 1400—Visiting Hour.
  - 1430—Sign Off until 1745 hours.
- 1745—Program Resume—Spotlight on Richard Himber.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
  - 1810—GI Supper Club.
  - 1900—Sports—presented by The Stars and Stripes.
  - 1905—Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
  - 1930—Boxing Bout—from the Rainbow Corner, with Sgt. Marty Smith and Pfc Keith Jameson.
  - 2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of the news from the U.S.A., presented by The Stars and Stripes.
  - 2010—The Fred Waring Program.
  - 2025—Miniature.
  - 2030—GI Journal.
  - 2100—World News (BBC).
  - 2110—Waltz Time.
  - 2125—Into Battle—A BBC dramatization of heroic incidents of this war.
  - 2155—Duffy's Tavern.
  - 2200—Downbeat.
  - 2225—Final Edition—Stars and Stripes News.
  - 2230—Sign off until 1100 hours Wednesday, Dec. 1.

# 5th, 8th Armies Edge Ahead As Rains Ease Up

## Strong B17 Fleets Batter Rail Center, Bag 7 ME 109s

ALLIED HQ, Nov. 28 (AP)—Taking advantage of the first clear weather for many days, U.S. troops of the Fifth Army drove two miles forward northwest of Montaquilla yesterday, and seized the mountain heights commanding the secondary road, leading westward from Colli, through the Nazi winter defense line.

The Eighth Army, meanwhile, made what was officially termed a "slight enlargement" of their bridgehead across the Sangro River near the Adriatic coast. Strong forces of Forts yesterday hammered the railway yards at Rimini, the railway town on Italy's east coast 150 miles north of Rome.

This heavy blow at the main supply link between the German forces on the Sangro front and northern Italy, was opposed by a strong Nazi fighter force, and between 30 and 50 Me109s came up and were engaged in a running fight for 25 minutes. Seven of them were shot down for the loss of two Fortresses.

More important, the bombers successfully carried out their attack. Locomotive repair shops, warehouses, turntables, and bridges at the turntable approaches were all hit.

While this attack was in progress, another Fortress force hammered the railway yards at Grizzano, 30 miles south of Bologna, and an important bridge at Vergato, 15 miles southwest of Bologna.

# State of Siege in N. Italy

The state of siege which had been proclaimed in Milan has now been extended to the whole of Lombardy, according to Algiers radio yesterday.

# Give Up? Never, Goebbels Insists

Tub-thumper Goebbels told the German people yesterday that their nation would never crack under the strain of "terror" bombing, and he promised Britain a bitter day of retaliation.

"The enemy aims at breaking the morale of the German home front," said Goebbels, "and thus achieving an easy, cheap, but completely non-military victory—a victory which has been and will be denied him on the real field of battle."

"In the name of the capital and her population, in the name of the entire German people, I give the only possible answer: Never!"

Speaking in bomb-ravaged Berlin at the opening of the winter's season of film performances for Hitler Youth, Goebbels "brought down the house" with applause, according to Berlin radio.

# U.S. Bishop Touring ETO Visits Negro Engineers

James Andrew Gregg, Bishop of the African Methodist Church in the United States, who is visiting installations of American Negro soldiers throughout the world, praised troops here during a weekend inspection for their work in building airports for the invasion of Europe.

"I bring you the greetings of all your mothers, fathers, wives and sweethearts," said the Bishop. "They are praying for you in the great work you are doing to rush this war to a conclusion."

Bishop Gregg has already toured the Southwest Pacific battle area, and will continue to other theaters of war after his trip through the British Isles.

# Movie's Jimmie Stewart in ETO

Capt. James Stewart, former Hollywood motion picture actor, has arrived in the ETO in command of a squadron flying Liberator bombers, Eighth Air Force headquarters announced last night.

# Engineer Feats In Building Air Bases Praised

## Gen. Moore Points Out Key Value of Construction; New Field Dedicated

A U.S. BOMBER BASE, Nov. 28—Construction of airfields in Britain by U.S. Army engineers is as essential to the aerial offensive against Germany as the bombing itself, according to Brig. Gen. C. R. Moore, ETOUSA chief engineer.

At a weekend dedication ceremony marking completion of another American-built air base in England, Gen. Moore told the men who constructed the airfield that the importance of their work could be judged by the fact "that the amount of runways and service strips required by U.S. Air Forces in Britain for a full-scale assault against Nazi Europe would be equivalent to a 20-foot concrete highway stretching from New York to Berlin."

The airfield was built by an aviation engineer battalion commanded by Maj. Joseph A. Crist, of Highland Park, Pa., and turned over to the Air Force by Brig. Gen. W. J. Weaver, chief of field forces, SOS, ETOUSA.

"You who have toiled and sweated over this great project know that you have completed an engineering achievement of great magnitude," Gen. Weaver told the troops. "But more than that, you have forged another link in our growing chain of airfields from which great armadas of Allied planes are dealing mighty death blows to the very heart of Nazi Germany."

A scroll marking formal completion of the field was presented by 1/Sgt. Gordon C. Carlson, engineer from Hampstead, L.I., N.Y., to M/Sgt. Edgar M. Behan, of Harlan, Ky., and the Air Force.

Commenting on the importance of the construction job, Gen. Moore told the engineer soldiers: "Perhaps some of you engineers are champing at the bit and wishing you might have an opportunity to fire your weapons at the enemy or drop bombs like our friends of the Air Force are doing."

"Whenever you feel that way, I ask you to recall the old argument about the chicken and the egg—which came first? I say that both were essential. And this airfield and the planes based on it are both essential to the program of dropping eggs on Nazi Europe."

## Airfields in Britain To Cost 2 1/2 Billion

Construction of the vast network of airfields, camps and depots needed for the full operation of the RAF and USAAF in Britain will cost more than two and a half billion dollars, of which 450 million will be spent on U.S. installations, the British Air Ministry disclosed yesterday.

American aviation engineers, credited with breaching the acute man-power shortage needed for the erection of air bases in the country, are building one of every seven airfields for U.S. Air Forces, it was said. Acting as "main contractors," the engineers are supplying the bulk of constructional labor, while the British Government furnishes most of the material and contractors for specialist installations.

Over the entire constructional program for British, Dominion and Allied Air Forces the cost of labor, plant and stores will be about \$40,000,000 for the United States and almost two and a half billion dollars for the United Kingdom, according to the Ministry.

## Ex-White House Fotog Awarded Purple Heart

Charles Corte, American newspaper pool photographer and former White House cameraman, has been awarded the Purple Heart by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, at the request of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander of the North African theater.

Wounded by enemy action last March in Tunisia, Corte sustained chest injuries and became deaf in one ear. He photographed action in the Mediterranean battle zone without rest for a year, from November, 1942, to November, 1943, longer than any other war correspondent. Having made three landings with troops—two in Sicily, the other at Salerno—he is a member in good standing of the Order of Web Feet, composed of those who have waded ashore from invasion barges.

## U.S. Negro Chorus Sings At Cambridge University

CAMBRIDGE, Nov. 28—Negro officers and enlisted men of a Quartermaster truck battalion of Eighth Air Force Service Command presented a program of Negro spirituals and American folk songs yesterday before an audience of 600 persons, most of them students of Cambridge University.

A chorus of eight officers and enlisted men was assisted by Samuel Kitcher, British concert violinist, and by a tap dancing team of Sgt. Jesse Johnson, of Washington, D.C., and Pvt. Eric Holt, of Los Angeles.

Workers Entertain Soldiers Forty men of an Army Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company have been entertained at supper by 40 workers of a British motor repair shop in London.

# V-Mail Tunes Up APO Operetta

## Girl in U.S. Sends Lyrics On to an ETO Composer

By Philip H. Bucknell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

V-mail bridges the 3,000-mile gap between Pvt. Charles W. Rasely, a would-be composer of operettas, and his collaborator, Mary Cline, who teaches school in Easton, Pa.

Under canvas, in a floorless tent, somewhere in the ETO, Rasely receives the libretto, piece by piece, by V-mail, and composes the music, which he sends back by the same channels. At the moment he is spending a few days in the hospital, allowing him to concentrate a little more on his composing. At other times, as a member of a Special Service detachment, he finds that the business of appearing in a variety show, arranging songs and working a movie projector interferes somewhat with his operetta.

"I had just left the Julliard School of Music," explains Rasely, "and already had talked over the possibility of writing an operetta with Miss Cline, who is English teacher at my old school, the Easton High, when I was drafted. We decided that a little thing like a war would not hinder the project, so we went ahead. Then I was sent over here. So we carry on via V-mail."

### Suspicion Had to be Quelled

At first, Rasely was looked on with some suspicion—not because he actually composed music—but censors had to be shown that sharps and flats and such that went into his V-mails weren't anti-securitary.

"The operetta has a bit of Gilbert and Sullivan and, I hope, a lot of Cline and Rasely," said the composer. "The story is about delegates from the country of Kandonovia visiting the United States. There is the Prime Minister, the Secretary of the Interior and the Chancellor of the Royal Red Tape. There is the king, love interest, Hati Mara, the female spy, and Snoop, Goop and Oscar, three rival spies."

Rasely's collaborator has a light style of versifying:

"Because we are not in the regular quota," sing the spies,

"We cannot live here, or in South Dakota,

"In Brooklyn, the Bronx, nor in Minnesota.

"In fact, we have nowhere we can go ta."

She also has a rare modesty for a



Pvt. Charles Rasely, who is composing music for an operetta, and sending it to his collaborator Mary Cline in the States by V-mail, works on his composition at an army hospital in the ETO.

writer. "Here's a song I wrote for the second act of the operetta," she said on one V-mail. "It could be cut, lengthened or omitted altogether."

Rasely hopes to make a career of singing after the war. He has a cousin, George Rasely, who is a tenor at the Metropolitan Opera House, and hopes to follow along. "But," he said, "if this operetta is successful, I might very well change my mind."

Until the music world receives the operetta, however, Rasely's appearances

in the public eye are reserved for light moments in the 3rd Detachment of the Special Service Company's show, "7,200 Minutes from Broadway," an offering that pinch hit for Billy Gilbert when the comedian was sick two weeks ago.

Last week Rasely got a night pass from the hospital to appear at a Rainbow Corner showing, but until the medics say that his ruptured eardrum is healed he will be able to devote himself to work on the operetta.

# Bedford Gets Recreation Hall; Non-London Club Programs

A new recreation center at 42 Midland Road has been opened by the American Red Cross at Bedford. The building will be the scene of all future programs staged by the club there.

Red Cross activities for the week at non-London clubs follow. London programs are printed each Thursday for the benefit of men in town over the weekend.

### Hanley

Monday—Games, 7-10 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Wednesday—Tour of Spode pottery, 10 AM; dance, 8:30 PM. Thursday—Bridge tournament, 8 PM. Friday—Movie, 7 PM. Saturday—Snooker tournament, 4 PM; dance, 8:30 PM. Sunday—Classical recordings, 11 AM; excursion to Morton Old Hall, 2 PM; coffee hour, 4 PM; travelogue movies, 7:30 PM.

### Grimsby

Monday—Basketball games, 7:30 PM. Tuesday—Basketball games, 7:30 PM. Monte Carlo party, 8:30 PM. Wednesday—Basketball games, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Dancing class, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Bingo party, 8:30 PM. Ice skating daily, 2:30 and 6:30 PM.

### Salisbury

Monday—Concert, 12:30 PM; basketball games, 7 PM; piano-accompanied session, 8 PM. Tuesday—Concert, 12:30 PM; movie, 7 PM; card party, 8:30 PM; dancing class, 8:30 PM; basketball games, 9 PM. Wednesday—Concert, 12:30 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Concert, 12:30 PM; basketball games, 7:30 PM; piano-accompanied session, 8 PM. Friday—Concert, 12:30 PM; boxing show, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Concert, 12:30 PM; musical tea, 3:30 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Tour of Salisbury Cathedral, 1:30 PM; symphonic hour, 3 PM; tea dance, 4 PM; musical show, 7:30 PM.

### Cheltenham

Monday—German class, 7:30 PM; camera club, 7:30 PM; math class for air crew trainees, 7:30 PM; photography class, 8 PM; waltz and fox trot class, 8 PM. Tuesday—American-British club, 7:15 PM; movie, 8:15 PM. Wednesday—Beginners' French class, 7 PM; advanced French class, 7:30 PM; German class, 7:30 PM; photography, 7 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8:15 PM. Friday—Musical circle, 7:45 PM; beginners' tango class, 8 PM; advanced tango class, 9 PM. Saturday—Movie, 8:15 PM; entertainment and song fest, 10:30 PM. Sunday—Concert hour, 2:30 PM; dance, 8:15 PM.

### Bideford

Tuesday—House party, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Card party, 8 PM. Friday—Classical recordings, 8 PM. Sunday—Horseshoe riding party, 1:30 PM; concert, 5:15 PM; movie, 8 PM.

### Southport

Monday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Tuesday—Movie, 8 PM; bridge, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Lounge activity, 7 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Open house, 1:45 PM; supper dance, 5 PM.

### Newbury

Monday—Classical recordings, 7:30 PM; movies, 8:30 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Movie, 8:30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—German class, 8 PM; dance instruction, 8 PM. Saturday—Movies, 8:30 PM.

### Bedford

Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM. Saturday—Movie, 7 PM; dance, 9 PM.

### Southampton

Monday—Movie, 7:30 PM. Tuesday—Ping pong tournament, 7 PM; dancing class, 7 PM. Wed-

nesday—Variety show, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Friday—Bingo tournament, 7:30 PM; dancing class, 7 PM. Saturday—7:30 PM.

### Manchester

Monday—Dinner music, 6 PM. Tuesday—Classical recordings, 9 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 7 PM. Thursday—Dinner music, 6 PM. Friday—Movie, 7 PM. Saturday—Dance, 7 PM. Sunday—Open house, 3-10:30 PM; jam session, 3 PM; dance, 6 PM.

### Oxford

Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM; discussion group, 8 PM; French class, 8:30 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM. Thursday—Hospital party, 8 PM; movie, 9:30 PM. Friday—Beginners' French class, 7:30 PM; advanced French class, 8:30 PM; movies, 9:30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Band music, 8:30 PM; dance, 8 PM.

### Norwich

Monday—Movie, 8 PM. Tuesday—Variety show, 8 PM; classical recordings, 8 PM. Wednesday—Tour of cathedral, 2 PM; Michigan and Wisconsin state night, 7:30 PM; dancing lessons, 8:30 PM. Friday—Buggy ride, 3 PM; dance, 8 PM. Saturday—Bingo, 8 PM. Sunday—Musical, 8 PM; bridge and pinocle, 8 PM.

### Bournemouth

Monday—Trip to museum, 2 PM; music, 9 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Bicycle trip, 2 PM; movies, 9:30 PM. Thursday—Trip to Winchester, 10:30 AM; dance, 8-11 PM. Friday—Horseshoe riding, 2 PM; concert party, 9 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Tea party, 4 PM; musical appreciation program, 9 PM.

### Belfast

Monday—Basketball, 7 PM. Tuesday—Basketball, 7 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM. Thursday—Basketball, 7 PM. Friday—Musical varieties, 8 PM; basketball, 7 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Dance, 3:30 PM; stage show, 8:30 PM. Daily—Wrestling and boxing instruction.

### Bristol

Monday—Movies, 8 PM. Tuesday—"Date" dance, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—Bingo party, 8 PM. Thursday—Dancing class, 7:30 PM. Friday—Open night, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Movies, 2:30 PM; coffee hour, 4 PM; dance, 8 PM.

### Bury St. Edmunds

Monday—Basketball, 5 PM; glee club, 7 PM. Tuesday—Basketball, 5 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—Dancing class, 7:30 PM; square dance, 8:30 PM. Thursday—Movies, 8:30 PM; basketball, 5 PM. Friday—Piano music, 7 PM; basketball, 5 PM. Saturday—Talent show, 8 PM. Sunday—Dance, 8 PM.

### Exeter

Monday—Concert party, 6:30 PM. Tuesday—Dancing lessons, 8 PM. Wednesday—Film party, 4 PM; ping-pong tournament, 9 PM. Thursday—Bicycle picnic, 2 PM; movies, 8:30 PM. Friday—Lecture, 2:30 PM; theater party, 6 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8-11 PM. Sunday—Open house, 1-6 PM; special music, 4 PM; cartoonist, 8:45 PM.

### Northampton

Monday—Dance, 8:30 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 8:30 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8:30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8:30 PM. Friday—Movies, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8:30 PM. Sunday—Submarine bus trip, 10 AM; swimming party, 10:30 AM; tea-dance, 3 PM; dance, 8:30 PM.

### Camp Club Opens in Wales

CARDIFF, Nov. 28—The first ARC camp club in Wales opened tonight. Miss Jeanie I. Geither, of Pittsburgh, is the director, with Miss Natalie Falow, of Chicago, her assistant. A GI variety show, produced by Sgt. George Lombardo, of Easton, Pa., featured the inaugural program.

# Windy Cityans In ETO Get Set For a Big Blow

## Chieto Club Will Be Feted By London's Lord Mayor At Historic Ceremony

By Jack Foster

Stars and Stripes Navy Writer

Three hundred Chicagoans in uniform—one-tenth the total membership of Chicagoans in their ETO club—will meet Thursday, Dec. 9, in London's Mansion House for an historic ceremony as guests of the Lord Mayor.

Anthony Eden, British Foreign Minister, will present a Union Jack to the club, and Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, U.S. Ambassador to the Allied Governments in Exile, will present the Stars and Stripes to the group. Banners of the City of London and the City of Chicago will be exchanged to hang in the City Halls of each metropolis.

The Red and White London flag bearing the Cross of St. George and the Sword of St. Paul never has been presented to any other city in the world.

### Two-way Broadcast

Arrangements are being made by the Ministry of Information for a two-way broadcast between the Mansion House and City Hall, Chicago, to bring a message from the Windy City Council Chambers.

The ETO Club Chicago organization, known as Chieto, is the largest sectional group in the ETO. Its amazing growth began with a small notice in The Stars and Stripes one day last May which read:

"Servicemen in the ETO who hail from Chicago are invited to a dinner and get-together next Friday at the Mostyn Club. . . ."

Swarms of GIs and officers turned up. A couple of sailors ravelled 250 miles on precious leave time to attend. The Marines were there. Chicagoans jammed the dining room. They overflowed from the meeting room into the hallways.

Lt. Col. Harry J. Dooley, who with the late Col. Morrow Krum had conceived the idea of a Chicago Club, was astonished. More Windy City servicemen attended than had ever been to a sectional meeting in any ETO Red Cross club. In the next few days membership applications poured in from all over Britain, from Ireland, from North Africa.

### WAC on Board of Directors

A representative group of officials was elected to lead the club. A sailor and a Marine were included. On the board of directors is a variety of ranks and rates, ranging from Col. Harold W. Grant to Pfc Irene M. Schafer, a WAC.

Army nurses are members. Lloyd F. Scudder, a staff sergeant in the battle dress of the Canadian Army, is on the rolls, too. Thirty-six Chicagoans in a German prison camp have formed a branch under 2/Lt. Charles H. Otis, navigator on the Fort Windy City Challenger, which was shot down over France.

Sailors at the Naval Operating Base, Londonderry, N. Ireland, frequently come to London for Chieto meetings and dances. Plans are in progress to establish a branch at the base.

Chicago newspaper correspondents, cabling home lengthy features about the club, have aroused the help of the hometown folks. Mayor Edward J. Kelly sent the silken City of Chicago flag to be used in next week's ceremony. Edward J. Hurlley Jr., owner of a huge manufacturing company in the Windy City, invited Chieto to use space in his London office for business purposes.

High-ranking ETO officers sensed the morale value of the club and gave their approval. Legal minds gave advice on how to keep the organization strictly within the pale of Army regulations.

British stage and screen stars, most of whom have played Chicago at some time, entertained the group one night.

Enthusiasm shown by the members has brought concern to President Dooley.

"We have 3,000 members, and every one will want to be at the Mansion House next week," he said. "The Lord Mayor would like them all to be there, but there just isn't room. We are sending out invitations in the order we receive requests. It will be tough after we get the first 300. And the outfit grows so fast I guess we'll have to hire the Sportzpalast for our meetings in Berlin."

# 12 Shows Tour On ETO Circuit

A dozen USO-Camp Shows—one short of the record 13 of two weeks ago—are swinging around the ETO circuit today.

"The GI Gang" is taking a rest, but comedians Billy Gilbert and Ella McKenzie, stars of "Hullabaloo," who recently recovered from the flu, are touring camps in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The other shows, with their locations for the week, are:

Norfolk—"USA Calling," Frankie Conville, comedian; Penny Beaumont, accordionist. "At Ease," Hank Ladd, comedian; Franetta Malloy, singer; plus five-piece GI live team.

Cornwall—"Bubbling Over," Sid Marlon and Cliff Hall, comedians.

Birmingham and Derby areas—"On With the Show," George Freemas, comedian; Canfield Smith, ventriloquist.

Hamshire—"Full Speed Ahead," Carl Nixon and Carmen Sands, comedy team.

Bedford area—"Yanksoppin'," Gail Kendal, singer; 13 soldier-troupers.

Dorset—"Rudy Starita and his Starlites," Al Bernie, comedian; Rudy Starita, vibraphonist.

S. Wales and Hereford—"Swing Time," Grace Drysdale, puppet entertainer; Eaye, swing singer.

Wiltshire—"Band Wagon," Willie Shore, comedian; Josephine Del Mar, singer and dancer; eight-piece GI band.

Liverpool area—"Fun Marches On," Don Rice, comedian; Mildred Anderson, accordionist.

Northern Ireland—"Broadway Time," Hal Le Roy, tap dancer.

### Lady Peel Attends Party

Lady Peel (Beatrice Lillie) was a guest at a party staged by Headquarters Detachment, SOS, Pvt. Peter Cichetti, of Tuxedo, N.Y., and Pvt. Happy Norman, of Los Angeles, entertained.

# ETO Evincing Hearty Interest In U.S. Armed Forces Institute

Greater interest than expected is being shown in the ETO Branch of the U.S. Armed Forces Institute, Maj. Theodore A. Siedle, commandant, declared yesterday.

The Armed Forces Institute courses include 64 different subjects covering military, technical, scientific and general education. A student may acquire credits, through the institute, which will be forwarded to any school or college after the war, if he desires.

Distinction of being the first registrant in the recently established school setup goes to Sgt. Frank Helmecci, of West Virginia, who enrolled in a book-keeping and accounting course.

Following Helmecci were Pvt. Zach McLendon Arnold, of Georgia; T/Sgt. Carrell W. Porter, of Vermont, and T/Sgt. Edwin E. McAllister, of Texas.

2/Lt. Eugene M. Rembach, of an ordnance depot company, enrolled 14 men from his organization in six different courses.

According to the commandant, self-teaching texts for group off-duty classes soon will be available upon request in limited numbers. Sample sets of correspondence courses cannot be distributed, however.

"The titles as listed in the catalog are self-explanatory, and these alone should enable anyone to determine his interests in a subject," Maj. Siedle said.

Information may be obtained from unit special service and education officers and chaplains. Direct communication between officers and ETOs and the commandant of the ETO Branch, APO 871, has been authorized for questions pertaining to the educational services.

# Navy Tallies Twice in Last Half to Beat Army, 13-0

## Hillis Hume Paces Middie Ground Attack

### Sailors Fail to Use Vaunted Passing Game; Army Offense Stalled

WEST POINT, N.Y., Nov. 28—Touchdowns in each of the last two periods gave the blue-clad Middies from Annapolis a 13-0 triumph over Army before 15,000 fans at Michie Stadium here yesterday in the 44th contest between the two service elevens.

Hal Hamberg, Navy's pint-sized back from Lonoke, Ark., and Fullback Hillis Hume, carried the Navy attack almost single-handed with their kicking and running efforts. Navy failed to show its vaunted passing attack, although the weather was ideal for it.

Midway in the third stanza, after the scoreless first half, Hamberg punted 53 yards to Glenn Davis on the Army eight-yard line, where Davis stepped out of bounds. After picking up five yards on two plays, Davis was nailed on the two-yard line by Roe Johnson. George Maxon then went back into his own end zone and booted the ball 53 yards to Hamberg on the Navy 47. Hamberg broke clear for a possible touchdown run, but he was bumped by team mate Ben Martin on the Army 43 and was downed there.

#### Navy Recovers Own Fumble

Little Hal hit right tackle and left tackle to pick up a first down on the Army 31. On the next play, he started around right end, then tossed a lateral to Hume, who raced down the sidelines before he was bumped out of bounds on the six by Davis. Hume bucked through the left side of the line, gaining four yards, Davis again nailing him. An attempted quarterback sneak resulted in a fumble, but the sailors recovered, losing two yards on the play.

Navy Coach Wheelchel then put in Bob Jenkins, former Alabama line smasher, and Jenkins bucked through center. Joe Stanowicz, Army tackle, hit him on the two and Jenkins fell into the end zone for the first touchdown of the game. Vic Finos entered the game to convert. The rest of the frame was scoreless.

The final quarter opened with Navy in possession of the ball on the Army 40 with two down and 14 to go. Hume hit left tackle for the first down on the West Pointers' 25, but a Hume to Jim Pettit reverse was stopped for no gain and Hamberg's pass to Pettit into the end zone was incomplete. Hamberg tried the line only to lose three yards, then Hume carried to the Army one on a fake reverse.

#### Pettit Goes Over

The Army line held Hamberg on the next effort, but Pettit went through the Cadets on the next play for the second Navy tally. Dick Pitzer blocked Finos' attempted placement and the score stood 13-0 after three minutes had gone in the period.

Army's rooters had something to shout about briefly early in the first period when Glenn Davis made what apparently was a 75-yard touchdown run when Hume, after going 15 yards to the Navy 25, attempted a lateral to Jenkins, the ball rolling free and Davis recovering to make his run unmolessted. The officials ruled an offside on both teams on the play, however, and the ball was called back. There was no demonstration by either Army or Navy rooters as nobody apparently realized why the ball had been called back.

Army looked formidable in the first period, invading Navy territory twice, reaching the 33 and 46. The Middies reached Army's 37, but lost the ball when Jenkins fumbled and Army guard Ed Murphy recovered.

#### Army Got to Navy 33

In the second quarter, Army penetrated to the Navy 33 and kept Navy on its own side of the midfield stripe throughout the period.

Hillis Hume, who hails from Alliance, Ohio, was the outstanding Navy ground gainer, repeatedly choosing to hit the Army line rather than avoid it. He consistently shook off Army tacklers or nudged them backward as he drove through the Cadet secondaries.

More than 13,000 seats were empty because of President Roosevelt's order restricting the ticket sale to bona fide residents of a ten-mile area surrounding the Academy. Half of the Army cadet corps received the odious assignment to sit on the Navy side of the field and cheer for Navy, as the midshipmen remained at Annapolis because of war-time travel restrictions.

#### Here are the statistics:

	Navy	Army
First downs	10	9
Yards gained rushing	130	75
Passes attempted	10	18
Passes completed	1	7
Yards gained passing	6	57
Passes intercepted by	2	11
Number of punts	2	11
Average distance of punts, yards	46.6	37.9
Runback of punts, yards	83	12
Yards lost penalties	83	65
Fumbles recovered by	3	4

#### Tarheels Overwhelm Virginia

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 28—North Carolina defeated Virginia, 54-7, here yesterday in the 54th renewal of their ancient rivalry. Virginia held the Tarheels to a 28-7 lead for three periods, but the fury of the Tars' ground attack broke loose for 26 points in the final quarter.

## 'Dead' Last Year, Tackles Them Today



John Dudenake (left), former Marine paratrooper listed as killed in action in the Pacific last year, is now a parachute rigger playing on the Lakehurst Naval football team. He's chatting here with Pfc Benjamin Cowan, of St. Mary's, Ohio, who was wounded in North Africa and was brought from an Army hospital to watch Lakehurst play Penn at Franklin Field.

## Georgia Tech Picked to Meet Tulsa in Sugar Bowl Contest

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 28—Georgia Tech will meet Tulsa in the New Year's Day Sugar Bowl game, according to a statement issued last night by Joe Davis, president of the Mid-Winter Sports Association.

The participants were announced following Tech's capture of the Southeastern Conference championship with a 48-0 victory over Georgia at Atlanta yesterday. Tulsa ended its season Thanksgiving Day with a 61-0 victory over Arkansas University.

Tech has won seven of ten games played, losing to Notre Dame, Duke and Navy. The Yellow Jackets scored 280 points against 124 for its opponents. Tulsa won five of six games, playing a 6-6 tie with Southwestern of Texas. The Golden Hurricane tallied 251 points to the opposition's 32.

## Trojans Clip UCLA, 26-13

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 28—Southern California defeated its crosstown rival, UCLA, 26-13, before 40,000 fans here yesterday.

The Trojans were slow in getting started and the Uclans had a 13-7 half-time lead, the Trojans scoring in the first period and UCLA the second.

The Trojans knotted the count in the third stanza and racked up 13 points in the final quarter.

The game was a comedy of errors, featuring fumbles, pass interceptions and blocked kicks.

## Del Monte Pre-Flighters Rout Golden Bears, 47-8

BERKELEY, Cal., Nov. 28—Paced by ex-Fordham scabback Len Eshmont, Del Monte Pre-Flight closed the season here yesterday by whipping California's Golden Bears, 47-8.

The Pre-Flight backfield of Eshmont, Parker Hall, Paul Christian and Jim McDonald scored three times in the first period and twice each in the second and third to inflict the worst defeat of a disastrous season on the Bears.

## Angelo Bertelli Awarded 1943 Heisman Trophy

NEW YORK, Nov. 28—Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame's ace passer now in the Marines, has been awarded the 1943 Heisman Trophy, annually voted by the Downtown Athletic Club to the nation's outstanding gridder.

Bertelli polled 648 votes from sports writers and announcers throughout the country. Second place went to Bob O'Dell, Pennsylvania blocking back, who got 177 votes.

## Seahawks Top Gophers, 32-0

### Fliers Garner 26 Points in Last Half; Guepe Scores Twice

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 28—The Iowa Pre-Flight Seahawks, held to one touchdown in the first half, exploded for 13 points in the third period and 13 in the fourth to beat Minnesota, 32-0, here.

Jimmy Smith, former Illinois quarterback, sneaked the first Seahawk touchdown from the five-yard line after the fliers marched from their own 17, where ex-Brooklyn Dodger Perry Schwartz recovered a Minnesota fumble. Art Guepe, ex-Marquette star, went 53 and 66 yards for touchdowns in the third period.

In the fourth quarter Ted Curran passed 25 yards to Johnny Clements for one tally and the other came on an interception by Bud Kay, Pre-Flight substitute guard.

## Randolph Fliers Take First Loss

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Nov. 28—Southwestern Louisiana Institute knocked Randolph Field from the list of undefeated elevens by winning, 6-0, here yesterday.

Southwestern scored late in the third period on a pass interception.

The only blot on Southwestern Louisiana's record is a 20-20 tie with Arkansas Aggies and they are looking forward to a Sun Bowl or Cotton Bowl invitation. Representatives from both events were among the 5,000 fans present yesterday.

## Commanders, CBS Pirates Meet at White City Dec. 5

EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND HQ, Nov. 28—The Commanders, football squad representing this headquarters, will meet the CBS Pirates in a challenge contest at White City Stadium, London, Dec. 5. The kickoff will be at 2:30 PM.

The Commanders, according to Lt. Maury Swartz, of San Francisco, Special Service athletic officer of this command, are in top form, while Lt. Chuck Eisenman, of Superior, Wis., CBS athletic officer, says his squad, averaging 190 pounds, will be rounding into form this week.

## Yellowjackets Smash Georgia Bulldogs, 48-0

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 28—Georgia Tech's Navy V-12 team rolled over Georgia, 48-0, here yesterday, earning the Sugar Bowl bid and giving Tech Coach Bill Alexander the unique distinction of having been invited to every major post-season game played in this country.

The heavily-favored Yellowjackets, using Eddie Prokop, star halfback, whenever need arose, scored in every period and there was never any doubt of the outcome after Tech scored in the first two and one-half minutes. The outclassed Georgians gave Tech no trouble throughout the contest.

## Football Results

East		Midwest		South		Southwest		Far West					
Brooklyn 12, Rutgers 6	Lafayette 58, Lehigh 0	Navy 13, Army 0	Great Lakes 19, Notre Dame 14	Iowa Pre-Flight 32, Minnesota 0	Oklahoma 26, Nebraska 7	Camp Lejeune 13, Jacksonville Naval 0	Georgia Tech 48, Georgia 0	North Carolina State 44, Virginia 7	Southern Methodist 20, Texas Christian 0	Southwestern 21, Rice 7	Southwestern Louisiana Institute 6, Randolph Field 0	Del Monte Pre-Flight 47, California 8	Southern California 26, UCLA 13

## Hockey League Standings

W L T Pts.				W L T Pts.					
Montreal	9	0	2	20	Detroit	4	3	2	10
Chicago	6	4	0	12	Boston	4	5	7	10
Toronto	5	5	2	12	New York	0	11	0	0

## Terry and the Pirates



## SPORT SIDELIGHTS Ex-Irish Star Puplis Has Own Grid Schedule

### Plays for Cards, Coaches And Teaches on The Side

NEW YORK, Nov. 28—Remember Andy Puplis, of the Andy-to-Andy Notre Dame duo? Puplis to Pilney, in case you wonder. Puplis this year has some football schedule. Puplis teaches school at Chicago's Proviso Township High from 7.30 to 9.30, works out with the Chicago Cards from 10 to 12.30, teaches from 1.30 to 3.30 and coaches Proviso's football team from 3.30 to 5.30. On Sundays he plays with the Cards in Buffalo, New York, Washington, etc. And he still keeps his wife speaking to him and is recognized by his two children. That is quite a job.

#### No Comment Here

When Purdue rolled over Ohio State, one of the midwestern papers came up with this Skeltonesque top line, "Purdue It." And the same writer had a paragraph in his story that said that Boilemaker backs bored one hole after another in the Ohio forward wall, and at the end of the game Buckeye linesmen were bored stiff—and sore. . . . Pvt. Will White, of Waterbury, Conn., is a very diversified gent. Will recently took his North African base heavyweight boxing title and then turned around and copped the table tennis trophy the following week. Anyone want to comment on t.t. being a sissy sport within White's hearing range?

Lt. Bill Lyda, one-time Oklahoma track star and holder of the Big Six 440, mark, was killed in a plane crash at El Toro, Cal. Lyda was graduated from Oklahoma in 1942 and immediately went into the Marine Corps. . . . Another of the old Walter Camp All-Americans reached the end of the game recently when Tommy Trenchard, captain at Princeton and end on Camp's 1893 selections, died at his home in New York.

#### Derby Again Says Winn

William Helis, the New Orleans magnate who has been turning racing circles upside down with his horse purchases in recent months, will start to find out shortly how well he has invested. He hired Ed Snyder, former C. V. Whitney trainer, to condition his stables and Snyder will have two carloads of Helis nags at the Fair Grounds opening in New Orleans.

Col. Matt Winn is going to run the Kentucky Derby for sure. There has been some speculation as to whether the classic would last the war out, but Winn spiked that. He told reporters that the Derby would run if there were only two horses and six spectators. His race has been run every season since 1875 and no war is going to stop it if it costs Col. Matt a small fortune just to keep it alive. Matt says that it survived two wars and why not a third.

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#### Shoes for Exchange

Will exchange pair of 7½D (never worn) brown, plain toe, Thom McAn oxfords for equivalent in size 8D. Cpl. Robert E. Little, c/o Help Wanted.

#### Lost

SHIRT and Pictures taken at the American Red Cross, Norwich. The folder of photographs contained one of my wife who recently died. Would appreciate return of pictures at least. Pvt. Leonard F. Cullison, c/o Help Wanted, or Miss Green, at the Norwich Red Cross.

CIGARETTE Lighter, Ronson, with name and serial number 0-885417 engraved on it, on Nov. 17 in neighborhood of Russell Sq.—Lt. P. H. Dunn.

IDENTIFICATION Bracelet with name engraved on it, Nov. 24, in London.—Capt. V. P. McDavid.

#### College Men

SEND your name, rank, college, year, fraternity unit and APO to The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, Printing House Square, London, E.C.4. From time to time, as new names are added to the lists, you will be sent the names and addresses of fellow alumni in this theater who have registered with us.

By Milton Caniff

# Great Lakes Topples Unbeaten Notre Dame, 19-14

## Cards on Ropes As Draft Takes Key Performers

### Farm System Unable to Fill Holes; Cooper's Loss Serious

By Jack Smith

New York Daily News Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Nov. 28—If the Yankees thought they did a good job on the Cards in the World Series, they ought to take a look at the wreckage. The Yankees blasted them from world champions to mere National League champs, but since October, the draft has reduced them even further and now they are "unknown quantities" for the next pennant race, struggling to replace key performers such as Walker Cooper, Al Brazle, Harry Walker and Harry Brecheen.

From a winter viewpoint, they've had their pennant-winning legs knocked from under them and even their once fruitful farm system is barren.

It was this farm system that enabled the club to overcome losses suffered in the draft a year ago when Terry Moore, Enos Slaughter, Johnny Beazley and Frank Crespi were called into service. It produced Harry Walker to fill in for Slaughter, Lou Klein to replace Crespi and a pair of southpaws—Alpha Brazle and Harry Brecheen—to help make up for the loss of Beazley, a 20-game winner.



Walker Cooper

The system is sending up some replacements for the pitching staff and the outfield. From Rochester comes Blix Donnelly, young right-hander who pitched a no-hit, no-run game last season. But nowhere in the chain is there a farmhand to replace Walker Cooper, leading catcher in the big leagues and rated by some even more valuable to the team than slugging Stan Musial.

#### O'Dea Far From Cooper's Class

At present there are four men under consideration for the job. Reserve catchers on the club a year ago were Ken O'Dea and Sam Narron, with O'Dea by far the superior workman. Narron was confined chiefly to bullpen duty and appeared occasionally as a pinch hitter. O'Dea was a much more frequent performer, particularly early in the schedule when his batting average soared well over the .300 mark. He seems the most likely heir to Cooper's mask and chest protector, but though competent, he is far from Cooper's class.

However, he'll have to battle it out with a couple of ambitious maskmen from the minors. Up from Columbus comes Tommy Heath, veteran receiver who has had previous experience with the Browns. He brings with him a .303 batting average which apparently gives him the edge over young Gerry Burmeister, who hit only .240 in 122 games at Rochester.

#### A Steady Influence

The loss of Cooper alone, regardless of his successor, brings the Cards closer to the level of the other National League clubs who swallowed the swirls of St. Louis dust all last summer. He, as much as anyone, was responsible for the development and effectiveness of young hurlers Brazle and Brecheen. He also was a steady influence on his brother Mort and on Max Lanier. Without him the staff may fall far below its pennant-winning level.

An even more gloomy thought is that the team may be reduced even further. And as the weeks go by and more fathers are called to service, the roster may be trimmed even more. Stan Musial, Marty Marion, Mort Cooper and other regulars are likely victims, and the loss of any one of them would be another tremendous blow. Marion, great shortstop as he is, probably could be spared more than the others since the Cards still have on their Rochester farm a star shortstop and batting champ, Ralph Schoendienst, who has been classified 4-F because of poor eyesight.

#### Basketball Results

Columbia 44, U.S. Naval Reserve School 41  
Cornell 82, Rome (N.Y.) Air Base 11  
Ellis Island Coast Guard 48, Princeton 33.  
Muhlenberg 50, CCNY 47  
Wesleyan 48, Williams 40  
Western Michigan 51, Central Michigan 24

## Harris Has No Comment On Ouster of Bill Cox

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28—Stanley "Bucky" Harris, fired by Bill Cox as Phillie manager in favor of Freddie Fitzsimmons, former Giant and Dodger pitcher last mid-season, had no comment to make on Cox's ouster from baseball.

Meanwhile Robert Carpenter Jr., new Phillie President, in replying to questions regarding the managerial position, said, "At this time I can say we do not contemplate any change in management. I have not met Mr. Fitzsimmons, but plan to do so at the earliest possible moment."

## SOS Quintets Open Season

### 24 Teams in 3 Leagues Start Second Season Of Competition

By M. M. Robins

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent  
SOS HQ, Nov. 28—The second annual SOS basketball league season opened here last week with 24 teams divided into three loops—the Stalin, Churchill and the Roosevelt.

In the first contest, the Inkspots beat the Spartans, 33-24. It was a close contest all the way with the score knotted, 11-11, at half-time. A flurry of long shots from midcourt in the third quarter put the Inkspots ahead, 22-16, and their aggressiveness plus their opponents' poor passing gave them the game. T/5 William Dye, of Madison, Wis., netted four field goals and three fouls for the winners to carry off scoring honors.

The Medix came from behind in a saw-saw affair to take the Canine Dribblers, 21-20, in the second contest. The Dribblers led at intermission time, 12-6, due to their superior, faster teamwork. But they soon tired, allowing the Medix to ring up ten points in the third quarter to fall behind, 13-16. The losers rallied in the last frame, but were shaded by the Medix to lose out by one point. Setting the pace for the victors with five tallies apiece were T/5 Wallace Daetwyler, of Lamar, Mo., and Pvt. Travis P. Shackelford, of Griffin, Ga.

## Leafs Subdue Boston Bruins

TORONTO, Nov. 28—The Toronto Maple Leafs defeated the Boston Bruins, 7-4, here last night.

Bert Gardiner, regular Bruin goalie, was out with influenza, and George Abbott, veteran Toronto amateur, played in the nets for the Bruins, but despite a good job was little defensive help.

Don Gallinger tallied three times for the Bruins, twice unassisted, and Herbie Cain disced the other goal. Bob Davidson scored three times for the Leafs and had one assist, while Lorne Carr scored once and had four assists.

## Blue, Green Elevens Battle to Tie at Oxford

OXFORD, Nov. 28—Two elevens, the Blues and Greens, battled to a scoreless tie on a slippery Oxford University rugby field yesterday.

Sparked at the guard position by their captain, Pvt. Frank Tideman, of Clifton, N.J., the Blues held the edge on the line plays, stopping practically every attempt on the part of the Greens, who were captained by Tackle Cpl. Wayne Parish, former University of Portland star.

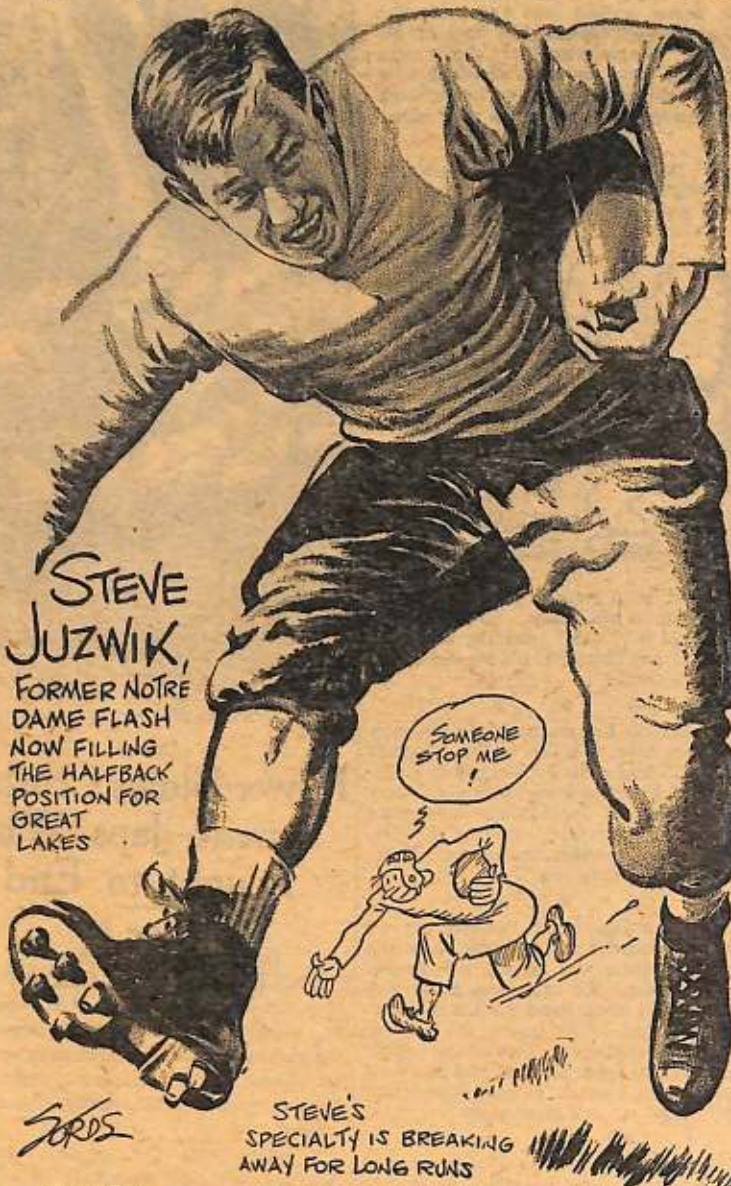
## Rangers Obtain McDonald And Three Bruin Players

BOSTON, Nov. 28—Art Ross, Bruin manager, has announced the sale to the New York Rangers of Oscar Aubuchon, Ab DeMarco and Charlie Scherza, all forwards.

Manager Lester Patrick has revealed that the Rangers also have obtained Bucko McDonald, defenseman, from the Maple Leafs and returned Charlie Sands to the Montreal Canadiens.

## Speedy Sailor

By Jack Sords



STEVE JUZWIK, FORMER NOTRE DAME FLASH NOW FILLING THE HALFBACK POSITION FOR GREAT LAKES

STEVE'S SPECIALTY IS BREAKING AWAY FOR LONG RUNS

Central Press

## 54-Yard Pass In Last Minute Defeats Irish

### Injured Steve Lach Hurls Payoff Pitch With 28 Seconds to Go

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Nov. 28—The curtain fell on the Midwest football season with a resounding crash here yesterday as the Bluejackets of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station toppled previously unbeaten and untied Notre Dame, 19-14, when Steve Lach, former Duke All-American, hobbled onto the field to throw a 54-yard touchdown pass to Paul Anderson in the last 28 seconds of the fourth period to the screaming delight of the 20,000 sailors present.

After winning nine straight, the Irish myth of invincibility was cracked wide open by the sailors, who out-statisticked Notre Dame in every important department.

Notre Dame received the opening kickoff and never lost possession until Johnny Lujack climaxed a 67-yard march by scoring on a quarterback sneak. Fred Earley added the point.

#### Sitko Tallies for Sailors

In the third period, former Notre Dame freshman Emil Sitko swept around left end for 23 yards and a touchdown, but Steve Juzwik, also an ex-Irishman, saw his conversion attempt go wide.

A few moments later Fullback Dewey Proctor broke through left tackle and galloped 51 yards for another tally and

## High School Elevens Draw 75,000 at Chicago

CHICAGO, Nov. 28—With the nation's biggest college games played in relative privacy at West Point and Great Lakes, two high school football teams played to 75,000 fans in Chicago yesterday.

St. George's High School beat Wendell Phillips, 19-12, for the Chicago Public Schools title at Soldiers Field.

## again Juzwik's kick went wide and the Bluejackets led 12-7, as the quarter ended.

The South Benders lived up to their reputation as a second half team after being held scoreless in the third period to come back in the fourth on an 80-yard march down field to score on Creighton Miller's one-yard dive. Earley's conversion again put Notre Dame ahead, 14-12, with one minute and 11 seconds remaining in the game.

#### No One Near Anderson

It was here that Lach, disregarding a leg injury, entered the game and pitched a 17-yarder to Anderson putting the ball on the Notre Dame 46. On the next play, with less than half a minute remaining, Lach faded to his own 46 and tossed to Anderson on the goal with no Irishman nearer than 15 yards from him. Juzwik booted the point, merely pouring salt on Notre Dame's wounds.

Here are the statistics:

	Great Lakes	Notre Dame
First downs	15	14
Yards gained rushing	284	180
Passes attempted	7	16
Passes completed	4	7
Yards gained passing	77	64
Average distance of punts, yards	21.2	34.7
Runback of punts, yards	47	33

## Hans Crescent Linksmen Annex Hendon Match

The ARC Hans Crescent Club golfers added another match to their long string of victories yesterday afternoon when they outplayed the Hendon Golf Club, 41-11, in a 36-hole match.

Hans Crescent linksmen who took part were:

Sgt. Walter Kuepce, Chicopee Falls, Mass.; Cpl. Dick Austin, Lynn, Mass.; Cpl. Joe Fiore, New York; Sgt. John Anderson, Beverly Hills, Cal.; Cpl. Don Piene, Springfield, Ill.; Sgt. Eli Thomas, Pittsburgh; Cpl. Rick Famin, Glen Cove, N.Y.; Cpl. Stan Remsen, Long Island, N.Y.; Sgt. Frank McCormick, Omaha, Neb.; Sgt. Don Slaten, Fargo, N.D.; Sgt. Bud Helmer, Springfield, Mass., and Fred Parry of the ARC.

## Southwestern Texas Beats Rice, 21-7, Before 5,000

HOUSTON, Texas, Nov. 28—Southwestern University, of Georgetown, Texas, defeated Rice Institute, 21-7, before 5,000 chilly fans here yesterday.

Southwestern thus ended the season with just one defeat, that by Southwestern Louisiana Institute. Southwestern scored in the first, third and fourth quarters.

#### WBS Five on Top, 39-10

WBS HQ, Nov. 28—A 39-10 victory over the Engineers was marked up by this headquarters' five in its first game of the season. Scoring of the game was led by Rothenberg, who sank eight points for the winners.

#### Hockey Results

American League  
Hershey 5, Providence 1  
Pittsburgh 3, Indianapolis 2  
Cleveland 5, Buffalo 1  
Eastern Amateur League  
Philadelphia 3, New Haven 2  
Boston 10, New York 2

LIL ABNER



IN ONE SECOND A SHOT WILL RING OUT!!

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Japan is Learning

Japanese on the island of Formosa have been bombed by units of the Chinese-American air force. The raid was a complete success. Flying wing to wing, our planes left Chinese bases, crossed the straits separating Formosa from China and struck the important Japanese air base at Shinkchi in Formosa, destroying 47 Jap planes without loss to our own attacking force. And while this raid was small compared with recent Allied attacks on the Fortress of Europe, its importance lies in the fact that it demonstrates a growing threat to the Japanese homeland.

Important too is the fact that the success of this raid will force the Nipponese Command to spread more thinly the defenses which have already proved inadequate. And as concentrations of Japanese air and ground forces are spotted over wider areas to provide protection against the widening arc of the Chinese-American air force, the effectiveness of that defence will be still further reduced.

Under such circumstances we will soon be able to select important Jap targets at will and destroy each in turn at low cost, as Japan, like Germany, learns the full meaning of the phrase "Allied Air Superiority."

Japanese Exploitation

At least 340 Chinese factories in Japanese-controlled areas have been taken over by the enemy, who is now concentrating his efforts on the increase of production, particularly that of coal, iron and salt, to make up for the insufficiency of those materials in Japan and Manchuria.

The 340 factories seized do not include key enterprises such as power plants, public utilities and communications which have also been taken over by the Japs. In addition, the invaders, using every type of excuse, have seized many light industries and have placed under rigid control the supply of raw materials and the distribution of almost every product.

In operating ruthlessly seized Chinese properties, the Japs have employed five methods: Military operation; Operation by private Japanese firms; Operation by "joint interests"; Operation under a "Lease" to private Japanese interests; and "Bought" by Japanese interests usually at "forced" sale.

As the Japanese army does not contain suitably trained industrialists and business people, the majority of Chinese properties seized are now being "managed" by Japanese firms. These firms are operating on a five-year program of expansion designed to increase greatly the production of essential war materials. And while this program has not been eminently successful, it constitutes one more "reason" for speed in striking offensively at Japan, for we must prevent the realization of this program, which is a threat to Allied victory in the Pacific.

Pacific Victory

The attack on the Gilbert Islands has shown Japan that American military leadership has no intention of driving the Japs slowly from one South Pacific island to the next. Such a policy would prove costly and postpone victory indefinitely while powerful outflanking movements made boldly will soon put us in position to strike at the heart of Japan.

Occupation of the Gilberts is our first big step in that direction. It constitutes our longest stride made in one jump and marks the first time our forces have advanced from the South Pacific to points north of the equator. Once occupation of the Gilberts is complete we will be in possession of a number of unsinkable aircraft carriers located in mid-ocean within range of the next step in our drive towards Japan.

Occupation of the Marshall Islands north of the Gilberts may follow, for in our hands they would make Wake Island untenable and put us in position to attack Guam. With our air, sea and land forces operating out of Guam, Truk Island and Japanese positions in the South Pacific would be outflanked and Japanese lines of communication to the South Pacific seriously threatened.

But the victories outlined will not be won easily. To win the Gilberts we paid a terrible price in blood. "Nothing in any previous war or in this one compares with it," claims Colonel Merritt A. Edson, veteran of Guadalcanal, discussing our casualties. And while this should have a sobering effect on those jubilant over the speedy capture of the Gilberts, it should also steel us to face the future in the full realization that only by speedily closing with the enemy can victory in the Pacific be achieved.

Hash Marks

Here's a new wrinkle in insignia of rank. A captain stationed at a large repair depot walked into the mess the other night with plastic-glass bars on his shoulders. Explaining that they were made from glass out of a smashed nose of a B17, the captain said that next week he was going to light them up with neon!

Clever people, these GIs! Soldiers who saw a sergeant from an air base over here running around snapping pictures of every



pretty girl in a nearby town wondered how he got so much film. So they asked him about it. "Oh," said the sergeant, "I haven't any film—but it's a good angle, don't you think?"

Pvt. Martin Langman, of an infantry outfit over here, tells this nifty: A bunch of Marines had some Japs caged in a pillbox. Suddenly the firing from the pillbox ceased. One of the Marines was quite equal to the occasion. Pulling the pin, he tossed in a grenade, muttering, "Here, split this up among you!"

Detroit police came running to an apartment when neighbors kept reporting too much noise was going on inside. What bothered the neighbors most was they couldn't understand a word that was being shouted. In court, the strange words were explained. Two of the people arrested came from Sweden, and one each from Mexico, Canada, Greece, Russia and Italy. Boy, what a card game!

There's still quite a bit of difference in this "English as she is spoke" in Britain and the USA. A sergeant at Camp Stewart



was very helpful when he noticed that one of the British soldiers visiting there with an anti-aircraft unit was not familiar with the good ole U.S. way of eating an ear of corn. "Hold it in both hands," said the sarge, "and eat it like you would play a harmonica." The English lad was very grateful. "Thank you," he said, and then a look of bewilderment passed over his face. "By the way," he asked politely, "what is a harmonica?"

Today's Daffynition: Chow Hound—The Man Who Came to Dinner—for the duration and six months. J. C. W.

Storming the Gilberts—Costly Job



Keystone Photo

Power Blows Crushed Fanatic Japs Who Fought to End

By Henry Keys

Daily Express Staff Correspondent

ON THE GILBERTS, Central Pacific, Nov. 26 (delayed)—The U.S. won the Jap stronghold of the Gilbert Islands by the ruthless use of overwhelming sea and air power and by desperate and costly fighting against a fanatically courageous enemy.

I sailed with the greatest armada America has ever set afloat to see this battle from start to finish.

For four days appalling punishment rained on the 4,000 defenders of Betio Island, but they fought back all the time.

U.S. warships of all types, from "16-inch" battleships to destroyers, delivered more than 2,200 tons of shells on the 540-acre atoll.

Planes plastered it with 700 tons of bombs, many of them 2,000 pounders, and strafed it with a million rounds of 50-caliber explosive bullets.

Japs Never Gave In

A pleasant little palm-covered Pacific isle was turned into a hell on earth.

And the Japs never gave in. They were annihilated.

In peace or war Tarawa has been the most important in the chain of the Gilbert Archipelago.

Betio is a chop-shaped island at the west end of the chain, about 4,000 yards long. It is 400 yards wide at one end and tapers to a narrow point.

It averages six feet above sea level, and is nowhere more than 12 feet.

On it the Japanese built their only airfield in the Gilberts, and fortified it to such an extent and with such military

Despite murderous U.S. naval and aircraft attacks on Betio Island's shore defenses, it was hours before the first landing wave of Marines could dent the Jap lines. Even then Yanks huddled the sandy beaches as they cautiously crept ashore, alert for snipers in dugouts and in trees. This is a scene from a landing on a Jap island similar to the Betio assault.

excellence that they can be forgiven for thinking it was impregnable.

The American Command believed it to be good, too.

For this reason battleships, aircraft-carriers, cruisers and destroyers were sent to escort the transports and to bombard the atoll mercilessly.

Within a few minutes of the enemy's first fire the 16-inch guns of the flagship from which I watched the battle roared in reply.

The muzzle blast of the giant guns was fiercely hot, and the smell of cordite burned our faces, while we bent at the knees from the shock of the terrible concussion.

Battleships Open Up

Our success was almost immediate.

An enormous fire started in the center of the island, bursting into explosions every few seconds. We had hit an ammunition dump. A few minutes later we knocked out one of the enemy batteries.

Two other battleships, as well as cruisers and destroyers moved into position for a planned bombardment and for the next four hours naval guns poured a stream of glowing shells on the island.

The flagship moved in to 5,000 yards. Even at that distance it was possible to feel the shock of the explosions on Betio transmitted through the water and the structure of the heavy ship.

By dawn many fires on the atoll glowed redly into rolling masses of black smoke.

Our fire slackened only a few minutes before the dive-bombers were due. This was to allow the smoke and dust to clear away so that the pilots could see the targets.

The first bombers carried 2,000-pounders. One after another, in a seemingly endless chain, they peeled off and shot to earth, pulling out only a few hundred feet above the ground.

After the bombers came the strafers, and then the bombardment was resumed.

Lt. Cmdr. R. A. Macpherson, flying the flagship's observation plane, reported the utter destruction in the key areas, and that the further shelling of them was pointless.

The beaches where it was proposed to land received most attention. An area a mile long and 50 yards deep received a bombardment equivalent to 20lb. of explosive per square yard.

As the warships continued the monotonous pounding, armored landing vessels with the first wave of assault troops moved on Betio.

Hundreds of these vessels dotted the water. They seemed a formidable yet a forlorn force at one and the same time. Then the shelling suddenly ended.

Marines Had No Cover

The landing craft negotiated the reef against only light enemy fire. But once ashore the Marines found that the Japs had recovered quickly.

Solidly entrenched in coral and concrete dug-outs, pillboxes and blockhouses, behind five-foot high parapets along the beaches they opened fire with automatic weapons.

The Marines had no cover. Second waves encountered even greater difficulty from heavy cross-fire.

One 75mm. gun, which was still working, totally destroyed several landing boats, while light and heavy machine-gun fire mowed down the Marines as they floundered 800 yards through the surf to the shore.

It was some hours before they could penetrate beyond the Japanese parapets.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Next time we'll have to come earlier and see if we can't get better table."



NEWS FROM HOME

Fleet Strength Doubled in Less Than 11 Months

Launching of Wasp Boosts Aircraft Carrier Total To More Than 40

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28—With the launching of the aircraft carrier Wasp II, the Navy doubled the numerical strength of its combatant fleet in less than 11 months and raised the number of carriers in service to more than 40, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox revealed.

The new fleet of aircraft carriers, Knox said, consisted of greatly improved vessels with longer range and greater striking force. He revealed that more than \$1,000,000,000 had been spent since July in building up the carrier fleet.

Col. Knox said that the Navy now numbered 817 warships. Before Pearl Harbor the fleet had 344 warships.

Amputation Fails to Save Life

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Nov. 28—Two doctors, W. O. Jennings and Benjamin Nibbelink, crawled under the tender of a Grand Trunk railroad locomotive and amputated the right leg of Howard Sevy, 43-year-old trainman from Battle Creek, in an unsuccessful effort to save his life. Sevy had been thrown under the tender when an automobile struck the train and rescuers were unable to extricate him. He died at a hospital soon after the amputation.

4 Die in Arkansas Blast

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Nov. 28—Four persons died of burns received in an explosion at the Pine Bluff Arsenal. The dead were Floyd Ellison, Waldo, Ark., and Winfield N. Anderson, Fred Lewis and Claude Yancey, all of Pine Bluff. The explosion was the second at the arsenal within a week.

Fire Razes Clubhouse

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 28—Fire destroyed the clubhouse of the Milwaukee Yacht Club causing damage estimated at \$50,000 by Louis Quarles, the club's commodore. Seventy boats tied up at the docks suffered only negligible damage. The cause of the fire was not determined immediately.

Axis to Finance Relief

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Nov. 28—All expenses of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in carrying out its work in Axis nations after the war will be financed by the defeated powers, a sub-committee of the UNRRA has decided.

7-Cent Hospital Care

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 28—Henry J. Kaiser, the West Coast shipbuilder, said he believed that 100,000 young doctors returning home after the war would participate in a plan to provide hospitalization and medical care at a cost to the patient of as little as seven cents daily.

\$50,000 Damage in Mich. Fire

PORTLAND Mich. Nov. 28—It took the combined fire departments of this city and nearby Grand Ledge two hours to put out a fire in two business buildings in the downtown section which caused an estimated \$50,000 damage.

Silent Screen Star Dies

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 28—Charles Ray, a star of the silent screen who was popular two decades ago, died of an infection of the throat and mouth. Ray, 52, lost the fortune he made as an actor when he turned to producing films.

Two Air Crashes Kill 9

COLUMBIA, Pa., Nov. 28 (AP)—Rep. J. William Ditter (R.-Pa.), Lt. Cmdr. J. J. Manshure, executive officer of the Willow Grove, Pa., naval air station, and seven Army airmen died in two Pennsylvania air crashes.

Famous Photographer Dies

ERIE, Pa., Nov. 28 (AP)—John Alexander Erickson, whose portrait photography twice won him the American Trophy, died at 64 from heart trouble.

Rep. Steagall Succumbs

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP)—Rep. Henry B. Steagall (D.-Ala.), chairman of the House Banking Committee has died suddenly.

Report Huge Meteorite Landed in United States

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28—A streak of white light which flashed across the sky over many states and was followed by an explosion which shook buildings in many towns in Oklahoma and Texas lent credence to a belief that a large meteorite has fallen in the United States.

In Thomas, Okla., an investigator discovered an unexplained crater on a farm. Residents of the town reported that something struck the earth Thursday evening and burned for more than half an hour.

Persons in cities more than 600 miles apart declared they observed the streak of light race across the sky for about a minute.

U.S. Service Gals Want Gifts that Glamorize

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 (UP)—Goods that glamorize—and are useful at the same time—are the first demand of U.S. servicewomen as Christmas gifts, according to a "Memo to Santa" survey just conducted by the OWI.

Sheer stockings, girdles and garters, glamorous bathing suits, gloves, underwear that launders easily, hairpins and safety pins are the most common choices.

What men in the forces ask first and foremost, at Christmas or any other time, are letters and photographs from home, cigarette lighters, watches and fountain pens.

3-Day Jail Term Looms For Head of CIO Union

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 28—Unless there is a successful appeal to the Supreme Court, R. J. Thomas, president of the CIO's United Automobile Workers, must serve a three-day jail sentence in Texas or forfeit a \$1,000 bond.

The Texas Supreme Court, which previously had ruled that Thomas must serve his sentence, yesterday overruled his motion for a rehearing. Thomas was convicted of violating a Texas labor law by soliciting union memberships at a meeting in Pelly, Tex., without having first registered as a labor organizer.

Movie Producer Signs Up Rival's Daughter for Film

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 28—The search for movie talent goes on constantly, and no one knows where the next star will come from, but Louis B. Mayer reached a new high yesterday when he went into the home of his rival, Jack L. Warner, to sign up his stepdaughter, Joy Page.

Miss Page is 19 years old and the daughter of Mrs. Warner by a previous marriage. She was playing bit parts when Mayer signed her up to play the second lead in a forthcoming picture.

Overseas Ballot Study Continues

Taft Would Curb Federal Distribution of Publicity On the Campaigns

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28—In Senate debate on the Green-Lucas bill to provide voting facilities and privileges for members of the armed forces overseas, Sen. Robert A. Taft (R.-Ohio) offered an amendment that would outlaw Federal distribution or broadcasting of campaign material unless the material had been approved by a War Ballot Commission proposed in the measure.

The amendment also stipulates that nothing shall prevent transmission overseas of letters, magazines, newspapers and other literature addressed personally to servicemen. Political matter sent in such literature could not be censored under the Taft amendment.

The Senate adopted by voice vote an amendment offered by Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R.-Mich.). It calls for straight majority decisions by the four-man ballot commission which the bill would set up to direct overseas voting. As it now stands, the bill provides that in case of tie votes by the two Democrat and two Republican members of the commission, an associate justice of the Supreme Court would be appointed to cast the deciding vote.

However, Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone has expressed his opposition to this section, under which he would be called upon to name the associate justice to cast the deciding ballot. He maintained the judiciary should be wholly dissociated from political matters.

No Extra Gas Allotment For Courting Purposes

MONTCLAIR, N.J., Nov. 28—Even if it's the "first and last chance," men in this town will not be issued extra gasoline for courting purposes, John Errico, chairman of the local rationing board, ruled.

Errico said an applicant, who described himself as a man "who, after years of trying, finally met a girl" who lived miles away, asked for extra gas to "follow up."

Landing Barges from Pacific Offered for Sale—No Buyers

BERKELEY, Cal., Nov. 28—Used landing barges from the Pacific theater are being offered for sale to the public.

Henry A. Tieslau, a dealer in tractors and machinery, bought 16 condemned barges from the army, painted "For Sale" signs on them and lined them up in a lot facing the highway along San Francisco Bay.

One of the barnacle-incrusted barges has shell holes in it but Tieslau guarantees that all the barges will float. "The price is \$1,650 each," Tieslau

said. "You couldn't buy a boat of like size—22 tons—for \$5,000."

"They float in 14 inches of water, are unsinkable and have double bottoms. Think of it—a double bottom at these prices."

Thousands of persons see the barges every day, but so far there has been no sale. Tieslau reported, however, that he had a dicker on that might result in the sale of five barges. The army removed the engines from the barges before selling them to Tieslau.



"Ever notice how people stare over here?"

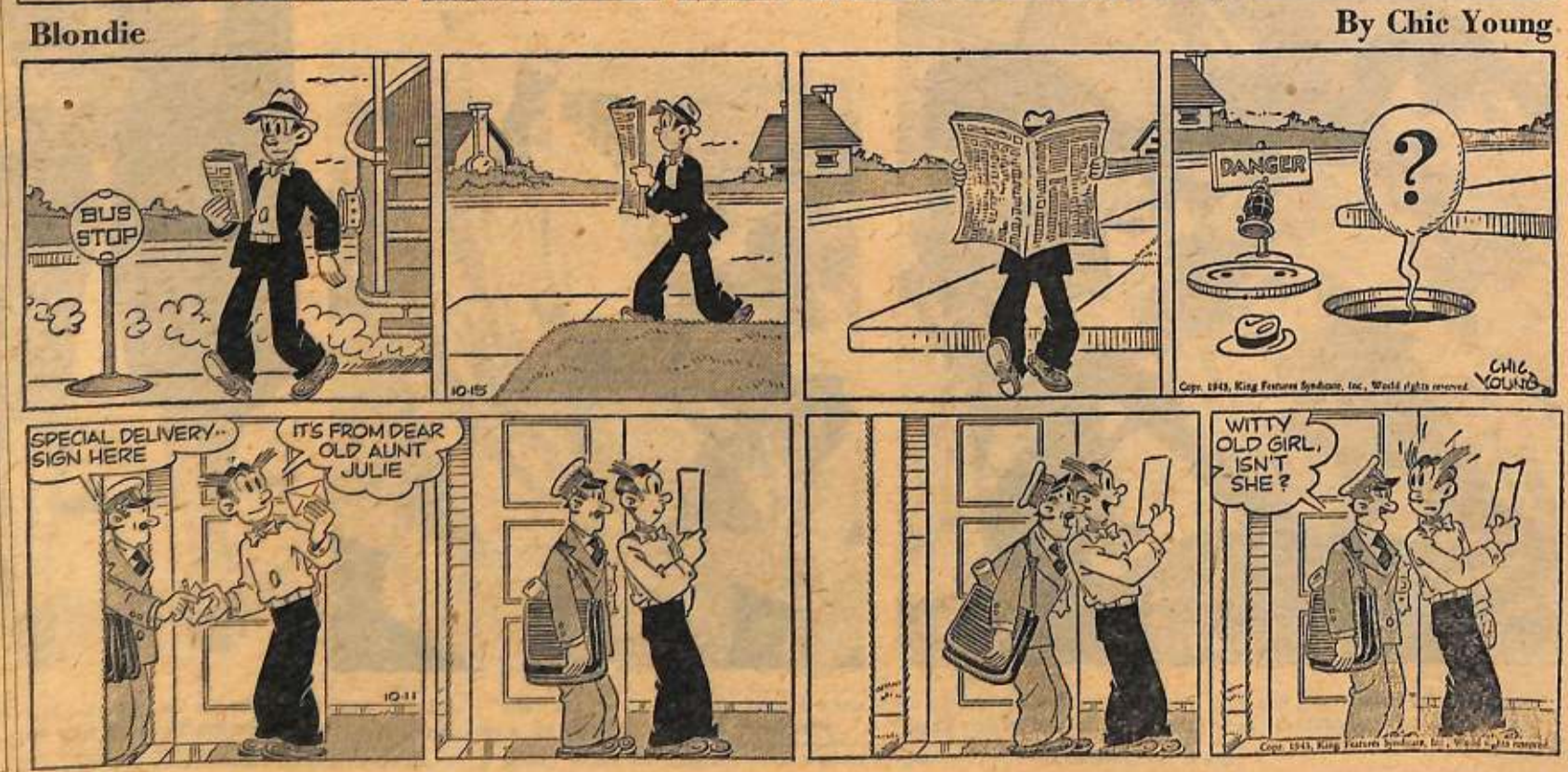
By Jean Baird



By Milton Caniff



By Chic Young



### This Material Gets A-1 Priority

### It's The Hit Of The Week



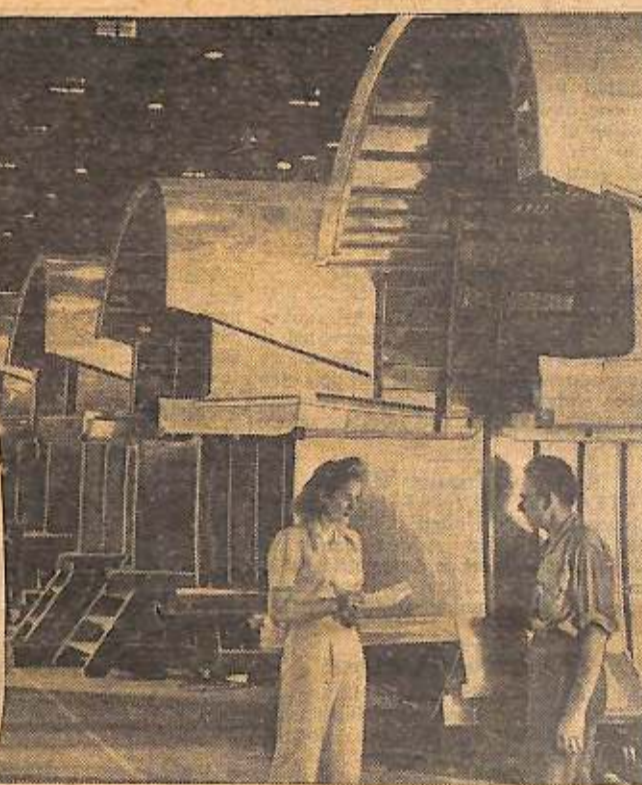
Keystone Photo  
Natives assisting Allied forces in the S. Pacific unload "life blood" from a landing barge to be rushed to wounded at the front. In jungle terrain workers like these are of great assistance in transporting supplies.

### V-Mail Queen

Comedian Billy Gilbert, who takes his USO-Camp Show "Hullabaloo" to N. Ireland this week, hopes this autographed souvenir explodes right in Der Fuehrer's face, no less! That's the bomb on the left.

### Guns For The Underground

### New Wings For The Navy



Keystone Photo  
These U.S. automatics are designated for Europe's "Silent Army"; so the inspectors are taking care that the weapons are in A-1 shape. It all means more headaches for the Axis.

OWI Photo  
Giant Consolidated Coronado PB2Ys, the Navy's 22-ton flying boats, awaiting completion on the assembly line. These will be used as long-range patrol bombers and cargo carriers.

### What's In A Name?

### Better Than Zoot Suits



Edna Joyce (Miss New Orleans '42) writes weekly to the crew of her father's merchant marine ship.

### An Old English Custom



Cigars may be premature, but each member of this Grumman crew on Guadalcanal expects to be a father by the end of the year.

Even French Morocco has "tea time"—and this Arab youngster looks as though he wants his share.

Maybe it's the models, but this play suit, peasant suit and Chinese ensemble look like sure bets for the fashion hit parade.