

## P38s Based In Tunisia Hit Rommel

### Lightnings Fly 400 Miles To Strike First Blow From West

By the United Press

For the first time since the Allies marched into French North Africa, Anglo-American fighters are co-operating today from both east and west in attacks on the retreating Axis forces in Tripolitania.

Lockheed Lightnings, operating nearly 400 miles from their Tunisian bases, have smashed at Rommel's retreating columns moving west between Zauia, 30 miles west of Tripoli, and Medenine.

Rommel lost at least 21 trucks carrying troops and gasoline, and about one-third of the number of trucks attacked were left burning.

Allied heavy bombers from the Middle East again were over Tunis and La Goulette yesterday, hammering at the railway marshalling yards.

### Tunisia Rain Continues

In Tunisia the weather is still binding down the forces on both sides, although Berlin radio claimed that important positions had been taken by the Axis north of Medjez el Bab.

There have been no further reports of the French troops since the announcement that they had retreated slightly in the face of heavy German counter-attacks near Pont du Falis.

"In central Tunisia and west of Kairouan the Americans tried to attack German positions, but were repulsed after hard fighting," said the Berlin radio.

In the Middle East there was nothing to report from the front 40 miles west of Sirte, where General Montgomery's troops are still in contact with the Axis forces at Wadi Bei el Chebir.

Fortresses again attacked the docks at Sousse, where the Germans are now trying desperately to ship in men and supplies following the near-devastation of the dock areas in Tunis and Bizerta by recent heavy raids.

Lightnings escorted the heavy bombers, which scored hits on the central dock areas. A large column of smoke was seen. All the raiders returned safely.

### Eighth Army Halts

The spearhead of Gen. Montgomery's Eighth Army is still halted in the rocky territory 40 to 50 miles to the west of Sirte.

In this territory of lofty escarpments and deep ravines the enemy may be attempting to put up some show of resistance. The Cairo communique yesterday stated merely that there was nothing to report from our troops in contact with the enemy in the Wadi Bei-el-Chebir area.

There was only slight activity over the battle area, the communique said.

The Italian communique, however, said that Italian aircraft repeatedly attacked Allied columns in the Libyan desert, destroying or damaging a large number of vehicles. No mention of the Libyan campaign was made in the German communique.

The vanguard troops of the Eighth Army are reported to have been in touch with the enemy in the neighborhood of Wadi Bei-el-Chebir for three days now.

This fact and the repeated mention of big supply columns moving up from Benghazi and other supply centers may suggest that Gen. Montgomery is building up his forces, while his advanced troops continue to engage and hold the enemy in the rocky terrain.

## Dives 70 Feet To Win 8 Quid

LONDONDERRY, Dec. 29—Whoever it is runs the paratroops—how about this guy? He likes to jump.

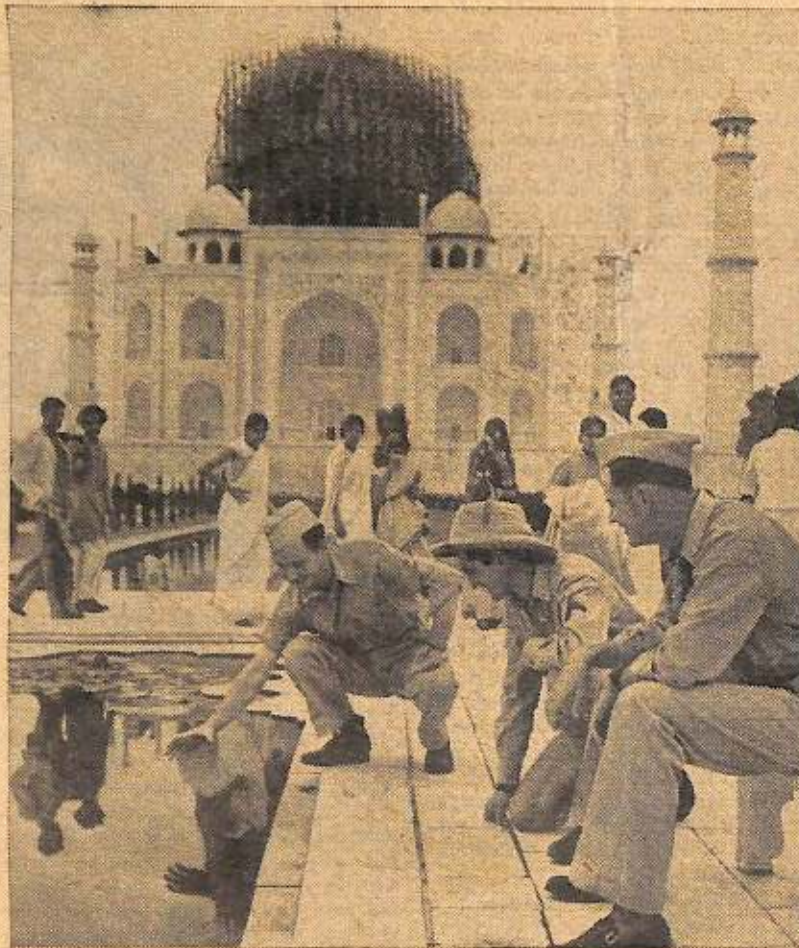
Here, Dec. 23, at 3:05 PM, S/Sgt. Scott A. Ritchie, from Arkansas, jumped off Londonderry bridge in his bathing trunks into the icy waters of the Loch Foyle estuary to collect an £8 bet. He was cheered by hundreds of spectators—soldiers, sailors, marines, and civilians; even by occupants of a bus which stopped so they could watch the leap.

Scott nonchalantly swam ashore and collected his eight pounds.

A policeman stepped up and said, "Hey, jumping off bridges is against the law! You can't do that!"

Scott replied, "I just did it." So the cop said, "Okay," or whatever is the Celtic equivalent, and departed to somewhere else in Ireland.

## Yanks Go Fishing at the Taj Mahal



Keystone Photo

Richard Halliburton's adventure books were the closest most Yanks thought they'd come to the remote places where now the war has sent them. Typical is Pfc. John Byron, Waco, Tex., who tries to snag a goldfish from the marble pool in which Halliburton swam before the Taj Mahal in India. Cpl. Anthony J. Scopelliti, Pfc. Ray Cherry, and natives look on.

## Courage of Yanks Under Fire Is Told by Citations in Africa

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Dec. 29 (AP)—Tales of outstanding heroism of American troops in action in French North Africa were told today in citations accompanying sixteen decorations awarded by Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The awards—six Distinguished Service Crosses, one Distinguished Service Medal, four Soldier's Medals, three Silver Stars, one Oak Leaf cluster and one commendation for extremely meritorious service—resulted mostly from initial landings in Africa. Two of them went to British naval officers.

One corporal, in full view of the enemy, aimed a captured anti-tank gun, whose breech had been partly removed, while his lieutenant fired it by firing sub-machine-gun bullets at the base of the anti-tank shells. A private climbed the wall of a Moroccan fort and sprayed the enemy with automatic rifle fire, diverting their attention from troops entering the main gate. Others were cited for equally heroic acts.

Those awarded DSC's were:

### Saved Wounded Comrade

S/Sgt. Robert Rooney distinguished himself by "extraordinary heroism in action against the armed enemy. Troops which landed in Algiers were ordered to withdraw because of heavy opposition. Rooney saw a private receive a wound and fall in the danger area. With utter disregard for his own safety Rooney went back and under heavy fire carried the private to cover."

(None of the addresses of the men was available.)

Pvt. John R. Fisher climbed the walls. (Continued on page 4)

## Orphans' Fund Passes £10,000

Air Service Command Gives £503.7.0; Signal Depot Company, £57.17.9

The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund has passed the £10,000 mark.

With one contribution of £503 7s. 0d., donated by six different units of the Eighth Air Force Service Command, and another of £57 17s. 9d. from the —th Signal Depot Company, the fund yesterday reached a total of £10,303.

The £503 donation was brought to The Stars and Stripes office by Maj. J. Larson, and the other contribution was turned in by Capt. L. C. Heartz.

Ten thousand pounds was the goal set for Jan. 1. It is hoped to reach £50,000 by the middle of next year—the amount necessary to sponsor 500 orphans.

Sixty-eight orphans are now receiving help and 35 more have been investigated and found worthy of assistance.

One hundred pounds takes care of one orphan for five years, and the American Red Cross, which administers the fund, pays all administrative costs.

## Army's Plans Prepared For Occupied Countries

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Dec. 29 (AP)—Robert P. Patterson, Under-Secretary of War, in a speech at the graduation exercises of the U.S. Army's School of Military Government, said today that the U.S. Army had already formulated plans for military government in occupied territories, but emphasized that such controls would be maintained only as long as was necessary for military reasons.

Mr. Patterson said: "We have no use for imperialism . . . when the military necessity ceases and civilian government can take control, government by the military authorities comes to an end."

### News Item

Nobody applied for any shoes yesterday.

## Red Offensive Grows On 2,000-Mile Front; Rostov Threatened

### Buy-in-Advance Plan 'Unfair to Service Men'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (UP)—Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, has opposed the plan to reverse the instalment system so that civilians can begin paying for goods which will be delivered after the war.

"My most important objection is on account of the men in the services," he said. "If people who are earning high wages during the war order the things that they want, they will have priorities on cars, ice boxes, and other things for a long time after the war, while servicemen, who have been working for \$50 per month, will be left out in the cold."

### Berlin Admits Heavy Fighting Now In Finland

By the United Press

The scope of Russia's winter offensive, now seriously threatening Rostov and within 60 miles of Voroshilovgrad, is widening into what may become a vast, coordinated drive on all parts of the 2,000-mile front from Finland to the Caucasus.

Berlin reports reaching Stockholm last night openly stated that the German High Command expected the Russian drive this winter would develop thus.

Rostov, key city at the mouth of the Don, is seriously threatened as the Russians move forward over a huge arc from northeast of Voroshilovgrad to southeast of Kotelnikovo.

### No Retreat From Rostov

Capture of Rostov would cut off the Germans in the Caucasus from retreat back into the Ukraine, leaving them only the Kerch Straits as an exit.

On the fronts north of the Don Basin, the Russians are still on the offensive, although their headway here is not as spectacular.

That was the picture last night, as the Red Armies, pushing forward in a huge arc on six fronts, continued their sweep towards Rostov to trap Hitler's forces in the Caucasus.

The six fronts are all coordinated. In the East the Russians are less than 60 miles from Voroshilovgrad, the big key town captured by the Germans only a week or two after they began their Summer offensive from the Ukraine.

To the Southwest, the Russians have reached a point about 60 miles Southeast of Kotelnikovo.

Over the whole arc-front the attacks are being pushed forward, despite Nazi counter-attacks in varying strength.

The Russians continued to advance in the Kotelnikovo area after almost completely surrounding the town. Five of the six highways leading out of the town were cut and Russian guns are hammering at the line which runs Southwest.

The only known avenue of retreat left to the Germans in Kotelnikovo already is threatened by a Russian column which captured Mayorsky, six miles west-northwest of Kotelnikovo.

From North of the town more Russian forces are pressing south to complete the destruction of any Germans who remain to try and make a hedge-hog position of Kotelnikovo.

Others are converging on the town from northeast, east and southeast.

Further southeast the Russians reached Kichkino, 55 miles from Kotelnikovo, on the border of the Kalmuk Republic.

### Second Rostov Threat

A continued extension of this wing and its eventual swing to the southwest, against the railway between Kotelnikovo and Salsk, would constitute a second threat due east of Rostov—across 120 miles of flat land with hardly any obstacles to tank thrusts.

Behind the line of this advance the Russians are still mopping up the remainder of six German divisions which were completely routed when the Soviets followed through after pushing back the abortive German counter-offensive of Dec. 12.

This battle so far has cost the Germans about 50,000 men—17,000 killed, 3,500 captured, and an estimated 30,000 wounded.

The Russians have destroyed or captured over 487 tanks—enough for more than two Panzer divisions.

On the extreme Russian right wing, Gen. Golikov, now less than 60 miles (Continued on page 4)

## Ford, Chrysler and GM All Making M-4s Now

DETROIT, Dec. 29 (UP)—The 32-ton M-4, America's latest medium tank, is now being mass-produced by the Ford Motor Company, the Chrysler Corporation, and General Motors.

Ford, last of the Big Three of the auto industry to begin its production, has revealed that several changes have been made in its design. One of these changes is in the engine which is now built in a single compact unit that can be lifted out, replaced or repaired with comparative ease.

The tanks are also carrying a new type of armor plate made in the Ford steel mills.

## America Heeds Plea to Refrain From Hoarding

### Washington Alone Rushes To Stock Up on Food Before Rationing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29—Reports from all parts of the United States indicated today that most Americans were heeding the Government's appeal not to buy large stocks of canned goods in preparation for rationing, which is expected to begin about Feb. 1.

The capital itself, however, went on a food-buying orgy, Washington residents disregarding the appeal made by Price Administrator Leon Henderson when he announced Sunday night that points rationing of some canned foods, including fruit and vegetables, would be necessary.

Hoarding, however, will do no one any good, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt told a Washington Press Conference.

"They must all declare what they have when the rationing starts," she said. "And if they do not declare them, the neighbors will find out. It's wonderful what your neighbors know about you."

Many stores already were putting in practice a ration system of their own, limiting customers to one or two cans each to the dismay of would-be hoarders who tried to place orders for cases of tinned foods.

There still was no information as to the amount of food which will be allotted each person, but it was generally admitted that there would be sufficient quantities of the rationed items so that no one's diet would suffer.

Under the ration system, canned, dried and frozen fruits and vegetables numbering about 200 items will be rationed. Rationing of meat also will be necessary early in the year, the Office of Price Administration said. The only foods now rationed in the States are coffee and sugar.

In New York police placed guards over cold-storage and other food warehouses and on food trucks as a result of the theft of 22,000 pounds of butter valued at \$8,000 from a warehouse.

## ETO Headquarters Issues Official Ruling on Marriages

Soldiers planning marriage in the European Theater of Operations must file written application for permission to do so two months before the proposed date for the marriage, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, warned yesterday in an official declaration on military law affecting marriages of soldiers in the theater.

Pointing out that an American soldier's wife, if she be of foreign citizenship, "will not become a United States citizen by virtue of the marriage," the official pronouncement said:

"Under . . . regulations, military personnel must get permission from their superiors to marry. They are required to file a written application for permission to marry two months prior to the date of the contemplated marriage. The commander concerned will assure himself that the applicant understands that he will not be allowed any special privileges or any special living arrangements different from those provided for single

men and women under his command.

"Court martial proceedings will be instituted against any member of the command who marries without getting the required written permission of his superior. As established under United States law, the husband or wife as the case may be will not become a United States citizen by virtue of the marriage. They will, however, be exempted from immigration quotas and are entitled to speedier naturalization."

"The spouse of a member of this command, married in this theater, will not necessarily be allowed to accompany the husband to a change of station or on return to the United States. The spouse will not be entitled to commissary or post exchange privileges, quarters, medical or dental care, as provided for dependents in the United States."

"The regulations state that the spouse will be entitled to monetary allowances, insurance and other benefits authorized by American law for wives of military personnel."



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A United Empire

New areas of strategic importance have recently been added to those already held by the Allies. Last but not least of these is French Somaliland.

The only city of importance in this African possession is Jibuti; but Jibuti commands the entrance to the Red Sea and is vital to the control of a most important Allied shipping route. It is also the railroad that feeds from its harbor the 500 mile railroad leading to Addis Ababa, the Abyssinian capital.

Now through agreement Jibuti and its adjacent territory of 8,492 square miles joins in the "all out" battle against the Axis Powers.

The tide has turned. Step by step we move forward on the sure road to victory. With us once again is the French Empire, and in spirit also the citizens of Mother France.

We Report

Today The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund received another check from the Eighth Air Force, this time from units of the Air Service Command. This check for £500 boosts the total contributed to a sum well over £10,000.

Sixty-eight orphans are now receiving help, and 35 more have been investigated and found worthy of assistance. Red Cross officials are working day and night to add to this "pool" of needy orphans, so that requirements of even the most exacting uncles can be met under the rules governing the entire program.

Thanks to the continuing generosity of you all, we confidently expect to reach our goal of 500 sponsored orphans by the middle of next year.

And now a word to sponsoring uncles. Whenever visits are to be arranged between members of a subscribing unit and the child they are sponsoring, it would facilitate matters for the American Red Cross if all such requests were made in writing direct to The Stars and Stripes.

In planning your visit, give us 10 days' notice. We will need this much time to complete all arrangements in a manner that will eliminate any possible confusion. And may we add that frequently at this time of year, such visits are not practicable though we will certainly try to cooperate in arranging them, for little kiddies and mothers do get sick. In such a case we know you will wait with good grace for the day when you can visit your family and find them happy to receive you.

So thanks again . . . to every last "Uncle" in the army. Keep up the good work . . . and in the most direct way ever provided . . . we'll work together to BUILD THAT BETTER WORLD.

Send It Home

Every issue of The Stars and Stripes is censored from cover to cover by the Press Censor, European Theater of Operations. It can be mailed home to your wife, sweetheart, parents, the ex-boss or friends . . . that part is up to you.

As the months pass you will find The Stars and Stripes is telling the war story of the troops in this theater. That story is your story of the war, the one you'll treasure in later years. A complete file of The Stars and Stripes will be a valuable record in future years, and we suggest, after you have read your issue, that you set it aside and when you have a few copies mail them in one bundle to the folks at home.

Each issue of The Stars and Stripes will give the home folks more information about your life over here than you can tell in a dozen letters. Every issue mailed back will supplement your mail and ease the burden of letter writing that plagues us all at times.

Morale is an important factor amongst fighting men. It is equally important on the home front. We believe more mail sent to the folks at home will help them over the empty months. A bundle of Stars and Stripes will fill the need.

Send your papers back regular mail. They can easily be handled by the postal authorities. There is no limit on return mail sent in the regular manner. . . . no bottle necks to fear or face. Make your Stars and Stripes do double duty . . . provide you with the news . . . and say Hello for you to the folks back in the good old U.S.A. The postage rate is one cent for every two ounces.

Hush Marks

Those little Gremlins are on the loose again. Patriotic Philadelphia bartenders have invented a drink called the Gremlin—the little drink that isn't there. For a quarter the bartender hands the customer a cocktail glass containing a 25-cent war savings stamp. So drink up, boys, drink up—a toast to Uncle Sam.

Here's the ultimate in something or other. Pvt. Mark Senigo from New York (now London) got a letter from Pfc. Dave



Blenard, sweating it out at Camp Edwards, Mass. Blenard had a date with a strange girl for dinner, dancing, the movies, &c., and they reached home quite late. The mother greeted the soldier cordially, insisted that he spend the night in the guest room, and served him breakfast next morning. After breakfast mother beamed and said, "That'll be \$3, please—\$2 for the room, \$1 for breakfast." Somewhat puzzled, Blenard paid and left the house. On his way out he saw a large sign in the yard, "Tourists."

The tall-story tellers are on the loose. This year the national contest winner was Buffalo's Otto H. Peters, ex-world champion fly-caster. He did it with this yarn. "I installed a broadcasting set in my boat in place of fishing tackle. Then I adjusted the wavelength to the proper cast and pressed a button marked "out." When the imaginary line hit the water, I reversed the radio current frequency by pressing the "in" button. A black bass responded, but, failing to find the usual artificial fly, chased the radio lure right back into the boat, where it was stunned by radio kilocycles." Now you tell one.

A Terrell, Texas, student pilot came breezing in for a landing the other day, a happy smile on his face. The ground crew rushed up, looked the plane over and shouted, "Where's your instructor?" Teacher had baled out. The student smiled wanly, gasped, "My gosh, I couldn't have made that landing if I'd known he wasn't there!"—and collapsed.

What a racket the bootlegger has—even when his stuff is bad they buy it. In fact, even when it's worse they buy it. Our



Tennessee spy tells us the copper and sugar shortage stopped the 'leggers for a while, but they made a quick comeback by cornering the sorghum market. Now, while Tennessee consumers go without sorghum on their pancakes, the moonshiners are making rum by running the sweet stuff through old automobile radiators. Our official sampler reports that the product is nothing like the south's famous "corn," but sales have been good since the federal tax on legal whiskey sky-rocketed.

J. C. W.

Axis Prisoners Learn the Hard Way

Captives Won't Believe Stalingrad Still Holds Out

By Henry Gorrell

United Press War Correspondent

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY, Tripolitania, Dec. 29—Considering the blind faith of the ordinary German soldier in his High Command, it would be interesting to see what would happen in the wadis west of Sirte today if Rommel were to admit to his troops that he lied—that Stalingrad did not fall in November.

Every German soldier in this part of Africa is convinced that it did. They know it, because their officers told them so.

German youngsters captured while laying mines on the road southwest of Sirte thought we were lying when we told them that Stalingrad was more than holding out and that the Russians had broken the German lines on the middle Don.

It is not that German newspapers have not been reaching the troops. A "Voelkischer Beobachter," dated Nov. 23, was found in an abandoned dugout on Christmas Day, but it referred to the fighting in Russia only in the vaguest terms.

Many Wounded in Russia

A good many of the German troops who arrived as reinforcements for Rommel last month, only to tag on to the retreat of the Afrika Korps, were wounded in Russia. They have the greatest respect for the Russian troops.

"The Russians fight on past the point at which German troops would surrender," one of them said.

The Germans captured southwest of Sirte stared open-mouthed at our tanks, guns, and lorries loaded with supplies rolling westwards along the road. They were thin, weary, and hungry, and it was hard to get much out of them.

Then one of them, a blond youth barely 20, mumbled as if talking to himself: "Die menge tut es Amerika." Which may be translated: "It's the quantity that does it—America."

"We can't compete with that," he added.

Amazed at Materials

These Germans freely admit that they never had any idea of the amount of material the Eighth Army had available. They



Weary and dejected are these Axis prisoners, captured by the British Eighth Army in Libya, resting on their way to clearing camps in Egypt.

are surprised at the appearance of General Sherman tanks in large numbers, and admit that they have nothing to match them, though they insist that we have nothing to match the German 88mm. gun.

A few of them even admit that they think Germany is going to lose the war. Most of them, however, refuse to believe that the Afrika Korps can be defeated, and have a blind faith in Rommel's ability to pull something out of the bag at the last moment.

It doesn't look much like it at the moment. There were 10 tanks at Sirte when a famous British infantry regiment entered the place on Christmas Day. They pulled out without any argument.

Caught Replacing Mines

There are not many prisoners just now. Rommel is not taking any risks.

Among them, however, are half-a-dozen who were caught at the roadside on Christmas Day when they were replacing mines our sappers had removed. Their orders were to stay behind and cause as much trouble as possible for the Eighth

Army, even though it meant almost certain capture.

The quality as well as the quantity of prisoners has fallen off. The reinforcements Rommel has received in the past month from Greece by way of Crete seem underfed and war-weary and have not the confidence of the old Afrika Korps men.

Bombs Smash Morale

Their morale has been considerably worn down by the massed bombing of the Allied air striking force in the desert. One prisoner, however, laughed when one of his companions referred to the weight of the Allied air attacks.

"I don't mind it so much," he said. "You see, I come from Dusseldorf."

The Germans I have seen have not had a bath for weeks. They are lousy and have scabies. One group had lived for a very long time on a few tins of Italian bully and several cases of cointreau which they looted when they retreated from Benghazi. They explained that they had no drinking water, and the cointreau made them feel less hungry and helped them to stand the icy winter winds of the desert.

I had a few sips of it on an empty stomach. It was pretty powerful stuff.

Scouts To Help Rebuild Post-War Europe

U.S. Navy Officer Makes Plans With Delegates of Eight Countries

Comdr. Thomas J. Keane, USNR, U.S. Navy Port liaison officer stationed somewhere in the British Isles, is collaborating with representatives of eight countries occupied by Germany in a plan to revive the Boy Scout movement after the war to aid in the relief and rehabilitation programs in Europe during the post-war period.

Keane is national director of the Sea Scouts of America, and has attended sessions of the International Bureau of Boy Scouts in London.

"Their training and discipline will be

invaluable aids to the doctors, nurses and food administrators," the commander said.

Keane, who was promoted to a full commander last Dec 15, is proud of the record made by Sea Scouts in the Navy and Marine Corps.

Scouts in Mosquitoes

"Secretary Frank Knox informed scouting officials in the spring of 1942 that the Navy would welcome Sea Scouts' applications for commissions in a special branch of the Navy," Keane reports. "That service has been in the powerful little Mosquito boats where the small-boat training of the scouts has been most helpful."

Comdr. Keane reports that promotions in the Navy and Marines among former Sea Scouts are rapid and often. Many a service man who formerly was in the organization drops in to visit the com-

mander at his headquarters. And the commander knows many of them.

He has visited every city in the United States over 20,000 population at least eight times and has visited so many hundred smaller cities that he cannot count them.

Served Through Last War

Comdr. Keane's record is one closely allied with the sea. He first enlisted in the Navy in 1917 and served throughout the last war until 1921.

He then became national director of Senior Scouting, which encompasses Air Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Rover Scouts and Sea Scouts. His first job was to reorganize the entire program of senior scouting.

In collaboration with the late Felix Riesenberger, he wrote the "Sea Scout Manual," which sells over 25,000 copies annually and has been read by more than 200,000 youths who have completed Sea Scout training in the past two decades.



"Pvts Tuttle and Jones, sir, of the best goddam outfit in the U.S. Army."

ARMY POETS

My Little Blue Bag

Oh little blue bag by the foot of my bed, Your disorderly contents fill me with dread. There are shirts and socks and a picture of Jane And hankeys and ties and letters from Mame. There is grease for my hair on Saturday night, And more G.I. clothes that fit rather tight, And some army books that have never been read, All stuffed in that bag by the foot of my bed. And there's cards and dice that's never been beat And some kind of stuff for tired aching feet. And long woolen undies, including the itch, And candy from Bett that's a little too rich.

Then, too, there are times when inspection's at hand, And the mops and the brooms have got to be manned. And shoes that need shining and trousers that sag Can be hidden down deep in that little blue bag. You can have all your rooms with wardrobes galore, Where all your belongings you neatly can store, But for me . . . I'll hunt and struggle all day And continue to pack things the old army way. And if you believe this, then enough has been said 'Bout the little blue bag by the foot of my bed.

S/Sgt. Marcus K. Davis.



# British Ring Champions Top Opening Fight Card

## Layden to Probe Baugh's Failure To Play Game

## Redskin Star Was Ill With Flu, Missed Plane In Dallas

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29—Elmer Layden, president of the National Football League, has announced that he is making a thorough investigation of the failure of Sammy Baugh, Washington Redskins star, to appear in Sunday's professional bowl game at Shibe Park here. The Redskins lost to the professional All-Stars, 17-14.

From his ranch at Rotan, Texas, Baugh said, "I've never run out on a football game and I didn't Sunday. I wired Ray Flaherty (coach of the Redskins) that I had been ill with the flu and would be unable to play. Jack Epsy, team manager, telephoned me, urging me to come anyway, simply to appear at the game. I agreed."

"I did everything I could to make that game. They had a plane waiting for me at Dallas, but I couldn't get there from Sweetwater. My own car wasn't available and I couldn't find a taxi."

From Rancho, Santa Fe, Cal., George Marshall, owner of the Redskins, came to Baugh's defense. "He'd never let his team mates down," Marshall said, "or the Washington fans, if he could help it."

## Ted Schroeder Defaults Match

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 29—Ensign Ted Schroeder, Glendale, Cal., defending singles champion, has defaulted in the ninth annual Sugar Bowl tennis tournament here.

Earl Bartlett, Tulane, eliminated Jim Evert, Chicago, 6-1, 6-0. Bartlett continued to the finals, beating Billy Talbert, Cincinnati, ranked fifth nationally, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5. Bartlett showed an excellent backhand and great stamina.

Pancho Segura, popular Ecuadorean, seeded second, gained the semi-finals by beating Ensign George Pryor, Pittsburgh, 6-2, 6-3. Segura then went on to gain the other final bracket, beating Jack Cushingham, Rock Island, Illinois, 6-2, 6-0.

### NEWS FROM HOME

## G-Men Kill Two, Seize Two In Round-Up of Tuohy Gang

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 (UP)—Surrounding an apartment house with 50 armed men, and cars with machine-guns on the alert in every street and alley nearby, G-men today recaptured two members of the "Terrible Tuohy" gang as they slept in a Chicago flat.

Two other men who had escaped with them were shot and killed a few hours before as they resisted arrest in another flat.

The gangsters captured were Roger Tuohy and Basil Banghart. The two men shot were James O'Connor and St. Clair McInerney.

All four men escaped from Joliet prison, Illinois, on Oct. 9. Three other unidentified men were arrested.

The raid in which Tuohy and Banghart were captured was led by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The "Terrible Tuohys" were led by Tommy, Roger and four other Tuohys. One hundred strong, the gang engaged in a lucrative business of racketeering, kidnaping and jewel robbing in armored cars with sub-machine-guns.

With the death of "Babyface" Nelson, Tommy Tuohy was proclaimed "public enemy No. 1." At one stage Tuohy evicted Al Capone from part of his bootlegging territory. They were finally caught and most of them sentenced to 99 years' imprisonment for the kidnaping of Jacob (Jake the Barber) Factor.

## Rodzinski Leads Philharmonic

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP)—Arturo Rodzinski has been appointed director and conductor of the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra for next season. Rodzinski, 48, conducted the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra in 1937, and in 1938 he conducted, jointly with Arturo Toscanini, the N.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

## League Idea 'Trial Balloon'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—The proposal of Vice-President Henry A. Wallace for a world council after the war to direct a planned world economy is regarded in some congressional quarters as a possible "trial balloon" for President Roosevelt's address to Congress.

Mr. Wallace, who is known to have been in consultation with the President while preparing his speech, said in a broadcast commemorating the birthday of

## Scotsman Acts Like Loyal Brooklyn Fan

EDINBURGH, Dec. 29—Things weren't going too well for the Hibernian football team in their game with the Rangers here Saturday. William Duffy, a Hibernian roofer, decided to take things into his own hands.

Today he was sentenced to 60 days imprisonment here for throwing a bottle at Ranger goalie James Dawson. Duffy threw an empty beer bottle which hit Dawson on the head and knocked him unconscious.

## Jayhawks Spill Fordham, 31-30

## Evans' Last Minute Field Goal Gives Winning Margin

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—Ray Evans' field goal in the final minutes of play gave the Kansas Jayhawks a 31-30 conquest over Fordham's Rams in their intercollegiate basketball game at Madison Square Garden here last night. This loss snapped Fordham's winning streak at six games.

Both teams played nervously and sloppily, fumbling the ball frequently while falling and fouling throughout the game. Kansas committed 13 fouls and Fordham nine.

The lead seasawed three times during the first half, but the Jayhawks gained a 16-10 intermission lead when Black, scrappy Jayhawk forward, sank a mid-court field goal and his running mate, Fitzpatrick, sifted through the Ram defense and caged two one-handed layups.

The Rams started clicking in the second half as Guard Babich and Forward Karpowicz contributed neat dribbling and over-the-shoulder shooting. Fordham gradually erased the deficit to lead 30-28 in the final minute. Fitzpatrick's free throw reduced the margin to one point, setting the stage for Evans' winning throw—the same Evans who was the passing star for the Jayhawk football team.

Ram Captain Babich was high scorer with ten points. Schnellbacher and Black, with eight each, paced the winners.

## It's Weighing In Time



A member of an American Air Force Bomber Command boxing team gets weighed in by Allied doctors before opening bouts with British Eastern Command fighters. The British defeated the Americans and won an Allied tournament.

## Illinois Cagers Seek Second Big Ten Title in Two Years

CHAMPAGNE, Ill., Dec. 29—Illinois' basketballers are covetously eyeing a 28-year-old Big Ten record with high hopes that they will be able to break it. Not since 1913-14, when Wisconsin took the Western court title for two years, has a Big Ten team won the crown for two consecutive seasons.

Last year the Illini were the Big Ten cage champs and they hope to turn the trick again this year to equal the Badger record.

They have real grounds for optimism. Their sensational sophomore stars of last year are still swishing them through the hoops, with Andy Phillip and Ken Menke as forwards and Jack Smiley and Gene Vance as guards. The only senior in the starting five is Center Art Mathieson.

That lineup is the same as last year's with the exception of Phillip and Smiley, who have switched posts to capitalize on the offensive talent of Phillip, who lead the team in scoring honors. He racked up 159 points from his guard position and was unanimous choice for the All-Big Ten.

In six games this season the Illini have scored victories over Detroit, Nebraska, Missouri and Great Lakes with a single loss to Camp Grant. Phillip has already scored 47 points and Menke 60.

## Yankees Sign Knickerbocker

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—The New York Yankees have announced that they have signed up infielder Billy Knickerbocker who played with them from 1938 through '40.

Knickerbocker, 31, and with a 3A draft status, was released unconditionally by the Philadelphia Athletics a month ago. During his ten seasons in the majors he has played with the Indians, Browns, Athletics, Yanks and White Sox.

A light hitter, Knickerbocker is known as a hustler on the field and may play shortstop during the 30-day suspension of Frankie Crosetti at the start of next season. He also can fill in at third base if Red Rolfe's coaching duties at Yale do not permit him to return to the majors.

## 15,000 See Rangers Spill First Place Maple Leafs

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—The New York Rangers thrilled 15,000 fans at New York's largest crowd of the season, whipping the League-leading Toronto Maple Leafs, 3-1, in their National Hockey League game here.

The injury-ridden Blue Shirts, playing with only 12 men, broke a 1-1 tie in the third period as Alfie Pike and Brian Hextall drilled goals on passes from Patrick and Kirkpatrick.

Pike opened the scoring in the second period and the Leafs' Lorne Carr evened the count. After the game the Rangers learned that Phil Watson, spunky wingman, would be out six weeks with a fractured right hand suffered at Detroit on Christmas Day.

## News About Soldier Sports Events Wanted

The Stars and Stripes wants news of sports events among American units stationed in the British Isles.

We want complete details of all competitions, both in units themselves and with other units in football, basketball, soccer, baseball and other sports. Accounts of these contests should contain a summary of the event, ranks, names and home towns of all the players, and description of the unit (infantry, artillery, air corps, etc.)

Pictures of these events also are wanted and they should carry captions with the same information. Managers of unit teams can help to make a success of Army sports in the ETO by sending promptly box scores and stories of sports events to the Sports Editor, The Stars and Stripes, Printing House Square, London, E.C.4.

## Red Sox Will Train At Tufts in Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 29—The Boston Red Sox are the first major league team to take definite action on modified Spring training plans. The Sox have announced that they will spend two or three weeks training at the Tufts University baseball cage in Boston starting in the middle of March.

Exhibition games with some nearby major league club will commence about April 1. The Sox would not mind delaying the start of the season, but club officials see no real necessity for such a move.

## Basketball Results

- Southern California 48, Long Island 40.
- Kansas 31, Fordham 30.
- Duquesne 48, DePaul 40.
- Indiana 51, Loyola 43.
- Texas Wesleyan 32, Navy Zoomers 28.
- Wayne 31, Midland 23.
- Pittsburgh 40, Rice 39.
- Detroit 39, Selfridge Field 28.
- Northeastern 62, Harvard Naval 54.
- Texas Christian 45, West Texas Tech 42.
- Southeastern 40, Baylor 30.
- Maryville 37, Winfield 36.
- Arkansas 43, Texas Tech 38.
- Texas 55, East Central 51.

## Freddie Mills, Boon to Box At Rainbow Club

## Six Bouts Feature First Stars and Stripes Ring Show

By Mark E. Senigo  
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Freddie Mills, light heavyweight champion of the British Empire, and Eric Boon, lightweight champion of Great Britain, will be the featured fighters on the opening card on Jan. 5 of The Stars and Stripes weekly boxing matches to be held at the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Ave., London.

Mills and Boon will meet two unnamed opponents in exhibition bouts. There also will be four bouts among American servicemen fighters representing the Eighth Air Force, an Infantry division, and the London Headquarters Command.

The winners among the servicemen will be awarded suitably engraved belts by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee as tokens of their achievements.

Also on the program will be an exhibition by Wally May, Rainbow Corner trainer, in which he and a professional boxer will demonstrate the finer points of ring technique.

Mills has won more than 60 fights during his career as a light heavyweight. His most recent fight was with Len Harvey, who retired as undefeated heavyweight champ of the British Empire. Mills' victory over Harvey did not entitle him to the heavyweight crown, although Harvey held both titles. Harvey's trainer was Wally May.

Mills also has beaten the other top-ranking British heavyweights, including Jack London, Al Robinson, Jim Wilde, and Tom Reddington.

Lightweight Boon, the official champion of Great Britain, is also a recognized challenger for the world title.

## Sinkwich Injury Cautions UCLA

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 29—The Bruins of UCLA are inclined to be suspicious about Georgia's groans over Frankie Sinkwich's injured ankle. They're not being cynical, just cautious after the experience with Tommy Roblin of Oregon.

A week before that game, in which Oregon tripped the Bruins 14-7, Oregon bemoaned an injury to Fullback Roblin. At game time Roblin was in the lineup and by the end of the game he had averaged 5.3 yards by rushing, which meant the difference between victory and defeat.

So the Uclans are letting the Bulldogs debate endlessly on Sinkwich's ailments while preparing football remedies for Sinkwich's running and passing threat.

Meanwhile, Sinkwich returned to workouts today, hobbling around Tournament Park as far as his injured ankles would permit. His surprise return naturally inspired his team mates, who engaged in their last heavy practice before the Rose Bowl Game, displaying their best form since they have been practising here.

The Bulldogs do not expect Sinkwich to be in top shape for the game, but anticipate that his understudy, Sophomore Charley Trippi, will capably fill his shoes. Trippi starred in the rout of Georgia Tech and is an able kicker as well as being considered Sinkwich's equal as a passer.

## Tide Faces New Formation

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., Dec. 29—When Alabama meets Boston College in the Orange Bowl at Miami on New Year's Day, it will be the first time the Crimson Tide has faced a team using the T formation.

## News on the Air

News is broadcast on both the Home and Forces programs at 7 AM, 8 AM, 1 PM, 6 PM and 9 PM. An additional broadcast is on the Home Service at Midnight. Sports news from America is presented by The Stars and Stripes on the Forces at 7 PM every day.





# Citations Relate Yanks' Heroism In North Africa

## Vivid Tales of Courage Under Fire Accompany 16 Decorations

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of a fort at Kasba Mehdiya, French Morocco, and "from this exceptionally hazardous position he fired his automatic rifle at the enemy, diverting their attention and enabling our other troops to close in and make entry through the main gates of the fort."

Pvt. Clarence L. Mohler was awarded a citation identical to Fisher's.

Cpl. Frank L. Czar, "in company with Lt. Charles Dushane and two enlisted men, entered a lighthouse on Kasba Mehdiya, Morocco, after crossing enemy wire entanglements while under heavy enemy fire and captured 12 hostile troops. Czar later demonstrated coolness and bravery above and beyond the call of duty when he assisted Lt. Dushane in manning an abandoned enemy anti-tank gun in full view of the enemy. Part of the breech of this gun had been removed and Lt. Dushane was able to fire it only by firing at the base of the anti-tank shell with a submachine-gun while Cpl. Czar aimed the anti-tank gun."

### Stood in Tank Turret

2nd Lt. John M. Mauney—On Nov. 9 in the vicinity of Port Mehdiya, Morocco, he "led his command of three tanks against a superior force of enemy tanks and entrenched infantry, fearlessly attacking two tanks and driving both away. His tank was hit three times and the periscope rendered useless. Mauney continued to seek out the enemy, standing in his turret exposed to small arms fire."

2nd Lt. Roy J. Smith—Near Port Lyautey, Morocco, "with three privates he crept up under the cover of darkness to within 30 feet of a hostile position in the face of heavy fire. Smith then shot two of the enemy with his submachine-gun and destroyed the enemy position with hand grenades, allowing his unit to advance."

Soldiers' medals went to: 1st Sgt. Tom W. Odom—A hand grenade fell on the floor of his battalion headquarters and the safety pin dropped out. Odom immediately dived at the grenade and covered it with his body. No explosion ensued. Odom directed the other five enlisted men present to leave the room. Then he departed himself. Later examination disclosed that the detonator of the grenade was defective. Had it not been Odom's action would have undoubtedly resulted in the loss of his life in an attempt to protect other men."

### Fought Munitions Fire

Sgt. Dermont C. Miner—"An air attack set fire to an ammunition dump in Tunisia. Several hundred rounds of 81mm. high-explosive shells were in danger of being detonated. Miner, totally disregarding his own safety, personally attempted to smother two separate fires and through his efforts the fire was brought under control and extinguished."

Pvt. Donald R. Kendall—"During landings at Algiers a British sailor fell between the landing craft and the ship. It was dark and the sea was unusually rough. The landing craft was hitting against the side of the ship and the sailor was believed to be injured. Kendall, notwithstanding the fact he had no lifebelt, dived into the water. He stayed in the water at least 10 minutes in an unsuccessful attempt to rescue the sailor."

1st Lt. Conrad V. Anderson—"Arriving at Taya, Algeria, he saw the sea filled with men clinging to rafts and lifebelts, unable to swim ashore because of the heavy surf. The men were survivors from a troopship which had been torpedoed approximately a mile off-shore. Anderson entered the rough water and began bringing survivors safely to shore. He continued to swim back and forth through the heavy sea from about 1500 hours until he was utterly exhausted at 1830 hours. At one time an enemy plane strafed the beach with machine-gun fire. The bold, courageous action of Anderson resulted in saving the lives of approximately 30 men."

Silver Stars were awarded the following:

### Covered Crew's Dismounting

2nd Lt. Edward J. Edmiston, formerly a master sergeant—Edmiston "came upon a road block at Bredeah, Algeria, in a half-track vehicle which was defended by artillery small arms. He instantly manned a machine-gun, and while under continuous heavy fire he succeeded in disabling the light artillery piece and prime mover. When his vehicle was disabled and it was necessary to abandon it, Edmiston covered the dismounting of his crew by continuing to man the machine-gun until they were under shelter."

2nd Lt. Edgar F. Malin—At Misserghin, Algeria, "being ordered to attack the town, he led his platoon toward the enemy left flank and discovered enemy artillery positions. He led his platoon in immediate assault upon the guns without hesitation."

Col. Frederick J. Rohan—He "assumed personal command of his combat team's assault force at Kasba Fort at Mehdiya, Morocco, and under intense machine-gun, mortar, and light artillery fire he coordinated the assault."

An Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded to Lt. Col. Harry H. Semmes—Near Mehdiya, when "ordered to protect the

# Soldier-Smoke-Eaters Pour It On



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

"Let 'er go!" . . . and GI fire-fighters, attached to the security company of Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, pour on the water during fire drill. Left to right: Cpl. Wilfred Milliman, Gengdon, La.; Pfc Albert Ellis, Crowley, La.; Sgt. Henry Dronet, Crowley, La.; and Pvt. Nash H. Bell, Marked Tree, Ark.

## Cook in Africa Composes Song

By Cpl. Dave Golding

North Africa Bureau

A U.S. ENGINEER UNIT, North Africa, Dec. 29—Sgt. Homer Mayo, cook in this aviation engineer outfit, not only whistles while he works—he composes songs.

"You'll Be Sorry" is the name of his first opus, started via the unit band and Bebe Daniels broadcast, and now being published by a New York music publishing concern. He doesn't know what the result will be, and maybe he'll be sorry, too, but in the meantime the musical cook has dinged out another—"Do You Miss Me?" The band is rehearsing the number.

Cooks in this unit have a way of being versatile—as what cook isn't? One of them recently received a lieutenant's commission as a glider instructor. According to the rumor, he took off his apron, hung up his last pot, and marched away whistling, "Do You Miss Me?"

## Northern Ireland Leader Bob Montgomery's Cousin

BELFAST, Dec. 29—Prime Minister John M. Andrews, of Northern Ireland, has just discovered that Robert Montgomery, former Hollywood actor now serving with the U.S. Army, is his cousin.

"He is either my second cousin or first cousin once removed," said the Premier to reporters. "I am very keen to meet him some day."

flank of his unit in action with only six light tanks at his disposal, he encountered a force of about 18 enemy tanks supported by infantry. These were immediately engaged and driven off with the loss of four tanks."

Commendation for meritorious service was given Comdr. Humphrey Gilbert Boys Smith of the British Navy. His ship, loaded with landing craft and personnel of a U.S. infantry battalion, was disabled by enemy action. The personnel was transferred to the landing craft and then, by skilful maneuvering and excellent judgment, Comdr. Boys Smith transferred all the personnel to his destroyer when it became apparent that the landing craft could not proceed and was in danger of sinking. Boys Smith landed the entire unit at Algiers without loss.

The Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Commodore T. H. Troubridge of the Royal Navy who commanded a convoy and escort which transported and supplied the center task force in landing in North Africa, rendering service so perfectly that there was not a single loss of personnel or equipment due to enemy action during the entire voyage.

## Blondie

(By courtesy of King Features Syndicate and the London Daily Sketch)



by Chic Young

## Leg in Cast, Unit's Dog Stands Formation

A U.S. ENGINEER UNIT, ENGLAND, Dec. 29—Just call him "Our Dog"; he has no other name. But anybody in this unit will tell you that, despite questions that might be asked about his ancestry, he's the best damn dog in the British Isles, or any other Isles.

And smart, too. Adopted the outfit the day they arrived and knew enough to get in with the cooks—even sleep in the cookhouse—from that day on. Looking something like a spaniel, he hasn't missed a single formation or drill, rain or shine. Took his position beside the first sergeant and walked up and down the ranks, inspecting the troops.

The other day "Our Dog" got run over. His leg was broken. The driver of the truck, almost in tears, picked him up and carried him to the dispensary. He was put at ease by the chief medical officer, who set the leg and used the latest composition in making a cast.

"Our Dog" was at Reveille this morning.

## British and U.S. Actors Will be Sent to England

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (UP)—British and American actors will be sent to England for the duration by the United States branch of ENSA, which has been re-organized here under the presidency of Gertrude Lawrence.

Actors whose qualifications are approved will be sent to England passage paid, to remain for the duration. Others, particularly British actors with commitments in the United States, will be sent for periods of three months only and will pay their own passage. None of the artists may receive more than £10 weekly.

A third category of artists who will make only brief visits and will be given special travel priorities may be sent for three weeks or so.

The first stars to go to England will be Gertrude Lawrence and Gracie Fields, who will arrive in the early spring. Others who will soon be sent will include Tilly Losch, Colin Keith-Johnston and Claude Allister.

## Help Wanted Department

The Stars and Stripes has received a request from Cpl. Robert B. Dickerson, in a general hospital, for the address of Major William A. Lanford, Eighth Air Force. The Major may forward his address to The Stars and Stripes, which will pass it on "through channels" to Cpl. Dickerson.

## Yank Firemen In Competition

They don't wear the traditional fireman's red suspenders, and they haven't got a brass pole to slide down when they answer alarms, but a squad of soldier-smokeeaters at the American Embassy in London is going to compete against England's best civil fire fighters Saturday.

These Army firemen are attached to the security company of Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, which among other duties supplies a fire department for the U.S. Embassy and other official buildings.

On Saturday these GI fire-fighters will have an opportunity to prove their ability against some of the best civil fire-fighters in London during a demonstration of equipment, staging of an actual fire scene and speed tests of putting equipment into operation. It will take place at the London Chief Fire Commander's HQ, Albert Embankment, Lambeth.

After they were invited to take part in the exhibition, the soldiers went through a practice test against two of the teams they will compete against, one of which was made up of women. The GIs won, hands down.

Eight of the 10 soldiers were firemen in civilian life. Their instructor, Lt. Ray W. Miles, Crowley, La., who has schooled them in handling incendiaries and everything else that may be encountered in an emergency, was also a fireman.

## No Fires Yet

"So far we haven't been called out on a fire," said Lt. Miles, in a tone of disappointment. "The boys are getting uneasy, too. We have our regular drills, keep abreast of the latest fire-fighting methods, but, hell, a fireman wants to go to fire once in a while."

The GI fire department works in two shifts, 24 hours each. When they aren't in the "firehouse" they do guard duty.

Cpl. John L. Barousse, Church Point, La., bosses one shift that includes Cpl. William LaCroix, Rayne, La.; Pfc Monroe Rogers, Junction City, La.; Pfc Fred Guidry, Golden Meadow, La., and Pfc John Gebbia, Tickfaw, La.

Sgt. William R. Lyman, Crowley, La., is "chief" of the other shift, made up of Sgt. Henry Dronet, Crowley, La.; Cpl. Wilfred Milliman, Gengdon, La.; Pfc Albert E. Ellis, Crowley, La., and Pvt. Nash H. Bell, Marked Tree, Ark.

## British Comic to Appear At Rainbow 'Cabaret Nite'

Cabaret Nite, the weekly entertainment feature at the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner, tonight stars Hal Monty, British comedian, now appearing at the Whitehall Theatre; Delia Lepenskaya, Russian singer; Eric Winston's Swingtette orchestra; and Anne Lemar, singer.

# U.S. 'Heavies' Fly 3,300 Miles In Raid on Siam

## Second Blow at Bangkok 'One of War's Longest Missions'

By Toby Wiant

Associated Press War Correspondent

WITH THE U.S. BOMBERS over Bangkok, Dec. 27 (delayed)—The largest force of United States bombers ever to attack a single target area in the China-Burma-India theater successfully completed one of the longest missions in this war's history on the night of Dec. 26-27, when they rained high explosives on the naval dockyard, the main railway station and arsenal, and the Commuang air-drome in Bangkok.

The exact number of bombers taking part in the mission must remain secret, as well as the exact mileage covered by the bombers, but I can say that the total distance is more than the single trip from New York to San Francisco (approximately 3,300 miles).

From a "grandstand" seat in one bomber I saw thousands of bombs blast targets with devastating effect. Several fires were started. One of five bombs which scored a direct hit on the arsenal illuminated the whole countryside—and an attacking bomber high above.

All the bombers returned to their bases safely.

## Second Bangkok Raid

This was the second U.S. heavy bomber raid on Bangkok, the first having occurred on Thanksgiving Day. Then a smaller force knocked out the electrical system and severely damaged the underground oil pipe-lines.

From what could be seen of this raid it must have been far heavier.

The raid was a good warning of what the Japanese may expect when the United Nations take over the airports closer to the Japanese mainland.

I was in one of the bombers assigned to pound a naval dockyard located in the heart of the city along Menam Chao Phya River. It was my first visit to Bangkok, and I thoroughly enjoyed what we did to improve the scenery.

## Nine-State Plane

Ours probably was the most experienced crew in the group. Nine in all, they represented nine States.

Capt. Wesley Werner, 25, Pocatello, Idaho, who left the Forestry Division of the University of Idaho to join the Air Corps soon after Pearl Harbor, was pilot lieutenant. K. W. Trout, 24, Snoqualmie Falls, Wash., who left airplane building at Burbank, Cal., to fly them, was copilot. Lt. F. N. Thompson, 25, Chester, S.C., was navigator sergeant; H. C. Darby, 32, Plattsburg, N.Y., bombardier sergeant; W. O. Frost, 25, Jaffrey, N.H., engineer sergeant; J. E. Craigie, 25, West Haven, Conn., radio man; Sgt. B. L. Bennett, 23, Peru, Ind., tail gunner; Sgt. A. Scovain, 22, Providence, R.I., bottom gunner, and Sgt. F. M. Salley, 22, Houston, Tex., side gunner.

# Russia - - -

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from Voroshilovgrad, is continuing his advance along a 45-mile front which runs along the Derkul river, 20 miles inside the Ukraine.

Here and to the north the Germans are throwing in fresh divisions in an effort to stiffen their resistance, but the weight of the Russian drives on other fronts prevents the enemy from concentrating sufficient strength on this front.

The Russians have now tightened the ring around Millerovo to strangulation point with the capture of points two miles west and three miles east-south-east of the town.

Between Millerovo and Kantemirovka, surrounded German garrisons are holding out at points, resisting desperately, but these are being wiped out one after another.

## No Hope for von Hoth

There is no hope now, according to reports reaching Moscow, for the remainder of the 22 Axis divisions trapped between the Volga and the Don, northwest of Stalingrad. Retreat is out of the question and it will be only a matter of time before they are wiped out.

On the Central Front the Russians are still on the offensive. Three more enemy strongholds were occupied last night near Veliki Luki, the Germans suffering heavy losses.

West of Rzhev the Russians captured another strongly-fortified enemy point of resistance, and southeast of Nalchik the Russians are hammering at the Germans in the streets of a big town. The battle now has been raging for three days.

Hints that the Russians had extended their great offensive to include the northwest and Finnish fronts came from Berlin radio, which said: "Southeast of Lake Ilmen the enemy continued his attacks, which were supported by strong artillery fire and numerous tanks. They were repelled with heavy losses, and 34 Russian tanks were shot up."

Lively patrol activity was reported on the Karelian Isthmus by a communique from the Finnish High Command, which said: "In the center of the Aunus Isthmus our troops repelled the attack of an enemy battalion which succeeded in penetrating into our positions."