

## Mareth Line Falls, Trap Closing on Axis

### Rocket Gun Is One-Man Tank Buster

#### U.S. 'Bazooka' Furnished To Allied Forces Here And in Tunisia

A new anti-tank gun, described as so powerful it can stop any armored vehicle known, yet so light it can be fired from the shoulder by a single man, is now in the hands of American soldiers in combat in North Africa and those awaiting action in Great Britain.

Dubbed the "bazooka gun" by men using them in Africa, the weapon was a closely guarded secret until yesterday, when Army officials in Washington described its successes against Rommel's tanks in Tunisia, and authorities in London disclosed that some men in the European Theater of Operations were armed with it. Enough have been manufactured to supply Allied forces as well, Washington sources said.

Maj. Gen. L. H. Campbell Jr., Army Chief of Ordnance, describing the gun to the Associated Press, said it would make every lone foot soldier "the master of any tank which may attack him."

#### Penetrates Armor Plate

He said the new guns, now being produced in quantity, are rocket-guns "built on a Fourth of July principle." The gunner loads and fires the weapon in a normal fashion, he said, but from there on the projectile behaves in an abnormal, and still secret, manner.

"Bazooka" rocket-shells, Gen. Campbell declared, will penetrate armor plate, drive through brick or stone walls, shatter bridge girders and "perform other seeming miracles."

On one occasion in Africa, recently, the ordnance chief said, an American bazooka-gunner was attacked by six enemy tanks. He fired one shot, which missed the lead tank but shattered a tree beside it. The tank crew, seeing the tree blown into splinters, thought they were under point-blank fire from a 155 and surrendered.

#### One Shot Does Trick

In Africa the Bazooka is being used to smash field fortifications as well as to stop tanks. One shot wrecks a machine-gun post, several will destroy a bridge or a building.

Gen. Campbell said that bazookas have been in mass production long enough so that they are being supplied not only to American troops but to the troops of Allied armies as well.

Explaining that the gun is not a substitute for any existing weapon but is intended to supplement them all, the general emphasized that it is a short-range weapon for shattering tanks, pill-boxes or fortifications.

Tables of Basic Allowances are being revised and it is expected that the guns will be used in defensive operations by chauffeurs, truck drivers, ammunition carriers, orderlies, mess personnel and other available men.

Regular line companies will continue to use their standard weapons, backed up by the bazooka men in emergencies.

### Need 'Good Healthy Hate' Says Air Marshal Bishop

NEW YORK, Mar. 29 (AP)—Air Marshal Billy Bishop, the Canadian ace, said here that "a good healthy hate" for the Axis was necessary in war, and, referring to recent Allied bombings, that he did not care "if there is no one house left standing in Germany."

Air Marshal Bishop described Sir Arthur Harris as "a tiger with no mercy in his heart" towards the enemy. Sir Arthur, he added, told him at a time when England's back was nearly broken that "he was going to give it all back a thousandfold and he will do it."

#### Famous Pianist Dead

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Mar. 29—Sergei Rachmaninoff, 69, world renowned pianist and composer, has died here. His preludes in C sharp minor and G minor, written in his teens, are among the most popular of classical pieces although, in the light of his more mature compositions, Rachmaninoff considered them his worst efforts.

#### Report Brazil Force to Africa

RIO DE JANEIRO, Mar. 29 (UP)—Brazil, deciding to take a still more active part in the war, is going to send an expeditionary force abroad, probably to Africa, within the next few months, according to a usually reliable source in Rio de Janeiro.

### Allied Thrusts Close in on Rommel



Rommel lost the Mareth Line yesterday as the Eighth Army took Matmata, Toujane, Mareth and El Hamma. Further north the Americans are closing in to cut off the Axis retreat by three thrusts to the coast from Maknassy, Fondouk and El Guettar.

### Nazaire Aflame After RAF Raid

#### 46th Blow of War on Sub Pens Follows U.S. Trip to Rouen

The RAF, which followed up the bombing of Berlin and the U.S. attack on Rouen with a night blow at the Nazi submarine base at St. Nazaire Sunday night, devastated much of the town and started huge fires which were still burning yesterday, reconnaissance photos showed.

Reconnaissance planes which were over St. Nazaire yesterday at 9:15 AM reported great columns of smoke rising 15,000 feet. Eleven hours earlier, crews of RAF bombers in mid-channel said they could see huge fires raging in the city as they winged homeward.

Weather during the raid was excellent, with good visibility, an Air Ministry communique said.

The St. Nazaire operation, the 46th attack on that town since the war began and the fifth raid this year, came on the anniversary of the Commando raid on the base there.

American heavy bombers have hit St. Nazaire six times since they began their heavy attacks on Germany and German-held territory last Aug. 17.

Enemy air activity over Great Britain was limited to one hit-and-run raid on a south coast town yesterday. Fighter Command Spitfires intercepted four FW190s as they streaked for home, shot down one and damaged another.

### 573 Air Awards Announced In ETO's Largest List Yet

Eighth Air Force Headquarters announced 573 decorations yesterday, conferred on men in the European Theater of Operations. It was the largest single honors list announced here since the war began.

Among the awards were a second and third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, 12 posthumous Air Medals, and a Purple Heart.

Sgt. Frank W. Bartlett, of Whitesville, W. Va., bomber gunner, received the second and third Oak Leaf Clusters to a previously earned Air Medal for the destruction of two enemy aircraft.

The Purple Heart was awarded to Sgt. James E. MacCammond, of Darien, Conn., and presented by Col. John H. Hayden, of Tampa, Fla., during presentation ceremonies. Col. Hayden also presented an Oak Leaf Cluster to S/Sgt. Walter L. Hazleton, of Heuvelton, N.Y., and Air Medals to 39 bomber crewmen, all of whom won the awards for taking

### U.S. 90mm. Guns Down One Plane per 50 Shots

CINCINNATI, Mar. 29 (AP)—The average "bag" for U.S. 90mm. guns in operation against Jap planes over Guadalcanal was one plane brought down for every 50 rounds of ammunition fired, according to statistics given by Maj. Gen. Levin Campbell, Ordnance chief of the Army at a press conference.

During the first world war 17,000 rounds of anti-aircraft fire were needed to hit, but not to bring down, a plane.

### U.S. Gained In 'Lend' Swap

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29 (AP)—Lend-Lease Administrator Edward Stettinius, summarizing lend-lease food shipments today, said that during the last year Australia and New Zealand gave more beef to U.S. forces in the South Pacific than the U.S. had shipped to other countries.

In terms of the U.S. population, he explained, food shipments to the Allies during each week of January and February, were equivalent to a weekly personal allowance of a quarter of an ounce of beef, three ounces of pork, three-fifths of an ounce of lamb and mutton, a quarter of an ounce of butter and even smaller amounts of cheese, edible fats, oils.

part in five missions over enemy territory in Europe.

The posthumous awards, read out during the presentation ceremonies, were made to 1/Lts. Walter R. Ernest, Rochester, N.Y.; Estell Q. Martin, Miami, Fla.; and Robert A. Johnson, Denison, Ia.; 2/Lt. Iccal W. Alford, Jeffersonville, Ind.; M/Sgt. Oscar L. Olsen, Chicago, Ill.; T/Sgt. James E. Davis, Louisville, Tenn.; S/Sgt. William J. Nagle, Roselle, N.J.; Samuel S. McNeely, Oak Hill, W. Va.; Samuel F. Powell, Salt Lake City, Utah; Jack E. Pinion, Chattanooga, Tenn.; and William L. Stammer, Argos, Ind., and Sgt. Kenneth L. Pastrof, Union, N.J.

Air Medals, awarded "for exceptionally meritorious achievement, for ten fighter missions over enemy territory, for five bomber missions over enemy territory or for destruction of an enemy air-

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### Naval Vessels Shell Axis Port of Gabes As Rommel Retreats

#### Eighth Army Takes All Mareth Positions, Americans Advance Further North, Threatening Foe's Escape

By the Associated Press

The Eighth Army cracked the Mareth Line yesterday after nine days of battering from the air and land, and reports from the battlefield said Rommel was withdrawing his forces in an apparent last-minute attempt to avoid the trap set by British and United States troops in his rear.

The British and Americans were reported closing in still more on the Axis escape corridor to the north with three thrusts toward the coast—from El Guettar, Maknassy and Fondouk.

The area around Gabes, major Nazi supply port, where Rommel was expected to make his strongest stand, was being subjected to a heavy naval bombardment by the Allies, according to dispatches last night. Reports from Cairo that Luftwaffe personnel were plowing up the airfields at Gabes, as they have done elsewhere when retreat was imminent, indicated Rommel might give up the vital port without much resistance.

The communique announcing the breakthrough and the capture of Mareth, Toujane and Matmata reported the "whole of the strong organized defenses of the Mareth positions now are in our hands." Six thousand prisoners had been taken, it was said.

The Mareth Line took nine days to break—the same time as the Eighth Army's massed artillery, bombers and infantry needed to eat through Rommel's first line at El Alamein 1,500 miles farther back.

The Axis withdrawal, the communique said, was forced on Rommel by an attack south of El Hamma made by an Eighth Army force that swept 150 miles around the Mareth positions.

Algiers radio quoted an announcement that El Hamma itself was in Allied hands, leaving only a 16-mile corridor between the little town and the coast through which Rommel could attempt to withdraw his estimated 80,000 men to the north.

If Rommel is able to run that gauntlet under artillery fire and attacks from aircraft operating from newly captured airbases, including one at El Hamma, he will meet American forces driving towards the sea from Maknassy and El Guettar in twin thrusts. The communique announced the El Guettar column made progress yesterday.

#### Fondouk Force Advances

Eighty miles further north another American force was knifing into the narrow Axis-held coastal strip. After the capture of Fondouk, announced Sunday, this column was reported by Algiers radio to have advanced to within 18 miles of Kairouan.

Broadcasts by Axis-controlled radio stations yesterday were anything but optimistic. The Berlin military spokesman spoke significantly of a "last stand" by Rommel in positions which, he said, would be "determined by tactical and strategic considerations," while German-controlled Paris radio said last night that the battle for Tunisia was "unequal" and the Allies were bound to win.

Generals Patton and Montgomery only started their offensive when they were in a position to be certain of victory," said a military analyst on Paris radio.

The suggestion that Rommel was planning a swift withdrawal even from the Gabes area was given in a Cairo report that the two main Axis landing grounds at Gabes were being ploughed up deliberately by Luftwaffe personnel.

Observers expressed the belief that if Rommel left Gabes he probably would attempt to withdraw along the entire Tunisian eastern coast to link up with Von Arnim's forces for a last-ditch

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### Yanks Driving Toward Coast

#### Three American Columns Narrowing Rommel's Escape Corridor

Three American columns drove forward from Maknassy, Fondouk and El Guettar yesterday in an ever-growing offensive designed to reach the Tunisian coast and cut Rommel's corridor of escape.

American infantry stormed 1,500-foot Jebel Mcheltat, chief German position in the Guettar area, early yesterday and drove the German defenders from the horseshoe-shaped hill with bayonet and bomb.

It was one of several objectives captured as American and French troops, based on newly-taken Fondouk, continued their drive toward the coast.

The enemy fell back to the Jebel Chemsu further east on the road to Gabes, and dug in for another stand. One American column, on the right of the Gabes Road, is still attacking the eastern slope of the Jebel Berda, where Nazi artillery covers the advance zones. American and German guns opened a fierce duel there yesterday.

Stiffening German resistance indicated Rommel was determined to hold the road to Gabes and the coast at all costs.

Further north, other American troops were reported by Algiers radio to have advanced to within 18 miles of Kairouan, "Holy City" of Tunisia. To the south, along what is called the Grand Dorsal, American guns hacked at German positions on high ground East of Maknassy. German radio said attacks there had been repulsed with heavy losses.

The main attack, in the El Guettar area, lasted all day. Soldiers crept forward over hills and up ravines under constant shell and mortar fire.

The Germans were well entrenched behind barbed wire, provided with machine-guns, mortars and field pieces.

Despite the opposition, American patrols inched forward taking more than three-quarters of a mile at one point.

### Gen. Doolittle Awarded Air Medal for Five Raids

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29—The War Department announced today that an Air Medal has been awarded to Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commander of the Twelfth Air Force in North Africa, in recognition of five sorties he led against the enemy.

Gen. Doolittle had previously been given the Congressional Medal of Honor for his bombing raid on Tokyo and other Japanese cities last April. He also holds the Flying Cross, with Oakleaf Cluster, for other feats.

### Soldier Travel Cut for Easter

Restrictions on passes, furloughs and travel over the Easter holidays were announced by ETO Headquarters yesterday.

Soldiers who are on pass or furlough must arrange their trips so that they will not travel by train on either Easter Sunday, April 25, or Monday, April 26, it was announced.

Furloughs will not be granted between April 22 and April 26, and furloughs granted prior to this period will not terminate on either April 25 or April 26. Short passes of 48 or 72 hours will not be granted between April 20 and April 26, inclusive.

There is no restriction on travel by any means other than rail during the holidays, and, if necessary, soldiers may use trains to attend religious services, it was announced.

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Desert Dunkirk

Latest reports from North Africa indicate that Doctor Goebbels will soon be forced to dust off a new batch of funeral dirges to be used in another series of broadcasts to the German people, for like the German defeat at Stalingrad, Rommel's once proud army today faces a "desert Dunkirk."

In yesterday's communique from North Africa, General Eisenhower says in part: "The whole of the strongly organized defense of the Mareth positions is now in our hands and our troops on March 28 occupied Mareth, Toujane and Matmata. Prisoners taken by the Eighth Army since March 20 now total more than 6,000."

Rommel gave up his Mareth position because it was growing untenable. This was due in part to the heavy pressure exerted on the Mareth line by the Eighth Army, and in part to that exerted along the rest of the Tunisian battle line, especially by American forces operating in the Maknassy and Fondouk areas and by the Eighth Army's flanking force that has taken El Hamma.

In analyzing this latest victory in North Africa it must be remembered that Rommel is making a withdrawal which, though forced, is not yet a rout. He will most surely continue to fight; but his army faces the same fate as the German army annihilated at Stalingrad, for it is trapped by British, American and French armies on one side and by the sea on the other. Having run for 1,500 miles the Afrika Korps will soon be forced to make a final stand, already "openly" discussed by German radio. Should Rommel attempt an evacuation by sea, Allied sea and air power would strike so hard that Dunkirk would look like a "picnic" by way of comparison.

With German troops forced out of the best positions in Tunisia they should not be able to hold less desirable defense lines, and, as the neighbor's young hopeful would put it, "that means it won't be long now."

Films of the Allies

A number of new films, showing the Allies at war were previewed by the Inter-Allied Information Committee at a private showing in London yesterday.

"Education for Death" was the American contribution. This is the latest Walt Disney picture produced for the Office of War Information. "Education for Death" shows in cartoon form the upbringing of a typical Nazi from the cradle to his premature grave. In this picture Disney shows, how at each stage of his career a Nazi has humane instincts schooled out of him. The story is preceded by a fantasy based on the sleeping beauty legend, with Hitler as Prince Charming and Goering as the German Jungfrau.

Also presented for preview was the second edition of the new Inter-Allied News-Magazine, a short feature which appears once a month, and which is designed to show many aspects of the United Nations at war. The latest issue contains sequences on Belgium's underground press, the funeral of the Netherlands Minister Soeijen, the visit of the Greek War Minister to the Middle East, the presentation of colors to the Yugoslav troops in Africa and a short on Norway's floating empire.

Other films included "Strangers," showing the Poles in Scotland; "Crete," a documentary of life and work on that historic island; "Norway Fights On" and "The Fighting Spirit of France"; "Eternal Prague," the Czechoslovak short, and "China," a descriptive film of China's war with Japan which demonstrates her eternal courage and the importance of her lifelines.

Seen together these Allied films leave a deep impression, for they are documentary evidence of the vast scope of the United Nations' war effort. Designed to educate, these new films also inspire, and we urge every GI to see as many as possible for they will broaden your viewpoint and strengthen your faith in America and each of our courageous Allies.

Hash Marks

It looks like Sgt. Robert J. Rouhier has a good claim on mail honors. During the past year overseas he has written 764 letters, receiving more than 900 letters in return. He also got 54 packages during a four months' period and 24 letters during one day. The longest letter he has received measured 4 feet.

An employee of a company engaged in making aircraft engines invented a new device to speed up production. It was



found that the device did away with one man's job—his own. The company gave him a war bond—and three weeks to think up a new job.

Now that the army has taken over a lot of swanky hotels and places back in the States, anything can happen. The other day, the manager of a very, very exclusive club threw a fit when a wag told him that there was a Ford truck in the swimming pool. Pvt. Ford Truck, aviation cadet residing at the club, was the cause of the alarm.

A reporter was sent out by his paper to Madame Tussaud's to write an article on the famous wax museum. While there, he got to chatting with the laundress who had washed for the exhibition for 25 years. Said the reporter, "You can tell me something that would be of great interest to our readers. Do the great ladies, the queens and duchesses among the wax-works, wear anything beneath their gorgeous velvet robes?" "Well," answered the old lady, "as a matter of fact, they don't. But maybe you had better not make it public, because nobody knows it except me—and a few American soldiers."

Incidental information: German is being spoken more than any other foreign language in the United States according to the census bureau. Italian is second and Polish is third. Come to think of it, there may be quite a bit of English spoken in Germany soon.

Some twins may be like two peas in a pod, but there's no mistaking the Bigelow twins of Jersey City. One is four feet



11 inches tall, weighs 100 pounds and is in the Army; the other is six feet tall, weighs 170 pounds and is in the Marines. J. C. W.

PRIVATE BREGER



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"You and your billiards scoring system!"

Ten-Day Job Became a Campaign

Lib Air Circus Found Africa Soft Touch After ETO

By Charles F. Kiley

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Mar. 29—Enemy fighters are tougher in the European Theater of Operations than they are in North Africa. The biggest menace to American bombers down there comes from flak and weather conditions; up here they fight flak, weather and the best fighters in the Luftwaffe.

Those are the opinions of "Ted's Travelling Circus," a USAAF bomb group of four-engined Liberators, back in Britain after one of the outstanding exploits by an air force unit in the war—a mission to Africa, scheduled to last ten days but turned into a campaign of three months. Lending air support to the British Eighth Army's march across the desert. Bombing Tripoli, Gabes, Sfax, Sousse, Bizerta, Bone. Precision raids on Naples, Crotona, Palermo and Messina in Italy and Sicily.

Operating part of the time from a desert base with only a handful of maintenance men to keep the ships in the air. Using spare parts taken with them for the "Ten-day mission." Living in their planes, in small tents made for two but which had to accommodate three or four. No clothes, other than what they had on their backs.

The first heavy bombardment unit to span the Atlantic, the "Circus," commanded by Col. Edward J. "Ted" Timberlake, of San Antonio, Tex., made its first raid from its base in Britain Oct. 9 on Lille. Early in December Col. Timberlake was given eight hours to get his men off to Africa. They expected to be back by Christmas, but the mission extended to weeks and then months.

Africa Flying 'A Picnic'

The crews have many stories to tell about their experiences in the North African and Middle East theaters.

"The flying was a picnic compared to what it is up here," said 1/Lt. Harold J. Mann, of Scranton, Pa., bombardier of the "Jack Frost," more missions (29) than any man in the group. "Most of the enemy fighters down there are Me109s. Up here they throw everything they have at us—Me109Gs, 110s, 210s, FW190s and Ju88s. The flak over Tripoli and Naples was heavier than anything we've seen up here. But then, we never had a running fight for an hour and 27 minutes down there like we had over Vegesack a couple of weeks ago."

Lt. Mann was credited with 11 missions here, 12 in Africa and six more since he returned to this base.

1/Lts. Jesse C. Hall Jr., of Mebane, N.C., and Morton Macks, of Oakland, Cal., navigator and pilot of "El Lobo," said if it was possible they'd rather fly in Africa and live here.

"The desert didn't give us many comforts," said Lt. Hall. "But it was fun flying down there. It's tough business up here."

The presence of yellow-nosed Goering Squadron fighters in Africa was a strange sight to Lt. Macks. He had seen them up here but didn't expect to run into them



Planet Photo

Two members of "Ted's Travelling Circus" back from exploits in Africa are S/Sgt. S. J. Delcambre, of New Iberia, La. (left) and T/Sgt. Harold Secor, of Savannah, N.Y., who adopted the comfortable British battledress during their air battles in Tunisia.

down there. He also said the Italian fighter planes down there were a joke.

"Hell, they were afraid to take a shot at us," he said. "As soon as they saw us they ran."

Sgt. Paul "Boogie" Jenkins, "El Lobo" waist gunner and engineer who shot down an Me109 over Bizerta, would rather do his fighting up here.

"You can't fight flak and weather with a gun, but you sure can take on the fighters," he said.

1/Lt. Maurice A. Lofgren, co-pilot from Biggs, Cal., had a close shave. The first time he flew in "El Lobo" the ship in which he previously flew was lost.

Ground Crews Praised

Col. Timberlake, whose bombers have dumped two and a quarter million pounds of explosives on the enemy in the ETO, Middle East and North Africa, had words of praise for the ground crews.

"We took only 96 men to handle maintenance, medical and administrative duties," he said. "They deserve as much credit as anyone. They worked day and night, five men working on nine planes some times."

S/Sgt. Ralph Kimel, of Winston-Salem, N.C., did everything but fly the ships.

"We had a job to do and just did it," he said. "We loaded bombs, kept the guns in working order and when we weren't busy we helped the mechanics. The only spare parts we had were those we took with us."

Sgt. Kimel also went on three raids as a gunner. He told of getting only one canteen of water per day with which to drink, wash and do laundry. Digging fox holes was dangerous because of booby traps, he said. Five of the men were digging one day when a trap exploded, seriously injuring two of them. A trap planted on an Italian soldier's body also blew up when they started to bury him.

Cpl. Alois Konzak was one of the few lucky ones to get into Cairo and Alexandria. He had to borrow clothes for the trips inasmuch as he only had the coveralls he wore on the outward journey.

Col. Timberlake said the "Circus" made eight unescorted raids on Italy, flying as much as 900 miles to the targets and making the return trip by dark.

"The B17s were escorted by P38s quite a bit down there," he said, "but we went unescorted every time. Sure would like to see some of this fighter protection I hear about."

The Circus crews had many other stories to tell. One of them was about 1/Lt. Llewellyn Brown, of Malvern, Ark., and the "Flying Cock" during a raid over Tripoli. One of the engines was hit over the target, a trail of flame scorching the rear rudder. Four of the crew bailed out but Brown got the ship back to Benghazi, several hundred miles from its base. They patched up over a hundred bullet holes and repaired the plane with German parts to start her back to the base. Lt. Brown got the DFC for his work.

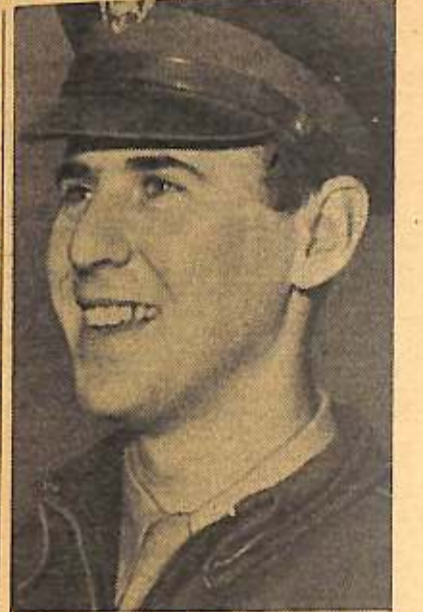
Plane Had 320 Holes

1/Lt. James Gillespie, of Haw River, N.C., navigator of the "Big Dealer," told about a raid on Bizerta during which the plane received 320 flak and bullet holes.

"It was a seven and a half hour round trip—1,500 miles," he said. "Our electric, hydraulic and oxygen systems were knocked out and the tunnel gunner, Sgt. Raymond A. Clendenning, of Plover, Wis., got shot up so bad they picked flak out of him for a month. He found some more in his head the other day. He's O.K. now, though."

They told about the "Liberty Lad," piloted by Capt. Bill Keefer, of Torrance, Cal., which has completed 25 raids in both theaters with only five minor holes in her body.

The "Liberty Lad" always flies in formation with two other "miracle ships," the uncathed "Flying Lass" and the "Flying Limited." The "Lass" survived 50 fighter attacks in one raid. The immunity record of the "Limited" was



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Bombardier on the Liberator Jack Frost is 1/Lt. Harold J. Mann, of Scranton, Pa., who has completed 29 bombing missions—more than any other man in the group.

recently broken when her engine was shot up.

Flying in Africa was ideal because there wasn't any red tape, according to 1/Lt. Robert E. Nelson, of Riverside, Cal., navigator of the "Liberty Lass."

"No," commented the "Liberty Lad's" co-pilot, 1/Lt. Leland J. Rath, of Almond, Wis. "We had tons of red tape, but somehow the wind blew it away."

When the Circus arrived back in Britain Mar. 2 the men found tons of mail and Christmas packages waiting for them. They hadn't received a letter while they were away from "home."

Thanked For Fine Work

Messages of congratulations have been received by Col. Timberlake from high ranking British and American officials.

"I express to Gen. Eaker and Col. Timberlake and all members of the group my thanks and appreciation for the fine work done by the group in the Middle East," said British Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur W. Tedder.

"I wish to add my appreciation for the good work. I am well aware of the difficulties," said Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commanding general of American forces in the ETO.

Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commanding general, Eighth Air Force, also had words of praise for his men.

"I am greatly pleased to have the group back with our Bomber Command, and I feel certain its future activities will be as outstanding as its recent work," he said.

Brig. Gen. Newton Longfellow, commanding general, Eighth Air Force Bomber Command, said, "I attribute the success to the superior leadership of Col. Timberlake, which is reflected throughout the entire organization."



Lament

One fierce and frightened kiss . . .  
How well I remember.  
Before our world went black  
That December.  
And then the first spring came . . .  
The ache I had to bear.  
To watch the fresh blooms spread,  
And you not there.  
And now another spring . . .  
The very thought breeds pain.  
I'll walk through April rains  
Alone again.  
I'll lie on newborn grass;  
I'll hear a small bird's song,  
And you'll be seas away . . .  
Oh Lord, how long?

T/5 Peter Alfano.

# Cage Championships Start Today at Albert Hall

## Senators Give Bluege Plenty Of Headaches

### Nats Need Players for Almost Every Position

By Leo Petersen  
United Press Sports Editor

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Mar. 29—Making his debut as an American League manager with the Washington Senators, Ossie Bluege has less to work with than any club in the circuit except the Philadelphia Phillies. Should Bluege come up with a first division club he would become the baseball miracle man of '43, but unfortunately his chances are mighty slim.

To give you an idea—he has 32 players on his roster of which three are without experience in organized baseball, and only ten, including four pitchers, were with the seventh-place Senators last season. Bluege needs players for almost every position.

The front line pitcher figures to be Emil "Dutch" Leonard, who won two and lost two last year, but who could be a starter with any ball club if he regains his old form. Others include Alex Carrasquel, with seven wins and seven losses last season; Ray Scarborough, two and one, and Early Wynn; ten and 16.

#### One Seasoned Catcher

The nine rookie pitchers do not appear too promising. Dewey Adkins won 12 and lost 13 with Wilkes-Barre last season; Milo Candini won four and lost seven with Newark; Mat Hafner won 17 and lost 18 with Minneapolis; William Kennedy, 12 wins, 12 losses and Phil McCullough eight wins and 14 losses, both with Chattanooga; James Mertz, 12 and 15 with Atlanta; Ewald Pyle, eight and five with Toledo; Al Scheetz, 14 and 16 with Minneapolis, and John Bunnell with no previous experience in organized ball.

Jake Early, who hit .204 last year, is the only seasoned catcher returning. The reserves include Donald Barbary from Charlotte and Angelo Giuliani from Minneapolis.

#### Vernon a Holdout

The outfield will do. It is headed by George Case, who hit .320 last year, Stan Spence, with a .323 batting average last season, and Bob Johnson, .291 hitter last season with the Athletics.

Three infielders are back but Mickey Vernon, first baseman, is the team's number one holdout. If Vernon fails to come to terms, the job will go to Bill Prout who came up from Chattanooga last fall.

Other veteran infielders include Ellis Clary, John Sullivan and Gerry Priddy, the last purchased from the Yankees. The rookies are Joe Jacobs and Hillis Layne, neither with previous experience; George Myatt who hit .278 with Columbus last season; Charles Robert, .255 hitter with Charlotte and Sherrard Robertson, .202 hitter with Baltimore.

## NEWS FROM HOME

### Build 5,000 Tanks Monthly At Chester Ordnance Plant

CHESTER, Pa., Mar. 29—Production at the Chester Ordnance plant has now reached 5,000 tanks, tank killers and other armored vehicles a month, Supt. J. C. Davidson, of the plant, announced today.

The 5,000-monthly figure was reached, he explained in an interview with Sidney Shalett, of the New York Times, by appealing to the men at the assembly lines for extra work to meet extra demands.

"One afternoon, recently," Davidson said, "we got an urgent order for tanks to go on a certain convoy. At 5 PM I posted an order asking all men to work overtime and at 2.30 AM the next day the tanks left here by special train to catch the convoy."

#### Brazil Flyers Will Train In U.S.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Mar. 29—Under plans believed to be already completed between American and Brazilian authorities, hundreds of Brazilian aviators will be sent for training in the United States, according to a special cable to the New York Times. Brig. Gen. Eduardo Gomes, chief of Brazil's northwestern air command, is said to have fathered the idea and found 100 per cent backing from all concerned. It is believed as many as 500 youths may be sent. Forty or more already are in the United States for training, but these went on regular assignments, whereas the larger group will go under a different arrangement, the Times says.

#### N.Y. Used Car Boom Off

NEW YORK, Mar. 29—A boom in used car sales—they were shipped to States where gas is still plentiful—is tapering off now, dealers report. Owners are hanging on to their jalopies, now that Spring is near, and dealers can't get gas for driving cars out of the State for resale.

#### Kills Four, Dies Himself

AUBURN, Calif., Mar. 29 (UP)—Amos Latshaw wiped out his entire family, on his ranch near here, and then killed

## A Close Play, But He Was Out



Play like this helped London Base Command's baseball team defeat an Engineer nine, 6-3, in their game at Richmond on Sunday. Umpire Pfc Mike Conlotac, of Cleveland, calls out Pvt. Edward Konzinski, of Brooklyn, of the Engineers at first. Pfc Allen Parr, of Mesia, Texas, is the first baseman.

## Detroit Edges Toronto, 4-2

### Last Period Goals Decide Stanley Cup Playoff Semi-Final

DETROIT, Mar. 29—A crowd of over 13,500 roaring fans watched the Detroit Red Wings, National Hockey League champions, take the Toronto Maple Leafs, 4-2, thus achieving a 3-2 advantage in their best-of-seven semi-finals battle for a final berth in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Detroit's Eddie Wares opened the scoring with a first period goal at 14:54—and the score stood there for almost two periods before Melvin Hill evened the score when he poked a sharp-angled lift past Goalie Johnny Mowers. Fifty-nine seconds later Walter Pratt gave Toronto the lead by blasting the puck through Mowers' legs.

Detroit Captain Sid Abel evened the count at two-all in the third period while the game-winning score came off Mud Bruneteau's stick shortly after. Abel annexed the final tally when he fired into the net after Toronto Manager Clarence Day removed Goalie Walter Broda and sent in six forwards in a last-minute effort to force a tie and an overtime.

#### Bonny Bombers Ahead

A BOMBER BASE, Mar. 29—Bairds Bonny Bombers made it five straight by trouncing Group Headquarters in the weekly softball game, 11-0.

## Beau Jack Threatens to End Henry Armstrong's Comeback

NEW YORK, Mar. 29—Hammering Henry Armstrong returns to Madison Square Garden this Friday against Beau Jack, New York version of the lightweight titleholder, in a ten-round non-title fust that easily ranks as the best bout of this week's national boxing program.

Little Henry has had 18 fights since coming out of retirement a year ago, blowing just two close ones—to Reuben Shank and Willie Joyce, winning 11 of the rest by the knockout route. Noteworthy of all Henry's victories was a ten-round verdict over Fritz Zivic several months ago.

It was against Zivic that Armstrong made his last gallant stand two years ago in an effort to regain the welterweight crown from Fritz. Henry hung up his mittens after that rumpus. He must have retained some of his old form to be able to reverse the tables on Zivic, because Fritz isn't a has-been. Beau Jack barely outgalloped Fritz in their recent return jam at the Garden. Jack unquestionably is the best at his weight today and won't be spotting Armstrong ten pounds as did Zivic, for Henry scaled only 138 when he trounced Al Tribuani at Philadelphia last week.

#### Master vs Pupil

Beau and Henry's styles are much alike. Both use a weaving, bobbing style and are most effective at close quarters. Jack has youth and speed in his favour, while Armstrong, who once had stamina to burn, no longer uses up his energy, but shuffles in slowly with his foot set firmly to get more power behind his punches.

Here is an interesting sidelight on the fight: A few years ago Henry met another Negro named Bowman Milligan, a great admirer of the triple champion, who told Henry he was bringing up a boy—a shoeshine boy at the Augusta (Ga.) a National golf club—and asked Henry if he would teach him a few ropes. Henry, who was a nice guy, said he would and did.

The Georgia kid was named Beau Jack and he followed Henry round with thunderstruck respect. Henry invited Jack to share his apartment, boxing with him and picking out Jack's flaws.

Now the master and the disciple clash Friday with Jack, who has won his last 15 bouts, a heavy favorite to end the old master's comeback trail.

## Yanks and Rebels Form Softball, Baseball Squad

AN ENGINEER DEPOT, N. I., Mar. 29—It's the "Yanks" against the "Rebels" in baseball and softball at this camp. Some of the men here are former members of a Southern National Guard unit and they pair off against men from the North.

A combination softball-baseball team has been organized with both "Yanks" and "Rebels" included which is willing to meet any and all teams in Northern Ireland.

#### Shawkey in Defense Plant

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Mar. 29—Bob Shawkey, former manager of the New York Yankees and the Newark Bears, is working on the assembly line of a defense plant here.

## Sports Quiz Answers

- 1—Ty Cobb played the most major league games—3,033. Eddie Collins was second with 2,825.
- 2—The Dempsey-Tunney fight at Chicago in 1927 netted the record gate of \$2,650,000.
- 3—Doug Bentley, of this year's Chicago Black Hawks, just completed a season in which he tied the record held by Cooney Weiland for scoring in the National Hockey League. Both made 73 points.
- 4—Although John L. Sullivan was the claimant to the world heavyweight title he was beaten by Corbett for undisputed claim to the world crown.
- 5—A player can make a home run on a bunt without an error by the other team. If the ball is delayed in fielding and the other team waits for it to roll foul, the batter is entitled to make as many bases as possible.

## Officers' Quintet Trowned By Enlisted Men, 25-11

A BOMBER STATION, Mar. 29—An all-officers basketball team was trounced, 25-11, by an enlisted men's team here, with ranks from Pfc to lieutenant-colonel represented on the court.

T/Sgt. Leland J. Faulkner, of Edgemont, S.D., led an Ordnance outfit to victory, tallying 11 points and winning a silver bracelet as the outstanding man in the league. The winning team was given a silver loving cup, donated by the American Red Cross, and presented by Lt. Col. Aaron Hoffeditz, of Sacramento, Cal., one of the players for the officers.

Other members of the winning aggregation were: Sgt. Michael A. Kanellis, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Cpl. Bill C. Silver Jr., New York; S/Sgt. Matthew J. Pusic and M/Sgt. Raymond J. Haggerty, both of Pittsburgh; Sgt. Howard K. Whitaker (coach), Decatur, Ill. Substitutes were Pfc Lynn R. Sugel, Rosalie, Wash.; and T/Sgt. James R. Bates, Altos, Okla.

The officers were represented by Lt. James (Chuck) Fanning, Winchester, Ky.; Lt. Duke A. MacConaghy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Lt. Robert Green, Bailey, Texas; and Lt. Leo Feingold, Yonkers, N.Y. Referees were 1/Sgt. J. W. Sherman, Shreveport, La.; and Pvt. Isadore Jacobs, Newark, N.J.

#### Florida Dropping Athletics

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Mar. 29—The University of Florida is discontinuing all intercollegiate athletics for the duration.

## 16 Teams From All Services To Vie for Title

### Fourth Port Ramblers, Navy Quintet Open Program at 1 PM

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

The biggest athletic event since U.S. troops moved into the British Isles more than a year ago gets under way this afternoon at the Royal Albert Hall, London, as the first eliminations of the ETO basketball championships start at 1 PM.

The 16 teams participating in the three-day playoffs are the cream of the American forces in this theater. They represent every type of unit here—Infantry, Engineers, SOS, Air Force and the Navy. Some of the players have represented the best teams in America—the Phillips Oilers, AAU champions, Indiana University and Notre Dame among others. It follows that the teams reaching the finals will be grade A hoopsters.

Today's games may give the spectators a good line on the teams that will get through to the semi-finals. The Fourth Port Ramblers, an SOS Headquarters team quintet, has played as a unit for the last six months. They have lost one game—to the University of Washington—by four points. The Ramblers will open the show when they go up against the sailor five from the Londonderry Navy Base.

#### Admission Free

Two other squads may be standouts—the GIs and the Division Blues. The GIs, representing the Eighth Air Force Composite Command, took the Northern Ireland Army title last week. The Blues, one of two teams entered from their division, were chosen from the top teams that went through months of elimination contests in the division.

As with the weekly boxing bouts at the Rainbow Corner, this afternoon's program is intended for servicemen. All the games are free. No tickets are needed for any of the ten afternoon games. Tickets entitling the holders to reserved seats at the night contests are obtainable at the Red Cross clubs throughout London and the Special Service Section. Officers who wish to attend the night games can procure their ducats at London Base Command Special Services.

#### How To Get There

Although men in uniform are the only ones who will be admitted, they may bring one civilian as a guest. No tickets will be needed for guests to the afternoon games, but a serviceman must procure an extra ticket if he wishes to bring a friend to the night tilts.

Albert Hall, seating 6,000 persons, is easily reached from Central London and most of the Red Cross clubs. It can be reached from Piccadilly Circus by taking a number nine bus which stops at the Albert Hall. From Marble Arch, a number 73 bus also stops at the door. The hall is about a two-shilling taxi ride from Piccadilly. The South Kensington tube station is a seven-minute walk from the hall.

Here is the schedule of today's games:  
1 PM—SOS Fourth Port Ramblers vs. Londonderry Navy Base.  
2 PM—Southern Base Section vs. Eighth Air Force Support Command.  
3 PM—SOS GIs vs. London Base Command.  
4 PM—Blues (— Division) vs. — Cavalry.  
7 PM—Eighth Air Force Service Command vs. — Engineers.  
8 PM—Eighth Air Force Fighter Command vs. SOS Red Raiders.

## Ulster Infantry Softball Team Drubs MPs, 10-1

A U.S. AIR DEPOT, N.I., Mar. 29—An Infantry unit and a Military Police detachment, attached to the Air Force, have started softball and opened the season playing each other, the Infantry winning, 10-1.

Cpl. Paul Sandlin, of Shreveport, La., was on the mound for the Infantry, with Cpl. Julius Rouse, of Warrior, Ala., behind the plate. For the MPs, S/Sgt. "Ike" Eickhorst, of St. Louis, Mo., hurled, while Cpl. William Podany, of Minneapolis, Minn., caught.

#### Barney Ross Now a Sergeant

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29—Barney Ross has been promoted from a corporal to a sergeant by the U.S. Marine Corps as a partial reward for killing 22 Japanese on Guadalcanal. Ross currently is recuperating in a New York naval hospital following the recurrence of malaria contracted in the Solomons.



# Reds Awaiting German Attack

## Think Air Activity May Herald New Drive In Caucasus

MOSCOW, Mar. 29 (UP)—A new German drive for the Caucasus, it is believed in Moscow, may be heralded by the increasing air activity reported from the front west of Rostov-on-Don and also from the Lower Kuban.

The Germans have been trying to bomb Russian communications behind these fronts, as well as front line towns and villages. Opposition they have encountered is such that they have mostly failed to reach their objectives. In four days 47 German planes have fallen to Russian fighters and AA gunners on the Rostov front.

Otherwise there is a relative lull on the whole of the Russian front, brought on by the Spring thaw. Even the battle for the crossings of the northern Dnieper, from the Byelgorod area southeastward to the borders of the Dnieper basin itself, appears to be subsiding.

Similar conditions are hampering the Russians on the central front, where, after piercing outlying fortifications, they now face the main defenses of Smolensk in the triangle formed by Dorogobuzh, Yartsevo and Dukhovshchina.

## Embassy Colonel's Son Killed in Glider Crash

F/O Warren Wright Pearl, 22, son of a colonel attached to the United States Embassy in London, has been killed in an RAF glider crash, it was revealed yesterday.

The airman's father is Col. F. Warren Pearl, whose home is in Haverhill, Mass. F/O Pearl was born in England.

## New Club Hall at Bristol

BRISTOL, Mar. 29—A new recreation hall will be opened Monday at the American Red Cross Lyndale club here, with a variety show featuring the Dagenham Girl Pipers.

## Adm. Stark to Get Flag From Yorkshire Woman

LEEDS, Mar. 29—An American flag, a reproduction of John Paul Jones' battle flag made by women of Yorkshire County, will be turned over tomorrow by the Lord Mayor of Leeds to Mrs. E. M. Cardwell, who at a later date will present it to Adm. Harold R. Stark, commander of U.S. Naval forces in Europe.

The new colors, stitched as a mark of esteem for the U.S. Navy, replace the flag lost by Commodore John Paul Jones, when his ship, Bon Homme Richard, went down off the English coast 163 years ago after defeating HMS Serapis.

## SOS Minstrels At HQ Tonight

SOS HQ, England, Mar. 29—The Sad Sacks of 1943, an all-soldier minstrel show, with GI producer, chorus, inter-locutor, end men and orchestra, will be staged here tomorrow night.

Under the direction of Sgt. Leon Rozene, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Pfc William Ford, of Boston, the show will be staged in a specially fitted old hangar.

Interlocutor for the minstrel will be Pvt. James Tomasselli, of Lawrence, Mass., who was with Joe Venuti's orchestra before he joined the Army.

The end men will be Pfc Mauritz Nadler, Brooklyn, as Mr. Mess Hall; Pvt. James Pelligrine, Brooklyn, as Mr. GI; Pvt. Frank Fiorello, Philadelphia, as Brother Barracks Bag, and Sgt. Martin Luizzi, Patterson, as Mr. Brussel Sprouts.

## Eagle Club Alters Schedule

"Party Night" at the Red Cross Eagle club, with juke box dancing for soldiers and their dates, will be held Wednesday and Sunday between 6.30 and 9 PM in the future, it was announced yesterday. The program formerly was held on Thursday.

# Yvette, Clipper Crash Survivor, Here to Sing for U.S. Forces

Yvette, blonde singer from New York's night clubs and radio studios, who survived the clipper crash at Lisbon, has arrived in London ready to go on with her plans to entertain American troops in the ETO at USO camp shows.

Yvette, uninjured herself in the accident which claimed 24 lives, told yesterday of her experiences as the huge flying boat smashed to pieces in the River Tagus. Two members of the USO party of seven, heading for London, were among those killed.

"We were looking at Lisbon," the singer said. "It was pretty because it was not blacked out. The steward told me to sit down and strap myself in because the plane was going to land. As it happened, I chose a lucky seat on the right side of the plane."

When the plane hit, Yvette said she "went to an emergency door. By the time I got out the water was up to my neck."

She said she was surprised that so few of the passengers knew how to swim.

"It seemed as though nine or ten people were in the water, asking for help because they couldn't swim."

With another passenger, Yvette helped Gypsy Markof, of the USO troupe, to a piece of floating wreckage. Miss Markof had dislocated her shoulder and



Planet Photo

Yvette . . . to sing in ETO

was unable to swim. Another of the entertainers suffered a leg injury and will have to return to the United States for treatment.

The Italians hinted at a Mareh Line withdrawal in a communique announced that some strongpoints were given up in the face of an "overwhelming" attack.

Retreating Axis forces left many pockets of resistance, and fierce fighting was continuing as the advancing units of the Eighth Army wiped them out.

In the El Hamma area, defended by some of Germany's best troops, a large amount of guns, tanks and undamaged vehicles was left behind.

## Belfast Checker Competition

BELFAST, Mar. 29—A checker tournament will be conducted at the Red Cross club here Friday night, April 2. Miss Irene Boyce, of Detroit, will be in charge.

# Chiefs Map New Drive in Pacific

## Heads Told of Casablanca Conference in Meeting At Washington

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29 (AP)—A group of high ranking Army and Navy officers from the Pacific War Theater has just completed a series of conferences in Washington on plans for future campaigns against the Japanese, the War Department announced last night.

In making this announcement officials said that the U.S. joint chiefs of staffs called meetings to acquaint the commanding officers in the Pacific combat zones with the strategy approved at the Casablanca conference between Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt.

None of the decisions was disclosed. Heading a group of 15 officers were Lt. Gen. Delos Emmons, Commanding the Army forces in Hawaii; Lt. Gen. George Kenney, commander of the Allied Air forces in the southwest Pacific and Lt. Gen. Millard Harmon, commanding the Army in the South Pacific.

The announcement said that the officers would return to their stations in the near future.

## Jap Aleutian Convoy Stopped

In today's Navy department communique it was reported that light U.S. Naval detachments Friday engaged a Jap force of four cruisers, four destroyers heading toward the Aleutians and after long-range gun fire was exchanged, the Jap force was observed to be heading west near Attu island.

Today's Japanese communique almost exactly reverses the account given in the Navy department communique. The enemy report of the battle said it took place on Tuesday near Atka island and that the U.S. force consisted of two cruisers and several destroyers, claiming damage to one U.S. eight inch cruiser, a six inch cruiser and one destroyer.

The sinking of an Allied merchantman yesterday in Oro bay, on the east coast of New Guinea by Japanese bombers was admitted in today's official communique from the Southwest Pacific.

## Africa - - -

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stand inside the well-defended Tunis-Bizertia perimeter.

Algiers radio said last night that the plain over which Rommel hopes to escape offers not a single line of defense. "It seems the defeated enemy will be forced into a large-scale evacuation to northward of Soussa."

Indications that the Anglo-American First Army in that sector was preparing a full-scale attack, however, suggested that Gen. Eisenhower would attempt to smash these defenses before the defenders were backed up by Rommel's veterans.

## Awards - - -

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craft," were conferred on the following by Col. Hayden:

- Capt. Thomas R. Cramer, Washington, D.C., and James E. O'Brien, Monongahela, Pa.; 1/Lt. Reginald H. Phillips, Evansville, Ind.; 2/Lts. Richard R. Brown, Schenectady, N.Y.; Wilmer J. Garrett, Fresno, Cal.; Rowland B. Houston, San Antonio, Cal.; Robert A. LaFleur, Waterbury, N.Y.; Malcolm C. Howell, Topeka, Kan.; Thomas C. Mayen, San Antonio, Tex.; and Robert K. Walker Jr., Newport Beach, Cal.
- T/Sgt. Marvin W. Cox, Polkville, Miss.; Guy E. Gandy, Elmore City, Okla.; Frank W. Gavin, Tampa, Fla.; and Tauno J. Mesta, Dearborn, Mich.; S/Sgt. Lucius M. Baisley, Lewiston, Idaho; George B. Boyte, Nashville, Tenn.; Lulio G. Castellotti, San Jose, Cal.; Nicholas G. Geronzi, Chicago, Ill.; Harry C. Houston, Springfield, Mo.; John W. Huselton, Fairfield, Ill.; Donald H. Ingram, Los Angeles, Cal.; Norman H. Jones, St. Louis, Mo.; Donald E. Jester, Ashdown, Ark.; Gabriel I. Marquez, Denver, Colo.; Daniel W. Rowland, Alliance, Ill.; and Robert H. Wright, Gadsden, Ala.
- Sgt. Pershing G. Rolfe, Canandaigua, N.Y.; Jack O. Banta, Newkerk, Okla.; Carl E. Cleland, Sunbury, Ohio; Charles E. Falls, Birmingham, Ala.; William J. Gates, Kansas City, Mo.; Herbert H. Gentry, Nashville, Tenn.; George L. Green, Jerseyville, Ill.; Henry C. Hayes Jr., Cotton Valley, La.; Lester G. Klus, Deland, Fla.; Gerald D. Lawson, LeRoy, Tex.; Kenneth C. McCabe, DeKalb, Ill.; Able Rex Richwine, Seattle, Wash.; and Stephen F. Sevier, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The rest of the awards announced were:

### Oak Leaf Clusters

- 2/Lt. Stanley M. Kistner, Phoenix; T/Sgt. Lyle V. Edwards, Phoenix; S/Sgt. Charles L. Gilbert, Phoenix.
- 2/Lt. Bill J. Reed, Siliam Springs; S/Sgt. Sam A. Kirk, Lincoln.
- 1/Lt. Col. George W. Frederick, Denver; T/Sgt. Walter D. Smith, Padroni.
- S/Sgt. James W. Haywood, Adrian, and Robert H. Sangster, Vienna.
- Illinois: S/Sgt. Bertis W. Holland, Alton; Sgt. Walter C. Bodzisz, Chicago.
- Indiana: Col. Stanley T. Wray, Muncie; S/Sgt. Frederick J. Dewiz, Haudstadt.
- Iowa: 1/Lt. Robert H. Shannon, Washington.
- Kansas: T/Sgt. Kenneth C. Hassler, Chapman.
- 2/Lt. James E. Gott, Berea.
- Louisiana: 1/Lt. Eugene J. Pollock, New Orleans.
- Massachusetts: T/Sgt. Roman R. Zaorki, Pittsfield; S/Sgt. Donald J. Bevan, Springfield, and Leonard H. O'Brien, Deotham.
- Michigan: S/Sgt. Theron S. Tupper, St. Johns.
- Mississippi: T/Sgt. Oliver A. Hamilton, Stevensville; Sgt. Oscar R. Green, Great Falls.
- Nebraska: 2/Lt. Harold R. Tushla, Atkinson.
- New Hampshire: T/Sgt. Rodney E. Demars, Lebanon.
- New Jersey: S/Sgt. Harry R. Robinson, Pennsgrove.
- New Mexico: S/Sgt. James M. Hobbs, Artesia, and Julian G. Nagle, Santa Fe.
- New York: 2/Lt. Frank J. Smolinsky, New York City; T/Sgt. Kenneth A. Jeffers, Oriskany; S/Sgt. George D. Farley, Wellsville; Andrew Maric, Rosendale; John P. Quinlan, Yonkers; and Frank S. Tamsett, Troy; Sgt. Vilo Publisc, Coopers-Town.
- North Carolina: 1/Lt. Norman B. Bennett Jr., Winston-Salem.

- and James R. Bullock, Greensboro; Sgt. Robert L. Dew, Erwin.
- Ohio: Maj. James W. Wilson, Bowling Green; 1/Lt. Eric F. Eyster, Miamasburg; 2/Lts. Carl G. Jones, Lima, and John F. Pascal Jr., Batavia; S/Sgt. George A. Eisel, Columbus.
- Oklahoma: Capt. Charles T. Moore, Oklahoma City, and Clyde B. Walker, Tulsa; 2/Lts. Robert A. Gray, Oklahoma City, and James H. Montgomery Jr., Maud; T/Sgt. Charles E. Fehr, Madill; S/Sgt. Edmund Gates Jr., Ralston; James C. Hickman, Comanche, and Homer W. Perkins, Tulsa.
- Pennsylvania: 1/Lt. William C. Leasure, Clymer; 2/Lt. Frank M. Fink, Philadelphia; T/Sgt. Francis Sulcowski, West Antioke; S/Sgt. Oscar E. Balfew, Enola; Thomas J. Hansbury, Philadelphia; Benjamin J. Luglio, Media; Paul H. McQueen, Waymart; Robert L. Rupp, Colonial Park, and Alwin T. Shippang, Bethlehem.
- Texas: Maj. Claude E. Putnam, Jacksboro; Capt. Robert B. Campbell and Clifton Pyle, Marshall; 1/Lt. John E. Carpenter, Whitesboro, and Martin W. McCarty, Lubbock; T/Sgt. Horace L. Mabry, Dallas, and Augustus B. Thompson, Elbert; S/Sgt. Deatred W. Collins, Dallas; Reginald G. Harris, Houston; William L. Jones, Irving, and Winfred B. Shirley, Cisco.
- Virginia: T/Sgt. Joseph L. Craighead, Bedford.
- Washington: 2/Lt. Robert W. Nye, Bellevue; S/Sgt. Norman Gilkey, Vancouver; Sgt. Jack Lucas, Spokane.
- West Virginia: S/Sgt. Clifton E. Dennis Jr., Richmond, and Joseph C. Maxwell, Salem.
- Wisconsin: T/Sgt. Eldon W. Audias, Endeavor; S/Sgt. Grant G. Rondeau, Racine, and Henry J. Wallace, Milwaukee.

### Air Medals

- Alabama: Capt. Paul L. Fishburne, Montgomery; 1/Lts. Edward N. Bryant, Birmingham, and Harold H. Beasley, Andalusia; M/Sgt. Benjamin F. Duke, Elmore; S/Sgt. Raymond E. Bolle, Birmingham; William A. DeFreese, Anniston; Loyd L. Hamner, Birmingham; Lloyd C. Quarles, Bridgeport; Frank E. Cross, Red Level, and Robert M. Paul, Union Springs; Sgts. Joe F. Ward, Slocumb, and Garnce Clark, Dora.
- Arizona: 1/Lts. James W. Hensley, Phoenix, and John W. Beauchamp Jr., Coolidge; 2/Lts. Jack W. W. Bennett, Glendale; Arthur P. Halbrook, Phoenix, and Bruce A. Gardner, St. Johns.
- California: Capt. Allen V. Martini, San Francisco, and Bill McCoy, Los Angeles; 1/Lt. Morton Macka, Oakland; George E. Piburn, North San Diego; Edward W. Lethers, Long Beach; Robert H. Bowcock, San Francisco; George E. Stallman, San Jose; Lynn H. Moker, Clearwater; Harold E. Klous, Fresno, and Otto A. Buddenbaum, Atwater; 2/Lts. Everett L. Clinard, Oakland; Charles R. Woodworth, Loomis; William J. Lakey, Canoga Park; John G. Shallean, Stockton; Maurice A. Lofgren, Richvale; Robert N. McCune, Daly City; Herbert M. Light, Long Beach, and Robert R. Fryer, Spadra; T/Sgt. Louis A. Webb, Palm City; S/Sgt. Lee C. Gordon, San Fernando; Joseph Ransio, Gustine; Carol S. Johns, San Jose; Arthur R. Cressman, Glendale; Bliss D. Purinton, Huntington Park, and Homer B. Ramsey, Delano; Sgts. Louis P. Berrina, Los Angeles; Jesse R. Kinney, Ventura; Cassius E. Morse, Glendale; Leonard F. Hunt, Bell; Randall C. Peterson, Glendale; Harold E. Godwin, Los Angeles, and Clifford R. Jones, Caliente.
- Colorado: 1/Lt. Milton A. Green, Denver; 2/Lts. Reinaldo J. Saiz, Segundo; Kent M. Fitzsimmons, Las Animas, and Gordon H. Whitlow, Denver; T/Sgt. Walter D. Smith, Padroni, and Raymond K. Roberts, Denver; S/Sgt. Roland E. Hale, Rifle; Sgts. Donald E. Bicknell, Denver, and Verne C. Stewart, Delta.

- Connecticut: 1/Lt. William H. Warner, Wethersfield; S/Sgt. Joseph L. Markiewicz, Shelton, and Frederick W. Clark, Hamden; Sgt. Allerton F. Meddaugh, New Milford.
- Delaware: Sgt. Gilbert G. Shoemaker, Du Pont.
- Florida: Capt. Charles F. Maas, Tampa; 1/Lt. Robert F. Brubaker, Clearwater; Sgt. Carl A. Muller, St. Petersburg.
- Georgia: 2/Lt. Albert W. Glass, Macon; Sgt. Edward L. Bagby Jr., Augusta.
- Idaho: 1/Lt. Frank E. Ross, Burley; T/Sgt. William H. Greag, Pocatello; S/Sgt. Woodrow W. Smith, Dale L. Shaffer, Decatur, and Melvin E. Brown, Odell; 2/Lts. John H. Lentz, Chicago; John B. White Jr., Hillsboro; Edward J. Hennessy Jr., Chicago; Maxwell V. Judas, Elgin, and Alexander Kramarinko, Chicago; T/Sgt. Walter A. Zablocki, Chicago; Alan G. Nates, Marengo, and William E. Chicago; Richard W. Trenary, Belleville; Russell Gilliam, Golconda; George W. Engle, Dixon; Floyd B. Ammerman, Chicago; Herbert W. Armstrong, Beardstown; Frank W. Greene, Maywood; August J. Kravick, Elgin; James W. Millin, St. Louis; William A. Benecki, Chicago, and Oliver J. Hackwith, Toulon; Sgts. Ewald M. Becker, Westmont; Harry E. Gibbs, Granite City; Leith C. Lemmerbit, Hebron; John E. Chinlund, Kewanee; Solomon J. Wise, Chicago, and Sgt. William C. Gray, Peoria.
- Indiana: T/Sgt. Donald L. Siebert, Indianapolis; S/Sgt. Henry A. Carter, Oakland; Robert L. Kinsen, Fortville; Louis L. Greenlee, Hobart; Robert D. Kising, Richmond; Kenneth N. McClure, Misrawaka, and Joseph B. Anderson, Elizabethtown.
- Iowa: 1/Lts. John W. Emmons, Nashua; Robert H. Shannon, Washington, and Robert L. Brown, Cedar Falls; 2/Lts. Howard R. Klekar, Cedar Rapids, and John L. Dillingier, Avoca; Sgt. Harold R. Steiner, Wellman.
- Kansas: 2/Lts. Warren W. Anderson, Lawrence, and Robert J. Sine, Edna; S/Sgt. Richard E. Guenther, Kansas City; Dell A. Love, Lawrence, and Edwin T. Robinson, Independence.
- Kentucky: 1/Lt. Frank T. Onizbach, Lyndon; 2/Lts. James E. Gott, Berea, and Laurence L. Leach Jr., Ashland; S/Sgt. Vance H. Brown, Versailles; Hugh G. Erwin, Murray, and Warren H. McGregor, La Grange; Sgt. Patrick H. McAtee, Henderson.
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