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First of 3 Main Isles Taken in Marshalls

Two Nazi Lines in Italy Broken Big Battle Develops

Americans In Outskirts Of Cassino

Allies Pour Through Gap In South, Battle at Town 16 Miles From Rome

A deep breach in German positions south of Rome was admitted last night by the Nazi high command, while on the main Fifth Army front farther south, American and French troops smashed through the Gustav Line on a 41-mile front and drove toward the Liri Valley and the Casilina route to the Italian capital.

American tanks and infantry stormed the northern outskirts of outflanked Cassino yesterday as other Fifth Army units drove through the gap in the Gustav Line between Cassino and Terelle.

Although their position at Cassino was speedily becoming more untenable, there were no signs that the Germans were preparing to evacuate. From heights domi-nating the town, the Germans can fight a long delaying action as they shell advancing troops, it was said.

Almost simultaneously with the announcement that the Americans and French in three days of bitter fighting had pierced elaborate German defenses north of Cassino, Berlin reported that the hastily-erected line between Cisterna and Campoleone had been penetrated by Americans driving inland from the Nettuno bridgehead. Thus it was indicated that the Allies had cut the Appian way, which approximates the Cisterna-Campoleone line.

Broken in 8-Mile Stretch

The Germans said that their Rome defenses had been broken in the eight-mile stretch between Carroceto and Cisterna. American troops yesterday were reported in fierce battles for possession of Cisterna, junction of the Rome-Gaeta railroad.

Only 16 miles from Rome, at Campoleone, northern anchor of Marshal Kessel-ring's line, British forces were engaged in

ring's line, British forces were engaged in heavy fighting.
Rome radio, confirming German reports of an American breakthrough between Cisterna and Carroceto, said that Marshal Kesselring had launched a counter-offensive and that a violent battle was raging.

The Rome report, describing the fight-ing as the bitterest of the Italian campaign, said that strong German tank and infantry forces, covered by artillery, were being used in an effort to stem the

American drive. At Cisterna, Reynolds Packard. battles. United Press war correspondent, said that never in the campaign had he seen so many dead in one area

Organized enemy resistance indicated that the Germans had recovered from the surprise of the latest Allied landing and had massed for heavy counter-attacks

There were reports yesterday that the Germans had withdrawn their planes from the bridgehead area following heavy received in attempts to smash Allied supply lines.

A Flatbush Charmer Snakes His Way East

A U.S. AIR BASE, N. Ireland. Feb. 2-Life holds no more surprises for 1/Lt. Alexander C. Hailey, a bombardier from Hickory, Miss., attached to an Eighth Air Force Composite Command station here.

En route to the ETO he was forced down in French Morocco near the town of Marrakesh. While the plane was being repaired he and a couple of pats strolled down to the native quarter, where they spotted the usual flute-playing Arab and a cobra with the Betty Grable hips.

After charmer and charmed completed their song and dance, the Arab passed the turban and spotted the Yanks. In perfect Brooklynese the Arab chirped, "Say, Mac, how are

tings in Flatbush?" He used to be a cab driver back in the land of the Dodgers.

Amphibious Tanks Carry Fight to Japs



An amphibious tank plows through the heavy mud of a jungle clearing to carry U.S. Marines to the fighting lines on Bougainville. Similar tanks possibly are being used in the invasion of the Marshalls.

The Dough Is Rolling Home

Survey Blasts Myth Yank Cash Is Upsetting Britain's Economy

By Richard Wilbur

American soldiers in the United Kingdom, sometimes considered "flashy spenders" by the British, have been putting more than two-thirds of their monthly pay into War Bonds, savings, allotments and a few Army purchases and spending less than one-third on entertainment sprees and rationed

British goods—according to Army finance officials here. War Bond purchases by soldiers here reached a new high in December. As

Bombers Over France Again

Heavies Hit Undisclosed Targets; B26s Pound Normandy Airfield

Heavy bombers of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe attacked "military objectives in northern France" with fighter escort yesterday, ETOUSA headquarters announced last night.
It was the ninth attack in ten days in

the general area of the so-called "rocket-gun sites" in France, though the brief preliminary communique on the opera-tions did not specify the immediate loca-

U.S. medium Marauders also were out, attacking an airfield in Normandy with-Lightnings and Thunderbolts out loss provided cover.

With the RAF's heavy bombers grounded for the second straight night, Mosquitoes took up the Battle of Berlin in the darkness preceding the American operations, stabbing at the German capital to harass its bomb-weary residents and workers, who were still fighting fires in all sections of the smoke-shrouded city as a result of the last big assault

Frankfurt 'City of Despair'

ZURICH, Feb. 2 (Reuter)—Frankfurt is a "city of despair," and the effects of the recent American heavy bomber raid are "indescribable," according to an eyewitness reaching here.

"There was an appalling number of suicides as a result of utter despair at the loss of homes and families," he said "Workers demonstratively remained from work, stolidly awaiting punishment and saying 'let them shoot or imprison us; if is all the same now

Numerous families refused to enter shelters, saying that they did not care if (Continued on page 4)

21 Planes Forced Down in Sea WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP) — Weather forced down at sea 21 planes out of a squadron of 23 Marine Corsair fighters on a flight from the Gilbert Islands to their Ellice Islands base last Friday, but all except six pilots are safe, the Navy Department reported today.

Stalingrad Anniversary

The first anniversary of the capitulation of the German Sixth Army at Stalingrad was celebrated last night by a special Red Army broadcast from Moscow.

shown in an Army finance survey. ETO soldiers spent approximately \$3,200,000 in that one month on War Bonds—a maturity value of more than \$4,000,000. "That isn't hay," Col. N. H. Cobbs, ETO fiscal director, said yesterday. "It's a damn good figure."

In the last six months of 1943, soldiers spent approximately \$11,000,000 on Wars spent approximately \$11,000,000 on Wars.

only a small minority of ETO enlisted men and officers give the impression of being "flashy spenders," Col. Cobbs said, but as a result all American soldiers stationed here are blamed for tending to discust the British expansion of structure. disrupt the British economic structure.

Eleven per cent of all enlisted men in the ETO have made either no allotments, or only allotments for insurance, and are drawing 23 per cent of the money paid to all EMs, Col. Cobbs said. These few form part of the "lavish spending" group,

Generally, enlisted men and officers ationed in Britain saved nearly twothirds of their money in the six months from July to December, 1943, according

to the finance survey.

Aside from War Bond purchases and allotments, GI cash was laid chiefly on four savings lines, the survey showed, and these totals for July were at least doubled December. Most of the cash was sent home

(Continued on page 4)

When Yanks Storm Key Japanese Bases

Great War Fleet Alone Pumps 5,000 Tons Of Shells Onto Two Islands; Major **Naval Clash May Be Continuing**

U.S. Army and Marine units which invaded the Marshall Islands in the Allies' greatest thrust thus far of the Pacific war last night had consolidated ten islet beachheads and were fighting to extend their newly won positions on two of the three main Japanese strongpoints in the group of coral atolls. The third, Roi Island, was completely in U.S. hands, Adm. Nimitz announced late last night.

There were no naval losses in the operations and only moderate casualties, the Admiral said.

First landing waves met with remarkably little resistance, but reports late last night indicated that the Japs were defending the islands of Namur and Kwajalein with every available man

Redsin Estonia, and gun not put out of commission by history's most concentrated naval and air bombardment. **Artillery Within** More than 5,000 tons of shells from

battleships, cruisers and destroyers, plus hundreds of tons of bombs from planes, rained down on each of the islands of Roi and Namur in a 28-hour preparatory softening-up attack, dispatches said. Great fires and vast, billowing clouds of smoke were seen rising from both islets, each of which comprises an area of less than a square mile. The two are connected by a narrow sand bar and a man-made causeway. Range of Narva

Site of Excellent Airfield

Roi, site of an excellent airfield, is at the northern end of Kwajalein, a cluster of about 90 small, flat, sandy islands in a roughly triangular lagoon. This is the largest atoll in the Marshalls group, and its largest island, Kwajalein, has a good harbor and seeplane and submarine bases. harbor and scaplane and submarine bases.

With their landings in the Marshalls, With their landings in the Marshalls, the American forces were battling for positions outflanking Truk, about 1,100 miles to the west, the key pin of Japanese operations in the Central, South and Southwest Pacific. Seizure of the Marshalls would be the Allies' first break into the inner perimeter of defenses guarding the Jap mainland proper.

A Japanese communique broadcast The Germans at the same time were preparing to evacuate Tallinn, capital of Estonia, the Stockholm Aftonbladet said. Though official Moscow announce-ments made no mention of the crossing

guarding the Jap mainland proper.

A Japanese communique broadcast from Berlin bore out reports that the invaders, after initial unresisted landings, were running into stiff fighting. "Our forces are engaged in heavy defensive fighting," the broadcast said. "Strong enemy forces have been attacking islands in the group without respite for three days. Our naval units and army formations are engaged in the battle."

Reference to "naval units" indicated

Reference to "naval units" indicated that a major sea engagement, upon which speculation in Allied capitals has been rife for several days, might still be continuing. Adm. Chester Nimitz, Pacific naval commander in chief, had thrown into the Marshalls venture one of the greatest arrays of naval might of the war. obviously not only to safeguard the in-vasion but in the hope of meeting the coy Jap fleet in a full-fledged test.

Newest Battleships in Fray

Commanded by Rear Adm. Richmond (Kelly) Turner, the task force included some of the U.S. Navy's newest battleships, mounting 16-inch guns, and giant aircraft carriers bearing hundreds of planes. More than 100 enemy planes were destroyed in the air and on the ground before American troops swept in for the

The U.S. Seventh Infantry Division, composed of veterans of the Attu victory in the Aleutians, made the initial assault on Kwajalein Island, while the Fourth Marine Division went into Roi, mopping up initial scattered Jap forces with grenades.

Meanwhile, a new Allied drive for com-plete occupation of Bougainville Island, in the Solomons, was reported, with a combined American infantry and tank force pushing the Japs back east of the mouth of the Torokina River. Rabaul, main Jap base in New Britain,

was bombed three times in 24 hours.

Rhode Island Takes a Step Toward Vote for Soldiers

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Feb. 2-Gov. J. Howard McGrath has signed a bill which calls for a constitutional convention as the first step in enacting legislation to enable Rhode Island's 75,000 servicemen and women to vote on this year's Presi-dential election. A special election will be held March 15—18 to choose delegates to the convention scheduled for the last

Heavenly Days!

Aimless Flight of an Empty Lib Is Ended by Guns of 2 Spitfires

By Collie Small United Press Staff Write

A USAAF BOMBER STATION, Feb.

2-The strange odyssey of an empty bomber that wandered over England without a crew for more than an hour Monday before two RAF Spitfires shot it down into the North Sea was revealed

Descried by its crew when three engines went out of control, the Liberator Heavenly Days cruised aimlessly in clouds over the English coast for nearly an hour and a half, while two puzzled Spitfire pilots, sent up to investigate, flew

The big bomber, piloted by 1/Lt. Richard J. Pettite, 25, of Los Angeles, developed engine trouble while climbing to altitude after taking off for a mission

"We had one engine runaway shortly after we got off the ground, so I started to circle back for a landing," Pettite said, "but at 4,000 feet, with two more engine it plunging into the sea. after we got off the ground, so I started to circle back for a landing," Pettite said,

runaways, it looked as though the vibra-tion would tear the ship apart. So we to go over the side.

Southern Units Less Than

Dozen Miles From Line

Linking Pskov, Luga

Powerful Red Army forces, surging into

Estonia along a 15-mile front, advanced within artillery range of the important railway junction of Narva yesterday as advance units of Gen. Meretskov's army 80 miles to the southeast closed within 12 miles of the Luga-Pskov railway.

Narva, five miles beyond the Estonian border and one of the rives of the offen.

border and one of the prizes of the offen-sive because of its control of railways

skirting the eastern shore of Lake Peipus, already is being evacuated, German-

controlled Swedish Telegraph Bureau

into Estonia, there was no doubt of it, because the fast-moving Red columns on

Monday night were only two miles away.
Correspondents in the capital cabled early yesterday that the first skirmishes had taken place along the border.
The fighting for the Narva gap, the 27-mile stretch of land between Lake Peipus and the Gulf of Finland, assumed extra inventures of the base for controller this base.

importance, since for centuries this has been one of Europe's great military high-

ways. Its fall would enable the Russians to sweep into the open Baltic, turn their fleet loose against the southern side of the

munications with Finland and drive on

into Estonia and Latvia.

A new Russian push for Royno.

Ukrainian railway junction west of the old Polish border, was reported by German radio last night. The broadcast

said the Russians had started new operations in the area of Sarny, 50 miles north of Royno, and Novograd Volynsk, 60 miles east of it.

Before he jumped, Pettite "trimmed" the ship for level flight and pointed its nose toward the sea—but as he floated into the overcast he saw his ship wheel into a gentle bank.

The two Spitfires were sent up when the 'intruder" failed to answer radio calls for identification. They radioed back the startling report that there apparently was nobody in the plane.

Meanwhile, the bomb-laden Liberator

droned on, and because there was no way to tell for sure that no one was in it, the Spitfire pilots were in a dilemma.

One by one, the crew members who had bailed out landed and telephoned their base. When Pettite checked in, he told officers he was the last man out of

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Staraya Russa

Two new drives by Soviet forces in the Shimsk area, west of Lake Ilmen, have now begun to menace the German stronghold of Staraya Russa.

This city, the junction of three railways and seven main highways, lies on the verge of swamplands which ten miles further north become Lake Ilmen and it serves as the distribution and transportation center of the large area westwards through which run the supply lines of German divisions still operating in the Leningrad area.

Capture of Staraya Russa will give the Russians possession of a communication center of great value; but their drive towards it has the added value of preventing German troops now engaged in its defense from going to the assistance of forces being pressed back towards Lake Peipus by Russians driving hard for Pskov in one thrust and towards Narva and Lake Peipus in another.

If these pincers close they will bag all the German troops operating in the Narva-Pskov-Leningrad triangle and it would be a victory which well might knock Germany out of the war.

Dutch Amgot Ready

Dutch "Civil Affairs" authorities in London have completed a rehearsal of the task they will assume at the time of Holland's liberation. The Dutch "Civil Affairs" organization is modeled on the military pattern, for it was decided long ago that Holland's immediate post-war problems should be dealt with by competently trained Dutch officers.

Since military operations will still be going on, the entire set-up had to be a military one; but in most cases the officials selected to take charge of cities, officials selected to take charge of cities, townships and provinces were specialists called into uniform on account of their qualifications. In this, the Dutch followed the Allied "Amgot" pattern. But next time these Dutchmen go into action it may be the real thing; and instead of a 24-hour exercise held in a building where synthetic problems cropped up in paper towns they may find themselves back in Holland directly behind the lines, administering the vital problems of their newly liberated and perhaps somewhat bewildered countrymen, even as our own officers administer similar problems in Africa, Italy, Sicily and the South Pacific.

Supporting the Dutch "Civil Affairs" authorities in Holland, however, will be 98 per cent of the Dutch population, for Holland is still at war with Germany and Japan, and no one knows this better than the Dutch people now living in slavery, who eagerly await the day when their own government will begin the task of reconstruction.

The Marshalls

The Marshalls, where American forces are now locked in a death struggle with defending Japs, consist of 32 islands and 867 reefs scattered closely over some 800 square miles of ocean.

Nearly all of the islands are low-lying and are scientifically described as atolllagoons. They lie roughly in two parallel chains, about 100 miles apart. The group to the east is called the Ratak chain, meaning sunrise, while the western chain is called Ralak, meaning sunset. Most of the lagoons are quite circular and have good passages in the reefs.

None of the Marshall islands rises more than a few feet above sea level, and the total area of the group is some 170 square kilometers. The chief island and administrative center is Jaluit, where there is a

Discovered in the year 1592 by the Spanish navigator Saavedra, the Mar-shalls later became the property of Ger-many, and during the first World War many, and during the first World War they were seized by the Japs, then fight-ing with the Allies. Under the Treaty of Versailles, Japan was given the Man-date to govern all the German possessions north of the Equator, including the Mar-shalls, and they took over officially on April 1, 1922.

Contrary, however, to provisions con-tained in the Versailles Treaty, the Japs soon began fortification of these Pacific Islands, and it is those fortifications that our land, sea and air forces are now attempting to neutralize. Rear-Admiral Turner, charged with the task, claims he has the power to do the job and he won't come back till it's done.

His success in similar operations when our forces invaded both the Solomons and the Gilberts indicates we will not have long to wait for total victory in the Marshalls—32 islands and 867 reefs in-

Hash Marks

Signs of the Times. Sign on a Sheriff's desk: "Out for lynch, Back at 1 o'clock." * 林

When it comes to being snazzy, few people can put on airs like a newly promoted Pfc. A one-striper, with a



Harvard accent, was heard to remark as he worked his way through the chow line, "Superfluity of culinary artists certainly renders the consomme worth-less!" "How's that again?" stammered a GI nearby. Replied the Pfc with dignity, "In other words, my man, too many cooks spoil the broth." * *

Life sometimes moves in a vicious circle. A Marine private in a communications platoon somewhere in the S. Pacific was severely reprimanded for giving the day's password over a telephone line day's password over a telephone line which might have been tapped by the enemy. The next day the Pvt. answered a call and, when a voice asked for the password, he bellowed, "Nuts to you!" The voice on the other end of the line belonged to a major, who bawled the guy out for being disrespectful. That night, however, the Yank was vindicated. A Jap patrol was captured when they tried to worm their way through the lines, using "Nuts to You" as their password.

One of the wittiest comments we've run across yet was made by Ensign W. F. La Douceur, whose ship was torpedoed in the Pacific. Commented La Douceur: the Pacific. Commented La Douceur:
"If I had known my ship was carrying
nine hundred and fifty pounds of nitroglycerine I would have asked for a parachute instead of a life preserver."

* Notes from the spy on the home front. Navy officers, lolling in the lounge of the Henry Hudson Hotel, waiting for their wives, present such a nightly picture that New York wits are calling it "Hubby Lobby"

And here's another little story involving English kids—they really catch on fast. A GI we know saw a group of the



youngsters playing "soldier" in the park.
Moving closer our friend heard one of
the tots say, "I want to be the American
officer." "No, you can't be the American officer," replied another youngster,
proudly producing a pack of Juicy Fruit
—"you haven't got any chewing gum!"
My my !

Poem of the Week (by E. L. Cooper): Her days are uneventful, Her evenings never booked.

Other gals get looked over, But she gets overlooked.

J. C. W.

Cut Invasion Teeth on Real Thing

Nazi Raiders 'Training' U.S. Gunners in Britain



Two anti-aircraft men load a 43-pound shell into their 90-mm. ack-ack gun. The men, Cpls. Joseph Dusman, of Jersey City, and James M, Kimsey, of Atlanta, Ga., are part of the first American anti-aircraft battery to take part in defense of London.

be used in the London defense system range of the high-powered 43-pound, threw 219 90mm, shells at German raiders in a little more than half an hour last Saturday night.

The four-gun battery is part of a mobile artillery battalion which is getting final training in England for the day when they will have to defend Allied bridgeheads and supply routes in Europe. The active battery is commanded by 1/Lt. David Anderson, of Osakis, Minn., and its only "complaint," uttered with tongue in cheek, is that the German's don't bomb ften enough

Together with the now-famous 90mm. guns, the type which stopped the German Tiger tanks when the latter broke through and endangered the Sicilian landing, the battery uses ten water-cooled .50-cal. machine-guns as protection against "The other night during a raid," he related, "the British OC phoned through to me and asked: "Are you cooking with gas?" You can figure out where he got that one."

The first U.S. anti-aircraft battery to attacks that come below the effective three-foot 90mm, shells,

Fire direction in the London defense system involves a geographical grid-sheet division of areas and extensive directwire telephone communication, plus the batteries' technical equipment, much of which is secret.

The single U.S. battery is surrounded for miles by British ack-ack batteries of 3.7-inch guns. The American unit takes its orders from the British Anti-Aircraft Company

There is already evidence of some influ-ence on the British co-workers, neverthe-less, Lt. Anderson pointed out with a grin.

To Help Cook the Nazi Goose

Red General in Italy Says Ducks Would Come in Handy in Russia

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY, Feb. 2 | Reuter)—The Red Army would like to use Ducks-the amphibious jeeps-on their front.

This was the expressed desire of Gen. Sudakov, of the Soviet General Staff, after his tour of the Fifth and Eighth Army fronts.

He stated, "You have some items of equipment we would like. Your Ducks, for instance. When I think of the preparations we have to make to cross rivers

—Ducks would be ideal.

"Before we can cross rivers we have

to collect in huge numbers anything that can float and carry a burden. I expect we shall have Ducks in due course. They would help us a great deal.

"The element of surprise they afford is not their least valuable feature. It is

s not their least valuab very hard to concentrate material for crossing a river in the ordinary way and keep it from the enemy's observation."

The Russian general, who was wearing blue uniform with red epaulets, con-

"I think your troops, allowing of course for your smaller front and different terrain, are putting in an effort just as intensive as ours.

"We have some of your aircraft and British and American tanks. We have been pleased with the Churchill II and Valentine tanks.

"The fighting on your fronts is now going well. I should be surprised if Rome is not soon in your hands. I have seen figures on your losses. They are very small compared with ours, but our front



Inasmuch as unto these-the Lonesome

You throw a party, as your goodness Take them to your big heart, give of your

best; Father Bountiful, Daddy fatherless-

Loading the eager arms of girls and boys With thrilling gifts of long-forgotten

toys; Renewing laughter in their way of life, Renewing laughter in their way or life, Drowning the sordid sounds of man-made

strife.
"In just so much as this—in charity—"
"You do for them, you do it unto ME." A. D. Allen.

Notes from the

Air Force

B17s with enclosed waist gun positions usaaf fields in the ETO.

USAAF fields in the ETO.

The new modifications embody plexiglass windows with a .50 cal, so mounted that they remain closed throughout the mission. Waist gunners, who long have considered their job the coldest in a B17, thus are rid of the better than 100 mph blast which whips in the radio hatch (and up through the bomb bays on the bombing run), down through the fuselage and out the waist windows, freezing exposed hide on careless or busy gunners.

Some gunners who have been assigned the new ships report little if any difference in maneuverability of the waist guns during combat, but most think it's still too carly to know whether they'll do as well as the fresh air models.

It's a long way from the days when a beat up ol' buck sergeant, all by himself in the waist, had to twist back and

self in the waist, had to twist back and forth manning both guns.

The Albemarle, twin-engined, midwing successor to the slow-flying Whitley as Britain's glider-towing aircraft, has just been taken off the secret list, and with it the story of how it came to be manufactured: In 1940, the Air Ministry called in dental manufacturers, organ builders, even tombstone makers, as subcontractors to produce components for the Albemarle in the first shadow aircraft scheme in this country. They found a hair curler manufacturer and a few hundred other machine shops, began turning out the parts and assembling them into the 250 mph. five-man reconnaissance bomber. bomber.

SIX hundred and fifty miles an hour is not considered bail out speed in the best aviation circles, but Gene Fleming. 22-year-old Kansas City, Mo., pilot, left his P38 at that speed and hit the deck safely in his chute, getting away with only a bruised hip. Fleming was at 55,000 feet on a routine flight over England when the Lightning suddenly went into a dive. It wouldn't pull out



hold on to anything when I decided to jump. The air speed indicator read a little over 650 mph.

"I just pulled the escape hatch open and the wind did the rest. I shot out of the ship like a bullet. My chute opened all right, but I swung like a pendulum. I didn't ever see my ship again, although I heard it crash some distance away.

This Is-The Army

Add to your non-likers of dried eggs and C-ration hash—M/Sgt. Sooner. Sooner is the mascot of an engineer general service regiment and is classified as "part terrier and part dog."

All of which causes 1/Sgt. Hanning Ritter, of Fort Lee, N.J., to moan:

"He gets my meat loaf, while I eat the hash."

Sooner joined the regiment at the age of four weeks in Camp White, Ore. His most recent promotion was very official. The regiment's commanding officer signed a special order in his behalf.

A NSWERED finally is that long standing question in the ETO:
"Who raises the morale of the USO performers who come over to raise the morale of the troops?"

It happened at the engineer aviation It happened at the engineer aviation battalion station commanded by Maj. Melvin C. Grimm. The cast of the army show, "Flying High," having completed its nightly performance, was invited to stay for a mess-hall snack. Food wasn't the only item on the program, however. The soldiers about-faced and put on a show of their own—for the actors.

Maj. Grimm, as master of ceremonies, introduced Pvt. Robert J. Lanfri, accordionist; Sgt. James C. Kness, a "swoon-crooner," and Chaplain Ralph E. Maness, who gave a dissertation on possum-hunting in Missouri.

When T/Sgt. Joe Bullock, of Milano, Tex., takes in the theater at a U.S. general hospital in the ETO he selects a

general hospital in the ETO he selects a choice view and sits in an easy chair, majors and colonels notwithstanding.

He won the right when Comedian Bob Hope, while in the U.K. several months ago, picked from hundreds of entries Bullock's prize-winning theater title—Nissodrome. The theater is an enlarged Nissen hut.

Nissen hut.

Since Bullock turned in the winning monicker, changes have taken place in the Nissodrome. A stage has been built, dressing rooms for stage stars constructed, milk cans installed to provide changing light reflections, and dyed burlap curtains set up to give the stage a panel effect.

Cpl. Ira McGee, who was awarded the Purple Heart for action in France in World War I, is in the ETO with a U.S. general hospital unit.

As in the last war McGee volunteered, the property of the property of

As in the last war McGee volunteered, received his basic training at Fort Sill, Okla., and was transferred to Texas for further duty before shipping over. The 45-year-old veteran was wounded in the arm when his 165th Infantry unit was in the Meuse-Argonne sector in 1918.



"Can't yer see I 'ave a flat tire?"

Section

Thursday, Feb. 3, 1944



By Don Hewitt

U.S. Merchant Marine Correspondent

AY after day the newspapers and radio carry accounts of America's rapidly expanding Merchant Marine -"Henry Kaiser Sets New Record"-"Maritime Commission Announces Launching Nine More Ships"-"West Coast Yard Completes Liberty Ship in Record Time"-"Victory Ships Now In Production.

Who are the men who man these ships? Where do they come from? How are they paid? How did they get into the Merchant Marine instead of into the Army? Why isn't the Merchant Marine part of the armed forces?

The heroics are pretty well known. How about the facts?

At the time of Pearl Harbor the American Merchant Marine was made up of salt water sailors who had chosen seafaring as their livelihood long before Tolo over planned his attack on our expanded to meet the exigencies of war was necessary to look around for additional men to man our new tankers, still in effect correspond to the flying pay freighters and troop transports.

Seamen From Every State

From farms and factories men and boys who had never before seen salt water shipped out from ports all along the departments of this agency, a sister our seacoasts. Bank tellers and grocery clerks, shoe shine boys and auto mechanics, salesmen and soda jerkers saw not only a chance to play capital roles in the war, but an opportunity to get in on the ground floor of a growing and profitable industry. Because they were not pre-war seamen does not mean that they will not be post-war seamen

These sailors are part of a new large American Merchant Marine that would have come into being whether or not there had been a war. The war merely accelerated America's efforts to regain her position as a leading maritime power.

Actually the plans to make shipping one
of our capital industries were formulated long before the war.

One question that usually puzzles GI Joe is: "How did these guys get into the Merchant Marine?" The men who were already trained (the old salts who came back to sea when the need for merchant seamen was acute), along with the un-skilled personnel merely went to work for a steamship company, just like men all over the country went to work for avia-tion companies, steel companies and arms plants. Those who had to be trained for specific jobs were appointed by the U.S. War Shinning Administration

specific jobs were appointed by the U.S. War Shipping Administration to its many Maritime Training Stations.

In the beginning some draft boards made the mistake of taking skilled men off ships to put into the army, but selective service headquarters soon realized that seamen are just as much "fighters" as are soldiers and sailors, and that theirs is more than just "an essential occupation," but actually one of the front-line forces.

Another question a soldier usually asks

Another question a soldier usually asks Another question a soldier usually asks is: "Why do seamen get so damp much money?" A merchant seaman earns his living as do other war workers. His average pay is about the same as for a rigger in a shipyard, but a shipyard or arms plant is many miles from the fighting fronts while the merchant seaman marries his industry into war zones all the carries his industry into war zones all the way from Guadalcanal to Archangel. His pay, then, is about the same as for other war workers.

bonus.

A lot of people ask why seamen get bonuses. Long before America's armies started moving out in large numbers to the fighting fronts. American seamen were plying submarine-infested waters. During the year following Pearl Harbor when one defeat followed another, America was building up vast arsenals in Iceland, in Britain, and in the Pacific and it was American seamen who were delivering the goods-the goods which lay the groundwork for the march on Rome, the Soviet offensive and the successes on Makin, Tarawa and Rabaul.

Bonuses Getting Smaller

Those were dangerous days. Convoys were not as adequately protected as they are now. Axis U-boats and planes had pretty free reign in the shipping lanes, and so the government offered a bonus to seamen entering the more dangerous zones. But as the danger decreased so paid to seamen at the beginning of the war have been done away with. Those drawn by the men in the air force.

During peace-time America's shipping is supervised in a general way by the U.S. Maritime Commission, but with new problems arising from the war taxing agency known as the War Shipping Administration was created. Both agencies are headed by Rear Admiral Emory S. Land (USN Ret.). The job of the Maritime Commission is primarily to supervise the shipbuilding program while the WSA is concerned with the actual operation of the ships. They have been two

allowed the sergeant and his overseas of the most smoothly run war-time to collect their thoughts before the battle agencies and have maintained an almost perfect coordination between the ship construction, personnel and operations programs.

The WSA and the Maritime Commission are doing man-sized jobs in keeping the convoys moving. It takes approximately 44 men to operate an average size merchant vessel and for the rapidly expanding merchant fleet America now has a Merchant Marine enrollment of about 125,000 men-only a drop in the bucket compared to the size of the Army and Navy, but these 125,000 men transport ten tons of supplies each month for every American soldier overseas. American seamen, active on fronts in every ocean, their man-power spread thin to accommodate the needs of not only our forces but those of our Allies, have delivered, exclusive of the vast tonnage for the account of the U.S. Army in Britain, one quarter of the dry cargo brought into British ports last year.

Casuarties riigii How about their casualties? If one soldier in a hundred is killed, four mer-

chant seamen die for every hundred on the seas. The figures alone do not give the complete picture of the role these men are playing and of the hazards they have braved to see that bullets got through to the Marines in the Solomons, that food got through to Sicily, that planes and tanks got through to Africa and that the soldiers in the Aleutians were not left stranded for the want of supplies.

starts, because there is no telling when the battle will start. The front line is just outside of San Francisco, New York or Mobile, and the enemy may strike at any moment. Then, when he finally does strike, a seaman lacks the natural safety valve for his emotions of being able to strike back. A soldier goes into battle keyed up. He has a target. A seaman hasn't. He is always the target.

Strikes Unheard Of

The Merchant Marine is an American industry which flourishes during peacetime as well as during war-time and thus it was felt that to operate at its maximum efficiency the system provided for its peace-time operation (with a few emergency revisions) should be kept in effect. Therefore under that setup the right

of merchant seamen (as of all civilian labor), to form their own unions and to retain their membership in those unions during the war years was recognized by the government. The relationlabor unions has been one of close cooperation. Though the unions wield great power, and the seamen feel a strong tie to their respective labor organizations, no American ship has failed to sail because of labor difficulty. Strikes are unheard of in this industry. By intelligent and rational bargaining seamen have set an example to American labor in that they have had a say in the way they are paid, fed, etc., without delaying the war for one single solitary moment.

Seamen, it is admitted have a click.

Seamen, it is admitted, have a slight advantage over members of the armed forces in that they are allowed the medium of collective bargaining, but it is to be remembered that soldiers and sailors, though not allowed to bargain directly, have the weight of public opinion behind them and through their representatives in Congress the American public is seeing that they get a decent break. Unfortunately up to now the American public has had little concern for her merchant seamen.

Merchant seamen have been the target of more misrepresentative stories than any other group engaged in the war.

Perhaps the story which gained the widest publicity was that American seamen in the Pacific area refused to unload ships on Sunday, thus delaying the land-ing of valuable supplies to the Marines fighting on the beaches.

A denial was issued by the War Shipping Administration, as well as by the Navy, but unfortunately the denial, which comprised the real facts in the case, received less publicity than the unwarranted charge. Merchant scamen are trained to deliver ships wherever they are needed by our fighting men. The loading and unloading of those ships, except for the supervision by the mates, is a job with which they have nothing whatsoever to do. It is no more their job than it is for a railroad engineer to unload the for a railroad engineer to unload the for a railroad engineer to unload the freight cars, yet when emergencies have arisen, such as at Guadakanal, seamen assumed a role entirely separate from that expected of them and took over the unloading of the ships.

Truth About Guadalcanal

Adm. Halsey, denying the reports that merchant seamen had refused to unload ships at Guadaleanal, early in the Pacific campaign, said, "More than a dozen vessels manned by merchant seamen have reached Guadaleanal since the Marines landed on the island. Under the supervision of Navy officers the crews participated in unloading all of them. None of the crews has ever failed to discharge its ship's cargo and the merchant seamen's cooperation, efficiency and courage on some occasions in the face of enemy attack have won our high praise.

Another thing that puzzles most people

Another thing that puzzles most people is the fact that some seamen are uniform and others are not. In many s ports men in uniforms resembling those of the Navy but bearing a U.S.M.S. insignia have been taken for Navy sailors. They are not. They are seamen in the U.S. Maritime Service. In many sea-

The U.S.M.S. is a voluntary, non-mililary organization which operates under the WSA to train and maintain efficient personnel for American merchant ships. Though it is not part of the armed

Though it is not part of the armed forces, the training program is carried out with a high degree of military discipline and through this training program inexperienced young men of high caliber are fitted for service aboard American vessels.

The qualifications for enrolment are in general the same as for the Navy. After he leaves the station, though being paid by a private steamship company, the seaman is privileged to retain his rank in the Maritime Service and to wear his uniform. uniform.

uniform.

The Maritime Service is also open to men who have been trained at sea. Officers are eligible for commissions with ranks parallel to those of the Navy and other licensed personnel are eligible for petty officers ratings. Not all seamen, however, belong to the Maritime Service, and some wear the same company uniforms as they did before the war. Others prefer to remain in civies. Others prefer to remain in civvies.

To understand fully the role of the Merchant Marine it must be remembered that our merchant fleet will be just as much an implement of peace as it has been of war—that she will deliver food, clothing and medical supplies to the destitute people of the world long after the soldiers have left the battle zones.

When the armed forces are demobilized the Merchant Marine will go on stronger than ever. Unlike soldiers, seamen will not return to their civilian occupations this is their civilian occupation.



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How does a seaman's pay stack up with army pay? A trained seaman with a wife, having qualified for a U.S. Coast Guard license, makes about the tame with his bonus as does a technical sergeant with a wife taking into ponsideration, of course, the allothent

Here's the Melting Pot of the ETO

New arrivals are warmly welcomed in Spamland. Their teeth are cleaned, pants pressed and they are given money-just part of the Service

By G. K. Hoddenfield Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

U.S. ARMY REPLACEMENT DEPOT-King Midas, the man with the magic touch, has a distant cousin serving as commandant of this depot. Everything King Midas touched turned to pound notes; everything Col. James A. Kilian touches turns to gold of a different variety.

There are many reasons why a replacement depot operating in the United Kingdom should be one of the Army's most efficient posts. One of the more important reasons is that it's the first look many a soldier gets of the Army operating in a foreign country.

Regular Army officer from Blair, Neb. When Col. Kilian took command on Nov. 11, 1942, this wasn't the nicest of all nice places to be.

There were no theaters on the post, no means of entertainment. There were no facilities for laundry, for dry-cleaning. There were no barber shops. The PX was operating on a very limited schedule.

It wasn't good.

In the past 15 months the situation has changed completely. Here's the way the depot operates now, in actual practice:

Situation Changes

A shipment of 400 men may arrive at the nearest railhead at 3 AM. The men are loaded into trucks and the station cleared in less than half an hour. At the camp they are shown their bunks and given locater slips to fill out. The next stop is the mess hall, where a hot meal is waiting for them, regardless of the hour. A dance band is there to play for them, and a quartet to lead the singing. Then they go back to their bunks, where they are assured nine hours' sleep before they are disturbed.

The next morning they can get their hair cut in the 14-chair harbes down-They are given 24-hour service on cleaning, pressing and laundry. A medical team inspects every man for everything from skin rash to loose teeth.

A partial payment of £5 is given them to tide them over to the next payday. If they are in camp long chough they will get whatever back pay they might have coming. One of the finest PXs in the theater will replenish their stock of soap, razor blades, cigarettes and candy on their first day.

Their service records are brought up to date, and are ready for them by the time the shipment is posted to a permanent camp.

Two theaters operate right on the Two theaters operate right on the post, with two shows nightly and a change of program every other day. The Special Service office sponsors a full sports program and arranges for 50 men each weekend to visit British homes. There's an EM dance on the post at least once a week. For men who stay on the post for longer periods arrangements are made for enrollment in night classes of made for enrollment in night classes of local universities.

All this in 15 months.

-The "fingers" which give the golden touch to Col. Kilian's administrative hand are a group of officers and enlisted



Col. James A. Kilian . . . he gets things done.

That's the theory of Col. Kilian, a men, many of them once "casuals" out more than 600 pieces of mail daily. themselves, who have been imbued with the same spirit as their commandant. And they all have their favorite stories to

Probably because of his particular job as personnel officer, Capt, D'Arcy Gallagher, of Brooklyn, can tell as many stories as any man on the post. One of his favorites concerns the man who had enlisted in the Army under three different names, had three different service records, had four wives back in the states (with-out benefit of legal separation) and children by all of them. Just before his record was uncovered he made application, through the chaplain, for permission to marry a British girl. He got tied up in another way, instead.

Gallagher was in the trucking business back in his beloved Brooklyn before the war. He graduated from OSC at Ft. Sill, Okla. in the field artillery and came to the ETO as a replacement depot officer with no administrative training.

When he came to this depot he found sings in "a helluva mess." The first things in "a helluva mess." The first thing he tackled was the payment of the men, those stationed at the camp as well as the casuals going through. He knew nothing about a payroll, but he was a former business man. So he picked up a private who was on his way through the camp and put him to work. The private Mass., chief of the payroll section. things in "a helluva mess."

Every GI Paid Promptly

No outfit on the post makes out its own payroll. Gilbert and his staff attend to them all, and if a man has to be wakened in the middle of the night to sign the payroll they wake him up. But every man gets his pay on time.

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The service records were a headache, too. Gallagher once had the records for 400 men listed as deserters. They were later found to be in North Africa, in the front line. Later, 200 more service records for men in Africa turned up, and still later the records of other men who never left the States. There were even some men who were supposed to be in Africa, but who never left the post.

One day Pyt. Albert Carnevale, of New Haven, Conn., came through the post as

Haven, Conn., came through the post as a casual. Gallagher snapped him up and now, as a staff sergeant, he heads the service record section, with thousands of service records going through his hands every month.

As the biggest clearing house in the ETO for handling American soldiers, the depot has a lot of "putting through channels" to do. M/Sgt. Robert Farr heads the correspondence section, which works in night and day shifts and turns

S/Sgt. Raymond Wilson, of Seattle, Wash., heads the locater card service, which is so organized that mail or cor-respondence concerning any man who had ever been on the post can be immediately forwarded to the proper address. When Gallagher first put Wilson in charge they had no cards and had to use the back of

In the recent ETOUSA insurance drive more than six million dollars' worth of insurance was sold to men on the post. Sgt. Robert Robinson, of Kearney, N.J., is in charge of all allotments, bonds and

insurance sales.

Other section chiefs working under Gallagher are S/Sgt. Thomas A. McGoldrick, of Savannah, Ill., morning report section; and S/Sgt. Nathan Greenberg, of Brooklyn, N.Y., strength and ration return section.

The Toothless Brigade

Maj. John A. Mellone, depot surgeon from Providence, R.I., can tell some fan-tastic tales, too. He arrived at the depot to find four enlisted men and practically no equipment. The British troops were moving out of the camp, and as they did the Americans moved into their hospital by infiltration methods until they had it all.

Maj. Mellone's favorite story is about the men who turned up in one shipment with than take the easy way by sending them on, with a promise that the teeth would be forthcoming at the next stop, Maj. Mellone talked to Col. Kilian and got permission to see what he could do about it. He went to SOS head-quarters and before long a complete dental laboratory was set up to handle all the men with or without molecules.

the men with or without molars. That's the way the camp grew. All officers going to London were instructed to bring back as many supplies as they could stuff in their musette bags, short of catching a court-martial charge for petty

Maj. Leo Drake came through the camp Maj. Leo Drake came through the camp as a casual. Col. Kilian took a long look at him and said, "You're my supply officer. Get busy." Drake had never been a supply officer, but he liked the way he got his orders, so he went to work. He found a deserted building with a few shelves, and started digging around shelves and started digging around for something to put in it.

He soon had one of the finest departments on the post.

One day a licutenant came through the depot as a casual. His classification card said he used to run an automobile agency in Midland, Pa. Just the man for transportation officer. He was given the job and within six months had what was

called the best motor pool in the U.K., by Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, Commanding Services of Supply.

That was Maj. Benton W. Beglin, now

That was Maj. Benton W. Beglin, now chief coordinating officer of the depot.

Maj. W. H. Stone, of St. Louis, Mo., has had 12 years' experience in public welfare, including six years as Assistant Director of Public Assistance in Missouri, when he arrived here as classification officer. There was no equipment for sorting the classification cards, and not very much room. He found a staff, found some room, found some material and built himself a department.

He's got it down to such a fine art now that he can find anyone for anybody. His best story concerns the request for

His best story concerns the request for two drivers, one left-handed and one right-handed, both tall, and both having

right-handed, both tall, and both having southern accents. He had them on their way in 24 hours.

The Special Service department could well be a model for any unit in the ETO. Its boss is Lt. H. E. Sherman, of Gloversville, N.Y., whose main assistant is S/Sgt. Manny Hamburger, of Des Moines, Ia.

Moines, Ia.

Working out of the Special Service office are two dance bands, a military band, a drum and bugle corps, the only band, a drum and bugle corps, the only movie projection school in the ETO, the two full-time movie houses and a portable unit for outlying camps, a variety show, a full sports program that includes twice-monthly trips to the fights at Rainbow Corner, frequent BBC broadcasts to the States, an art section, a Stars and Stripes War Orphan campaign, a complete educational program and various and sundry tional program and various and sundry other activities.

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Every Friday the variety show, "GI Music and Dance Revue," gives shows at British war factories. Midnight shows at these same factories are given twice a month, and the number will be increased soon. The two dance bands in one week gave 18 "command performances" away from the post, and right now are booked solid until late in March.

They have sponsored four orphans in The Stars and Stripes campaign, and at

clothes are returned within a day. Super-intendent of the plant is Pvt. Marvin A. Nelson, of Des Moines, Ia.

One of the depot fixtures is the utilities One of the depot fixtures is the utilities shop, where electricians, carpenters, plumbers and other skilled laborers have established a center from which all maintenance work flows. Does somebody need new lightning fixtures? They call Pvt. Michael Kozo, of New Brunswick, N.J. Does somebody need some—a new desk or a sign? They call Cpl. Bob Fitzgerald, of Los Angeles. Does somebody need a repair job in the shower room? They call Pvt. David Ritchie, of New York City.

Behind it all, behind this vast panoroma of a lot of men getting a lot of work done in practically nothing flat, is Col. Kilian and his executive officer. Lt. Col. Alfred Aldridge, of Trenton, N.J. The colonel, any man under him will tell you, will relieve a man of his job in three days if he doesn't produce. If he produces he is left entirely alone and is promoted as fast as Army Regulations and a T/O will permit.

Only one thing shares the colonel's in-terest in seeing that the men under his command get the best possible treatment during their stay at the depot; his interest in bettering Anglo-American relation-

From twin flag-poles at the gate of this former British camp fly the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes. The standards of the two nations stand behind his desk.

when the camp was first activated it was found that men on the post who rode into town were crowding British war workers off the bus. Now there is an order forbidding men to use the busses, and transportation is furnished by the motor pool in the form of regular transportation. and transportation is turnished by the motor pool in the form of regular transport trucks. It was Col. Kilian who insisted that the bands and the revue at the depot be used to entertain war workers.

His policy is paying dividends, for probably in no other camp in the U.K. is there such friendly cooperation between



It takes a lot of figuring to pay all the men who pass through a replacement depot. Capt. D'Arcy Gallagher, of Brooklyn, personnel officer, and S/Sgt. Richard Gilbert, of Boston, pay section chief, go through the process many times a month.

Christmas time gave parties for more than the two Armies. And last week Col. 700 British children. Every weekend at least 50 men are sent to British homes of a British sports club in a nearby town.

To insure that every man has sufficient cleaning plant operates 24 hours a day. There are three eight-hour shifts in the laundry and dry-cleaning plants, and four six-hour shifts for the pressers. All

least 50 men are sent to British nomes as visitors, and the department runs a speaker's bureau through which it sends men from every branch of civilian life to various clubs and organizations in the vicinity.

OI a British sports club in a hearty too.

A brigadier general arrived at the camp one morning to make an inspection. He made the inspection and left that afternoon after having (1) his overcoat cleaned noon after having (1) his overcoat cleaned and pressed, (2) his teeth cleaned, (3) his automobile washed and a faulty ignition fixed, (4) a sign made for his desk and (5) a button sewed on his trousers.

Col. Kilian wanted to take him to a movie, but the general didn't have time.



Gls at the replacement depot get their laundry back in 24 hours. Pyt. A. Brutz, of Pittsburgh, is one of the crew.



T/5 John De Looy, of Chicago, III., and Pvt. Werner Katz, of Sandusky, O., add the finishing touches to the decorations for the camp theater.



"This won't hurt a bit, says T/4 John D. Heanes, of Clinton, S.C., to Sgt. Themas M. Perry, of Atlanta, Ga.

The Screwballs and the Eight Ball

The story of a crew of self-styled jokesters who claim their Fortress is the luckiest ship in the ETO

By Lt. H. D. Steinmetz

U.S. Army Air Corps

HERE'S no logical explanation for and Ferris. "Combat conditioning" conanother flak-battered Flying Fortress, her while being pelted by crew mates with crew just ten more average Yanks in the big bombing business over Europe.

Which merely goes to show about Army clock.

luckiest ship in the Eighth Air Force, her crew the wackiest ten guys who ever Germans the bombardier takes a book bombed and belly-laughed their way across Germany, guffawed at Goering's goblins and in general made merry with

"We're not really nuts," claims 1/Lt. Bill Cabral, pilot, of Santa Monica, California. "We get plenty scared, like anybody else in this business. But we figure if you take it too seriously you'll end up tagging telephone poles and walking around on your heels for the rest of your life, if any."

Make sense? Sure. But it still doesn't explain a bombardier who reads mystery thrillers over Germany, casually knocking down an enemy fighter between chapters. Or a top turret gunner who calmly places side bets with the pilot on whether he'll get that Focke Wulf blazing in from 12 o'clock high . . . or vice versa. Or a pint-sized package of guts and good humor who gets blasted half out of his ball turret and dangles without parachute 25,000 feet over the Ruhr Valley, sharing the rest of the crew's merriment at his predicament.

The latter episode occurred over Schweinfurt last October. The going was tough for the Eight Ball, and S/Sgt. Joey Poulin, 19, French-Canadian by birth, Down Eastener by immigration, and a black-thatched, male edition of Betty Hutton by temperament, was curled up in his steel nest under the big ship's belly, whirling his guns at the enemy fighter

French at all Nazi comers.

Joey's Turret Is Hit

"Mundit fou," he'd yell at the unhear-ing Germans. "Suc un oeux, ya yaller nosed cachons. Come on in . . , I'll blind

At that point a chunk of flak ripped the door off Joey's turret and he found himself out in a very cold world 30 degrees below zero, in fact. A ball turret is not particularly spacious and the man inside has no room for a parachute. He has to coil up like a spring to get in at Remove the turret door and the human spring pops out. That's what happened to Poulin, who was saved only by his slender lifebelt from what is known in the trade as a nasty fall.

cedure would have been to abandon the engine. When the combined efforts of turret for the comparative safety of the ship's fusclage. Nine out of ten men would have done so. Not Joey. Nazi fighters, he knew, have a way of picking on a ship with a dead turret. Besides, the humorous possibilities of his situation, by Eight Ball standards of humor, were too tempting to pass up. So Joey stuck to his turret, praying for that strap to hold, shooting it out with the Luftwaffe and hooting it out with his crew. Joey's pals nearly died laughing. Joey nearly died paragraph. died, period, paragraph.

Playing Olsen to Poulin's Johnson in the Eighth Ball's high altitude Hellzapoppin troupe is the bombardier, 1st Lt. Lean C. Ferris, of Wilkinsburg, Pa. To Poulin and Ferris the war is not a simple matter and Ferris the war is not a simple matter of the Allies versus the Axis. It is Poulin and Ferris versus the world at large, each other and their buddies in particular.

The Corrugated Alarm Clock

On mission days the flyers get up at two or three in the morning for breakfast and briefing prior to a dawn take-off. Poulin or Ferris—one or the other is always first up—delight in waking the rest of the crew by dragging a stick along the corrugated steel walls of the barracks. The effect is that of the not-so-gentle patter of flak on the hull of a Flying Fortress and the hilarious result is a suddenly very

There's usually an hour or so to kill between briefing and take-off, and the crew spends it hanging around their ship. wide awake crew. Near the dispersal area where the Eight Near the dispersal area where the Eight Ball berths is ah al fresco two-holer that does an increasingly brisk business as take-off time draws near. Here the crew makes essential preparation for battle, a ritual enlivened by a "combat conditioning" routine devised by Messrs. Poulin a

the Eight Ball or the guys who fly sists of sitting and taking it, under cir-In Army records she's just cumstances offering no other alternative, gravel flak and warned of enemy wasps and bees attacking from all around the

A confirmed cut-up on the ground, Because actually the Eight Ball is the Ferris often goes quietly studious in the air. To kill time when he isn't killing along on missions. His taste runs to Sherlock Holmes and other mystery yarns, but he also enjoys good novels and non-

Reads Book Between Kills

"I read Oliver Wiswell on the Bordeaux and Marienburg trips," he says, "and on the Schweinfurt hop I got through most of England's Hour. It's all about the Battle of Britain. Plenty exciting, too I got an Me109 between chapters,'

But for all his books aloft and antics aground, Ferris has distinguished himself on more than one mission. On one of its early missions the Eight Ball carried a substitute radio operator. It was his first high-altitude combat flight, though the rest of the crew didn't know it until too late. When he failed to answer an interphone check call from the pilot, Ferris went back to the radio room to investigate. He found the radio operator dead. of Cynwyd, Pa. "Maybe they just want gag in which the screwballs specialize. the left," the navigator phoned the pilot. Apparently the man had gotten airsick, taken off his oxygen mask and lost consciousness before he could get it back on.

The incident bothered Ferris. An apprentice engineer for Westinghouse Electric before joining the AAF, he went to work on the Eight Ball with lights and wires. Today, if any member of the crew goes off oxygen, one of a row of small bulbs by the bombardier's position flashes a bright warning. The life-saving invention bids fair to become standard equip-

Ferris saves lives with his hands as well as his head. At Munster, Germany, the Eight Ball and her formation were attacked by the largest single concentration of enemy fighters ever encountered on an Eighth Air Force operation. The Germans roared in from every direction, but mostly from head on, dozens abreast. Ferris and the navigator, 2/Lt. Gordon H. Wharton, of El Paso, Texas, were firing their nose guns constantly, and at the height of the battle a hot shell casing from one of the guns set fire to a fleecelined jacket lying on the floor behind the sweating flyers. Ferris reached the blaze in a step, beat it out with his open palms and returned to his gun with painfully blistered hands to send a Nazi fighter down in flames. A little later a German aerial rocket all but sheared off the Eight In Joey's spot the safe and sane pro- Ball's right wing just beyond the No. 4 the pilot and co-pilot couldn't control the ship, Ferris, a six-foot-two former Golden Glover, was called to the controls. Standing between pilot and co-pilot, a raw ham hand on each wheel, he manhandled the shattered Fortress back to England, then landed her through fog to his own rollicking rendition of A Wing and a Prayer. To all the boys aboard, in-cluding Ferris, the entire affair was nothing more than highly comical.

Luck Held Out at Emden

By all sensible odds the Eight Ball and her screwball gang should have been missing in action long ago. They aren't and probably never will be. They've come through too many tight ones to have Lady Luck turn on them now. Take their little frolic of October 2nd, for instance,

The Forts were out to smash the docks at Emden that day and the Luftwaffe was out to stop them. What developed was a pretty good imitation of high-altitude hell. Right in the redhot core of it were Cabral and Company, having themselves a time.

"We were doing fine," says Bill, "till

"We were doing fine," says Bill, "till flak knocked out our No. 4 engine."

Trailing smoke, the Eight Ball slipped out of formation, made a solo bomb run on the target, and turned for home, conspicuously alone. Spying the stray, 20 Nazi fighters pounced in for the kill.

Diving as fast as he dared for cloud cover 16,000 feet below, the pilot called his crew on the interphone: "Don't look now, kids, but here comes the German Air Force."

"Surely they mean us no harm," answered S/Sgt. Jim Dolan, tail gunner,



Here are the screwballs in one of their quiet moments. Rear row, left to right: 2/Lt. Gordon H. Wharton, navigator, of El Paso, Texas: Earl Heitlage, right waist gunner, of St. Bernard, Ohio; 1/Lt. William Cabral, pilot, of Santa Monica, California; 1/Lt. Dean C. Ferris, bombardier, of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania; T/Sgt. Lloyd J. Wamble, top turret gunner, of Birmingham, Alabama, and 2/Lt. Richard H. Perry, co-pilot, of Detroit, Michigan, pinch-hitting for 2/Lt. John E. Wenzel, of Brooklyn, New York. Front row left to right: T/Sgt. William G. Kubitsky of Kansas City, Missouri who filled in for several missions in place of T/Sgt. Vernon R. Holman, of Cody, Wyoming; S/Sgt. Reuben Widetsky, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, left waist gunner; S/Sgt. Joseph G. Poulin, ball turret gunner, of Skowhegan, Maine, and S/Sgt. James P. Dolan, tail gunner, of Cynwyd Pennsylvania. Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

to play."

"Yeh . . . tag . . . and we're it," put in the right waist gunner, Sgt. Earl Heit-lage, of St. Bernard, Ohio.

"Fighter at 12 o'clock high . . . any bets?" drawled T/Sgt. Lloyd J. Wamble, top turret gunner, of Birmingham,

"A pound you don't," said Cabral. 'And I hope I lose."

The whole ship shuddered as the top found the gas tanks, had blown it to sion under way in the right spirit. smoke and splinters.

For the next twenty minutes the Eight Ball played queen bee to the Nazi swarm. The Germans came in from high, low and level, from nose, tail and both sides, their wings twinkling like Fourth of July sparklers. The Fortress spat back from every gun as she screamed downwards. Two more fighters went down, falling to the guns of Poulin and Dolan. Then the Eight Ball made cloud cover at 3,000 feet.

"Everybody OK?" asked Cabral. "Sure, but we're on fire," said Ferris. Just thought I'd mention it."

The No. 4 engine, smoking before, was now blazing violently, long orange tongues of flame leaping back half the length of the ship and licking dangerously around the wing tanks. The ship was still over Holland and it looked like a bail-out-or-blow-up proposition to the pilot. He put it up to the crew.

Date in London Decides

"All ashore that's going ashore," yelled

"There's a long chance of getting back, and I'm taking it," said Cabral. "But that doesn't mean you guys have to."

"Hell, I don't know any Dutch gals," said Wharton. "Besides, I have a date in London tonight. I'm sticking," 'Me, too," said Poulin.

"That goes for all of us," said Ferris. "Carry on, stout fellow."

Skirting the flak at Rotterdam, the Eight Ball headed out over the North Sea for England, rapidly losing altitude. Scudding so low over the waves that salt spray came in the waist windows, Cabral ordered the crew to ditching positions in the radio room. The fire crept inward along the wing, threatening to ignite the No. 3 engine. Cabral picked a trough in the waves and started to ease the Eight. Ball into it. A high whitecap sloshed over the right wing. The pilot slammed his throttles forward, lifting the ship clear of the water.

'Fire out," 'he called to the crew. "Come out, come out, wherever you are."
"But, lieutenant, we're right in the middle of a hand of bridge," answered the radio operator, T/Sgt. Vernon R. Holman, of Cody, Wyoming.

Holman's sense of the humorous side of near-disaster is a little too whimsical to be in the best Eight Ball tradition. But, like Poulin, he's always ready to play the goat in the sort of knockdown, drag-out

He and Wamble have a routine act that has become as regular a part of every-mission as "bombs away." Staged a half hour or so after take-off, while the ship is circling to altitude over England,

it goes like this: "Zounds!" shouts Wamble, from his turret. "Fighters after us already! Get 'em, Holman!"

Holman's head pops out of the radio hatch. "Where?" he yells.

"There!" hoots Wamble, sending a turret guns cut loose. "You do, Lieuten- thunderous burst of .50-cal. slugs past playing over the Gellian pame thracers. Holman's tight ear. Tried and true, this bit of gunplay never tails to get the mis-

Well-Balanced Crew

Balance wheels of the high-geared crew are the co-pilot, 2/Lt. John E. Wenzel, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and the left waist gunner, S/Sgt. Reuben Widetsky, of Philadelphia, Pa. "My main job is playing alarm clock for Bill," Wenzel states solemnly. "Early in each mission, just after we go on oxygen, he catches a nap. wake him up after we've assembled at altitude and are on our way to the target.'

Widetsky, at 32, is by several years' margin the oldest of the crew. Inevitably, they have dubbed him "Pappy," and that is the role he fills. Sage advisor in all matters to the crew at large, he is selfappointed godfather to 19-year-old Joey Poulin in particular. It was he who watched over Poulin, checking his safety belt and heated suit, his ammunition and oxygen, during the latter's trapeze act at Schweinfurt.

But Wenzel's and Widetsky's sobering influence, such as it is, vanishes entirely when the boys hit London on pass. Typi-"What about you, Bill?" asked Whar- cally, the crew descends on the town in close formation, peels off by twos and threes to Piccadilly and the Strand, and assembles 48 hours later at the railway station to return to base. Details of the mission, as hazardous as any over Europe, are discussed in moot court-martial during the trip home, and each man is cross-examined by Cabral for possible cross-examined by Cabral for possible conduct unbecoming an Eight Ball screwball. Standards of judgment are a refreshing inversion of those laid down in military law military law.

Station Conduct-Good

"The boys are pretty good about these London missions and about conducting themselves in the expected manner," says Cabral. "In fact, the only flagrant violation we've had was when Poulin sneaked off on one of his passes to visit his keyber. off on one of his passes to visit his brother Gaston at a Marauder station, and flew a mission with him over France."

As for actual trouble, excluding the sort the Germans try to make for them, the screwballs haven't had any. The pilot keeps just enough rein on the crew to prevent it's overstepping the line between good morale and poor discipline. During an attack on a secret target at a nameless location in France, it looked from the Eight Ball's position as though the lead ship of the formation had failed to spot the target, which Wharton had positively identified several miles off their line of flight.

"There it is, Bill . . . over there on

"Let's go after it!"

The rest of the crew chimed in, urging Cabral to pull out of formation for an individual sock at the target. Wisely, he refused. Abandoning formation for any reason whatsoever, excepting necessity or on orders of the combat commander, is a grave offense. The entire theory and practice of high-altitude precision bombing and defense against enemy fighters are based on formation flying.

Circumstances permitting, however, Bill is the friskiest prankster of the lot, as his ground crew can testify from numbing experience. The Eight Bull, her engines still growling, had just pulled onto the dispersal apron after her 25th mission, and the ground crew was on hand to congratulate the air crew. They danced around behind the ship, shouting and waiving at the men inside. The flyers waved back, then gaily thumbed their noses. The ground crew returned the greeting, with emphasis. Then, with a sudden full-throttle blast of his engines, Cabral caught the ground crew flat-footed and flat-pratted. To a man they sat down hard on the concrete apron, their hats sailing away in the prop tornado. Bill switched off the engines, leaned out his window and grinned.

"Why, fellows," he chortled, "fancy seating you here!"

No Need of Purple Hearts

Bill Cabral is a man of impulses. On impulse he quit his job in a San Francisco old folks' home to join the Army Air Forces. On impulse, just before coming abroad, he married a pretty Spokane girl he'd met three weeks before. But Bill's impulses, both aerial and amorous, always seem to turn out for the best. Despite them, or perhaps because of them, he is counted one of the best pilots in his outfit. Several months ago he was selected by Eighth AAF Headquarters for a series of experimental flights of a secret and highly important nature.

Cabral and his crew are thoroughly popular with fellow flyers, though the me cannot be said for the name of their ship. Squadron concensus is summed up by 2nd Lt. James P. Fitzsimmons, of Youngstown, Ohio, bombardier of the Fortress "Phyllis Marie."

"It was the 13th of November and 1 was flying my 13th mission," he says. "Imagine how I felt when we began nssembling in formation at 13,000 feet and I found myself riding behind the Eight Ball!"

But if there's any bad luck in the Eight Bull's wake, it hasn't caught up with the boys inside. Apart from the fatal anoxia of the substitute radio operator, not a man in the ship has been so much as scratched. "We're glad enough to do without the Purple Hearts, thank you," says Cabral.

And when it comes to decorations, Bill and when it comes to decorations, Bill and his boys have no need of Purple Hearts. Among them they hold ten Air Medals, 27 Clusters to the Air Medal, eight Distinguished Flying Crosses, and the equivalent of three DFC Clusters.

Which isn't so bad-for a bunch of

Father 'Mac' Fights a War Highlights of Army Talks

An excerpt from "No Spaghetti For Breakfast" By Alfred Wagg

U.S. War Correspondent

T an advanced Navy base near the front lines in the Mediterranean there is one fighting man who doesn't notch a gun or paint symbols of enemy aircraft destroyed. He doesn't for he is fighting a different kind of war. His war, if you may call it that, is against sabotage from within. Strangely enough, this war is fought in the interests of mothers and wives.

When any boy leaves home it seems to be a natural instinct to want to try his hand at everything. Sometimes men literally go "wild," doing things they would never think of doing at home. Ties are removed, there may even be a lack of restraint-all justified by the fact that they are fighting a war and therefore deserve to punch a guy on the nose on the slightest provocation. But more important than this type of outburst is the moral side of the soldier or sailor overseas. It is with those who would destroy the decency of the fighting man in the name of "rough, tough war" that Father "Mac" is concerned.

Within the sound of bombs and gunfire, this United States Navy chaplain is carrying on a crusade to the end that every Navy bluejacket, regardless of religious denomination, shall not suffer by coming to this man's war. His ambition is for his boys to return home with an improved outlook towards the guy next door. What is more, he is probably the most-loved man at the advanced base.

A Hollywood comedian had come to the front to entertain the boys. The jokes were raw. After twenty minutes the Navy chaplain slipped quietly out of the hall by a side exit. But one of the boys saw him leave. Over one hundred and sixty of the bluejackets followed him in his walk-out. They represented every walk of life, every creed, every faith and nearly every race.

It must have been quite a shock to the comedy artist, whose name glitters about the world in bright lights and who was dishing out what he must have thought was smart-guy, he-man stuff. The display of confidence in the chaplain, on the other hand, meant success measured in honest results. It had been completely spontaneous.

The many thousands of folks back behind that Atlantic coastline may consider this walk-out incident one good reason to sit back and relax, for merr sons are doing all right beyond the seas. Their fears for the soldier or sailor's moral welfare and the whether-or-nots as to his getting into foreign entanglements are, on the whole, unjustified. The truth is that hundreds of Army and Navy chaplains are today washing away religious barriers and teaching clean living to every mother's son in a big way. There are exceptions, of course, but they

The "walk-out" chaplain is better known to the boys as Father "Mac." Father "Mac" is a thirty-two-year-old Catholic chaplain. He is five foot six inches tall, with a face full of freckles and tiny red hands that would hardly cover a dollar bill. But being Catholic is strictly a personal matter to Father cover a dollar bill. But being Catholic is strictly a personal matter to Father "Mac." His claim is that whether you are Protestant, Catholic or of Jewish faith does not really count at the front. What counts, says Father "Mac," is that you have some faith—not what kind but that you have something to tie you to home and friends. This is, in fact, one of our famous "Four Freedoms," what we are famous "Four Freedoms," what we are told we are fighting for. Father "Mac's" objectives, he explains, is the job of keeping Navy men on an even spiritual

Shortly after arriving at this advance
Navy base Father "Mac" picked out a
place of business. He found a very swank
hotel, with all the fixings. Here, during
the good old days, kings of all breeds
and their extravagant coterie swaggered along the plush-carpeted halls. To this villa of villas had come most of the crowned and uncrowned heads of Europe. In defiance of this flow of royalty had come one annual visitor, an anonymous comic, an American soap-king.

But, now that is all changed, Lieu-nant Raymond Francis McManus, USNR, Rhode Island born, athlete par excellence, and ordained in the Catholic Church, has seen to that. The hotel's mirrored champagne bar is now a chapel for the bluejackets. But the way that Father "Mac" accomplished this trans-formation of his Cinderella hotel proved his ability to lead men.

The arrangements were often a result of the men's suggestions. Father "Mac" had worked with rolled sleeves with them in order that their billets might be more comfortable. So when the boys saw the bar, it flashed across somebody's mind that here was an ideal set-up for a chapel. By the end of that day the chapel had re-placed the bar, and this stimulus brought about other changes in swift succession. The jewel safe that was big enough for a king's ransom became the chaplain's office. The lavish ballroom soon echoed to the chop of ping pong racquets and

bluejackets were busy frowning over road. The majority of them that I have checker boards. Spacious bedrooms became littered with Navy gear as the men took over.

Italian prisoners who wished to make a little money on the side were allowed to act as servants and began to polish the long, dull parquet floors. Moving pictures every night kept the boys busy until bedtime. But with all these amenities to serve up, Father "Mac" has had lots to keep him busy.

The chaplain must hold daily services for all faiths. He also provides literature for many of the denominations. Once, when I had gone to visit him and was waiting in his office, I saw Baptist. Methodist, Christian Scientist, Catholic and numerous other leaflets and pamphlets on his office shelves. Said McManus to me, "I am not advertising any brand of faith. I am not, as you say, Wagg, 'scooping' religion." McManus' job, as he had it envisaged for some years, was to convince the men that clean living pays. He was a sign-board that said in large block letters, "Remember." "Moreover," says McManus, "war doesn't make a man either a 'tough' or a 'sissy'; war doesn't take away your right to make a fool of yourself either."

After all, the Armed Forces today are when I had gone to visit him and was

talked to spend their lives sight-seeing and trying to learn something about the countries they are in. A small minority, as might be expected, have not changed from the time when they were on Main

"No war hangovers" is McManus! aim. What has tended to smash up happy homes has been the forgetting more than the war. McManus one day told me that he had received his personal inspiration for a clean-living crusade at the Penn Relays in 1929. His team had locked up a neat win. Nevertheless, McManus had sat down and done a lot of serious think-ing. He had seen fair and foul play alike. He didn't like it. He decided to go into the priesthood.

Since 1929 Father "Mac" has had a varied time of it. He has heard criminals' confessions. He has been a parish priest, Navy chaplain and, in all, been a jack-of-all-trades of religion.

One of Father "Mac's" big jobs is letter-writing. Many fathers, mothers, sweethearts and sisters write to the padre. Some even go so far as sending him their pictures. His gallery is not small. In the first month that Father "Mac" arrived in the Mediterranean his average was about 100 to 150 letters per week. This is pretty good going for one who doesn't have the help of secretaries.

After all, the Armed Forces today are not professional soldiers but the people from next door and the boys down the TAIL GUNNER CLIFTON EX-RAILROAD BRAKEMAN-OF PORTSMOUTH, OHIO -WHO WAS AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED Flying cross ---HE ALREADY HOLDS THE AIR MEDAL WITH 3 OAK LEAF CLUSTERS/



OMPARING war to a very rough and dirty game, for which a robust body and mind are essential, Field Marshal Lord Wavell, Viceroy of India, speaks of the great strain the responsibility of dealing in men's lives imposes upon a general, in his famous series of lectures on Generals and Generalship. These lectures, which were delivered at Cambridge University in 1939, were afterward reprinted in the London Times and subsequently appeared in booklet form.

The current issue of Army Talks, under

The current issue of Army Talks, under the current issue of Army Talks, under the title of The Good General, is drawn from Field Marshal Wavell's lectures. It explains the relationship between a general and the men who serve under him, and tells of the qualities that make for successful command.

Wavell was attached to the Russian Army prior to World War 1. He first saw active service in that conflict in France, where he was severely wounded.

France, where he was severely wounded. Later he was appointed liaison officer between the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, of which General Sir Edmund Allenby assumed command in 1917, and the British War Office. The following year he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

In 1937 General Wavell was placed in command of the troops in Palestine and Trans-Jordan. Shortly before the outbreak of the present war he was made Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, which post he held until June, 1941, when he was chosen to take over the critical post of Commander-in-Chief, India.

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In 1939 Wavell was little known outside his profession. Today he is regarded as one of the top military figures of the war, and, as Viceroy of India, occupies what may be the most important and difficult register.

what may be the most important and diffi-cult position in the British Colonial Empire.

Lord Wavell says that he regards the quality of robustness, the ability to stand the shock of war, as the first essential of a general. All material of war, including the general, must have a certain solidity, a high margin over the normal breaking

"Physical courage is not so essential a factor in reaching high rank as it was in the old days of close-range fighting," he believes, "but it still is of very consider-

able importance today in determining the degree of risk a commander will take to see for himself what is going on; and in mechanized warfare we may again see the general leading his troops almost in the front of the fighting, or possibly reconnoiting and commanding from the air."

Morally, a general must have a genuine interest in, and a real knowledge of, humanity, according to Lord Wavell. Most vital of all, he must have a fighting spirit, the will to win, and he must have a touch of the gambler in him, a spirit of adventure. of adventure.

"The most important mental quality in "The most important mental quality in a general is common sense, the knowledge of what is and what is not possible," the Field Marshal states, "It must be based on a really sound knowledge of the mechanism of war, i.e., topography, movement and supply. These are the real foundations of military knowledge, not strategy and tactics as most people think. In most military books strategy and tactics are emphasized at the expense of tactics are emphasized at the expense of the administrative factors."

Of the commander's relations with his men, Lord Wavell says, "The general who sees that the soldier is well fed and looked after, and who puts him into a good show and wins battles, will naturally have his confidence. Whether he will also have his affection is another story. But does it matter to a general whether he has his men's affection so long as he has their confidence? If he has their appreciation and respect it is sufficient. Efficiency in a general his troops have a right to expect; geniality they are usually right to suspect."

Following are typical questions con-cerning good generalship? the answers to which may be found in Army Talks: Q—Should a general personally address

his troops?

A—Lord Wavell believes that he should only if he has a gift of saying the right thing. He can do himself irreparable damage in the eyes of his men by saying the wrong thing, or even using the wrong tone or giving the wrong appearance.

Q—What was the greatest single factor

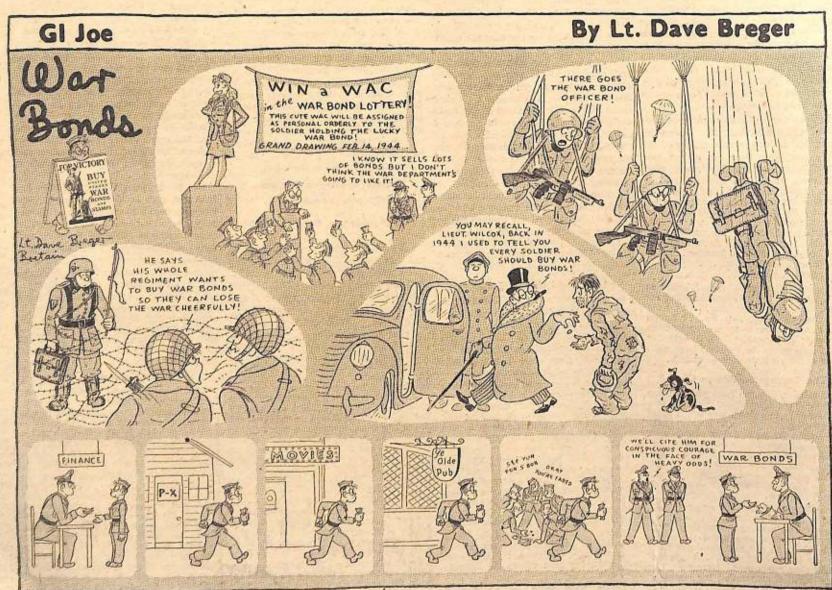
in Napoleon's success at handling his troops?

A—Napoleon was a profound student of human nature, and he was able to

apply his knowledge of psychology.



"No, Damn it, I don't have a stamp!"



Baseball Pool Sought to Solve Player Dearth

Swathe Cut by Draft May Force Adoption of Plan Used by Hockeymen

NEW YORK, Feb. 2—The formation of a players' pool to allow for the inroads of the draft probably will be discussed at next Saturday's meeting of the baseball moguls here. The real purpose of the confab is to discuss baseball's post-war problems, but the season's opening is drawing near and there may not be enough 4-Fs and 17-year-olds to make for balanced leagues. balanced leagues.

With the virtual abolition of the 3-A classification in the draft, 4-Fs and youngsters will be the only players available.

Before the pool can be set up, some provision must be made for the temporary abandonment of the waiver rule. If a pool were established for the duration and the waiver rule left on the books, there would be a hopeless snarl and the pool would be useless.

Would Distribute Talent

With some teams strong in 4-Fs in one department and other teams weak in the same department, the pool idea would work to distribute the available talent. For example, the New York Giants have an entire catching staff rejected by the Army. Ernie Lombardi, Ray Berres, Gus Mancuso and Joe Stephenson all failed to pass their induction exams. their induction exams.

Stephenson is probably headed for Jersey City, but he might well wind up with some big league team whose only catcher was drafted. The pool would work the other way for the Giants, too, as they would be able to grab an outfielder if they needed him in a hurry without the red tape of having every team in the loop waive on him first.

Revert to Original Owners

This idea is used in hockey now. The Canadian Government has refused per-mission to several hockey players to leave their defense jobs to join teams in the United States. Phil Watson, the Montreal center, belongs to the Rangers, but his war job keeps him near Montreal so he plays with the Canadiens when he can. The Rangers have had several players this season who belonged to Montreal. When the war is over, all the players involved in these switches will revert to their original owners.

original owners.

Consolidation of the minor leagues will be discussed at the meeting. There is a strong movement to make the minors more compact. Proponents of this plan feel that with the cities of a league closer together there will be room for more leagues for players returning from the services. Teams are now allowed to hold 25 players during the season and 40 during the offseason. Many teams now have claims on more than 40 in the armed services. In discussing this matter, the baseball people will have to remember the law about returning servicemen getting their old jobs back.

Veteran Honus Wagner Signs Again With Bucs

PITTSBURGH. Feb. 2 — Honus Wagner, who will be 70 on Feb. 24, returned a signed coaching contract to the Pirates, the first contract for next season except that of Frankie Frisch, already received by the Pittsburgh club. "The way I feel now, I could go on forever," the Flying Dutchman said. "Maybe I can't run the bases in 13 seconds the way I used to, but the old legs can still catch street cars and are holding up pretty good."

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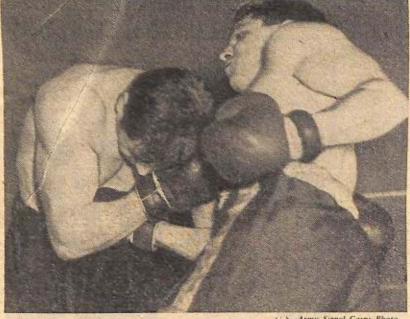
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OVERCOAT.—I took someone else's by mistake at the Palais de Danse, Hammersmith Jan. 21; mine had scarf in pocket and two rolls of exposed fold film; the one that was left bore ASNP-9426 and T-4 stripes. Will re-exchange.—S/Sgt. Carl L. Lanen.

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Kept Division Unbeaten



Pvt. Chester Marcinkiewicz, Kulpmont, Pa., light heavy (right), comes through with a right to the stomach in his contest with Pfc Alex Amicarella, of Pittsburgh, at the Rainbow Corner. By winning the bout, Marcinkiewicz assured the — Infantry Division team of victory in its ring encounter Tuesday night.

Hawks Blank Bruin Six, 2-0

Chicago Puckmen Cement Hold on Fourth Place In Ice Loop

BOSTON, Feb. 2-The high-flying Chicago Black Hawks cemented their hold on fourth place in the National Hockey League by blanking the faltering Boston Bruins, 2-0, here last night before 8,000 unhappy fans.

The victory, their fifth straight, handed the Hawks a three-point margin over the Bruins. It was the Boston sextet's eighth consecutive reversal.

With Mike Karakas, veteran goalie, brushing aside Bruin scoring threats with ease, the Hawks had little trouble trouncing the home skaters. Billy Mosienko swished in a shot after taking a pass from Clint Smith at 17 minutes and six seconds of the first period to clinch the verdict for the Chicagoans.

The second frame was scoreless but the Hawks added another marker for good measure in the final period when George Allen tallied on a pass from Earl Seibert.

Troopers Top. Beavers, 49-46

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, Feb. 2—The gorgeous string of 12 straight league basketball victories pieced together by the Engineer Beavers was snapped by the Paratroopers, who shocked them and electrified a huge crowd, taking a bruising 49—46 battle to go into undisputed possession of first place in the second half of the Southern Base Section tournament.

Both clubs entered the contest with five

Both clubs entered the contest with five wins in as many starts for the second round, the Beavers having already taken the opening half without a setback in

A sturdy 'Trooper jumping-jack, Pfc Layon Reese, of Kempton, Ind., held his club together and demoralized the Beavers by continually grabbing backboard refrom all over the floor. He scored 18 points against the close-checking Blake. Magnificent in defeat was tall Sgt. Tippy Speraw, of Harrisburg, Pa., who poured in 25 points to keep the Beavers within breathing distance of the Paratroopers.

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Dartmouth 59, Middlebury 49
DePauw V-5 55, Valparaiso 44
Duke 60, North Carolina State 36
Ft. Warren 55, Camp Hale 47
Gonzaga 92, Ft. George Wright 23
Loras 59, Simpson 31
Lubbock AAF 64, Midland AAF 49
Navy Pier 44, Hall Crafters 39
Nebraska 54, Kansas State 47
Oregon 40, Washington State 36
Phillips Oilers 44, Denver All-Stats 43
South Carolina 67, Georgia 35
Will Rogers Field 51, Phillips 37

Lippy Packs Bags For Overseas Trip As Deacon Pouts

TAMPA, Feb. 2—While Brooklyn prexy Branch Rickey sat in a corner and pouted because he "hadn't been informed of the plans," Dodger manager Leo "The Lip" Durocher announced he will leave for his much-postponed overseas junket soon.

Lippy, who will depart as soon as he finishes a tour of Florida military camps, is slated to visit overseas bases with comedian Danny Kaye.

Meanwhile, Rickey's "unhappiness" was the result of discovery that Lippy beds?

especially Rickey especially after
Rickey tried — and
failed—to locate his
manager for a
business confe manager for a business conference last week. "The least Leo could have done," Rickey declared, "was to all us and his know of his whereabouts."
Then Rickey call us and let us know

Then Rickey pointed out that the Dodgers will be a team without a manager during part of their spring training if Durocher goes overseas. "I suppose I'll have to find someone who can run things until he returns," Rickey said

Lippy, however, was unperturbed about the fortunes of his Dodgers, saying he'll carry on with whatever material Uncle Sam doesn't lure into the fold. He also expressed confidence that baseball would survive the rest of the war without too much hardship.

Ed Levy to Get Tryout In Left Field With Yanks

NEW YORK, Feb. 2—Ed Barrow, of the Yankees, has disclosed that First Baseman Ed Levy, who hit 315 for Newark last season, will get a left field tryout in the place left vacant by Charlie Keller's entry into the Maritime Service. Levy was a flop at the plate when he played with the Yankees two years ago and had to yield his first base spot to Buddy Hassett, now in the Navy. Levy was traded with Allan Gettel to the Phillies for Nick Etten before Bill Cox took over the Phillies. Levy was drafted took over the Phillies. Levy was drafted and Cox screamed for Etten back. Yankees, however, made a settlement with Cox for losing Levy and thus Levy Cox for losing Levy and thus Levy reverted to the Yankees when discharged

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Hockey League Standings

W L T Pts. W L T Pts. the score at half-time, 25—
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Battle in Wanamaker Mile Highlight of Millrose Games

Gil Dodds Out to Do 4:09 in Featured Battle With Bill Hulse; Army Footballers on Cadet Relay Squad; Hunter Favored

NEW YORK, Feb. 2—The Millrose Games, usually the opener and highlight of the indoor track season in New York, will be held Saturday night, and the fields for the special events are pretty well filled. The annual feature of the meet is the Wanamaker Mile, which this year is attracting six runners, one more than the usual number.

Gilbert Dodds, Boston divinity student; Bill Hulse, America's top outdoor miler; Don Burnham, of Dartmouth; Rudy Simms, of NYU; Dick
Hall, of Princeton, and Ross Hume,
Michigan's Big Ten Mile champ, will toe
the mark. Dodds has been working out the mark. Dodds has been working out in Boston and is primed to hit four minutes, nine seconds. Last year Dodds burned the boards for three-quarters and lost out to Earl Mitchell, of Indiana, in 4:08.6. This year's Wanamaker Mile is a personal battle between Dodds and Hulse.

West Point is sending down a sizable west rolln's sending a red hot mile relay team which has done three minutes 26 seconds on the Academy's dirt track. It is doubtful, however, that the Cadets will do that well in the Garden. They are unaccustomed well in the Garden. They are unaccustomed to a board track effort and the banked turns at the Garden also will be strange. Carl Anderson, George Berger, Jerry Morrow and 'Albie Knight run the mile relay. Anderson was the Cadet's first-string halfback last fall and John Minor, also of the football team, is a relay alternate. Anderson and Morrow are also hurdlers.

Burland Doubtful Starter

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The Sheppard 600-yard classic will have Jim Herbert, former 'NYU acd'; Joe Nowicki of Fordham; Bob Ufer of Michigan and John Fulton, former Standord quarter-miler. It is doubtful if Marine Cliff Burland can get a furlough from Northwestern, and if he doesn't appear the extra place will go to Charlie Grohsberger of Dartmouth.

The war bond two-mile event merely presents the question of who will finish second to Ollie Hunter. The former Notre Damer is now an ensign in charge

second to Ollie Hunter. The former Notre Damer is now an ensign in charge of the Columbia University Midshipmen's School track team. The candidates for second place to Hunter are Clayton Farrar, Ted Vogel and Tom Quinn, Sun Carlsson the fast-stepping ship's steward, will defend his one-mile walking title. A belated entry last year, Carlsson was made champion by the negative process of having several contestants disqualified. The walkers who were disqualified were all leading Carlsson.

A plot to get Starter Jack Lavelle's goat has been discovered and thwarted.

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Gil Dodds

anything, not even a sprinter trying to steal a yard at the start. Certain buffoons planned to smuggle a dead duck into the

Ex-Speed Ace Ralph DePalma Hitting on All Six Against Axis

NEW YORK, Feb. 2-The man who inspired sarcastic traffic cops to bellow 'Who the hell do you think you are, Ralph DePalma?" now aged 61, devotes himself to the job of preparing unpleasant surprises for Adolf Hitler and his asso-

DePalma loves to tell of how he applied a surprise in the form of the hot wire treatment to Adolf's former pal, Musso-

He has been busy in the past two years testing motors for the Ranger Aircraft Engine Company on Long Island in preparation for the final shocker for the friends of Il Duce.

The first shocker was contributed about 20 years ago when DePalma returned to his native Italy and won an important automobile race. When Ralph pulled in at the finish line, Benito himself, no less, strode forward to address the speedster, and DePalma was getting ready to blush

Instead, Mussolini spoke.

Instead, Mussolini stuck his chin out in his best balcony manner and proceeded to give DePalma a dressing down.

"He was a little burned up at me," DePalma says, "because I, an Italian-born driver, had won an Italian race in a French car."
As Mussolini's indignation began to

reach its full strength and his wagging jaw came closer and closer to DePalma's ear, Mussolini grasped the wire which had been stretched around the car to keep been stretched around the car to keep the curious away. At this moment a gremlin, in the form of DePalma's mechanic, passed a current through the wire and the great Duce took the full charge before he could let loose.

A native of Troia, Italy, DePalma has been a speed demon all his life. He started as a sprinter, "without a bit of success," then tried bicycles, motor-cycles motor boats automobiles and air-

cycles, motor boats, automobiles and air-planes in that order.

His 27 years as a knight of the roaring road brought him three national dirt track championships, two national AAA titles, first place trophies in the Vanderbilt Cup races of 1912 and 1913, the Indiana-polis Speedway championship in 1915, and general recognition in 1919 as the World's Speed King, according to AP.

Blue Devils Chalk Up First Circuit Victory

RALEIGH, N.C., Feb. 2 (AP)—Duke chalked up its first Southern Conference basketball victory of the season last night, rolling over an outclassed North Carolina five, 60-36. Duke led all the way with the score at half-time, 25-18.

Carver, Duke forward, led the indivi-

Artman Leads Husker Five To Victory Over Kansas S.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 2 (AP)-Nebraska stormed from the cellar to tie Kansas State in the Big Six standings by scoring a surprise 54-47 win over the Wildcats.

Husker Forward Artman hooped 18 points to top the Nebraska scorers.

Li'l Abner







KremlinGrants 16 Soviet States **Full Autonomy**

DominionStatus and Right To Secede Apply Also to Areas Seized Since '39

Moscow broadcast to every European nation yesterday the news that the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics had granted complete autonomy to all of its 16 republics, giving each of them the status of a dominion, with its own government and army and the right to secede from Russia if it so desires.

Five of the 16 are in territory taken over by Russia since 1939. While Russian radio stations broad-

cast the announcement in nearly all the European languages, Red Army troops were crossing the border into Estonia, one of the republics affected.

Estonia, a former Russian province, declared her independence in February, 1918, following the Bolshevist coup d'etat. It was admitted into the USSR in June, 1940, and was later occupied, first by Russian and then by German troops.

Change in Set-Up

The other four republics absorbed by Russia since 1939, as a result of military or joint military-political action, are Latvia, Lithuania, Moldavia and Karelo-

The new plan, announced by Foreign Minister Molotov, gives each of the 16 Republics the right to: (1) handle its own relationships with foreign countries, in-cluding the right to make treaties and agreements; (2) form its own army, and (3) sever its relationships with the Soviet

(3) sever its relationships with the Soviet Union if it so desires.

Prior to the announced reorganization, the 16 republics bore, in domestic affairs, some resemblance to the 48 states of the U.S. The new plan puts them on much the same footing as the components of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

No official opinion was expressed in either Washington or London. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, questioned at a Washington press conference about the implications of the far-reaching changes in the Soviet constitution, remarked only that it was a matter of exclusive jurisdiction of the USSR.

In Washington, however, unofficial observers pointed out that the proposed reorganization of the Soviet Union puts the Russians in a position to assert that

the Russians in a position to assert that no question can be raised of Russia's domination of the territories nor of any nullification of the Atlantic Charter.

Greater Bargaining Power?

Foreign observers in Moscow were quoted as saying Russia had pulled off a brilliant piece of international diplomacy and that the 16 autonomous Republics would give the Soviet Union greater bar-

gaining power in foreign relations.

Largest of the 16 Republics is RSFSR—the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic. RSFSR is Russia proper, stretching from the Baltic States across Asia to the Pacific. It has a population of 122,280,000 and an area of 6,400,000 square miles.

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Other republics and their populations are: Ukraine, 31,960,000; Belorussia, 5,570,000; Armenia, 1,282,000; Azerbaijan, 3,210,000; Georgia, 3,540,000; Turkmenistan, 1,250,000; Uzbekistan, 6,300,000; Tajikstan, 1,500,000; Kazakhstan, 6,000,000; Kirgizhstan, 1,500,000; Karelo-Finnish, 470,000; Moldavia, 3,500,000; Lithuania, 3,000,000; Latvia, 2,000,000, and Estonia, 1,150,000.

Bearings Plant in Italy Bombed Out of Action

(UP)—The German ball-bearing factory at Villa Perosa, 25 miles southwest of Turin, in northern Italy, was so badly damaged in a Fortress raid Jan. 3 that it probably is out of action, Allied headquarters said today.
Of seven main buildings, one was com-

pletely destroyed and five partially.

At the same time it was announced that photographs taken since Sofia's last raid by Fortresses and Wellingtons on Jan. 15 showed the Bulgarian capital was badly battered.

AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m.

Thursday, Feb. 3

1100—G1 Jive.
1ffs—Showtine.
1130—Rhapsody in Khaki.
1130—Nan Dam and His Orchestra (BBC).
1230—Music From America.
1255—Quiet Moment.
1300—World Nows (BBC).
1310—Barracks Bug—A grab-bag of entertainment.
1400—Visiting Hour.
1430—Sign off until 1745 hours.

1745—Sign on—Spotlight and Program Resume.
1800—World News (BBC).
1810—GI Supper Club.
1900—Seven O'clock Sports—Latest Sports News
by Corporal Johnny Vrotsos.
1905—Symphony Hall.
2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of
news from the U.S.A.
2010—Fred Waring Program.
2025—Weekend Leave—Suggestions as to what
to do on that leave that may be coming
up.
2030—Bing Crosby Music Hall.

2030—Bing Crosby Music Hall, 2100—World News (BBC), 2110—Novelty Time, 2125—Mail Call, 2125—Mail Call, 2125—Fruth or Consequences, 2225—One Night Stand, 2225—Final Edition, 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Friday, Feb. 4, 1944.

The Income-Tax Jigsaw Snafus Collectors, Too

CLEVELAND, Feb. 2-The Cleveland Press revealed that it had sent five reporters to the Northeastern Ohio Internal Revenue Office here to get official help in making out identical income-tax reports and that all five got different answers.

Just by way of proving the paper's contention that the forms were unduly complicated, the reporters found their galaxy of answers ranged from a debt of over \$200 to one official's estimate that a \$13 refund was due.

Spanish Crisis Nears a Climax

U.S. Oil Cutoff Is Stirring Rumors of a Break With Either Allies or Axis

America's cancellation of her February oil shipments brought about nationwide gasoline rationing in Spain yesterday amid a welter of conflicting reports that Gen. Franco's government either might turn against the Axis or against the United Nations.

Nazi-controlled Rome radio said the Allies, by cutting off oil and threatening to cut off food supplies as well, left "only two alternatives to Spain—to submit or fight,"

"There can be no doubt," he said, about which course Falangist Spain will

biplomatic sources in Buenos Aires were quoted as believing Franco might have to break with Hitler.

A Reuter dispatch from Zurich said the Spanish ambassador in Berlin had returned to Madrid and that consular officials also were planning to return to Spain to await reopening of the embassy, evacuated from the capital because of air raids.

Spain meanwhile banned use of gasoline-operated private automobiles and motorcycles in February and rationed taxis in Madrid and Barcelona to nine gallons for the month.

FDR 'Defines' 'Road to Tokyo'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—All the Allied nations are united in determination to expel the Japanese from Burma, Malaya, Java, the Philippines and go on to Tokyo, President Roosevelt asserted yesterday at his weekly press conference. At the same time, he pledged that the U.S. would track down and bring to justice the individual Japanese responsible for war atrocities against American

for war atrocities against American prisoners of war.

Mr. Roosevelt added that the Allies were striving to move as rapidly as possible against the enemy in order to

prevent further outrages.

He said everyone had been startled, and rightly so, by the atrocity stories. It was feared, he added, that publication might incite the Japanese to kill a great many other soldiers, but he said that in the last few weeks the Allies had come to the reluctant conclusion that there seemed no hope of getting food or supplies to

YMCA May Aid Prisoners

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (AP)—Permission to extend its work among prisoners of ALLIED HQ. North Africa, Feb. 2

War to prison camps in the Philippines has been received from the Japanese government, the war prisoners aid department of the YMCA armounced today.

Whale of a Job Completed

DEAL, N.J., Feb. 2—This seaside resort is finally rid of a 40-foot dead whale which was washed ashore on the beach almost a month ago. Coast Guardsmen towed the carcass out to sea on their third try within a week. The three-inch towing lines had snapped in the first two attempts. the first two attempts.

Bird Deaths Solved

NEW YORK, Feb. 2—Police believe they have solved the mystery of New York's dead pigeons and sparrows. They have learned that strychnine accidentally got into a large downtown market. In the last two weeks 81 pigeons and several sparrows were found dead throughout the Terry and the Pirates

M1 Can Launch 31 Different Grenades



Ordnance officers examine an M1 rifle with launcher-adapter and five of the grenades or signal flares which can be fired by the Garand.

Week's Programs Are Listed By Red Cross Clubs in London

An informal recital by Pvt, JeanJacques Renald, New York concert
pianist, will be heard at the Mostyn Club,
London, Sunday at 8.30 PM. Renald
made his debut at the age of 12 in a
command performance for King Albert
of Belgium, has studied at the Brussels
and Paris conservatoires of music and
might, 7 PM. Sunday—Musical to PM.

Liberty
Thursday—Dance, 7.30 PM; cabaret, 10.45 PM. Sunday—
Golf tournament, 9 AM; tour of Petticoat Lane,
10 AM; tea dance, 3 PM; Columbia players,
7 PM. Monday—Mosteya—PM. Tuesday—Dance,
13 PM. Saurday—Games
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might, 7 PM. Saurday—Musical tea 4 30 PM. and Paris conservatoires of music and has given concerts and radio performances in Belgium, Switzerland, Holland and France.

Programs for non-London clubs appear in the Monday paper. Those of the London clubs, published Thursdays for the benefit of men in the city over the weekend, follow:

Mostyn

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Thursday—Dancing class, 2 PM; baskethall practice, 7 PM; Illinois reunion dinner, 7.15 PM; sausare dance, 8 PM. Friday—Spanish circle, 7.15 PM; pinz-pong match, 7 PM; "quiz me," 9.30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Tea dance, 3 PM; recordings, 8.30 PM. Monday—Roller skating party, 6 PM; Missouri reunion dinner, 7.15 PM; forum, 8.15 PM. Tuesday—Movies, 6.15 PM; basketball practice, 7 PM; cerele francais, 7 PM; South Carolina reunion, 7.15 PM. Wednesday—Dancing lessons, 6 PM; Minnesota reunion dinner, 7.15 PM; glee club rehearsal, 8 PM. Thursday—Dancing practice, 2 PM; basketball practice, 7 PM; Alabama reunion dinner, 7.15 PM; square dance, 8 PM.

Columbia

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Thursday—Dramete classes, 6.30 PM; dancing lessons, 8.30 PM; Friday—Table tennis tournament, 2.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Saturday—Tour of wax works, 11 AM; dance, 7.30 PM, Sonday—Table tennis tournament, 2.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM, Monday—Dramatic classes, 6.30 PM; dancing tessons, 3 PM, Tuesday—Table tennis tournament, 2.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Movies, 7 PM.

Milestone
Thursday—German class, 8 PM; recorded concert, 9 PM. Friday—Dancing class, 7 PM; dance, 8 PM. Saturday—Horseback riding, 11 AM; varieties, 10,30 PM. Sunday—Pon concert, 4 PM; "open house," 7 PM. Monday—Movie, 8,30 PM. Tuesday—Braintrust meeting, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dancing class, 7 PM; dance, 8 PM.

Hans Crescent
Thursday—French class, 6.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM, Friday—Dart tournament, 8 PM, Saturday

Liberty
Thursday—Dance, 7.80 PM, Saturday—Games
night, 7 PM, Sunday—Musical tea, 4.30 PM;
supper dance and show, 6 PM, Tuesday—GI furlough dance, 7.30 PM, Wednesday—Theater party,
8 PM.

Victory
Thursday—Secretarial service, 7 PM; bridge, 7,30 PM; informal singing, 9 PM. Saturday—Varieties, 8 PM. Sunday—Tea dance, 3 PM; movies, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8,30 PM.

Washington
Thursday—Archery, 2.30 PM; German class, 7-PM; variety show, 8.30 PM. Friday—Artist, 2.30 PM; shorthand dictation, 7-PM; movies, 8.30 PM. Saturday—Secretarial service, 10 AM; dance, 8.15 PM, Sunday—Horse and buggy ride, 10.30 AM; concert, 1.30 PM; tea dance, 3.50 PM; movies, 9 PM. Monday—Secretarial service, 10 AM; archery, 2.30 PM; French class, 7-PM; shorthand dictation, 7-PM; Spanish class, 9-PM; piano music, 9-PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 4-PM; concert, 7-PM; dance, 8.15 PM. Wednesday—Artist, 2.30 PM; ping-pong tournament, 8-PM; chess instruction, 8.30 PM.

Rainbow Corner

Thursday—American Eagle broadcast to U.S., 3 PM; portraits, 4 PM; games night, 7.30 PM; Jam session, 7.30 PM. Friday—Judy at piano, 3 PM; portraits, 4 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Saturday—Movies, 2.30 and 6.30 PM; open house, 3 PM; portraits, 4 PM. Sunday—Movies, 3 PM; portraits, 4 PM. Sunday—Movies, 3 PM; portraits, 4 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Monday—Judy at piano, 3 PM; portraits, 4 PM; toexing, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Judy at piano, 3 PM; boxing, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Judy at piano, 3 PM; variety show, 8 PM.

Women's Service Club
Thursday—Entertainment, 8 PM. Saturday—
Entertainment, 8 PM. Sunday—Movie, 6.30 PM.
Monday—Hobby night, 7.30 PM.

- Women's Officer Club Sunday—Buffet dance, 7 PM. Thursday— Dinner dance, 7 PM. Tuesday—Movie, 7.30 PM.

Reindeer (Officers)
Thursday—French class, 8 PM. Friday—
Movies, 8,30 PM. Monday—Bridge, 8 PM.
Tuesday—Kay Laing at plano, 8,30 PM. Wednesday—Bridge lesson, 8 PM.

Kaids

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they lived or died. Riots occurred the morning after the raid, and Gestapo agents were shot down in the streets."

Berlin Nearly Crushed

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 2 (AP)—Berlin, once a city of 4,000,000 and hub of Hitler's government, appears to be well on the road to being knocked out of the war, Swedish travelers said today, reaching here with the first eye-witness accounts of the RAF's latest giant blow Sunday night. They estimated that five to 12 more raids on a similar scale would finish

Said one: "If you walk along the Unter den Linden westward through the matic quarter to Wittenberg Platz and then on to the broad tree-lined Kurfuerstendamm in the West End you hardly find an undamaged building." Another said "at least 90 per cent of these districts were in ruins."

THEN, RETURNING BY A ROUTE

GI Spending -

(Continued from page 1) through money orders, the Army's Per-

sonal Transfer Transmission service, or British banks. Some of it went into Soldiers' Deposits, which pays four per cent interest.

Army purchases made by soldiers were for PX products and subscriptions to The Stars and Stripes and Yank.

Only 31,99 per cent of the pay received by enlisted men and officers was available for purchase of British goods and services from July to December, according to the

Vatican Guard Gets Artillery The Vatican guard, heretofore armed

only with halberds, has now been armed with rifles, automatic weapons and light artillery, Berlin radio said yesterday. A Vatican motorized corps and intelligence unit also has been formed

NEWS FROM HOME

FBI Seizes 18 In Capital as Draft Dodgers

Used Drugs to Produce High Blood Pressure, **Hoover Charges**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (Reuter)—
Arrest of 18 men, including an orchestra leader and two post office employes, on charges of attempting to evade the draft through the use of drugs producing high blood pressure was announced today by the FBI.

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J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, said that
"in some instances the inductees had
drugs in their possession at the induction
station." He said the drug produced
abnormally high blood pressure for
several hours. several hours.

Lie Detector Clears Two CHICAGO, Feb. 2-Lie-detector tests CHICAGO, Feb. 2—Lie-detector tests have cleared two more persons questioned in connection with the fatal shooting of the socially prominent wife of a State Department attache two weeks ago. Latest to pass the test were Edgar M. Born, first husband of Mrs. Frank Starr Williams, the slain woman; and Eva Fritz, an employee of the Drake Hotel, where the shooting took place. Mrs. Williams' two daughters were cleared by the lie detector last week.

New Steel Production Record New Steel Production Record CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (AP)—Illinois Steel Corp., world's largest steel mill, announced today it set a new world's record of steel production in January, exceeding an average of 16,400 tons daily—9,000 tons more than the previous record established in May, 1942.

Illinois' Gary plant has an annual ingot capacity which exceeds the yearly potential of all Japan's steel mills.

Most Congestion in L.A.

HAMPTON ROADS, Va., Feb. 2-HAMPTON ROADS, Va., Feb. 2— This boom city is no longer the nation's "hot spot" as far as war-time congestion is concerned. Corrington Gill, national director of President Roosevelt's Com-mittee for Congested Production, re-ported that Los Angeles had supplanted Hampton Roads as the most congested community.

FDR's Physician Promoted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (Reuter)— Rear Adm. Ross T. McIntire, President Rooscyclt's personal physician, was among three officers of that rank nomiamong three officers of that rank rank in-nated to be temporary vice admirals to-day. The President also recommended promotion of Rear Adm. Randell Jacobs, chief of the Bureau of Personnel, and Rear Adm. Ben Morrell, chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks.

Bonds Go at Million an Hour

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (Reuter)—Angered by Japanese atrocities, Americans yesterday bought War Bonds at the rate of \$1,000,000 an hour from radio star Kate Smith. Following the example of Eddie Cantor, Miss Smith sold bonds in a round-the-clock broadcast. In the first eight hours her sales totaled \$8,348,000.

Fewer New Cars

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—OPA announced last night that the February rationing quota of new passenger automobiles had been set at 10,000 and the new-bicycle quota at 7,500. The automobile quota is two-thirds of the January quota and the lowest since auto rationing began in 1942.

Curfew On in Buffalo

BUFFALO, N.Y., Feb. 2-Mayor Joseph J. Kelly, acting to curb juvenile delinquency, ordered the Police Department to enforce a 50-year-old curfew which prohibits boys under 12 and girls under 14 from being on the streets alone after 8 PM. In the summer, the curfew hour is nine o'clock.

Michael Is Reported Shot; An 'Operation,' Nazis Say

Contradictory reports reached London yesterday about 22-year-old King Michael of Rumania. The German news agency said Michael had fully recovered from an operation "on his appendix," but later changed this phrase to "rupture." Three days ago, a Reuter dispatch said, an unconfirmed report from Budapest via Zurich reported that the King had been shot in the abdomen by a member of the Iron Guard. Iron Guard.

By Milton Caniff





IT HAS BEEN RELAYED BY OUR NETWORK OF SHORT RANGE TRANSMITTERS THAT THE JAPANESE KNEW IN ADVANCE OF THE RAID OF THE YANKEE BOMBERG. . THE OPEN FURNACE THAT WAS TO BE THEIR LANDMARK WAS A DECOY, THE REAL ONE WAS SEVERAL MILES AWAY. . . WHAT SEEMED TO BE BURNING BUILDINGS WERE TRASH HEAPS — LIGHTED BY ELECTRICITY AFTER THE BOMBS FELL!

