

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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The Second Hundred

Since they began operations last July, American Marauders have made more than one hundred raids on Europe and have dropped well over 7,000 tons of bombs on targets in Northern France, Holland and Belgium.

The Vicious Circle

The Reich candy industry closed its doors yesterday. For the duration there will be no more "sweets" for the Nazis. This move completes a vicious circle that started some time back in Germany and strangely enough began with pigs.

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Worth the Price

"The price in human life that U.S. armed forces are paying for victory in Italy is below that being paid by the German army for defeat," says Col. Albert Stovall, Cavalry, in a recent report.

Hash Marks

Overheard in the Blackout: "Boy, what a celebration. This is one New Year's Eve I'll never remember!"



in Algiers go on parade dressed in their new American-made uniforms. The skirts haven't arrived.

Lt. Thomas Schwellenbach, of Seattle, a Thunderbolt pilot over here, is wondering if an army commissary will sell goods by remote control.

When Los Angeles police arrested Louis Botellos, 52, on a charge of illegally wearing a uniform, he was sporting these decorations on a blouse: Purple Heart, Pacific Theater, Asiatic service with three stars, defense bar with two stars, World War I ribbon with five stars, Distinguished Service Cross, Croix de Guerre with palms, Belgian, Cuban and Nicaraguan campaign ribbons, amphibious forces Guadalcanal and Alaska action, sergeant stripes, 20 years' service stripes and—the Good Conduct Medal.

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developed the habit of repeating records he liked, and one day, to everybody's consternation, the mess hall resounded with the strains of the Star Spangled Banner.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Simply hates to sleep on the ground!"

Looking Back, This Is How It Was..

1943 Saw Successes On World's Fronts Turn The Tide

January New Year, new five per cent Victory Tax... Roosevelt and Churchill conferred at Casablanca... Film actress Rita Hayworth announced she would marry Victor Mature after the war...

February All Uncle Sam's chillun got shoe rationing... U.S. Forces completed occupation of Guadalcanal... Joe DiMaggio enlisted... Germans gained a temporary victory in Kasserine Pass



Family row: Musso fired his son-in-law, Count Ciano, as foreign minister... Tommy Manville was divorced again... Lt. General Frank M. Andrews named to command American Forces in Europe...

March Montgomery busted the Mareh Line... Handwriting in the snow: Mussolini pulled Italian soldiers out of Russia... Hitler said "The crisis in Russia has been overcome..."

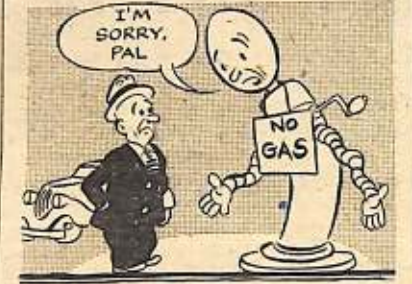
April On Broadway: "Oklahoma."... Died: The Russian pianist, Rachmaninoff... A swimming meet judge named Water Clever fell into the pool during the AAU championships in New York.

Harold Ickes said, "At the moment I'm not mad at anybody..." Minnesota's Governor Harold Stassen resigned to enter the Navy... Baseball writers picked the Yankees and Cardinals as probable winners...

May Spring in Brooklyn: Pvt. Marvin Rubin's girl said yes after he popped the question with 140 nickel phone calls spanning 11 hours...

June The Allies captured Pantelleria, stepping stone to Sicily... Gasoline was scarce—and potatoes scarcer... At Fort Meade, Md., an Army carrier pigeon got his wings stuck with oil, walked the last ten miles to deliver his message...

July The WAACs became WACs... Betty Grable became Mrs. Harry James... Independence Day observance: Eighth U.S. Air Force raided France...



August Success: Navy righted the capsized Lafayette-Normandie... After 32 years, Mac West got a divorce... Washington figured the armed services would grow to 11,300,000...

September One down: Italy quit the war... and the battle for Rome began... State Department shift: Welles out, Stettinius in... Rita Hayworth married Orson Welles... RAF stepped up raids on Berlin...

October Naples fell to the Allies... A pair of Betty Grable's nylon stockings brought \$40,000 at a war bond rally... and Jimmy Reifel's grandpaw gave him \$10,500 in bonds—\$100 for each ounce of his 6lb. 9oz. at birth...

November Adolf Hitler said: "Whatever may happen at the end, victory is certain. (But he didn't say for whom.)... Death: Theatrical producer (The Miracle) Max Reinhardt, 70... Dimout was lifted in U.S. coastal areas...

December To Remember Pearl Harbor: Navy launched the \$90,000,000 battleship Wisconsin... FDR, WC and Chiang Kai-shek at Teheran... and European agencies scooped the OWI on the news releases...

December (continued) Washington warned of a coal crisis during the winter... Puzzle in Congress: How to manage the soldier vote in 1944... Blues Singer Dinah Shore married Corp. George Montgomery...

November (continued) The Army told its censors to lay off the wisecracks in handling soldiers' mail... Frank (The Voice) Sinatra was IA... MacArthur's forces invaded Bougainville, Tarawa, Makin...

December (continued) Allied bombers softened up the Marshall Islands... and Stockholm said raids on Berlin had killed 250,000... Cost of Victory: On Tarawa; 3,772 U.S. Marines dead and injured.

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December (continued) The Ocean Sky A proud, drab-painted hull, a few Lean guns, a level deck where light The hawks of war, whose spitting fire Informs the foe his foe can fight Above the sea.

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No Rationing Here



OWI Photo
Nature is generous with her sweets. This New England farmer is getting his full share of maple sap.

Where's My Master?



Associated Press Photo
Maybe he ran away to follow his master or to join the WAGS, but this little stowaway looks mighty unhappy.

'On The Bonny Banks'



Scotland's bonny banks and braes look "almost like Wisconsin" to these Yanks from the Middle West. This "land of Burns" ranks high among the favorite places American soldiers visit while on furlough.

Hollywood Can't Be Accused of Wasting Cloth



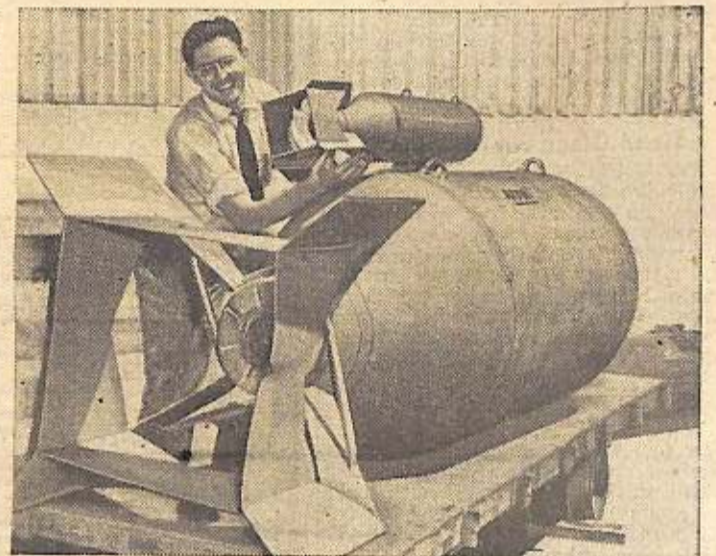
Keystone Photo
Maybe the censor can squawk, but the OPA can't complain about the brevity of these eye-catching chorus-girl costumes.

She Wins, Hands Down



Graceful Del Ohrel, contortionist with the USO-Camp Show, USA Calling, amazes GI audiences with stunts like this. Easy, eh!

Headaches For Hitler



Keystone Photo
Noisy confetti in two sizes: A 100-lb. bomb and block-buster. Large or small, USAAF bombs mean trouble for the Axis.

'Ere Ye Going My Way?



For his "69th and toughest mission" Capt. B. S. Brookfield hitch-hiked 12,000 miles from China to his Pennsylvania home via Army planes.