

Vol. 3 No. 54

London, England

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1943

## U.S. Taking Bigger Role In Tunisia

### Help French Repel Attack; Axis Says American Armored Unit There

By the Associated Press  
Increased American participation in the scattered fighting in Tunisia was reported from both Axis and Allied sources yesterday as tanks on both sides started rolling again.

DNB (German news agency) reported the arrival of a complete new United States armored division in Tunisia, and Allied headquarters disclosed that American anti-tank gunners for the first time had helped the French in southwest Tunisia to repulse a German and Italian armored attack on positions around Foudouk.

Vichy radio, broadcasting a report from Tunisia, said that offensive operations on both sides had been increasing in number and strength in the last 24 hours. The Allied forces, it said, were being repulsed toward the Algerian borders, and more and more American troops were being sent into battle. The report mentioned the first American armored division in that area. Around Pont du Fahs, the report added, British resistance was broken up by the German artillery fire and by German assault troops.

### Biggest Day in Air

Air activity grew in intensity. The 12th Air Force on Sunday destroyed 23 Axis planes and damaged 34 others in what was described as the biggest day's operations in North Africa. Only two American planes were lost, it was said. Nineteen enemy planes were destroyed in a single encounter involving Flying Fortresses escorted by P38s. All of the Fortresses returned. The day's total, including the RAF, was 28 Axis planes downed.

P38s shot down two planes out of an enemy formation of about 50 craft, including ME109s and Italian planes.

Eastward of the French positions in southwest Tunisia, U.S. bombers and fighters bombed and strafed armored concentrations around Soussa, whence the Axis has been throwing out tank columns against the French driving towards a land line between Nehring's and Rommel's forces.

### Allied Tank Foray

With Axis armor in action in the south, allied tank forces also turned out in the north for the first time since the recent rains, making a fast foray on Saturday around Medjez el Bab to within six miles of the town. The fact that only light anti-tank fire was encountered suggested the Axis outlying positions on the Tunis-Bizertia perimeter were thinly held. The Italians, however, reported in their communique they were extending and consolidating recent gains.

Rain and dust again restricted both ground and air fighting in Libya. The mystery force moving up from the fighting French base in the Chad area through southern Libya was reported to be continuing the advance on Rommel's flank.

### Spectacular Air Fight

Among Sunday's aerial battles, the biggest and most spectacular developed after Fortresses bombed Tunis harbor. Enemy depots, warehouses, railroads, shipyards, drydocks and transport were bombed. The powerhouse was left in flames. Two merchant vessels were hit and one believed sunk. Fires in oil tanks were seen for 40 miles.

1st Lt. Barton L. Weil, Drexel Hill, Pa., shot down one Me109. Capt. Theodore H. Runyan, Colorado, Cal., destroyed an enemy fighter.

One B17 landed at its base after four hours with an engine shot out, big holes in its side and several hundred holes in its fuselage.

### 'Forbidden Zone' Created By Axis on French Coast

Hitler decided Dec. 19 at his conference with Mussolini and Laval to create a closed military zone along the French Mediterranean coast, from Menton to the Pyrenees Mountains, according to a report received from France by the Fighting French in London.

The "forbidden zone" will extend inland for three to five miles, the report said, and preparations are being rushed to begin fortifications in depth. The civilian populations will be forcibly evacuated. Even in cities as large as Marseilles, only those engaged in urgent war work will be permitted to remain.

### The Stars and Stripes May Be Mailed Home

Here's what it costs to send The Stars and Stripes home, as outlined by Army authorities:

"Due to the fact that The Stars and Stripes has not been entered as second-class matter, postage on individually addressed copies is payable at the rate prescribed for third-class matter, 1 1/2 cents for each two ounces or fraction thereof.

"If several copies are enclosed in a package exceeding eight ounces in weight, postage is computed at the fourth-class rate, which is lower than that for third-class matter and is based on weight of the package and the distance from New York to office of address."

## RAF by Night, USAAF by Day Is Raid Pattern

### British Bombers Hit Ruhr After Yanks Blast St. Nazaire

What may be the pattern of things to come for Germany and Nazi-ruled Europe in 1943 has been blasted out—in the first four days of the New Year—by American and British warplanes.

Day raids by the precision-bombing U.S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators, mass night bombing by the RAF's big Lancasters and Stirlings, hit-run low-level bombings by day and night by light bombers and endless diversionary and fighter sweeps by the pursuit planes of all the Allied air forces in England—such was the pattern in late 1942, and observers think it may well continue that way.

Sunday afternoon, U.S. heavy bombers went out in a daylight assault on the St. Nazaire submarine base and docks.

Sunday night the RAF plastered the Ruhr. Although the Americans reported fair daylight weather, atmospheric conditions over the Continent Sunday night were not so good.

### U.S. Loses Seven Planes

The British did not identify their main target in the Ruhr, nor did the Germans. The RAF admitted loss of three bombers. Seven U.S. bombers were lost in Sunday's St. Nazaire raid. According to Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, bursts were seen on the target and fires were started. Three hundred RAF, Dominion and Allied fighters carried out covering operations, but they encountered no enemy aircraft. The bombers were attacked by many enemy fighters in the target area and a long running fight followed.

"A number of enemy aircraft were destroyed," said the communique.

Meantime the Luftwaffe tried and failed to pierce Britain's coast defenses. In daylight yesterday a Nazi raider dropped bombs without effect in the southeast coastal area. Sunday night a Dornier caught fierce ack-ack fire on the northeast coast and came down to a crash landing. The crew of four fired their plane.

Deaths in Sunday's German attack on the Isle of Wight yesterday numbered 12. The loss of seven U.S. heavy bombers in the Eighth Air Force's raid on St. Nazaire, Germany's huge submarine base and repair station in the Bay of Biscay, was the largest since the U.S. started bombing occupied Europe in July.

## First Stars and Stripes Bouts Open Tonight in Rainbow Club

The first Stars and Stripes fights start tonight at 8 PM in the International Hall of the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Ave., London.

This is the first of a series of bouts which will be held at the Rainbow Corner every Tuesday night. It is also the first step in the sponsoring of an all-inclusive athletic program for the ETO.

Referee for the bouts will be Maj. Richards Vidmer, formerly sports columnist of the New York Herald Tribune. He also will act as master of ceremonies, introducing before the start of the fights Harvey Gibson, American Red Cross Commissioner to Great Britain, and the officials for the fights.

These are: Timekeeper—Col. Theodore Arter, Chief of the Special Services Section, ETO; judges—Capt. Edward Corcoran and Lt. Herbert Stribling, known in the ring as Baby Stribling.

First fight of the evening will be a

# Axis Faces Another Disaster In East Caucasus as Russians Smash Forward from Mozdok

## Mortar Blasts at Japs in New Guinea



Associated Press Photo

An American three-inch mortar, almost hidden in a deep New Guinea jungle, lets loose at a Jap position as Americans and Australians press the trapped enemy in Buna and Gona.

## Paratroops Tell of Close Calls In 96 Hours Inside Foe's Lines

WITH AN AMERICAN TASK FORCE, Tunisia, Jan. 4 (UP)—Lt. Dan DeLeo, 24, Chicago, has returned to headquarters with five other paratroopers who dropped inside enemy territory in mid-December to harass Axis communications.

Returning with DeLeo, after several engagements with Germans and Italians and a cross-country hike to get here, were Sgt. John Betters, Aliquippa, Pa.; Pvt. Roland Randeau, Woonsocket, R.I., and Frank Romero, Taos, N.M., as well as a first sergeant and corporal, both French, who are attached to Col. Edson Raff's paratroopers.

The raiding party's most thrilling episode occurred when the sextet captured an Italian truck with a civilian driver. DeLeo kept the driver covered from the front seat while the others lay prone in the body of the truck. The entire party rode through a German-held town and saw a platoon of German troops who had been searching for them.

### Jumped Under Fire

Lt. DeLeo told his story as he waited for a doctor and a shave after 96 hours in enemy territory:

"We jumped from an altitude of several hundred feet about the middle of December. We all got away although the plane was shot at just before we jumped. When we landed we had a little trouble finding the demolition charges and other paraphernalia we dropped. One man was missing after the jump. The rest

(Continued on page 4)

## Warship Fells 20 Jap Planes

### Divebombers Attacking Battleship Destroyed With Planes' Aid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—An American battleship, bristling with A.A. guns, destroyed an entire flight of 20 enemy dive-bombers in a sea and air battle in the South Pacific in October, the U.S. navy reported today.

The battleship destroyed a total of 32 Japanese planes before the enemy finally ceased trying to sink it.

One turret was hit by a bomb but the damage was so quickly repaired that the vessel was able to go into battle at Guadalcanal on Nov. 14.

The ship, commanded by Capt. Thomas Gatch, was part of the aircraft carrier task force off the Solomons.

Planes from three Japanese carriers were apparently flying to attack an American carrier when they spotted the battleship. The first assault was made by 20 enemy dive-bombers and Capt. Gatch reported tersely "all shot down."

There were two more assaults by torpedo planes and dive-bombers. With the help of fighter planes from the American force, the battleship brought down 12 more enemy aircraft. A bomb hit wounded Captain Gatch.

## Tokyo Speaks of Ambition To Invade North America

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (AP)—Berlin radio, heard in New York today, quoted a Japanese army spokesman as declaring that Japan would continue the attack through 1943 to put herself in a position for the conquest of China, India, Australia, Midway and Hawaii perhaps, for landings on the northern American continent.

The broadcast, attributed to Col. Nakao Yahagi, went beyond the most ambitious statements recently of other Japanese spokesmen.

## May Be Trapped as Four Red Columns Converge on Town

MOSCOW, Jan. 4 (UP)—Unless the Germans hasten their retreat west of Prokhladny, now almost within the grip of the Red Army at the extreme south of the 2,000-mile front, they may find themselves in a trap similar to that thrown around Hitler's 22 divisions northwest of Stalingrad, according to the latest reports reaching Moscow.

Four Russian columns are closing in on the town following the capture of Mozdok and the subsequent Russian advances to the west and northwest during last night and today.

The first two are directed west from Mozdok. Another is moving northwest towards the Rostov-Baku railway and threatens the route of the Axis retreat to the west of Prokhladny. It was made after the Russians had secured their left flank southeast of Nalchik.

The fourth column is pushing north from Elkhoto railway station, 28 miles to the south, which the Russians captured yesterday.

### Face 'Liquidation'

The fighting today and last night on this front brought several more inhabited localities into Russian hands. Some 700 Germans were wiped out on one sector alone, while in the fighting for one Cosack village the Soviet troops knocked out eight tanks and captured a great deal of material.

The liquidation of all the German forces in the Eastern Caucasus is now threatened following the successful Russian offensives in the Ordzhonikidze, Nalchik and Mozdok areas.

Mozdok, 56 miles northwest of the Grozny oil fields, was the site of one of the most decisive battles in Russia in 1942 and was where the Red army made its most determined stand after the retreat from Rostov, finally checking the German drive towards Baku.

### 'Not a Step Back'

It literally carried out Stalin's "not a single step back" order to his armies, and stemmed the German juggernaut both in the Caucasus and before Stalingrad, thus robbing the Germans of the achievement of any important strategic objective.

After the occupation of Mozdok in September, several costly offensive thrusts towards Grozny failed to carry the Nazis any further towards their goal, and the offensive finally bogged down in the Terek.

Inside Stalingrad the Russians have dislodged the Germans from several more houses in the factory district and have occupied an undisclosed number of populated points south and southwest of Stalingrad along the railway line towards Salsk.

Crushing the resistance of the steadily-growing German forces in the middle Don, the forces under Gen. Vatutin pierced an important Nazi defense line and recaptured three inhabited points.

Extremely heavy casualties were inflicted on one Axis division recently transferred from France.

On the central front the Red Army advanced southwest of Veliki Luki and seized a strongly fortified point.

This will heighten the threat to the Germans inside Rzhev and to the south of the city as the advance west of Veliki Luki grows towards Novo Sokolniki.

West of Rzhev itself the Germans are

(Continued on page 4)

## Carole Landis To Wed Today

Carole Landis said last night that she and Capt. Thomas C. Wallace, Eighth Fighter Command pilot, plan to be married at noon today in London.

The film star, with Mitzi Mayfair, Martha Raye and Kay Francis, has been entertaining U.S. forces in the ETO for U.S.O. Camp Shows, Inc.

Capt. Wallace, a former member of the RAF Eagle Squadron, is 25 years old, and comes from Pasadena, Cal. Miss Landis is 24.

The couple, who announced their engagement Dec. 22, planned to be married New Year's Day, but the ceremony was postponed inasmuch as Miss Landis had not then recovered from an appendectomy.

Miss Mayfair will be bridesmaid, and Maj. Richard Ellis, of the Eighth Air Force, best man.

(Continued on page 3)



THE STARS AND STRIPES

Daily Newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations. The Stars and Stripes is edited and published by and for the personnel of the U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations. Printed by The Times Publishing Company, Ltd., at Printing House Square, London, E.C.4. (Telephone: Central 2000.) Contents passed by the U.S. Army and Navy censors: subscription is 26 shillings per year.

STAFF Editor: Mai, E. M. Llewellyn Associate Editor: 1st Lt. H. A. Harchar Associate Editor: 2nd Lt. J. C. Wilkinson

EDITORIAL BOARD News Editor: S/Sgt. Robert Moore City Editor: S/Sgt. Bud Hutton Photo and Makeup: S/Sgt. Ben. F. Price Sports: Pvt. Mark Senigo Navy: Yeoman Tom Bernard, USNR

Battle of Blockades

The recent naval action off Norway on the convoy route to Russia calls attention to what is perhaps the greatest Allied achievement of the war... namely the maintenance of open sea lanes.

While sea lanes are open to Australia, Great Britain, India, Malta, Russia, Africa and South America, victory is sure. Sea lanes in the hands of the Allies also indicate the enemy is cornered.

Hitler like Napoleon is feeling the serious effect of the Allied naval blockade, and like Napoleon he is using every means at his command to break out of his continental prison and establish blockades of his own. To achieve this end he has relied through necessity on submarines, and with no small success. During the first year of the war, America lost over five hundred ships off the Atlantic coast. This was Hitler's supreme effort to blockade America and prevent the movement of troops and supplies to the active theaters of war.

The Battle of the Blockades has gone favorably for the United Nations in recent months; but it is still an undecided contest. Each day finds the contestants attempting new tricks. The Allies for example have increased the tempo of ship construction, the strength of convoy protection, the vigilance of air patrols and the number and weight of attacks on submarine bases and pens. The Germans have increased the speed and cruising radius of submarines and now operate their undersea craft in mass attacks on convoys.

As we enter the crucial period of the war, American production of warships, Liberty ships and patrolling aircraft reaches a new high which should enable us decisively to defeat the Axis sea menace and thus bring to a successful conclusion the "Battle of the Blockades."

China's Position

At the closing ceremony of the first plenary session of the third people's council, China's wartime parliament, General Chiang Kai-shek delivered a remarkable address, for in it he accepts China's new responsibilities in world leadership, on terms worthy of the democratic ideals of a great people.

"Having now attained equality of status with our allies and other nations of the world, we must shoulder the responsibilities this age has laid upon us. The nation is responsible not only for its own interests but also for those of the world. No difficulties or sacrifices must deter us from the fulfillment of our duties as one unit of the forces of the United Nations, and after the war we must be prepared as a progressive and free nation devoted to the cause of justice to do all that is required of us in collaborating with those nations to recreate order in the world and to effect the deliverance of mankind. China is the largest and the most ancient of Asiatic countries, but it is not for us boastfully to talk of her right to a position of 'leadership' among those countries. In the spirit of the saying 'All men are brothers' we shall rather regard it as our responsibility to treat the peoples of Asia, like all suffering and oppressed humanity elsewhere, as equals to help and support. Recognizing equality as the highest guiding principle of international affairs, we shall do well neither to underestimate nor overestimate our own importance and dignity. It is precisely Japanese militarism with its ambition of dominating Asia under the pretence of organizing a 'Co-prosperity Sphere for Greater East Asia' that constitutes the universal enemy we are determined to crush.

We have been fighting this war of resistance with purity of motive and consistency of principle... not for any selfish purpose but for the salvation of the world through first saving ourselves. Towards Asia as towards the whole world we wish only to do our duty, to the exclusion of any lust for power or other desires, compatible with the moral dictates of love and benevolence that are characteristic of the Chinese national spirit."

Hash Marks

Here's wishing one and all a Happy New Year—may 1943 be the best you have ever had. Don't ask us why, but our slogan for the new season is, "Remember the Merry-Go-Round."

Here's a note of progress from the home front. The Teaneck, N.J., board of education has ruled that any teacher marrying a serviceman will be allowed to take a two weeks' vacation. The board carefully stipulated that any male teacher marrying a WACK, WAVE or SPAR will be entitled to the same privilege.



Here's one in a million. "Why should I call for my pay? I don't drink, smoke, or gamble, and I have no dependents, what do I want it for?"—that unbelievable statement was made by a recruit at the U.S. Air Force base at Chanute Field, Ill., who was afterwards persuaded to accept his pay and buy war bonds. We'd like to have that guy in our outfit; with a few light touches here and there he'd be a good morale booster between pay days.

Here's an entertainment angle we hadn't thought about. Special Service has been doing a swell job of bringing topflight movie stars over for troop entertainment, but here's a lament from Lt. Lucile Colcord, Atkinson, N.H., now with the Army Nurses Corps over here. Asks Nurse Colcord, "Why, oh, why can't they send over just one popular leading man with the contingents of glamour girls that come over for the troops' benefit?" She adds, "There are hundreds of American girls over here and we enjoy seeing any of the stars, but boy would we get a thrill out of seeing Ray Milland or John Wayne." O.K., Hollywood, tuck in one male glamour boy stowaway with the next contingent of screen sirens—just to make the girls happy!

Two Beerwah, Queensland, poultry farmers found four legs coming out of one egg of a batch being incubated. There was only one chicken. Poultry breeders believe the four-legged chicken is unique. So is an egg, buddy, so is an egg.

Flash from the home front: Civil defense authorities in the States have found a war use for the little lights that



used to flicker in pin-ball tables before the latter were confiscated. Now they flicker in huge maps at civil defense headquarters. We'd like to be around to see those little lights start shining when America hits the jackpot—Rome, Berlin, Tokio.

J. C. W.

Navy Cameramen Film Africa War



Just before going to work outside Algiers, part of Commander John Ford's crew of photographers are photographed. Left to right: Pvt. Stanley Simmons (U.S. Army Signal Corps despite the cap); William Rader, Spic.; H. R. Hartel, Spic.; John Snyder, Spic.; Wilton Carneal, Spic.

Faced Dive-Bombing To Bring Back Photographs

By Andrew A. Rooney Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Twelve U.S. Navy cameramen, members of Cmdr. John Ford's combat photographic unit, have returned to London from the battlefronts of North Africa with first person stories and first person films of the fighting there.

These men, all experienced photographers and many of them veterans of sea and air fighting in the South Pacific, came back with stories of being surrounded by German tanks, of scooting past a Nazi supply column in a bakery truck, shooting pictures as they fled. They told of bombings and snipings, raging tank battles and incessant air attacks.

Among them were John Snyder, Sp. 3c, Los Angeles, and Bill Rader, Sp. 3c, Hollywood, who underwent air attacks and dodged snipers' bullets in Algiers, and Charles Cooper, Sp. 1c, Hollywood, and Robert Johannes, Sp. 1c, Van Nuys, Calif., who had their laundry bombed by a roving German light bomber.

Lts. John Mc Clain, New York, N.Y., and Kenneth Pier, Hollywood, and R. R. Rhea, CSp., who photographed a tank attack on an artillery outfit near Tebourba, also are here now.

Sailors' Jobs on Land

Attached to the Office of Strategic Services in Washington, the Navy photo unit was adapted to land warfare for the African campaign. The men, most of them veteran Hollywood movie men, split into several sections in order to cover all battle lines; some advanced with tank units, others remained in Algiers and Oran to cover activities in these captured towns, while still others worked with artillery and infantry units.

Many of the best pictures the photographers brought back were not recorded on film, and their colorful stories of how they traded their long underwear to the Arabs for a Thanksgiving dinner will never be shown to the public. After a few weeks in the desert their uniforms took on the appearance of those worn by comedians. Bits of Army clothing, British gear and even U.S. Marine equipment supplemented regular Navy issue as the battle progressed.

Snyder and Rader were met with amazement when they boarded a naval vessel in a North African port seeking

information and a rare square meal. A pharmacist's mate met them at the gangway. They were clad in dungarees, leggings, brown GI shoes and a blue Navy "flat hat." Said the pharmacist: "You're soldiers on the bottom, sailors on top, and you're farmers in the middle. Now what the hell are you?"

The men worked hard. Some of them went for two weeks without a shave or a wash, accompanying the fighting forces wherever they went. Cooper and Johannes, pushed to the front lines and more than once caused soldiers' eyes to pop when they saw a sailor push up out of a lumbering tank.

One everyday occurrence had much to do with the polyglot uniforms worn by the sailor-photographers. They had found a place to wash their clothes, and after a good scrubbing they put them out in the hot sun to dry. A roving German light bomber sighted the improvised laundry, mistook it for an ammunition dump, and dropped a 30-pounder in the midst of the clothing. From then on the clothing situation was strictly catch-as-catch-can.

Rude Awakening

Wilton Carneal, Sp. 3c., Hollywood, tells of the two men who commandeered a small French bakery truck to get to the front lines where they could shoot action. After exposing several reels of film they found it was getting dark and decided to sleep in the truck overnight.

In the morning they awakened and were pleasantly surprised to see a large supply column moving along in front of them.

"We thought it was good documentary evidence so we proceeded to shoot several hundred feet of the moving column," one of the men told Carneal.

"Shortly, though, a strange feeling came over both of us as the column came closer and the vehicles looked unfamiliar. Finally it dawned on us that we were shooting an enemy supply column, and that we were behind enemy lines." They scrambled.

Mistaken Identity

Lts. Mc Clain and Pier and Chief Rhea wore British battledress with an American flag flash on the sleeve, Navy flying jackets and Marine leggings. They went up to the battle area, and were stopped at a farm which was being bombed when British troops arrived and started digging slit trenches.

"I'm certainly glad to see you and your men," Mc Clain said to the captain in charge.

"Why?" the captain asked. "We didn't know what was going on around here, but now that we see you fellows and our tanks over there on the hill we know everything is okay," the lieutenant responded.

"The captain didn't smile. "Those are Jerry tanks and we're cut off," he said. "I felt my knees buckling," was Mc Clain's comment.

Frying-Pan to Fire

Pier, Mc Clain and Rhea climbed into their truck and sped down the road. The German tanks shelled them, but failed to score a hit. They finally got out of range.

Later their truck was parked under a tree when a British officer came up, advised them it was a gun position and that they had better move along. Just then 20 German tanks appeared 600 yards away.

The British opened fire with their two 25-pounder guns and knocked out seven tanks in the ensuing hour battle. The tanks were repulsed, but Pier filmed the entire fight with a telescopic lens.

In the meantime Lt. Mc Clain acted as a stretcher bearer, helping with the wounded and the dead.

"We were getting and giving fire at incredibly short range and the casualties were severe," he said.

The Navy men finally made it to Medjez. Several of the photographers were in Algiers for more than a month. When they first got there it was not safe to walk down a street because of snipers. The town itself was all right, though.

"Algiers looks like Hollywood from the hills," Rader said.

They were impressed with the number

of times the natives went to the river to wash their feet, and were equally impressed with the infrequency that any other part of their body was bathed.

The Navy specialists brought back with them a hundred items which are cheap in North Africa, but rare or non-existent in the States.

Perfumes which bring fabulous priced by the ounce in America can be bought for the equivalent of \$5.00 in Algiers.

And fine silver work for which the Algerians have long been famous—the men have brought back silver bracelets, unique rings, and jewelry that even their home, Hollywood, will stare at when their girls, sisters, wives, and mothers put it on.

Hidden Treasures

During the German occupation of North Africa, everything that could possibly be hidden was buried, or tucked away by the people, who hoped the Germans could not find it.

The men recall a dream come true in the Aleti Hotel, where they had a genuine champagne breakfast that would have made Diamond Jim Brady's look like a dry run.

"For two pounds of coffee which we had the foresight to bring with us," they said, "we were able to get six quarts of good old champagne."

They came back with a real respect, not only for our own men fighting there, but for the British and German fighters as well.

German Booby Traps

"The Germans know how to fight," one of them said. "They have tried every trick in the bag, and some of them have worked. They used to drop booby traps in the form of the little cans that English tea comes in. When it was opened it exploded."

The men who went to the front lines know what hardships the boys there are enduring. "We stood in line with two hundred men to wash our mess kits in two quarts of water," Bob Johannes said, "and didn't grumble as much as when we were comfortably quartered in the States, with dishes to eat from, and beds to sleep in."

After they left Commander Ford, who flew back to the States, the men boarded a British Navy ship and headed back for England. "On the way back," Wilton Carneal said, "we ate the two crates of tangerines, we had bought before we left, and swore that if we were torpedoed we would put on all our silver jewelry, drench ourselves in the perfume we had with us and go down smelling pretty, and looking like a million."

Talked With Prisoners

On the ship there were 150 German and Italian prisoners of war. Before the trip was completed the photographers had become acquainted with the prisoners taken by the American forces when they landed in Africa, and had some of their views on the war, on the United States, and on most of the other subjects about which everyone would like to question the Germans.

"We will win the war if we have to fight until 1960," one German prisoner said.

"And then we will fight until 1961," one of the Navy men returned.

"Then you will win," the German said smiling resignedly, half humorously, half seriously.

The Germans wanted to know how they would be treated in the United States, and were surprised to hear that they had nothing to worry about, that they would probably be put to work on some guarded farm and that there would be meat, potatoes, bread, butter and milk on their table.

One German officer, whose name was "Johannes," spotted Bob Johannes' name on his leather flight jacket.

"What are you doing over here?" the German asked. "We heard that Germans in America could not go more than 150 yards away from their house without being shot!"

"It was hard to make the Germans understand that we had Germans, Italians, Greeks, Irish in our Army all fighting side by side for the same cause," Jack Snyder said.



"Pssst!"



# Bluejays, Rams Whip Rivals In Twin Cage Bill

## Creighton Comes From Behind to Defeat LIU, 31-30

NEW YORK, Jan. 4—The Creighton Bluejays came from seven points behind with three minutes left to play to beat the Long Island University Blackbirds, 31-30 in their opener of the Madison Square Garden double header. The Fordham Rams whipped favored Rhode Island State in the nightcap, 84-75.

In the first game, the Bluejays, using a tight zone defense, wasted numerous chances to take a substantial advantage and at half time were tied, 12-12. Creighton, accelerating, caged four points at the start of the last period. The Blackbirds responded and then went ahead on a relay from Munroe Edelstein to Frank Fucarino. Guards Saul Cohen and Art Gurfein added free throws, then Edelstein looped another one-hander giving LIU a 26-19 margin near the end of the game.

### Fucarino Ejected

The Bluejays then loosened up, dribbling deftly to eke out their victory as Ed Beisser, center, and Tom Langer, forward, each tallied and Ward Gibson, caged three. Fucarino was ejected near the end of the game when he started to scrap with Joe Loisel, Bluejay forward.

In the high scoring second game, the Rams turned the tables on the Rhode Islanders (who had previously averaged 93 points in their four preceding games). It was an old fashioned thriller with the contestants completely ignoring defense in a mad dash to score points. As soon as a player on either team grabbed the ball, he'd either leave it the length of the floor to team mate under the opponent's basket or tear down the court, dribbling, to fling himself and the ball at the hoop.

### Karpowicz Sets Record

Tony Karpowicz, Ram forward, showed the deadliest aim and broke the season record for scoring at the Garden with 29 points. His 14 field goals broke the record of 11 made by Jerry Fleischman, NYU, last week. Fordham's 84 points broke Toledo's Garden record of 82 while the combined total of both teams also set a new record.

Fordham led 23-10 midway in the first half, but the Roosters, fired by Center Earl Shannon, rallied and led 46-45 at half time.

# Year's Top Trainer Never Bets on Horses

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 4—Trainer Hirsch Jacobs saddled 132 first place horses in 1942, the ninth year in 10 that he has saddled more winners than any other trainer.

His mounts have captured purses totaling \$185,000, but Hirsch says he does not bet on his horses. "I'm not opposed to betting," he explains, "but it upsets your judgement."

Hirsch, who trains for many owners, including Mrs. Damon Runyon and Candy Farms, has 24 horses at Tropical and Hialeah.

# Tulsa's Passing Lauded by Rice

## Glenn Dobbs Called Best Passer Since Days of Sammy Baugh

By Grantland Rice

New York Sun Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Jan. 4—Tennessee's victory over Tulsa in the Sugar Bowl game here, 14-7, was one of the most stirring contests I've ever seen.

Tulsa's passing was everything it was cracked up to be. If it had been supported with a stronger overland threat, it would have meant victory for the Golden Hurricanes. The passing of Glenn Dobbs for the Hurricane touchdown had to be seen to be believed. He completed seven consecutive passes, most of them to End Saxon Judd. The seventh went for the touchdown. Not since the days of Sammy Baugh and Davey O'Brien has such passing been seen in this section.

But where Tulsa really proved its heart and football worth was in the game's dying minutes. Dobbs was injured early in the second half, so Nick Keithley took over. Starting on their own five-yard line with five minutes remaining, Keithley and Tulsa put on an incredible finish. Alternating passing with their only sustained ground gaining, Tulsa marched 90 yards to the Volunteer five-yard line before the odds caught up and Powell, Tennessee end, made a leaping interception to save the Vol triumph.

# Freddie Mills Will Box Tonight



Keystone Photo

Freddie Mills, British light heavyweight champion, who meets Don McCorkindale in the feature bout of The Stars and Stripes fight cards tonight in the Rainbow Club, London.

# British Champ Will Feature Opening Soldier Fight Cards

(Continued from page 1)

Len Harvey, undefeated British heavyweight champion, demonstrating some of the finer points with one of his professional fighters, Johnny Boyce.

After an intermission, Freddie Mills, light heavyweight champion of the British Empire, will meet Don McCorkindale, former heavyweight champion of South Africa. Mills was scheduled to meet Reg Hoblyn, but Hoblyn could not put in an appearance.

This fight will also be fought under British rules with Ted Broadbribb, Mills' manager and former manager for Tommy Farr, acting as referee.

Two more bouts with American servicemen will round off the evening. In a welterweight contest, Pvt. Thomas Piccnetti, New York, will go three rounds with Pvt. John Venezia, Boston, Mass.

New Iberia, La., contributes the next two featherweights. Sgt. Ellis LaGrange, winner of three Golden Glove titles, will meet a fast boy, Pvt. George Mouton.

# Bruins Regain First Place Tie

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 4—The Boston Bruins, capitalizing on only three lapses in the tight Detroit defense, eked out a 3-2 victory before an overflow crowd of 12,000. Since Toronto was tied, the Bruins regained a first place tie in the hockey standings.

Buzz Boll, Bruin right wing, opened the scoring with a push shot on a pass from Center Bill Cowley. Eddie Wares, of the Red Wings, evened the count, picking Carl Liscombe's shot off the boards and whistling the puck past Goalie Frank Brimsek. Bruneteau added the second Detroit tally while Herb Cain and Art Jackson counted for the Bruins. Cowley set up the winning goal with a sharp blue-line pass to Jackson.

### Leafs Tie Canadiens, 4-4

MONTREAL, Jan. 4—The Toronto Maple Leafs were lucky to get a 4-4 tie with the Montreal Canadiens here last night. Veteran Wingman Tom Blake led the Canadiens with two goals and two assists while Joe Benoit, left wing, slammed the two other Canadian goals.

## NEWS FROM HOME

# Blind Man Will Teach Soldiers How to Repair Radios in Dark

CHICAGO, Jan. 4 (AP)—Teaching men in the U.S. Army Signal Corps how to repair radios—in the dark—is the job to be undertaken by a blind 23-year-old Chicago youth.

He is Byron H. Webb, who will begin his new duties in a blackout room at a laboratory where his extra-sensitive fingers will teach soldier students how to make emergency repairs on radios under conditions of darkness.

The method he has developed depends largely on the use of earphones instead of meters, which are more commonly used in radio repairing. Whereas normally voltage is checked by meters, or the repair man breaks in a coil by means of a meter, Webb estimates the voltage by the strength of the signals he hears in earphones. He can locate any break in the wiring by the same method. For the rest of the job, his fingers suffice.

### Congress Fight Due

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—Opposition legislators predicted one of the most bitter fights in the next Congress would come when President Roosevelt asked for the renewal of authority to negotiate reciprocal trade agreements.

The authority, under which agreements were made with 25 nations, including the United Kingdom, was granted first in 1934 for three years and was extended in 1937 and 1940.

It was reported that President Roosevelt would ask for the renewal of this authority, which expires on June 12, early in the next session.

Republicans were generally opposed to the policy in the past but fought a losing battle because they were outnumbered. With their increased strength in the new Congress, Republicans were expected with the aid of some Democrats to be able to block any further extension.

### Sgt. York Jr.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Jan. 4—A new "Sgt. York" is in the armed services. Jennie York, stationed at the WAAC training center here, is a cousin of the famous sergeant of World War I. Superiors call her "Sgt. York Jr."

### 3,000 Miles to Enlist—and Can't

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4 (UP)—Eddie Karolowicz, American construction worker in South American jungle, decided that the time had come to enlist. So he traveled through the jungle and by plane to civilization, then up through Columbia,

Panama and Mexico to Los Angeles. There he presented himself at a recruiting station.

"We can't take you," said the sergeant. "Haven't you heard? You have to wait now until you are called up. No more voluntary enlistments." He is still waiting.

### Motorist's Dream

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 4 (UP)—W. E. McCord, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., is wondering what he ought to do about gasoline rationing. In his backyard is a well, usually filled with water, but which every now and then fills with gasoline. Nobody can find where it comes from. McCord operates two of his cars from his "gas well." The local gas rationing board doesn't quite know what to do about it either.

### Bing Crosby's House Destroyed

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 4 (AP)—The 20-room home of Bing Crosby, the film actor and radio crooner, was destroyed yesterday by fire, believed started by a short circuit, while his wife and four children were removing Christmas tree decorations. The loss of the rambling colonial frame house was estimated at \$250,000.

### Manville's No. 7

NEW YORK, Jan. 4—Tommy Manville, oft-married heir, is remarrying as soon as Wife No. 6, who is now in Reno, gets a divorce. Tommy says No. 7 will be 27-year-old Beverly Whitney, Canadian singer.

# Whirlaway Nominated For \$25,000 Widener

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 4—Whirlaway, greatest money winning horse of all time, has been nominated with 50 other thoroughbreds for the Widener Cup, the richest prize in Winter racing. The Widener will be run at Hialeah on March 6.

This will inaugurate Mister Bigtail's drive towards the million dollar earning mark—he now boasts \$500,000—and will offer the rubber meeting with the big chestnut, Riverland, who beat both Whirly and Alsab last November and then lost to Whirly in the Louisiana handicap.

# Landis to Meet League Heads

CHICAGO, Jan. 4—Baseball circles here expect the middle over 1943 plans to be untangled when the major league club owners meet here tomorrow at the request of Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis. Landis is expected to make proposals reflecting his recent conference with ODT Director Joseph Eastman, involving the following points:

Reduction of the playing season from 154 to 140 games as in 1919.

Postponement of the opening of the season from April 13 to 27 to allow the clubs extra time to train nearer home.

Lengthening playing series from the customary two to four games to five or seven.

Allowance of an extra traveling day for long trips to make the use of Pullmans unnecessary.

Reduction of traveling squads from 25 to 20 players.

### Hockey Standings

	W	L	T	Pts.
Boston Bruins	12	8	6	30
Toronto Maple Leafs	13	8	4	30
Detroit Red Wings	10	7	6	26
Chicago Black Hawks	9	7	6	24
New York Rangers	7	14	3	17
Montreal Canadiens	6	13	5	17





# Torpedo Boats Hit Destroyers At Guadalcanal

## One Definite Hit Scored; Planes Later Damage Two Severely

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—The Navy Department in a communique issued today, reported that eight Japanese destroyers were attacked by U.S. motor torpedo boats off the northwestern end of Guadalcanal, and that three of the enemy ships were hit.

"On Jan. 2 U.S. motor torpedo boats attacked eight Japanese destroyers in isolated engagements in the vicinity of the northwestern end of Guadalcanal island," the communique said. "The attacks resulted in one torpedo hit on one of the destroyers and three possible hits on two others. Enemy aircraft bombed our patrol boats and inflicted slight damage."

Three and a half hours later the group of destroyers appeared in the vicinity of Rendouer island, suggesting the possibility that they were moving towards Guadalcanal. At that time the destroyers were protected by 10 enemy fighters and one dive-bomber. They were attacked by American dive-bombers and one was left burning badly, while another appeared to be sinking.

### Bringing Supplies?

This apparently was the latest Japanese attempt to supply their troops on Guadalcanal since they dropped about 30 cargo parachutes on the beach at Tassafaronga on Dec. 27. The parachute supplies were bombed and strafed by American army planes.

Whether the torpedo boats succeeded in turning back the Japanese attack was not stated by the Navy department, but it was noted that only one torpedo hit on one vessel was reported as certain.

### Japs Cornered at Sanananda

ALLIED HQ, Australia, Jan. 4 (AP)—Surrounded and facing annihilation, the only Japanese forces remaining in the Papuan peninsula of New Guinea are confined to a narrow pocket on Sanananda point by the Australian and American troops who wiped out the last vestiges of enemy resistance around Buna over the weekend.

## Paratroops - -

(Continued from page 1)

headed for a railroad line where we intended to destroy a bridge.

"Apparently we dropped on a wrong location. Anyway we couldn't find the bridge and almost entered a town from the north. By then, daylight was approaching so we hid in a grove of olive trees.

"Only two civilians were observed guarding the bridge so we set out carrying demolition equipment in small Arab carts.

"En route we saw a small vehicle like a trolley car speeding north and loaded with Germans. We were near a mosque and the Germans fired on us. When we hid, they proceeded north. Other Arabs told us the bridge was well fortified by German troops.

"I knew it was unlikely we could demolish the bridge as planned, so we set off the charges near telegraph poles and along the railroad track, breaking up three lengths of rail and bringing down wires.

"We started west across an open space and men in the rear said they could see the enemy following us. Up ahead I saw men getting out of trucks and deploying along the road.

### Surrounded by Enemy

"One of our medical men, called 'Doc,' said there were three platoons behind us. I knew we were surrounded and would never get out together so I told the men to split up in twos and threes and start out separately.

"After our group got started we saw a civilian truck approaching along the road. We stopped the truck and frisked the Italian driver. He didn't have any weapons.

"Paul and I got in front, took off our helmets and wrapped white scarfs over our heads, making us look like Arabs. The rest laid down in the truck body out of sight.

"We had to head south for a little town so that we could strike west on what appeared on our map as a road but turned out to be only a camel trail.

### Passed German Soldiers

"On the way we passed German soldiers sitting down along the road but the sun was low and the windshield dirty so they paid no attention to us.

"We passed through a little town where there were more soldiers and then set out along the camel trail. After traveling about 15 or 20 kilometers the truck stuck in the mud. We gave an Italian 300 francs—we offered him 500 but he only took 300—and then set out on foot toward the west.

"One night we got lost in the mountains before we discovered we'd turned around and were heading East. The next morning we saw two P-38s flying low and thought there was an airport nearby but there wasn't.

"We found a French farmer who supplied us with coffee and food and got directions to a French outpost. We gave chocolate and gum to his kids."

## GI Sweepstake Winner Fails to Call for \$400

LONDONDERRY, N.I., Jan. 4—There's a buck private in the U.S. Army or Marine Corps who could be \$400 richer if he would contact Al Cappio, director of the American Red Cross club here.

The private's name is James Starnix and he holds a winning ticket for £100 in the Irish sweepstakes.

Cappio said today that Starnix' whereabouts are unknown and that the winning stub bore the address of Londonderry. Cappio asked that anyone knowing of Starnix's present station contact him here so that the missing private can be told of his new fortune.

## 'Chutists' Chief Gets Silver Star

### Decoration for Raff, Who Led Action Despite Injury From Jump

WITH A U.S. TASK FORCE, Tunisia, Jan. 4 (UP)—Col. Edson D. Raff, New York City, yesterday received the Silver Star awarded on Dec. 7 by Gen. Eisenhower for gallantry in action. Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark pinned on the decoration in the presence of Maj. Gen. Carl Spaatz, French Gen. Edouard Welvert and others, during a flying inspection of Raff's headquarters.

Raff previously was made an honorary member of the Zouaves, and was awarded the French Legion of Honor by Welvert Nov. 28 after his paratroops had participated in the African campaign.

The citation for his Silver Star read: "Edson D. Raff, Colonel, then a Lieutenant Colonel of parachute infantry, for gallantry in action. Despite injuries incurred in a parachute jump Nov. 8 while going into action against the enemy, Col. Raff led his battalion to its objective. Nov. 17, following another parachute jump, Raff succeeded in reaching Gafsa, Tunisia, with a force from his battalion. Raff's actions and decisions were without regard for personal safety and evidenced gallantry in action which has been a source of inspiration not only for his own troops but for others with whom he has worked."

Raff lives and works in a two-room section of a small building heated only by one fireplace, lighted only by candles, and sparsely furnished. Informality is the keynote, with Raff often munching hard crackers and other components of rations on which he seems to exist. In one five-day period he was seen to eat only one meal at the table.

## Concerts Raise £20 for Fund

The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund was swelled by £20 yesterday with a contribution for that amount coming from officers and enlisted men who attended concerts aboard a Gdynia-America Line ship. The check was forwarded by Lt. Col. C. J. Whitfield, who collected the money.

Meanwhile, units who have contributed to the Fund are getting reports from the children themselves.

A letter came from Patrick and David, "nephews" of The Stars and Stripes staff, who received toys and other gifts for Christmas.

"David and I want to thank you for the lovely fort and the soldiers and the motor, and hope you have a happy New Year. Love to you all, From Patrick."

Another letter, from the children's mother, told of the clothing she had bought for them and of the brief vacation the kids had in the country, made possible by the Fund.

### Nazis Tell of Ersatz Blood

The German-controlled Oslo radio said yesterday that German doctors had been using artificial blood for transfusion since the beginning of the Russian campaign. The discovery, the radio said, had saved thousands of lives. The artificial blood could be used either in powder or liquid form.

### Dance Proceeds for Orphans

A U.S. ENGINEER STATION, England, Jan. 4—A dance, staged by Headquarters, Southern Base Section Engineers, for The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund, will be held Friday night. Admission is 1s. 6d. and "bring your own gals."

## Blondie

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



## Allies Have a Cup of Tea



U.S. S/Sgt. James J. Monaghan, New York, pours a cup of tea for his English pal, Sgt. William Pemberton, in a hospital in England where both are recovering from wounds received during battle in North Africa.

## Soldier Wants to Go to Berlin To Give Teacher a Pineapple

N. IRELAND, Jan. 4—Pvt. John Vrotsos, Stars and Stripes staff writer, has a couple of pineapples for his teacher.

The teacher is Fred Kaltenbach, former economic and business English maestro at a Dubuques, Iowa, high school—now in Berlin serving as an assistant to Nazi propaganda chief Dr. Joseph Goebbels.

True to type, Kaltenbach took an active role in youth organizations while a guest of America, according to Vrotsos. Active in athletics, he sold himself to his young

followers and began feeding them Nazi political food. This ultimately led to his dismissal.

The next time former U.S. students heard him was on the Berlin radio as predecessor to "Lord Haw Haw." He still can be heard on the air occasionally on the North American service of the radio networks, explaining that the U.S. way of life is all wrong.

Vrotsos hopes, some day, to meet his erstwhile teacher in Berlin, for delivery of the pineapples.

## Army Studying Super-Bomber

### Warplane Would Dwarf 'Small' Ships Like Fort or Lib

WRIGHTFIELD, O. Jan. 4 (AP)—A design for destruction on an undreamed-of scale was on view here in the model of a bomber which would dwarf a Flying Fortress or a Liberator.

In a wooden model, the material center of the Army Air Forces displayed the super-warplane which Lt. Gen. Henry H. Arnold had in mind when he said recently "the B17 and B24 are the last of the small bombers."

This bomber may never be built, Brig. Gen. Carroll, chief of the experimental engineering division of the center, explained, calling it a "design study," not a production model.

The American .50 caliber machine-gun, successful with the B17s and B24s, was mounted in the new design in multiple batteries and in revolutionary turrets.

The fuel capacity was designed for an extended bombing range. The plane would carry over a greater distance more than twice the bombload of America's present heavy bombers. Other features were bay space for bombs larger than "block busters" and room for the largest torpedoes.

## No Sabotage by Enemy In U.S., Hoover Reports

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (UP)—The United States passed through its first year of war with complete freedom from foreign-directed sabotage, according to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I.

The only sabotage has been by fanatics and disgruntled workers of the United States, more than 200 of whom have been convicted in the last 18 months, Hoover said.

The bureau's counter-espionage efforts, he said, broke the backbone of German espionage and sabotage even before the Japanese attacked.

### Moscow Mass for U.S. Dead

MOSCOW, Jan. 4 (AP)—A mass was said today by an American priest, the Rev. Leopold Braun, in Moscow's only Catholic church, St. Louis des Francais, for the repose of the souls of American soldiers who died in service. A similar mass will be said the first Monday in each month.

## Death Sentence For Soldier, 23

### Court Martial Convicts Private of Polish Sailor's Murder

A United States Army general court martial has sentenced Pfc. Sammie Mickles, 23-year-old Negro from Citronelle, Ala., to be hanged for the murder of a Polish seaman in Glasgow Nov. 18. The sentence is subject to review by President Roosevelt.

According to the official announcement, the court-martial proceedings, which found Mickles guilty of "deliberately, maliciously and unlawfully killing" Jan Ciapciak, Polish seaman, were attended by a member of the Polish consulate.

It was testified at the trial that Mickles and a soldier friend met another soldier accompanying two white girls. Ciapciak and another Polish seaman came up and engaged in conversation with one of the girls, finally seizing her arm. The girl resented Ciapciak's attention and all the parties began scuffling.

In this melee, Mickles was slightly wounded by Ciapciak, who struck the American soldier with a wood-chisel. Mickles and his soldier companion then left the scene. Mickles returned shortly thereafter, and fatally wounded Ciapciak with a knife.

## 'Talent Night' Programs Planned at Hans Crescent

The American Red Cross Hans Crescent club will stage the first in a series of "Talent Night" programs Saturday in conjunction with the weekly dance.

Prospective soldier and sailor entertainers, invited to take part in the show, will report to Miss Ann Douglas, program director at the club, on Saturday night.

Weekly tea dances are also scheduled at the Hans Crescent on Thursday and Sunday afternoons.

### Help Wanted Department

This department has requests for the APOs of the following service men. If you know 'em, let's have 'em and we will pass them along: Shirley Hebert, Pvt. Jos. Pietrzyk, Chi.; Pvt. Jack Casteen, Air Corps; 1st Sgt. Rob. T. Cook, Eng.; Pvt. Geo. S. Prime (31132102); M/S. Herman R. Horas; Cpl. Leo Kadet; M.M. 2/c Chas. L. Zekas; Cpl. Warren Walzer, Rochester, and Frank McFarland.

## by Chic Young