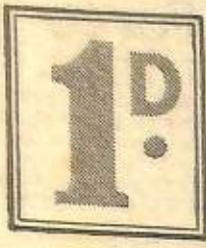


Germany, France Hit as USAAF Opens '44 Offensive



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Nazi Front Caves In, Reds Enter Poland

Northwest Reich Blasted Through Clouds by New 'Magic Eye' Technique

Marauders Pound Targets Along the Invasion Coast

American bombers and fighters opened their 1944 air offensive in daylight yesterday with dawn-to-dusk attacks on Nazi targets from France to northwestern Germany.

Vast formations of Flying Fortresses and Liberators, protected by shuttle relays of USAAF fighter planes, swept over northwest Germany and bombed through solid clouds with the secret technique called by Swedish scientists the "magic eye."

Eighteen heavy bombers and two fighters were reported missing. Marauder medium bombers, together with RAF medium, light and fighter-bombers, stormed the invasion coast of northern France in a literally unending series of attacks on military installations—probably more secret rocket-gun emplacements. The first Marauders climbed up from their fields in the pre-dawn darkness, and the last of them were coming home after dusk.

Four bombers and one fighter were reported missing from the joint medium operations.

Some bomber crews reported temperatures of 55 degrees below zero and winds of almost-gale-like velocity.

Wait Reconnaissance Photos. In line with policy, no immediate official announcement was made of the heavy bombers' objectives in yesterday's attacks pending later reconnaissance, inasmuch they bombed through clouds.

The day's operations were the first in the new year for all U.S. forces, which last were out on Dec. 31 when the 1943 offensive wound up with the USAAF's largest assault of the war.

For the Marauders, whose formations were in the air almost all through the day, yesterday's attack marked the completion of 1,500 consecutive sorties—on seven operational days—without loss, it was announced, leaving the inference that the four bombers reported missing were RAF or Allied aircraft. The U.S. mediums last lost a plane on Dec. 13.

The day-long attack came after a night in which the RAF interrupted its Battle of Berlin and only stirred the German sirens with intruder and nuisance forays into the western zones of the Reich. Meanwhile, however, reports continued to come from neutral sources substantiating Sunday's rumors that much of the civilian population of the Nazi capital was being evacuated to safer areas.

Forced Down in Sweden. Although there was no official announcement on yesterday's target for the heavy bombers, dispatches from Sweden told of at least one flak-scattered U.S. bomber being forced down there, which may have been an indication that the object of the day's attack was well in the north of the Reich, from which it would be easier for a crippled aircraft to reach Sweden than attempt the trip back to England.

Some crews reported they saw fires in the target area through a break in the clouds.

"We were lucky enough to pass over a break in the overcast and see part of the place burning," said Capt. Wayne L. Horr, Auburn (N.Y.), pilot of the Fortress Mission Belle. The day's mission was Horr's 25th.

Combat crews praised their fighter escort.

"It was good and there was certainly a lot of it," said S/Sgt. Oren C. Becke, of Swca City, Ia., tail gunner on Shackeroo II. "The only trouble was it was damn cold up there today."

No Board, No Draft. JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 4—Nobody has been drafted for military service in Alcorn County since Oct. 2, because there's no draft board to call them up. Three board members resigned Oct. 2 after a dispute over Selective Service regulations, and everyone asked to serve since has declined appointment.

Hitler Won't Live to End. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—M. Masaryk, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, predicted that Hitler would not live long enough to be brought up for trial as a war criminal. "He will either be taken care of by the military or will commit suicide," he said.

Blitz Firemen's Methods Save U.S. Motor Pool

A U.S. ARMY POST, England, Jan. 4—Employing British fire-fighting methods developed in the 1940-41 blitz and taught to them in a four-week instruction course by Sgt. L. G. Martin of the Royal Engineers, Negro soldiers stationed here saved their unit's motor pool from destruction by fire, it was disclosed today.

During the course, 14 soldiers working in teams of four became proficient enough to lay 300 feet of discharge canvas hose and extend two lengths of suction hose from a booster pump in 75 seconds. They won honors in tournaments with both British and American units.

A month after the course, the motor pool, filled with vehicles and large quantities of gas and oil, was discovered ablaze. The 14 fire-fighters went into action and quickly extinguished the fire.

15th Forts Hit Bearing Plant

Italy Factory First Target By Twining's Command; Land Battle Quiet

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan. 4 (AP)—German communications at Turin and the vital Villa Perosa ball-bearing factory yesterday felt the crushing weight of 15th Air Force Fortresses, while soggy ground and snow "stymied" large-scale land activity today in Italy.

The U.S. heavy bombers, flying for the first time under the command of Lt. Gen. Nathan Twining, almost completely wrecked the ball-bearing plant.

Photographs showed that main buildings, 600 feet wide and 1,200 feet long, received direct hits, with further damage from near misses. Other direct hits were scored on adjacent buildings which apparently housed workers.

The raid was another blow in the intensive campaign against plants producing ball bearings—one of the most vital necessities of the war since they are used in planes, tanks, submarines and most other military machines.

Algiers radio today said that while the weather on the Italian front had improved, it was not hard enough underfoot to permit of any major action. One report said that the whole of the Eighth Army front apart from the small coastal belt was under snow.

On the Fifth Army front Allied patrols probed the enemy defenses yesterday.

Blackened Skies Over Reich—FDR Pledge Becoming a Fact

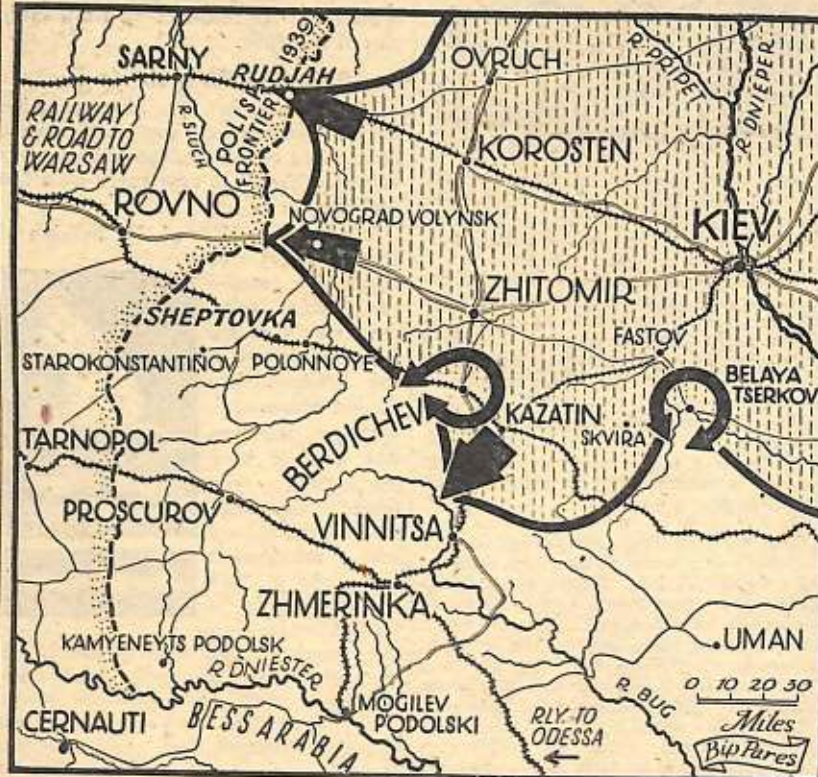
By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer. AN EIGHTH BOMBER STATION, Jan. 4—The boys of Eighth Bomber Command got on with the job of working over the German war machine today, and in their opening Fort-Liberator mission of the new year brought closer to complete reality one of President Roosevelt's first war-time promises to the Nazis: To cover completely the daylight skies over Germany with American bombers.

As observer-gunner on Mr. Smith, one of the hundreds of heavies doing today's job on a vital northwest Germany target, I was with a formation in the middle of the whole show and saw swarms of Forts and Libs going in and coming out—like so many huge dump trucks buzzing around a road project.

That dumping wasn't going on unchallenged, however. There was plenty of flak bursting like exploding kegs of nails all over the place, and an occasional Ju88 or FW190 poked its nose up through the

The Tidal Wave Rolls West



Russian Cossacks crossed the Polish border northwest of Korosten yesterday as the entire German front crumbled along a 50-mile stretch south to Novograd Volynski. South of the growing Kiev bulge the Russians captured the railway stronghold of Belaya Tserkov (shown here as encircled).

Line Yields To Cossacks West of Kiev

Soviets Over Border First Time Since June of 1941; Enemy in Utter Rout

Swift Cossack patrols, racing ahead of the main Russian columns west of Korosten, were reported yesterday to have crossed the Polish border at several points as the Soviet Ukrainian Army gathered in hundreds of square miles of new territory and overwhelmed the Nazi railway stronghold of Belaya Tserkov, 50 miles south of Kiev.

The Cossacks' advance carried the Russians back to Polish soil for the first time since June 28, 1941, a week after Hitler began the attack on Russia.

Dispatches from the front indicated the Russian drive was continuing unabated, with the Germans nowhere able to make a stand. On a 50-mile front between Olevsk, northwest of Korosten, and Novograd-Volynski, key rail junction west of Zhitomir, Marshal Von Manstein's troops fell back in utter rout.

Rich Booty for Russians

The advancing Russians gathered in a rich haul of booty as they drove the Germans back. Moscow said the trackless forests and swamps of the battle area—some of the most desolate country in the world—yielded large numbers of guns, trucks and other materials.

So fast were the Russians moving that correspondents in Moscow were unable last night to fix their front lines exactly. Main forces on Gen. Nicolai Vatutin's right flank were well west of Olevsk, five miles from the Polish border, and south of the bulge were approximately 15 miles from the railway town of Vinnitsa, one of the two keys to the communications of the Dnieper Bend.

Fall of the town and large railway station of Belaya Tserkov, announced in a special order of the day by Marshal Stalin last night, opened the way for strong Russian forces to swing southwest toward Vinnitsa, on the Bug River, and Zhmerinka, 25 miles beyond, on the vital Odessa-Lwow railroad.

The threat to the large German forces fighting in the Dnieper Bend against the Russian offensive aimed at Nikolai thus grew measurably greater as the Russian steamroller crushed its way toward the Rumanian border and the railways that feed the Dnieper Bend.

Big Attack on Berdichev

Only the almost encircled railway junction of Berdichev, south of Zhitomir, and the communications center of Sheptovka, 60 miles west of Zhitomir, still stand as Nazi bastions in the northern Ukraine, and Berlin radio said last night that the Red Army was now attacking the northern part of Berdichev with unabated fury.

The Cossack sweep across the Polish border was reported by Reuters in a Moscow dispatch, but though the Russians passed it through censorship they made no announcement of their own in the capital, apparently waiting for Gen. Vatutin's main forces to clear the last of the Germans from Russian soil west of Korosten. A Stockholm report said the Cossacks occupied the small Polish town of Rudjah-Gorodnitsa a mile or two west of the frontier.

Sarny, 45 miles west of Olevsk, on the road west from Korosten, and Rovno, 55 miles west of Novograd Volynski, were the Russians' next objectives in this sector. Both can be reached only over a veritable no-man's-land, sparsely populated, almost roadless country.

Moscow dispatches told of new gains on the White Russian front but gave no details.

Nazis Entered Russia Just 2½ Years Ago

It was on June 28-29, 1941, that German troops first crossed the original Polish-Russian frontier. The crossing came in the Minsk area, less than a week after the Germans made their first attack on Russia.

The main Nazi thrust in the general direction of Moscow was made through the "Baranowicz gap" and resulted in a battle between 4,000 tanks.

30 Indicted as Having Plotted With Reich to Seize U.S. Reins

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4—Indictment of 28 prominent pro-Fascist men and two women—including William Dudley Pelley, George Sylvester Viereck, Gerhard Kunze and Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling—on formal charges of conspiring with the German Reich to overthrow the American government stirred a sensation today in the U.S.

Attorney Gen. Francis Biddle announced the indictments late yesterday. He said they resulted from investigations begun as long ago as June, 1940.

The 30 were charged with having knowingly conspired with officials of the German Reich with intent to interfere with and impair the loyalty, morale and discipline of military and naval forces in the U.S.

They were accused of distributing printed matter urging disloyalty and mutiny and also were charged with having joined a movement launched by the German Nazi Party intended to undermine loyalty and morale in the U.S.

Pelley, head of the semi-Fascist American Silver Shirts, once was said to have planned a march on Washington to seize power. He was accused in 1940 of plotting overthrow of the government with a number of U.S. Army officers.

Viereck, newspaper writer and author of pro-Fascist booklets, was sentenced last year to serve two to six years in prison for failing to disclose his activities as a German propagandist.

Kunze, leader of the German-American Bund in the United States, was sentenced at Hartford, Conn., in August, 1942, to serve 15 years in prison for conspiring to send military and defense information to Germany and Japan.

Mrs. Dilling, a supporter of Spain's Gen. Franco, gained fame as author of "The Red Network," a book which labelled many prominent Americans as Communists.

Other defendants included Lawrence Dennis, known as "the brains of American Fascism," and Joseph McWilliams, Bronx (N.Y.), accused Jew-baiter. Pelley, Viereck and Mrs. Dilling were among 33 persons indicted a year ago on charges of sedition.

Gen. Sultan Is Appointed To Southeast Asia Post

ALLIED HQ., New Delhi, Jan. 4—Maj. Gen. Daniel Isom Sultan, 58, has been appointed Deputy Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Army troops in China, Burma and India, it was announced today.

Sultan, a veteran of 36 years in the regular Army, served as an instructor at West Point before World War I, in which he served as a member of the general staff. At West Point he played on the same football team as Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

FDR Is Recovering. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—President Roosevelt is continuing to recover from his attack of influenza but he remained in his bedroom today on doctor's orders and his press conference was cancelled.

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Polish Border Crossed

The Russians have crossed the 1939 Polish frontier and are sweeping forward in the direction of the main railway from Odessa to Poland. In a number of districts the German retreat has been converted into a rout.

West and south of the great Kiev bulge each day's fighting has been adding a new layer of territory roughly ten miles in depth to the liberated side of the Soviet ledger. In the past ten days over 7,000 square miles of land have been snatched back from the Germans.

Apart from Berdichev there are not many more big towns to be taken for many miles; but the main importance of the present drive is neither territory nor towns, but the tremendous strategic possibilities of the advance. With Berdichev in Russian hands, the way will be open for the exploitation of the success by a rapid drive to the Bug valley and to the Dniester, which will cut all railway communications with Central Europe east of the Carpathians.

Latest developments make this possibility appear almost a certainty, and it may be said that in the Ukraine the fate of 50 enemy divisions hangs in the balance.

Italian Fascists

It has been some little time since we have heard from Mussolini. With Hitler holding "the great one" firmly in his "high chair" the balcony bellowing baboon has kept discreetly silent and there are those who believe that serious illness has struck Italy's Caesar low.

Ugo Malunza now gives the Fascist pep-talks and the high spot of a recent schedule broadcast over the German-controlled Rome network found Ugo discussing the importance of the syndicate in the new republican state launched some time back by Mussolini.

Malunza's talk outlined promises of greater power for syndicates and made a distinction between revolutionary elements of the party, faithful to Mussolini and to Italy, and "those false Fascists who had infiltrated into the party the better to preserve the class and caste privileges which were incompatible in a state which had taken the principle of social justice as its own."

Further, he contended that "where the working masses took part in the orgies of 'liberty' they did so not in condemnation of Fascism from which they had received so many advantages, but because they were the ones who had suffered most from the regime's mistakes."

But it will take more whitewash than Ugo's brush will hold to cover up the mistakes of Mussolini. The Italian people who have suffered years of privation and regimentation now face the terrors of invasion... all because they gave Mussolini power. These same Italians now want peace, freedom and a chance to rebuild their nation along democratic lines and it will take more than Ugo and the remains of his party to sell Fascism anew.

Film Realism

In the early stages of this war there were few GIs who weren't a bit fed up with Hollywood's conception of the present struggle. Sailors, soldiers and marines tap danced off to battle, every bomb sank a battleship and every American could and did lick a dozen Japs with an occasional German thrown in for good measure.

Then came the British films In Which We Serve and Desert Victory. These were followed by Russia's Stalingrad.

Hollywood, normally the leader, caught on, and releases are beginning to reflect the spirit of her great directors who had fought for realism and lost the early battles.

Splendid orientation films were soon in production and shorts like the Battle of Midway thrilled soldier and civilian alike. More recently we have been privileged to see Why We Fight, Divide and Conquer, Nazi Strike and the Battle of Britain, documentary films of great value and real interest.

Now the fiction films of war are beginning to show the influence of a new and improved Hollywood technique. Included on our list of better war films are Sahara and Guadalcanal Diary.

After a long list of tap dancing "heroes" and "flag waving" it is a relief to see that Hollywood has staged a come-back, and it won't hurt our popularity in Allied nations for the public to see America's fighting men portrayed in their true colors. We can do our tap dancing after the war.

Hash Marks

The cageiest New Year's resolution we've heard yet. A guy was heard to remark, "I resolved not to buy any more drinks—but I did not decide to refuse drinks offered me by other people."

Wildest Rumor of the Week. Our air force has wired its high explosives for sound. Now the noisy confetti goes streaking down on a Nazi target screaming "Hallelujah, I'm a bomb! (Phew!)"

Frustration Department. An Indiana railroad worker, unable to get a raise and forbidden by wartime regulations to



change jobs, tried and tried to get fired. Each time he failed. In desperation, he punched the boss in the nose. Even that didn't work—he's still on the job.

USO-Camp shows really have a first-class dancing team in Cabot and Dresden of the show, "Words and Music." The other night the adagio and ballroom specialists were performing at a-USAAF station. At the end of the act Cabot was twirling his partner through the air, holding on by her toes. Her head barely missed a steel beam and a gunner just back from a mission was overheard to add to a long whistle, "Gosh, that gal ought to get flying pay!"

The man wearing the reddest face in the ETO this week is Sgt. Alex Harris, of a fighter station. Harris just laughed and laughed when Supply Sergeant Woody Haxel told him about a GI who wore two right-foot galoshes around for a week before he discovered they weren't a pair. The best part, Haxel added, is that some fellow was still wearing two left galoshes. That really made Harris laugh—but a few days later he walked sheepishly into the supply room to turn in his galoshes—you guessed it, two left ones.

It was 6 A.M. A sleepy-eyed watch officer (duty officer to you) was awakened by the incessant clanging of the phone.



Must be an invasion, he thought. He picked up the receiver and a cheery English voice inquired, "I say, old chap, frightfully sorry to bother you at this hour, but I am writing a letter to a marine in Danbury, Conn., and I hear that he is now over here. Should I send the letter to Danbury, or mail it here?" Disregarding all the things he might have said, the watch officer had the presence of mind to mumble, "Make it out in triplicate" and hung up.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Well, well, speak of the devil. . .!"

Dunked Caterpillars

Fliers Ditched in Drink Goldfish Club Eligibles

The Goldfish Club, a sort of sea-soaked cousin of the Caterpillar Club for airmen who have had to bail out, is one of the more exclusive organizations in this spam-happy day of international friendships.

There are no fees, but the initiation is rather risky. The Goldfish Club was started just a year ago this month to bring together the airmen of the United Nations who have been forced down in any one

of the numerous "drinks" that fringe the various theaters of operation, and who have saved their lives by the use of emergency dinghies.

The roll of Allied Nations represented on the club roster reads like Hitler's list of public enemies, and there have been applications for membership from every part of the globe.

Prisoner First to Apply The first member sent his application from a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany, three weeks before the club officially was started. There are now more than 250 such members.

Within a few days of the invasion of Italy, letters of application reached the London office from men who had been forced down in the Mediterranean in that action.

Club members who send in their applications, witnessed by their commanding officer, are sent membership cards and a cloth patch showing a fish skipping over the waves, a sight the members are probably anxious to forget. RAF crew members wear their patches under their lapels or under their tunic pockets. Members from other countries generally wear theirs on their battle dress. For each successive dunking after the first, the members are sent "bars,"



Tiny Atlantic Islet Called Key To Success of Air Transport

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—Ascension Island, pin-point of land in the South Atlantic comprising less than 38 square miles, has been disclosed by the War Department to be one of the most vital spots in Allied strategy.

It has served as a funnel for the shipping of 5,000 planes, said the War Department, lifting the veil of secrecy from the role played by Ascension on the plane ferry route between South America and Africa.

Ascension is only one stop on one route which the Air Transport Command uses in Transatlantic operations, but the War Department declared that probably no base had such strategic significance.

It was announced last April that P38 Lightning single-seater fighter planes were

going to war under their own power. Ascension Island was the key.

Construction of Wideawake Field on Ascension was started Mar. 30, 1943, when U.S. Army engineers moved in and started working day and night on a pile of volcanic rock, cinders and dirt and an oasis of vegetation on the mountainside. The work was completed in three months amid the greatest secrecy.

Only essential shipping was permitted near the island, so that attention would not be called to the project.

Ascension, the War Department said, was one of the main gateways through which the U.S. sent the increasingly heavy airpower "so important in driving the Axis out of North Africa and forcing the surrender of Italy."

Birds, not U-boats, created the big problem in building the project. Hundreds of thousands of sooty terns, or wideawakes, persisted in nesting at the end of the runway, creating flying hazards. Cats were imported to rid the island of the terns, but the cats were devoured by the larger boobie bird, the War Department said.

Dr. James Chapin, associate curator of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, and bird expert, was called in. He went to Ascension and concluded that the only way to get the pests to move was to take away their edible eggs. Chicken-wire was spread over the nesting places and the plan has worked fairly well.

ARMY POETS

When silenced the whiz of shot and shell, When ended the horror of battle hell, When lads and lassies come back home And never more this old world roam; Will there then be peace? When banished hate, and ruled by love, When all men serve their God above, When men serve the common brotherhood Forgetting self for their neighbor's good; Then there will be peace! Captain Charles E. Lunn (Chaplain)

Notes from the Air Force

THE pilot of the B17 Dear Mom, 1/Lt. William A. Burdick, of College Park, Md., recorded the following conversation between a straggling Fortress, a group leader and an unidentified pilot: Straggler: "Fighters got two of my engines. I'm afraid I'll lose another in a minute."

Group leader: "Do the best you can. Try to get to the Channel and ditch. Air-sea rescue will pick you up."

Straggler: "Another engine has gone out. I've got one left. I'll try to make it."

Group leader: "Keep fighting it."

Straggler: "The last engine has conked out. We're bailing out. Hope all of you get to England safely."

Unknown pilot, cutting in: "See you in Paris before long anyway."

Brother stories are getting to be a dime a dozen—but this one falls definitely outside that category. Lt. Richard C. Brown, a Thunderbolt pilot, now is helping to convoy his brother, Lt. M. Earl Brown, a Liberator pilot, in the U.S. aerial offensive against the Nazis. The brothers, stationed now only a few miles apart, were reunited in England after nearly two years of separation.

GROUND crews who know the habits of every spark plug and cowling button on their planes but have to read the papers to learn what the ships do in the air are a thing of the past at one P38 Lightning base.

Now they learn from intelligence officers and from the pilots themselves just what their work means when their planes meet the Luftwaffe.

Once a week crews and other ground enlisted men attend night meetings at which pilots and ground officers explain just what the squadrons have been doing in the air over Europe. Attendance is voluntary, but despite movies and other diversions on the field it has been good enough to keep the plan going for more than two months. Supply, orderly room and other workers who don't even work on the planes also turn out to learn what their squadron is doing in the air.

Another flak suit success story was told recently at the Marauder station commanded by Lt. Col. Grover C. Brown, of Fayette, Miss. Hit by a flak fragment as large as his thumb, 2nd Lt. William D. Zahrt, of Millston, Wis., said: "It came at my stomach and I swear that it moved me backward about three inches. It was a lucky thing I was wearing my flak suit."

HIS left engine knocked out by flak, Capt. George B. Simler, of Johnston, Pa., pilot of the Marauder Eleanor B, led an entire formation over a target in Northern France recently. Once the bombing run had been concluded Capt. Simler motioned his squadron commander, Maj. Frederick E. Fair, of Chicago, to take over the lead. Despite the fact that one cylinder on the right engine of his aircraft had been knocked off by flak, Maj. Fair took the lead and held it all the way back home. Asked if he had also come back on one engine, Major Fair replied: "No, one and three-quarters."

M/Sgt. Carl C. Matson, of Lakeview, Mich., thinks he might hold the record among EMs in the air forces here for the number of present-day high-ranking generals he has served under. At Fort Leavenworth, Kan., he took care of the car belonging to an officer named Henry H. Arnold—now commanding general of all the USAAF. He also has soldiered under Gens. Carl Spaatz, Ralph Royce, Ross G. Hoyt and the late George Andrews. It'll probably take a veteran of long-standing to match the record—Matson's been in ODs for 20 years.

BRITAIN ought to seem a bit more home-like now to three soldiers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Simard, Nashua, N.H., serving in different branches of the U.S. Army, after their recent expected reunion in this theater.

It all started when S/Sgt. Conrad Simard, of the Army Air Force fighter command, accidentally ran into his brother Private Armand while visiting an SOS QM depot. Both soldiers had heard rumors that another brother, Cpl. Gerard, of the Medical Corps, who had participated in the North African campaign had been transferred to England. After considerable checking they found him. Their ambition now is to locate the remaining brother, serving with the naval forces.

Sel, Star Fives Still Pace Depot Court Tourney

Tread Rollers Topped From Ranks of Unbeaten

By Irv White

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent
GENERAL DEPOT, Jan. 4—Maintaining their perfect record, the Gun Sels and Silvey Stars added number nine to their string of victories...

Tallying six field goals, both T/Sgt. Stanley M. Waskins, of Grand Haven, Mich. and Sgt. Daniel S. Carli, of South San Francisco, Cal., played major roles in the Gun Sels' 38-15 triumph over the Hellions...

Stars Take Adanacs

The Silvey Stars continued on their merry way by conquering the Adanacs, 25-14. T/Sgt. Chas. "Robbie" Robinson, of Weirton, W. Va., and T/5 Steve Benedict, of North Tarrytown, N.Y., each registered three field goals...

Topped from the league leadership were the Tread Rollers, who sustained their first loss of the season at the hands of the Phils Five, 35-28. It was the fourth triumph against five losses for the Phils and one of the most hotly-contested games of the current season...

The Tread Rollers returned to winning form by overwhelming the Commandos, 35-15, as T/5 Walter Z. Motson, of Collingswood, N.J., hit the mark for five field goals.

Card Drive Wins

The 26-17 decision of the Claywell Cardinals over their rivals, the Yanks, provided the anticipated excitement. The Cards opened up in the final quarter with everybody scoring and with Pvt. Sidney Weber, of New York, and Pfc William Boda, of New Brunswick, N.J., doing the leading...

An overtime battle featured the Grady Boys' 26-23 victory over the Hell Cats. Leading, 17-11, in the final quarter, the Grady Boys had to hold off a cat drive which tied the count, 23-23, at the final whistle...

Right on the heels of the leaders are the Hawks who trampled the Medics, 36-7. It was the eighth in a row for the Hawks, who, after losing their season's opening game, have gone on undefeated. High-scoring Pfc James M. Winiesky, of Vandergrift, Pa., led the victorious five with ten points...

CAGE RESULTS

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Lost

WALLET, in or near Hippodrome Theater, Birmingham, Dec. 22. Contains various personal papers, bearing my name.—Sgt. John McSally, 36173776.

PORTFOLIO, containing personal papers and 201 file.—2/Lt. L. A. Campbell, O-682294. OVERCOAT, short, officer's, in Key Club, Bedford, Dec. 11. Will finder return at least the price paid.—Lt. Edward H. Frushour, prayer book in pocket.—Lt. Edward H. Frushour, prayer book in pocket.—Lt. Edward H. Frushour, my initials, L.L.P., Dec. 20.—Sgt. Lloyd L. Post.

WALLET, containing papers and my AGO card, Dec. 21, probably at St. Pancras Station, London.—2/Lt. Ralph H. Alloway.

Found

PICTURES, three, in Woodstock Restaurant, London. One shows woman reading "World Outlook," another three children, two dressed in WAC uniforms, and the third a family group.—Charles Lefson.

Film Exchange

Will trade seven rolls of 116 for 616. Can make exchange at Rainbow Corner, London, Jan. 14, or by mail prior to Jan. 12. Sgt. Luther M. Hupp.

Will trade four rolls of 127 for 120 or 620. Cpl. Rodney H. Venten.

Zivic Stops Harris In Last of Tenth

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 4—Former welterweight champion Fritz Zivic opened his 1944 campaign with a knockout victory over Ossie Harris in the closing seconds of a ten-round bout here last night.

There were no knockdowns until the final stanza although both fighters were cut. Harris bulled Zivic to the ropes midway in the round and Zivic dropped him for seven with a right hook. Harris arose and Zivic dumped him for the count with two seconds left in the round.

Zivic, weighing 152, had Harris's left ear bleeding freely at the end, while Harris had opened an old cut under Zivic's left eye.

Illini Subdue Badgers, 45-43

Open Title Defense With Overtime Triumph; Irish on Top

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 4—Illinois University, for the past two years basketball champion of the Big Ten conference, opened its bid for a third straight title with a 45-43 overtime triumph over Wisconsin in the circuit inaugural here last night.

Led by Stanley Patrick, who hooped 20 points, the Illini rushed to a 25-18 lead at the half. However, the Badgers surged back in the last half to tie the count, 41-41, at the final gun.

With two minutes left in the extra period, Illinois went four points ahead with Guard Walton Kirk dropping in a foul shot and Patrick racking up a field goal and a foul. Le Selbo, Wisconsin guard, countered with a long shot, but the rally came too late.

Late Spurt Downs Purdue

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 4 (AP)—Notre Dame came back strong after trailing at the intermission to edge Purdue's cagemen for the second time this season, 35-32, here last night.

Behind, 25-19, at the half, the Irish slowly but steadily erased Purdue's hard-won margin.

Bill Lodge, leading Boilermaker scorer, was declared ineligible because of scholastic deficiency, but despite his loss Purdue opened speedily. Freshman Forward Paul Hoffman and sophomore Guard Charles Haag sparked the attack. Leo Kliens' 16 points for Notre Dame led the scorers.

Quillo to Carry 126 in Widener

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 4—Prince Quillo, owned by the Boone Hall Stable, has been assigned top weight of 126 pounds for the \$25,000 added Widener Cup feature at Hialeah on March 4. Prince Quillo will give two pounds to Bolingbroke, owned by Townsend Martin, in the mile and a quarter event.

Alsab, still attempting to regain his 1942 form, will carry 123 pounds. Other prominent starters expected are Ocean Wave, 121 pounds, and Marriage, Sun Again and Rounders, all at 120.

Prince Quillo's best races last year were victories in the Saratoga Handicap and Saratoga Cup. Bolingbroke's top conquests in '43 were in the Manhattan and New York handicaps.

Dill, Buffalo Defenseman, Suspended Indefinitely

BUFFALO, N.Y., Jan. 4—Eddie Shore, general manager of the Buffalo club, in the American Hockey League, said that Defenseman Bob Dill has been suspended indefinitely for striking Referee Gordon Parsons in the game with Pittsburgh Saturday night.

Shore said that League President Maurice Podoloff notified him of the suspension and said the case would be considered at the League meeting Friday.

Parsons required medical attention after a blow resulting from a penalty called against Dill.

Li'l Abner



Dartmouth Hoopmen Picked To Repeat in Ivy Cage Loop

Rhode Island, Canisius, Muhlenberg Off to Fast Start

NEW YORK, Jan. 4—As the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League enters the important stages of its annual round robin tournament, it again begins to appear that Dartmouth, champion for the last six years, again is the team to beat.

The Hanover Indians, loaded with Marine talent that includes Audley Brindley, a veteran from last season; Larry Killick, ex-University of Vermont star, and Larry Baxter, formerly of the St. John's Quintet that won the National Invitation Tournament, look head and shoulders above any of their league confreres.

It may be, however, that Pennsylvania, which likewise has veteran talent to call on, will give the Indians their keenest battle for the crown since they started their domination of the league. Penn has three fine players in Frank Crossin, Captain Stan Novak, who used to play at Temple, and Jim Crampsey, a freshman who looks like the best scorer on the team.

Rest of Field Slow

The rest of the field in the league doesn't seem capable of competing with these two potential leaders. Most have a good many freshmen in their lineup which, as a matter of fact, is true of most teams throughout the nation. It appears right now that Columbia, Princeton and Cornell are about on a par, although Columbia already has lost to both the Tigers and the Ithacans.

Dartmouth has played five games and has won four of them, league victories over Cornell and Penn included.

Among the unaffiliated teams of the East, all bright with four straight, Canisius with four out of five, Muhlenberg with six out of seven, Rhode Island State which has lost one in seven and which averaged 93 points per game and Villanova with four straight, thus far look like potential Eastern leaders.

On the Subway Circuit St. Johns, loaded with talent, civilian and freshman, seems to be by far the best with NYU and City College trailing.

The chief characteristic of Eastern basketball this year is the preponderance of freshmen, particularly at those colleges which are using civilian students. In fact, at one Madison Square Garden doubleheader, 17 of the 20 men who



Armand Cure, Rhode Island State guard from Fairhaven, Mass., racked up 27 points for the Rams in their first four games.

started were first-year men. This has been reflected in the uncertain caliber of play, but there have been plenty of exciting closely-fought games nevertheless.

Who Takes What From Bowls? Charity Gets More Than Half

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4—An official tally is still unavailable, but it is a safe guess that Saturday's East-West charity game for the benefit of the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital here netted \$125,000. Despite the intermittently bad weather, the 60,000 fans who packed the stadium got their money's worth as the collegiate all-star elevens battled to a 13-13 tie.

Past experience shows that expenses for the game, including food, lodging and transportation for the players and coaches, will amount to 45 or 50 thousand dollars with the remainder turned over to the hospital.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4—Southern California officials have announced that the approximately 68,000 fans who saw the Trojans upset Washington, 29-0, in the Rose Bowl Saturday, paid \$230,000 for that privilege.

Of that amount, \$35,000 will go to Southern California, the same amount to Washington with the remainder being divided among the other members of the Pacific Coast Conference and various charities.

Bobby Veach Recovering From Serious Operation

DETROIT, Jan. 4—Bobby Veach, left-hander in the famous Detroit outfield boasting Ty Cobb and Wahoo Sam Crawford, is recovering from a serious abdominal operation. Doctors said that although Veach's condition is still serious, progress is satisfactory.

Veach played with the Tigers until 1923 when he joined the Red Sox and later played with Washington and the Yankees.

Braddock a Captain

NEW YORK, Jan. 4—Former heavyweight champion Jimmy Braddock, who entered the Army Oct. 3, 1942, as a first lieutenant in the Transportation Corps, has been promoted to captain.

Kayoed End Six Of Year's First Rainbow Scraps

Kansas Middleweight Is Floored in Feature of Eight-Bout Card

Rainbow Corner boxing entered its second year last night, and light followers were treated to one of the wildest slugfests yet seen—six of the eight bouts failing to go the distance.

Upset of the night was the defeat of Pvt. Johnny Robinson, Kansas City (Kan.) middleweight, at the hands of S/Sgt. Allan Reado, 152-pounder from Seattle, Wash. Robinson, who first appeared at Rainbow last February and had won seven of his nine contests since, was kayoed in the first round, the payoff blow coming at one minute 24 seconds.

Although Robinson came out fast, opening up with his customary clubbing attack, Reado threw two punches which did the business. The first, a hard right to the head at 47 seconds, sent Robinson down for a 9-count—and he just made it. Another, seconds later finished him off. Robbie previously had outpointed Reado in their first meeting.

Decision Scrap a Thriller

The scrap which brought the fans to their feet, however, was the first of the two decision bouts, a middle-weight tussle between Pvt. Lafayette Drummond, of St. Louis, 156, and Pfc Jerome Cawley, of Baltimore, 157.

Although the nod went to Drummond, there was little advantage on either side.

From the opening to the final bell the two boys stood toe to toe, slugging and slugging. Before the first round was half over the crowd was on its feet yelling for a kayo—and they were still there when the third finished.

Johnny Barzee, New York featherweight, wrapped up his second straight triumph in the night's opening bout with an easy TKO over Pfc Fred Churchill, also of New York, in 23 seconds of the third.

Barzee, at 127, used his three-pound weight advantage from the start, pushing Churchill to the ropes with hard rights to the face. Churchill, making his first start at the Corner, had no defense for that attack and instead he elected to trade punches.

In the second round, Barzee shifted to the midribs. As the stanza drew to a close he opened up again to the head. A hard right to Churchill's head drove him down and when he came up, Barzee battered him again about the head. The barrage opened a cut over Churchill's left eye and Referee M/Sgt. Marty McGann stopped the contest.

Kayo in Second Round

The second bout got only as far as the middle stanza with MP Pvt. Tony Pavone, former Infantry division welterweight champ from Lynn, Mass., chilling Pvt. Charles Brodhis, of Beverly, Cal., at the 25-second mark.

Pvt. Sammy Johnson, 147-pounder from New York, kept the fireworks popping as he put away Cpl. Joseph Mack, of Winchester, Ark., 150, at one minute 40 seconds of the second round. Mack looked a definite threat as the fight started, coming out fast to clout Johnson at long range.

A veteran of four Rainbow scraps, Johnson was not bothered by the early attack and, using the same infighting tactics which gave Pavone his triumph, shot hooking lefts to Mack's face. Softened up in the latter stages of the opening round, Mack began to slow up in the first part of the second and Johnson's left to the button finished him off.

Pvt. Steps a Corporal

The fourth knockout of the evening came when Pvt. Lawrence Dobbins, 153-pounder from Cleveland, stopped Cpl. Bob Gunter, also of Cleveland, 150, in one minute 50 seconds of the second. Gunter went down just at the bell closing the first, but it was a right that sent him down for the last knockout before McGann stopped the show.

In one of the two contests which went the full limit, Pvt. Jimmy Johnson, of Fort Worth, Tex., 173, staved off a third-round rally to outpoint Pvt. Tony Ponterella, New York 169-pounder. For a while Johnson appeared to have a knockout earned, but Ponterella rallied midway in the second and finished on even terms.

Little whipcord Pvt. Arthur Persley, New York welterweight who stepped in to sub for the feature heavyweight scrap which was cancelled, kept up the knockout parade in the final bout, notching a TKO over Pvt. Robert Meredith, of Los Angeles, in one minute 56 seconds of the middle session.

By Al Capp



Carrier - Planes Set 2 Cruisers Afire at Kavieng

31 Jap Fighters Shot Down In Pacific Air Raids; Rabaul Bombed

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Jan. 4.—U.S. dive-bombers, operating from aircraft carriers off the Solomons, set afire at least two heavy Jap cruisers and destroyed 13 Jap fighters in a 48-hour air assault at Kavieng, New Ireland.

Simultaneously, U.S. heavy bombers from Solomons land bases struck another blow at Rabaul, New Britain, and bagged another 18 enemy fighters while starting many great fires in the much-bombed harbor area.

In land operations, U.S. Sixth Army troops overpowered Jap resistance at Saidor, New Guinea, and today's official communique said the base now was "firmly in Allied hands."

Australians, moving toward Saidor from the mountainous country on Huon

Navy Orders 20 More Mars Flying Boats

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—In his press conference today Secretary of Navy Frank Knox announced that the Navy had ordered 20 more Mars cargo flying boats of the type which recently set new records for cargo transportation and over-water flights.

The new planes will operate with naval air transport squadrons of which there are now ten in operation.

The Mars prototype, known as the PB11, will go into service in the Pacific shortly, he said.

peninsula, gained several miles in an effort to contact the Japs reported to be falling back toward Madang, next Jap stronghold along the northern New Guinea coast.

With U.S. troops at Saidor, the Japs fighting the Aussies are cut off from supplies from Madang, except by a long difficult mountain route.

Meanwhile, the air battering of Madang continued with another attack by medium bombers which dropped 52 tons of bombs on the plantations at Bili Bili and Erima.

Too Dull in States, So Retired Gunner Is Back in Combat

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, Jan. 4.—At his own request, T/Sgt. Henry J. Streets, of Dry Fork, W. Va., is back on combat duty as a Fortress gunner after completing one tour of duty and returning to the United States.

"I was pacing the floor," Streets said, "Once you have been in combat, you miss the excitement."

Streets reached England originally in November, 1942, one of the Eighth Air Force's first aerial gunners. He finished the number of missions required to retire him from combat last June and was sent home.

Following a 15-day furlough, he was assigned to an armament shop at an airfield in Dyersburg, Tenn. Two days there were enough for Streets, who told his officers that he thought he could best serve the country back on combat duty in England.

"When I got over here I was anxious to see if there were any great changes in combat missions over the Continent," he said. "But my first mission since coming back was a short one over France and not the kind I could use for comparison."

Streets, 31, formerly worked in Ohio coal mines. He wears the DFC, the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Oldest Princeton Alumnus

NEWARK, N.J., Jan. 4—Princeton University's oldest alumnus, Dr. William H. Vail, 98, died of a heart ailment. He was graduated from Princeton in 1865.

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- 1402 kc On Your Dial 1420 kc
 - 213.9m. 211.3m.
 - Wednesday, Jan. 5
 - 1100—GI Live
 - 1115—Warms from Home
 - 1130—Ivy Benson (BBC)
 - 1200—South American Way
 - 1220—I for Jig (eye-witness account of a raid over Berlin)
 - 1500—World News (BBC)
 - 1510—Barracks Bag—A grab-bag of entertainment
 - 1400—Visiting Hour
 - 1430—Sign off until 1745 hours
 - 1745—Spotlight on Will Osborne and Program Resume
 - 1800—World News (BBC)
 - 1810—GI Supper Club
 - 1850—What Do You Know, Joe?
 - 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports—Presented by The Stars and Stripes
 - 1905—Carnival of Music
 - 1930—Kate Smith Program
 - 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A., presented by The Stars and Stripes
 - 2010—Fred Waring Program
 - 2025—Miniature
 - 2030—Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge
 - 2100—World News (BBC)
 - 2110—Melody Roundup—Western Music
 - 2130—Marching On (BBC)—Dramatized News of the Week
 - 2150—Hawaiian Echoes
 - 2200—Fibber McGee and Molly
 - 2225—Final Edition
 - 2230—Sign off until 1100 hours Thursday, Dec. 6

A Flying Knight and Life-Saving Helmet



U.S. Army Air Force Photo
Sgt. Roland R. Ziegler (left), Flying Fortress tail gunner from Alliance, Ohio, examines the newly developed flak helmet which saved his life over Bremen. A two-inch hunk of flak tore into the manganese steel helmet the gunner had put on only a few minutes before. "From here on I'm gonna wear it in bed," Ziegler told 1/Lt. Herbert Fleischer (right), base equipment officer. The helmet was developed by Brig. Gen. Malcolm C. Crow, Eighth Air Force chief flight surgeon, who perfected the flak suit now in standard use in the ETO.

Deadly RAF Target-Locating Device Has Nazis Bewildered

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 4 (AP)—The accuracy of the new secret navigation device, which permits the RAF to bomb targets with precision regardless of weather conditions, has amazed high German military officials, who have seen how it is being used in the systematic "pattern" destruction of Berlin.

One source, with close connections with German official and military circles, said that the baffled Germans were "caught flat-footed" by the secret weapon, which permits pattern and precision bombing through fog and cloud, as if the weather were clear.

Denies Strikes Prolong War

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4—President William Green, of the American Federation of Labor, insisting that labor unions "have adhered faithfully to their no-strike pledges," today challenged a statement attributed to a high official source that recent wage disputes might delay victory.

In a formal statement issued several hours after Presidential Secretary Steve Early had told a press conference that the President and the anonymous high source "seemed to have been thinking along the same lines," Green declared:

"It is now reported in the press that such statements were actually made at a secret press conference by Gen. Marshall, chief of staff of the U.S. Army. Because of Gen. Marshall's consistently fine record we are loath to believe that he is responsible for the irrational, uninformed and inflammatory charges published."

Such statements, Green said, "come as a shock and surprise to labor."

"It is the height of stupidity to suggest that Nazi Germany and its satellite nations will be encouraged by the existence of a few wage disputes in America."

Charging "bungling, fumbling and incompetent handling (of wage disputes) by government officials and agencies," Green called on the President "to investigate the mysterious Marshall incident and to reprimand whoever was responsible for it."

Green's statement touched off a rising chorus for and against the unions.

Senator Clyde M. Reed (R., Kan.), voicing his belief that Gen. Marshall was the source of the statement to which Green objected, asserted that if President Roosevelt had "the courage and candor of Gen. Marshall he would long ago have said what Gen. Marshall has said."

"Strikes in essential industry, including transportation, in time of war are a form of treason and should be so regarded and treated."

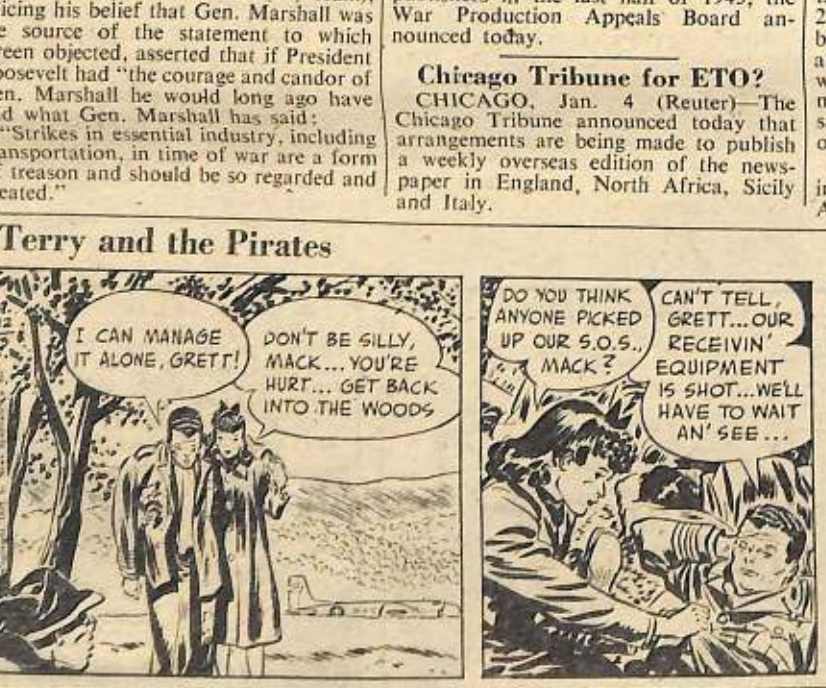
Where Red Tape Comes From

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4—Nearly ten million pounds of paper—more than half of it for publications required by the military services—was allotted to book publishers in the last half of 1943, the War Production Appeals Board announced today.

Chicago Tribune for ETO?

CHICAGO, Jan. 4 (Reuter)—The Chicago Tribune announced today that arrangements are being made to publish a weekly overseas edition of the newspaper in England, North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

Terry and the Pirates



Shipping Adequate To Supply The Invasion, Adm. Land Says

News From Home

1943 Construction Quotas Far Exceeded; Liberty Ship Report Due

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4—The U.S. surpassed its 1943 shipbuilding goal of 19,000,000 tons by 238,626 tons, Rear Adm. Emory S. Land revealed today, reporting that "our shipping is now just about adequate to meet all our strategic requirements."

When the European invasion begins, the Maritime Commission Chairman added, American and United Nations shipping will be able to keep it moving and well supplied.

He warned that 1944 would be "the toughest, hardest year of the war and there must be no slacking off."

Nearly seven ships a day were built in December, totaling a record 2,044,239 deadweight tons for the month, the Admiral told a press conference. This year, he said, the commission's program, now before Congress, calls for about 20,000,000 tons of shipping.

Adm. Land confirmed that "locked-up stresses" resulting from welding had caused some Liberty ships to crack and break up. The defect could be remedied to a large extent, he said, though not completely eliminated.

At the same time, Senator Harry S. Truman (D.-Mo.) announced that his investigating committee would report shortly on Liberty ship performance. His action was prompted by a demand from Senator Mon C. Wallgren (D.-Wash.) that conversion of Liberty ships into troopships be postponed pending inquiry into reports that some had broken apart at sea.

FDR's Home Given U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4—President Roosevelt has presented his family home at Hyde Park and 33 acres to the federal government as "a national historic site." Deeds provide that Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt and their immediate family shall continue to use the home during their lifetimes, paying all taxes. The President presented the Roosevelt library and 16 acres to the government in 1939. He still owns about 60 acres at Hyde Park.

Willow Run Post-War Plans

DETROIT, Jan. 4—Henry Ford plans to use the big Willow Run bomber plant for manufacture of multi-motored cargo-passenger planes after the war, the motor magnate confirmed here. "The government has given us the first option on Willow Run for post-war use and we plan to take it up," he said. The design of the peace-time plane is not yet complete. "We are trying," Ford said, "to develop an airplane which will not need such tremendously long runways for take-off and landing."

Pen and Sword Together

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4—Arrangements for news of the invasion of Western Europe "should be built right into the battle plans," Palmer Hoyt, retiring domestic director of the U.S. Office of War Information, asserted today. James W. Healy, succeeding Hoyt, declared, "The American people have strong eyes

New City Manager

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4—Wilbur R. Kellogg, former manager of the Cincinnati Union Terminal, became the city's fourth city manager in 17 years. He succeeds C. O. Sherrill, a retired Army engineer.

Blackened Skies Over Reich—FDR Pledge Becoming a Fact

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from Ronan, Mont., drawled out his belief that Doc Doron's skill was more responsible for success than luck, and the engineer, T/Sgt. Merritt Andrews, of Jamestown, N.Y., changed the subject by pointing out how pleasant would be a trip over the Atlantic in a westerly direction—after victory.

Then the navigator, 2/Lt. Sid Colthorpe, of Toledo, Ohio, announced the German coast, and everything aboard the Fort became cool and businesslike. 2/Lt. Hugh Cuttall, of Columbus, Ohio, bombardier, adjusted his sight. The area ahead was almost completely overcast and we were prepared to bomb through the muck. But Cuttall fondled his sight and said he was hoping for at least one big open patch over the target.

Then came the target—bombers going in and coming out, and fighters all around. And through it all the expected heavy concentration of flak. The bomb run was good.

Coming back to base, we kept a weather eye peeled for German fighters and the intercom system kept busy. S/Sgt. Raymond Gould, of Meadville, Pa., from his ball turret figured that he had seen a lot of hot Nazi opposition and undoubtedly would see more, but he said the American fighter support around today's target looked like it was thumping its nose at the Nazi world in general.

"There they were," he said, "circling and playing around, and rushing like mad at every German that stuck its head above the clouds."

When Mr. Smith landed, the right waist gunner, S/Sgt. William Hurley, of Wellington, Tex., examined some new flak holes in the fuselage and tail and said, "No matter how reluctant Jerry appeared to fight our particular formation today, this is still a 'tough theater.'"

By Milton Caniff

