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Allies Dig In After Losing Tunisia Hill

British Withdraw Before Fierce Counter-Attack; Mareth Fight Near

Djebel Mansour, a thickly wooded hill commanding an important highway from Pont du Fahs to Robaa, which fell to a fierce night attack by British troops Thursday, was again in German hands last night.

The British withdrew under heavy counter-attacks by German infantry, supported by artillery and mortar batteries. Last night they were reported in the official Allied headquarters communique to be consolidating their positions in the area, which indicated they had halted their withdrawal.

The heights, known as Hill 648, command the road over which the Germans launched large tank attacks last week.

British Troops Depleted

The greatly depleted British troops, which won Mansour in a pre-dawn attack, had to fall back although reinforced by crack guards units.

The fight spread to the adjoining height of Alliliga as the command determined to clear all the Axis troops from the high ground east of the important highway.

From the opposite hill, from which Allied artillery officers directed their guns against the Germans, it was possible to hear sharp bursts from machine-guns, intermingled with the deeper roar of bursting artillery and mortar shells.

Although nothing was visible in the thick vine growth, the machine-gun blasts and the answering chatter gave a good idea of what type of fighting was developing over the difficult terrain.

Machine Guns 'Invisible'

Returning soldiers told how they opposed machine-guns which were invisible in the coarse shrubbery and stunted pines. Guns frequently held fire until their victims were only a few feet away.

That the Germans had counter-attacked in strength was evident before the withdrawal as the volume of mortar and artillery fire increased. Long-range mortars repeatedly plopped explosives on a stretch of road over which supplies were being taken by mule pack to the fighting troops.

British medium and heavy field guns repaid them with interest, however. The crack and scream of shells going over toward the German positions was almost continuous.

Afrika Korps in Action?

Some of the prisoners wore the badge of the Afrika Korps, indicating that elements of Rommel's Army which retreated from Tripolitania may already be in action on the Tunisian front.

Meanwhile, some troops from Gen. Montgomery's Eighth Army already had penetrated "a good 60 miles inside of Tunisia," according to Algiers radio, and were swiftly bearing down on the Mareth Line, where Rommel's main force is expected to make a last desperate bid to hold Tunisia.

Air activity over the Tunisian battle area was limited by bad weather, but the U.S. Twelfth Air Force announced that American fighters and bombers had destroyed 80 enemy planes in the last week. In addition, 72 other enemy aircraft were damaged. In the same period 38 U.S. planes were lost.

Further details of Allied attacks on Axis shipping are given by the Twelfth Air Force report, which says that 58 vessels have been hit since the beginning of the North African campaign.

Fourteen of the vessels were sunk, eight were severely damaged, and the rest damaged.

Though the air activity has been slight, Spitfires have been out making low-level attacks southwest of Pont Du Fahs.

Gen. Eisenhower Praises WAAC's Services in Africa

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Feb. 7 (INS)—WAACs here already are releasing men for fighting fronts in North Africa, and Gen. Eisenhower is enthusiastic about their work.

"During my months in England before coming to North Africa," he said, "I discovered how valuable are the services of women soldiers to the armed forces. Generally the presence of women raises the whole tone of the army. Men are better disciplined when they are around."

"They make better secretaries, stenographers and file clerks than men soldiers. They're adept telephone operators. Despite man's peacetime opinion about women auto drivers, in wartime they make excellent drivers of staff cars. It is such jobs women will fill here."

Churchill Greets American in Tripoli



At a Tripoli airport, Prime Minister Winston Churchill greets U.S. airman Lt. Col. H. A. French with the words, "Some of your friends are not so far away—you'll be with them soon." Mr. Churchill returned to London yesterday after a trip to North Africa and Middle East. (Story, Page 2.)

Five One-Week Study Courses At Cambridge For Americans

A series of five educational courses, open to American officers and enlisted men in the European Theater of Operations on leave or furlough, starts today at Cambridge University.

Each of the courses will last for one week. The second period begins Feb. 22, the third March 8, the fourth March 15, and the fifth March 22.

The Cambridge classes follow two series recently conducted at Oxford, the second of which ended Jan. 11.

Enrolment at Cambridge is limited, and, it was pointed out, personnel in the ETO will not be encouraged to apply for leave or furlough to attend the courses. Those who are either on leave or have applied for and are eligible for leave or furlough may make application to attend the classes through military channels.

Each week's course will include lectures by members of the Cambridge faculty on the classics, economics, law, national defense, politics, religion and the sciences.

Those who attended one of the Oxford courses will be ineligible to attend the Cambridge classes. However, those who unsuccessfully applied for the Oxford courses will be given preference in this instance, and the fact that they applied to attend Oxford should be noted on the applications.

Total expenses amount to £3 12s. for officers and £1 12s. for enlisted men. Approved applications will be forwarded by Commanding Officers to the Educational Advisor, Canadian Military HQ, Trafalgar House, Waterloo Place, London, S.W.1.

North Africa Designated Separate Theater Now

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Feb. 7 (AP)—Establishment of a North African Theater of Operations was announced last night by Allied Force headquarters, with Lt. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower as commander-in-chief of all Allied forces.

Creation of a separate North African theater relieves Gen. Eisenhower of his joint command over the European Theater of Operations, which now is a separate unit under Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews. Gen. Andrews' appointment was announced Friday.

Trapped Doughboys Fight Way Out

WITH THE U.S. ARMY, Tunisia, Feb. 7 (AP)—An artillery lieutenant described today how two trapped American infantry companies, supported by timely artillery fire, fought their way with 80 prisoners through a ring of two enemy battalions and broke up plans for an Axis counter-attack to recapture the fertile Ousseltia Valley.

"We already controlled the commanding heights of the western entrance of the pass leading to Kairouan," he said, "and in the early morning one company took without resistance the hill at the eastern entrance."

"We hadn't realized the Axis was planning to attack at the same time with two battalions and some tanks. The presence of our company threw their plans out of gear, so they surrounded the hill. I rode up with Lt. Col. Clarence Beck,

of Daytona Beach, Fla., the commander, in a half track to see the situation. He decided to bring up another company to extricate his men.

"We rode back down the hill in a jeep and ran into machine-gun fire, but weren't hit. A second American company advanced to relieve the pressure on the first company, captured about 20 Germans and was in turn surrounded for a while."

"Together with the first company, however, which had 60 Italians, it was able to organize a withdrawal through the enemy lines to a hill taken by us the previous day."

"They fought their way back by platoons. It was tough going every step of the way, but they got back with all but 30 or 40 men out of the 400 who had been surrounded. There were some equipment losses, but not serious."

"After they pulled back, our artillery was able to plaster the area and caused

Reds Close to Rostov, Reach Sea of Azov, Press On in Ukraine

RAF Attack on Nazi Destroyers Reported

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 7 (UP)—RAF planes attacked a German destroyer flotilla near the Norwegian coast yesterday, according to Berlin reports quoted by the Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet.

The reports claim that the destroyers were not damaged. It is not known whether any planes were shot down.

Soldiers in ETO Will Get New Service Ribbon

War Department Approves Awards For U.S. Forces In Three Areas

A new service ribbon for American servicemen and WAACs in the European Theater of Operations has been authorized by the War Department, and will be available here soon.

U.S. forces in Africa and the Middle East may wear the same ribbon as those in the ETO, while other ribbons have been designed for the American and Asiatic-Pacific zones.

The War Department also authorized the award of campaign medals to personnel serving in these theaters. Manufacture of these medals, however, has been indefinitely postponed.

The ribbon for the European-African-Middle Eastern area is green with narrow stripes of the U.S. colors, red, white and blue, in the center, and is flanked by the Italian green, white and red and the German black and white, within brown borders.

Bronze Stars for Operations

A bronze star will be worn on the ribbon to show participation in a particular operation. The War Department will select the operations for which stars can be added. Where more than five bronze stars have been earned, silver stars will be substituted at the rate of one to five.

All personnel become eligible to wear the ribbon immediately upon arrival in the theater. The ribbons will be furnished to all commanders outside the U.S. without requisition for distribution.

Regardless of the number of terms of duty served in a certain theater only one ribbon can be worn for that zone. Persons who have not served outside the continental United States are excluded from wearing the American theater decoration.

The European-African-Middle Eastern zone, as defined in the circular, includes the territory between the east coast of North and South America and a line extending south along the eastern border of Iran.

Mobilization Bill Introduced

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (UP)—A bill to set up a civilian office of War Mobilization is to be introduced in the Congress by a number of senators who announced their intention "to smash once for all the bottlenecks choking the output of arms." The senators' move is apparently intended to head off the government's plans for a new high command on domestic problems.

Foe Cut Off in Kuban; Huge Encirclement Possible in North

Red Army troops have fought their way through to Yeisk, on the Sea of Azov, and have captured the ancient Tartar fortress city of Bataisk, six miles southwest of Rostov, completely cutting off the Nazi Caucasian forces from Rostov and ending any hope they had of escaping by land.

The 80,000 to 100,000 Nazi troops jammed into the small corner of the southern Caucasus now have only one line of retreat—across the narrow Kerch Straits under the guns of the Russian Black Sea fleet.

The capture of Bataisk put the Russians within artillery range of Rostov.

Only one port on the Sea of Azov remains in German hands—Primorsko-Akhtirskaya, and Russian columns already are closing in on it.

Advance in Ukraine

To the north the Russian armies in the Ukraine last night were within 90 miles of the great Dnieper bend. If they continue their advance from the direction of Barvenkovo and Balkaleya, which they captured Saturday, at the speed they have maintained—and they have advanced more than 90 miles on this line since Jan. 18—they will be well behind the German armies in the Ukraine and in a position to carry out one of the greatest encircling movements in military annals.

Lit by the flames from blazing villages, Russian tanks fought their way into Bataisk Saturday night after a 24-hour battle. They first fought out a series of battles in neighboring villages and settlements, then captured a railway junction three miles south of Bataisk itself.

This junction stands astride the lines leading into the town, but a bitter 24-hour struggle followed before the Russian tanks finally took the town itself.

Fighters Chased Away

Heavy artillery and air support helped the advancing troops. At one point, Junkers and Messerschmitts tried to aid the hard-pressed ground units, but low-level Russian attack planes chased them from the battle area.

In the northern Kuban basin, the Red Army has reoccupied 1,200 square miles of territory in the last few days. They now control about half of the eastern coastline of the sea of Azov, stretching roughly 100 miles southwest from Rostov.

Further to the north, the Germans are throwing in tanks, planes and artillery in an effort to hold the southern bank of the Don, the last bastion before Rostov.

The Red Army, in seven days of swift, bold strokes, has menaced the German-occupied Donbas—one of the most important of all the regions of the Soviet Union.

The Nazis' position there is extremely dangerous, with the Soviet forces holding a 192-mile-long front across the top of the Donbas from Morozovskoye, east of the Millerovo-Rostov railway, to Barvenkovo.

Gen. Vatutin's long front can develop at almost any point a tremendous drive to the south. Any such move would be bound to cut off cities held by the Nazis and big forces of German soldiers.

At present he seems to be driving southward and may continue towards the sea. If this were accomplished virtually the entire Donbas would be encircled.

Three Armies Converging

A number of Russia's most important industrial cities are within the area—Voroshilovgrad, Stalino, Voroshilovsk, Artemovsk, Gorlovka, Kadiievku, Makeievka and Dmitrievsk-Stalinsky.

Already Gen. Yermenko's southern army and Gen. Tuleniev's Transcaucasian armies have joined south and southeast of Rostov. They are in a position to connect with Vatutin's army any time now.

The junction of these three powerful forces and their assault upon the Donbas would represent tremendous striking power. They were all flushed with success and in fine fighting form.

Tissue Paper Ordered For Yanks' Flashlights

All uncovered flashlights, government issue or otherwise, must be used with not less than two thicknesses of tissue paper over the lens, according to an announcement by Headquarters, London Base Command.

The order is in line with British blackout regulations.

Preserved Food To Go on Points In U.S. March 1

200 Canned, Bottled, Dried, Frozen Items Included; No Serious Shortage

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The Office of Price Administration yesterday set March 1 as the day when rationing of more than 200 items of food which appear regularly on the average American dinner table will go into effect.

Canned and bottled goods, including soups and dried and frozen fruits and vegetables will then join sugar and coffee on the list of America's rationed foods. Retail sale of those articles will be suspended Feb. 20, and during the week beginning Feb. 22 the entire civilian population will be registered for Ration Book No. 2. Book No. 1 is the sugar-and-coffee book.

Despite the rationing, no serious shortage of food is apparent. So much sugar is allowed, for example, that many people do not use all the coupons.

'Sick of Chicken'

Good cuts of beef and bacon are not as abundant as they were before the Government started shipping great quantities abroad for the use of troops, but such staples as butter, eggs and bread are still plentiful. Housewives, unable to get as much beef as they once did, complain they're "getting sick of chicken," which is abundant.

In some localities unofficial rationing already is in effect, whereby a customer is allowed only a quarter of a pound of butter and four canned goods items at one time. If the customer wants more butter or more canned goods under this system, however, he has simply to go to a second store.

Beginning March 1, all sales of rationed items will be made only on presentation of points stamps. Point value of the stamps will vary according to the relative scarcity of the items, but similar items will have the same point value in every store in the country. Quantity, not quality will determine the number of points any item demands.

'Like a New Game'

"Learning how to use it will be something like learning to play a new game," said Deputy Administrator Paul M. O'Leary, explaining the new ration system. "At first it will look difficult, but you'll find it's really simple—in fact you'll find that it is not unlike the art of spending your money."

Each ration book will contain 96 blue stamps, covering canned processed foods, and 96 red stamps to be used "probably early this spring" when meat rationing goes into effect.

Although consumers have been warned against hoarding, OPA is now advising housewives to stock up to a limit of five cans per person before rationing starts.

Before receiving their ration books, housewives will have to declare the amount of canned goods in their larder.

Housewives Welcome It

Many housewives have expressed the hope that the government would hurry and put a systematic rationing program into effect to save us the trouble of standing in line to make sure we get our quota of meat and butter.

The fact that restaurants are not affected by the new rationing plan is an indication that, while the food situation is one that needs attention, it is not a serious one in America.

A steak dinner can still be had at a good restaurant for \$1, although meat portions have generally been reduced.

The only restriction that is forcing a drastic change in the average American meal is the coffee ration. Beginning tomorrow a new cut in the coffee rations will go into effect and one pound of coffee will have to last a person six weeks instead of five.

Frank Lyon Polk Dies

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (AP)—Frank Lyon Polk, 71, acting Secretary of State during the Wilson administration, died today. He was Undersecretary of State for President Wilson and Secretaries Lansing and Coily from Aug. 25, 1915, to June 14, 1920. It fell to his lot to handle some of the most complicated problems of those war-torn years.

Old Pointing Trick Used to Protect FDR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—President Roosevelt has disclosed that U.S. Secret Service resorted to schoolboys' tricks to divert attention while travelling to Rabat to inspect U.S. troops Jan. 21.

The Secret Service men felt there was little danger from the natives, but they thought some Frenchmen might get "unduly excited," so when they saw a European they pointed skywards excitedly and while the European looked for a plane the President speeded by.

Another trick was for one secret service man to pretend he was falling from his jeep and his companion grabbing him.

America Rations Shoes; Three Pairs a Year Limit

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Director of Economic Stabilization, James Byrnes, announced today that shoes will be rationed immediately at the rate of three pairs per person each year.

The order covers all kinds of leather shoes, except house slippers and infants' soft soled shoes.

Churchill Back From Mid-East

Inspected Eighth Army At Tripoli, Talked With Americans

Winston Churchill returned to England yesterday after his history-making 10,000-mile air trip to North Africa and the Middle East.

The trip included his "unconditional surrender" conference with President Roosevelt at Casablanca, negotiations at Ankara which brought Turkey closer to the Allies, and a review of the victorious Eighth Army in Tripoli, which brought his total air mileage for the trip to near 10,000 miles.

In Tripoli Friday the Prime Minister addressed 2,000 officers and men of the Eighth Army and Allied air forces, and was introduced to high ranking officers, including the colonel commanding the U.S. Ninth Air Force. He paid glowing tribute to the men for their achievements of past weeks.

The plane that carried the Prime Minister safely over the 10,000 miles was a specially fitted B-24, named "Commando," and piloted by an American, Capt. Van Der Kloot. On the nose of the ship a new Turkish Crescent has been painted alongside the hammer and sickle, which represents the visit to Moscow in the same ship a year ago. On the trip home Mr. Churchill sat for half an hour in the seat next to the pilot.

Mosquitos Hit Italy from Malta

CAIRO, Feb. 7 (AP)—The arrival of Mosquito aircraft in Malta gave the island a new night-striking weapon, the success of which was shown by January figures.

During the month Mosquitoes flew nearly 200,000 miles harrying the enemy's aircraft, road and rail communications, and convoys at sea, destroying four enemy planes in mid-air, one on the ground and damaging three others.

Thirty trains were attacked in Sicily and Italy and at least ten locomotives left on fire. A supply ship and an oil tanker were ripped by gunfire and damaged. All the above night actions were in addition to actions over Tunisia.

The Mosquito pilots were specially selected in England for the hunter's instinct. They have kept the air-raid sirens howling over Italian territory at night, as the fighters and fighter-bombers have done by day. Their job often calls for lonely patrols and lying in wait for victims.

Wild Peace Rumors in Paris

MADRID, Feb. 7 (AP)—Wild rumors that the war was going to end very soon spread through Paris two days after the news of the Casablanca conference, according to dispatches in the Madrid newspapers. Persons of all classes walked the streets with an air of triumph, repeating "it is ending," and the French black market engaged in frantic liquidation.

U.S. Wounded Tell About Africa Battles



First Lt. Jack Marshall, of Louisville (in wheel chair), tells Lt. Jack Spires, a paratrooper from Salisbury, N.C., and Nurse K. M. Morse, Norfolk, Va., about fighting the Axis in North Africa, where they were wounded. Both men are recuperating at a U.S.-operated hospital in England.

American Artillery Column Shoots Down Nazi Strafers

WITH U.S. FORCES, Central Tunisia, Feb. 2 (delayed) (AP)—In a battle between an American artillery column and two German fighter planes, U.S. machine-guns today shot down one and probably destroyed the other.

Capt. Wilson G. McNamara, 30, of Plattsburg, N.Y., said: "During the action two of our five machine-guns jammed, but the men stuck with them and continued to fire single rounds."

The planes attacked the column moving down the road to Sidi Bouzid to aid in halting German forces driving from Faïd Pass.

"Just before dusk they whipped out from the sun and strafed us from the rear," Capt. McNamara said. "Then they peeled off and began attacking individual trucks. Our men stopped their vehicles, dispersed and began to return to the fire."

"Despite the suddenness and intensity of the attack, none of our men was killed. Only one was shot. Another was blown from his truck by exploding ammunition."

"From our five machine-guns and from every cactus patch where our men found shelter, bullets poured on the planes. One was caught as it started to pull up only 50 feet above the column. It suddenly began smoking and crashed about 1,600 yards from our column, bursting into flames. The sound was like a thunder-clap."

"At least 100 of our company leaped to their feet, shouting. The other plane, also hard hit, was burning badly and wobbling when it left. I'm positive it crashed too."

American Soldiers Help Injured English Child

A U.S. ARMY STATION, England, Feb. 7—American soldiers here are putting their spare change in a fund to buy an artificial limb for a four-year-old British youngster who lost his leg when he was run down by a commercial vehicle on a military reservation.

After the accident, surgeons at the military hospital were able to save only one of Allan's crushed legs. The clinic provided him with a wooden peg, but Allan preferred to use his crutches.

Then the Yanks at this station heard about it and started a trust fund for the boy. The money will cover the cost of an artificial limb and take care of Allan as he grows up.

Rumanians Lost 1,000,000

ANKARA, Feb. 7 (UP)—Rumanian losses in Russia are now estimated to total roughly 1,000,000, of whom at least 350,000 have been killed.

DFC, Air Medal Awarded Twelfth Air Force Officer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7—The War Department has announced the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal to Lt. Col. Harry T. Eidson, USAAF, who recently returned here for temporary duty after service in North Africa as an operations officer of the USAAF photographic group which Lt. Col. Elliot Roosevelt commanded and which is assigned to the Twelfth Air Force.

Eidson was awarded the DFC for "Treetop," a photo mission last Dec. 27 over enemy territory, when enemy fighters attacked his plane and when, according to the citation, he gained "extremely valuable information."

The medal was awarded for participation in five photographic missions.

Engineers Set 'em Up, Blast 'em Down

A BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UNIT, England, Feb. 7—The job of this crack engineering outfit is to set 'em up on one river and blast 'em down tomorrow on the next. They can bridge a 75-foot gap in nine hours—solid superstructure, rails and all, ready for military trains. And since in modern warfare troops often have to evacuate positions even faster, the same experts can destroy their own handiwork (and anybody else's) in hours or even minutes.

Every member of this advanced training group, chosen from Army Engineer outfits on the basis of performance and executive possibilities, is at least a sergeant. Most of them can expect at some time to be engineer officers, because it is one of the instructional aims that each man learns enough about bridge engineering so that he can take a company of inexperienced iron heavers and show them how—possibly under fire.

To get your diploma here you have to know about riveting, welding, operation of cranes, laying of track, building of roadbeds; you have to know what a given amount of HE can be expected to do under certain conditions; and you need to be tough and smart enough to boss men.

One of the ruggedest and most interesting units in the British Isles to see at work, these guys don't do their stuff in Class As. It's plain old dirty denims, and

they don't whistle while they work. They sing, shout, sling crowbars and sledge hammers; and that blue haze drifting over the big girders isn't fog from an English river valley. It's honest U.S. cuss words, all the standard issue and quite a few innovations learned from British Tommies with whom the boys drive spikes daily. It's a United Nations activity, with each side teaching the other all it can.

A point of pride to Capt. William R. Walker, of Atlanta, Ga., CO of the American part of the unit, is that hardy Yorkshiremen, Scots, and Cockneys enjoy working with the Americans, and the feeling is mutual.

They have exchanged slang and customs; when the tea wagon comes around for the British, rust-grimed Yanks line up with them for candy, cakes and coffee.

S/Sgt. A. Litvine, Peoria, Ill., even commemorated the joint teaming in a poem, "Teatime in England." In addition to poets, they have other talents not to be expected from engineers—Sgt. Charles Edwards, whose occupation before he became an army bridge worker was that of a tobacco buyer, can do the "Hi, Bubbledeewubbledee" Lucky Strike stuff like a natural.

Besides Sgt. Edwards, there are three bridge instructors who boss sergeant crews: S/Sgt. Ralph Kumpela, of Subeka, Minn., in private life a truck

despatcher; S/Sgt. Ed McGriff, of Waterbury, Conn., former steel worker, and S/Sgt. Litvine.

They even have to be expert mud-sloggers and mountain climbers to get to work. Contingents climb hills, cross pastures, slide down banks along canals and creeks to reach the big job. They trot along the ties of railroad tracks; at one point groups go single file over a suspension bridge only a foot and a half wide. It swings and sways like a hammock; one misstep and an expert engineer would be demonstrating the Australian Crawl in the cold waters of one of England's big rivers. This, however, doesn't seem to bother anybody. Despite slippery mud and slush, they scamper across like sure footed mountain goats.

Naturally, they're proud of their work and the ability they are gaining in erection of steel spans and rail lines as smooth and solid as C. and O. or Big Four ever made 'em.

But—perhaps proving they're Yanks at heart—these guys seem to take greatest delight in "demolition," polite wordage for blowing hell out of everything in one swell geyser of dynamite, railroad ties and river gunk. It must be fun to watch it all go up; at least that's what they describe with the fondness of artists, and that's what they invite you to come back and see.

To quote one proud blaster: "Peace, it's wonderful!"

Japs Suffer Blow In Big Air Battle In New Guinea

27 Enemy Planes Lost, But Not One Allied, In Attack of Wau

ALLIED HQ, Pacific, Feb. 7 (UP)—The biggest defeat suffered by the Japs in the air since the recent intensification of operations in the Solomons was inflicted on them over Wau, New Guinea, on Saturday, when 21 Jap fighters and three medium bombers were shot down, two medium bombers downed by anti-aircraft fire, and 12 more Jap fighters and three medium bombers were probably destroyed or damaged.

Not one Allied plane was lost. The Jap air fleet attempted to "blitz" the airport from which Allied airmen operate, especially in fighting over the Salamaua area. As they approached, Lockheed Lightnings, Airacobras and Kittyhawks swept upwards to meet them and the whole sky was soon filled with whirling and diving planes.

While the engagement formed one principal attack on Wau it actually was broken up into five different battles.

In the Solomons Friday, the Japs lost at least 17 Mitsubishi twin-engine torpedo planes in a spectacular night torpedo plane attack on a U.S. task force on Jan. 29, 35 miles south of Guadalcanal.

Another Jap bomber on a reconnaissance flight was shot down near Darwin.

Ground Activity

Fighting is still going on in the Mubo area, southwest of Salamaua, New Guinea. One Jap post was wiped out and 18 men killed.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox on Saturday night stated a major naval battle had not yet developed in the Solomons, but that moderate losses of air and surface units had been suffered by both sides. There was evidence that the Japs were getting ready for some major action, but there was no indication which way they would move immediately.

Meanwhile the unceasing attack on Rabaul, chief Jap shipping base and one of the first air bases in the Solomons, still goes on. It suffered a three-hour raid for the eighth night in succession last night. Attacks were made on land positions near Salamaua and Lae and on ships off New Guinea and the Solomons.

Three Japanese merchantmen were destroyed or badly damaged by bombers off Ambon Saturday night.

Americans Outflank Japs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (UP)—Jap forces on Guadalcanal have been outflanked by a strong American unit in Tipi, on the northwest coast of the island. A strongpoint has been established, thus putting an American position where it can be used to turn the flank of the Jap positions on the island. Tipi is half a mile west of Marovovo.

Saturday, six small groups of U.S. planes bombed enemy positions on Olombangara Island, in the New Georgia group.

During the evening Dauntless dive-bombers, with an escort of "Wildcats," bombed Munda, New Georgia (the biggest Jap air base in the Solomons area). All our planes returned safely.

Hawaii Navy Yard Chief Nominated for Promotion

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Four Navy captains, including the man who was in charge of the Navy yard at Hawaii when the Japs attacked, have been nominated by President Roosevelt for promotion to the rank of Rear Admiral.

The Pearl Harbor chief, on whose shoulders fell the responsibility for making the initial repairs to vessels and installations damaged on Dec. 7, 1941, is Capt. Claude S. Gillette, now in charge of Puget Sound Navy yard.

The other three nominated are Captains Howard Fithian Kingman, Frank A. Braisted, and Sherman S. Kennedy.

Darlan Suspects Released

ALGIERS, Feb. 7 (UP)—The 11 persons arrested after the assassination of Adm. Jean Darlan have been released. Nine of them were released unconditionally. The two others were ordered to remain in their residences.

Fort Pilot, Shot in Chest, Lands Five Injured Crew

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Feb. 3 (delayed) (AP)—Capt. Fred W. Dallas, 22, Houston, Tex., with two machine-gun bullets in his chest, five other men in the crew wounded, and German fighters shooting at his crippled ship, crash-landed a Flying Fortress on a mountainside in one of the war's great flying feats.

1st Lt. Kermit K. Beahan, 24, also of Houston and boyhood friend of Dallas, with remaining unwounded men of the crew dragged the injured from the ship into a gully where enemy planes couldn't strafe them.

A British patrol found and hospitalized them.

Army Scientists Manage Huge Gasoline Dump

Enlisted Men Take Turns Supervising Vast Service Station Job

By Charles W. White
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A U.S. GAS DEPOT, England, Feb. 7—Not one of these U.S. non-coms ever operated a gas pump back home, smilingly wiped your windshield or dusted that offending fender.

But today, after months of training and weeks in which each man has taken his turn at doing the whole supervising job, they run one of the U.S. Army's most important gas stations—a gasoline, oil and lubricant depot.

It's not a job of mud-slogging and maneuvers; instead, it takes a scientist as well as a soldier—but each day every one of these men, working under Capt. Samuel F. Richardson, of Houston, Tex., risks his life.

He risks his life, for one thing, because petrol, oil and lubricant dumps are ace targets for Messerschmitts and FW190 sneak raiders. And all day, every day, all night, every night, there is the spectral danger of fire.

English Firemen on Job

So deadly is this danger that, although this great depot recently was taken over by U.S. authorities from the British under lease-lend in reverse, a crack crew of English military firemen is retained, each one trained in all the tricks of preventing and fighting fires.

Heading the U.S. crew, which commands not only the British army firemen but a large civilian personnel and big detachments of husky, hard-working Negro soldiers, is a little guy who, a couple of years ago, was studying finance at the University of Pennsylvania.

Now he's plain Sgt. "Vic" Katzman, of New York, but the fact that he never got to be a financier hasn't kept him from learning this gas job and learning it thoroughly. He is, in his own words, "chief clerk, sergeant major, cook's helper, bottle washer and chaplain" to the outfit, and he can reel off statistics and details about bringing in, handling and dispatching gas and oil for hours without stopping. And he's quick to give credit to the fellows with whom he works, who, he says, can do his job as well as he can do theirs.

Permanent Staff of Yanks

They are Cpl. Peter E. Kuhn Jr., of New York, currently doing files; Pfc John F. Fehn, of Long Beach, L.I., warehouse foreman; Pfc Woodrow Neal, of Dayton, Ohio, message service, and Pvt. Clayton H. Fortney, of St. Paul, Minn., labor foreman.

About this matter of fire prevention, for instance. Just how inflammable is oil and gasoline? Sgt. Katzman gives the answer as if he were reciting from a manual: "Gasoline is inflammable, highly volatile, but not explosive. The vapor, however, is explosive. For this reason petrol must be stored at least 150 feet from any building, and cans must be 100 feet from stack to stack. Great precaution must be taken to prevent or locate leaks, against the possibility of vapor forming."

He showed how Uncle Sam's new type returnable 5-gallon gas cans are piled, in stairsteps, to facilitate ventilation, prevent "wobbling" of piles, and, when outdoors, so as not to cast a tell-tale shadow. The cans are painted a dull green, so that from the air they cannot be distinguished from grass and earth.

Virtually the medium of exchange of any U.S. gas dump, these basic cans themselves are a marvel of scientific design.

For one thing—and in this they differ from the old non-returnable British type—the edges are counter-sunk to prevent water infiltration. Strangely enough, water will get into a metal can which has expanded in heat, so these cans have the ridged bottoms in order to prevent water gathering. The gas can is marked "G," water can "W," and each is identified with one or more wires on the handle so that, at night, a man can pick up the right can even in blackout.

Cans Structurally Strong

Another smart scientific device—each can has a large indented "X" in the side. This gives structural strength, so that the cans may be piled without warping or flattening. It's another instance of how Services of Supply, for which this is technically a "quarter depot," works.

This stuff comes all the way from the U.S., and goes as far as Africa, or anywhere else American planes are flying, tanks running, jeeps driving.

Headaches? Sgt. Katzman and "my guys" have plenty of them.

Tarpaulin, for instance. According to best practice, outdoor piles should be covered with tarpaulins, to keep off rain and prevent wind erosion. The other day, wind picked up loose corners of a tarpaulin which had missed the thrice-daily inspection. The "tarp" soared into the air like a parachute and was found, hours later, in an adjoining county.

During all this time there's the job of track construction, maintenance, and just plain hard work. This is where the Negro crewmen come in. A tough, merry lot, they're doing a job that continually astonishes British civilians who work alongside them. There is simply nothing they can't do and do faster than anybody in these parts ever saw it done before.

U.S. Engineers Make Own Equipment

Topographical Unit Had No Camera, So They Built One

By Bryce Burke
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. ENGINEER TOPOGRAPHICAL UNIT, England, Feb. 7—Any time these expert map-makers and photographers run out of costly, intricate equipment, they just make some.

At least they'll try, according to 2nd Lt. Edward F. Franke, of Detroit, head of the reproduction department here, who told how two of his carpenters constructed a camera, drafting tables and other equipment from scrap material.

All part of a day's work for T/5 John O. Lievens, of Louviers, Col., and Pvt. Merle V. Hamlik, of Goldendale, Wash., who must have been weaned on Meccano, American Model Builder and Popular Mechanics Magazine back home and probably blew up grandpa's windmill trying to invent perpetual motion.

Home-Built Camera

Their camera really is a simple mechanism, they say. "It consists of a wall in which the lens is inserted. On either side of this partition, erected perpendicularly and parallel to each other, are two flat bases mounted on a sliding platform. The picture or design to be reproduced is mounted on one and the negative on the glass background of the other. Powerful lights are directed on the image while the negative is kept in darkness. The light reflected from the design passes through the lens on to the sensitized negative, leaving its imprint. The size of the reproduction desired can be controlled by shifting the pattern, the negative, or both, on the movable base."

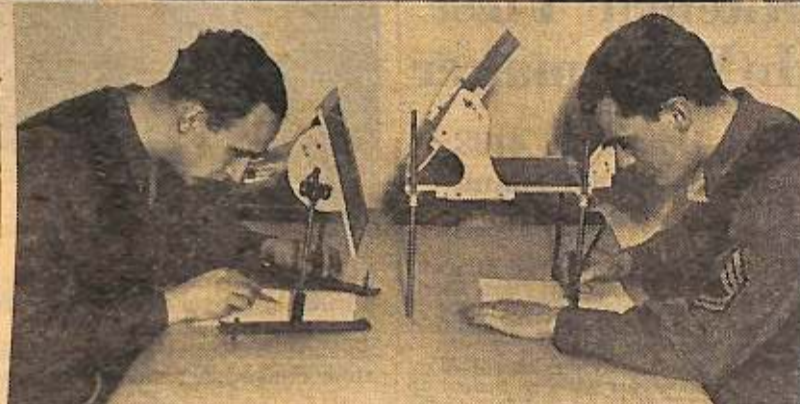
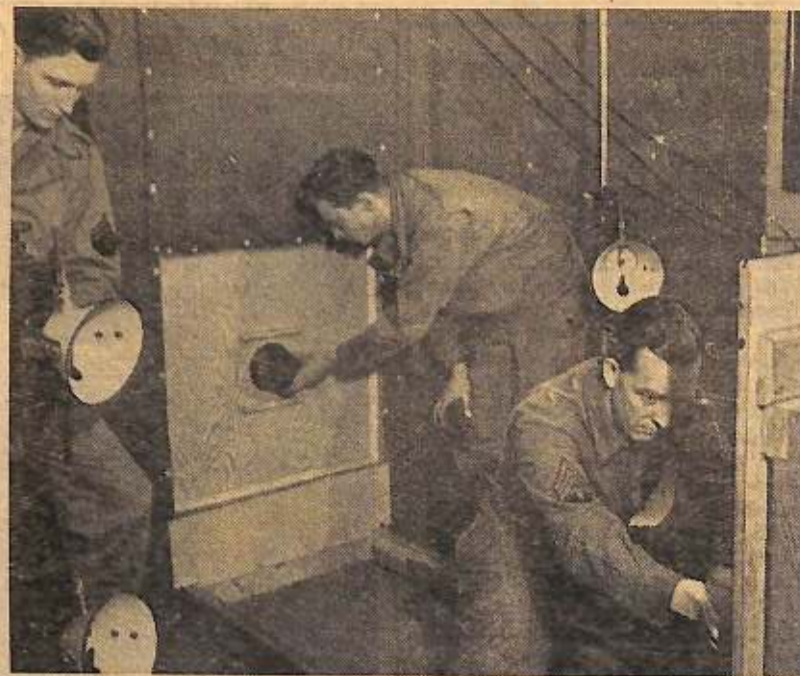
Lt. Franke describes shortage of material as the greatest difficulty his men have. Ground glass to hold the film for the camera was made by scouring plain plate glass with valve-grinding compound.

Use Trailer in Field

In the field, the organization, headed by Capt. Joseph R. Kirk, of Spokane, Wash., operates from a specially built trailer holding necessary material for developing films, and a Multilith press for reproducing. Capt. Kirk pointed out the unit is self sufficient, but said it would be near air units most of the time.

Making topographical maps from air photos and existing maps is their principal assignment as army engineers attached to Eighth Air Force. In addition they reproduce practically anything that can be copied, including books, charts, diagrams and calendars.

The maps show in detail rivers, highways, railroads, buildings and airports



Making ready to copy a map with a home-made camera (top) at an Engineer Topographical darkroom in England, T/5 Melvin Bennett, Indianapolis, Ind., adjusts flood lights; T/5 Paul Luther, Salamanca, N.Y., focuses the lens; while T/5 Arne Thusted, Chicago, arranges a subject, all part of the day's work. Peering through "sketchmastery," home-made contrivances to transfer details of aerial photos to maps, are T/3 Joseph Bogis, Philadelphia, and T/Sgt. Raymond Hadfield, Central Falls, R.I.

used by pilots and navigators for landmarks. Such maps are particularly valuable to pilots returning from "ops" in disabled planes and needing quick landing sites.

Most of the maps are made from existing material, but are revised periodically to show new structures, Capt. Kirk said. However, the unit can move into the field any time and map virgin territory either from the ground or from air photos.

"It is hard to single out men for special

distinction, because each man is a true craftsman in his own line," Lt. Franke said.

Plans for most of the equipment were drawn by M/Sgt. Orville H. Ursin, Gary, Ind., draftsman. Others who contributed included: S/Sgt. Leonard Pollina, Cleveland, Ohio., plate section; S/Sgt. Oliver Smith, Gaithersburg, Md., camera section; Sgt. James Griffin, Holyoke, Mass., press section; and T/4 Norman Bruner, Chicago, art and layout.

Army Doctors Check Seamen

Shipping Administration Sets Up Hostels For Mariners

A PORT IN BRITAIN, Feb. 7—American merchant seamen hereafter will not leave England on arduous voyages, their health poor from weeks and possibly months at sea. U.S. Army doctors, under a new arrangement, will give every man a physical examination before he ships out. The examinations are compulsory.

Besides this precaution, provision has been made for rest and recreation of seamen in port.

Americans here from hard and dangerous trips will visit their own clubs, set up in various part of the United Kingdom by agreement of the U.S. War Shipping Administration and the United Seamen's Service. They'll get good, hot American meals, including coffee.

The coffee, lack of which long has bothered merchant seamen as well as other U.S. servicemen, will be prepared under U.S. Army supervision. It will be roasted and ground daily in England by American soldiers, and the Army has issued special instructions as to its preparation. Copies of these instructions have been circulated to cooks at the WSA clubs.

Nazis' Allies Begin to Worry As Balkans Get the Jitters

ANKARA, Feb. 7 (UP)—The allies of Germany in the Balkans are beginning to worry.

One report from Sofia says that Turkey has thrown in her lot with the Allies.

From Budapest comes the news that the Hungarian Government is at last sending fresh troops to the Russian front.

A German military mission has arrived in Sofia, headed by Gen. Mannstein, the man who captured Sebastopol. It is believed that the visit is concerned with the defense of Bulgaria, especially as work is now going on 20 miles from the Turkish frontier on defense positions.

The Adana conference between Prime Minister Churchill of England, and President Inonu of Turkey, has shocked the Balkan Allies of Germany so much

Boy! That Was a Tough One! Shoe Dep't at New Low: 3½ EEs

Not 13½ EEs, 3½ EEs.

The Stars and Stripes Shoe Department heaved a sigh of relief as S/Sgt. Harold J. Courtois, of New Iberia, La., an infantryman, left London with a pair of shoes that size for Pvt. Allen Broussard, 22, member of his platoon. Courtois had explained that his friend, also from New Iberia, would have to get the shoes or be left behind by his unit after having trained with them in the States and overseas.

'Brains Trust' to Answer Questions from Yanks

The British Brains Trust team which has been touring Red Cross Clubs all over the country meets for a round-table parley Monday at 7 PM at the Mostyn Club.

This team, made up of British professional men, will answer questions submitted by American soldiers. Prizes will be awarded to all soldiers whose questions stump the experts.

Washington Club Plans Dance, Chess this Week

The Washington Club has scheduled a dance Tuesday night from 7.30 to 10.30 PM. Music will be furnished by Rosato's London Base Command band.

Wednesday night a chess exhibition will be given by J. du Mont, general editor of the British Chess Magazine, in the lounge at 8.30 PM.

Ciano, Fascist No. 2, Ousted by Mussolini

Count Ciano, Mussolini's son-in-law and for seven years Italian Foreign Minister, has been sacked and his duties taken over by Il Duce himself in a reshuffle of the Italian Cabinet, according to an official Italian news agency message picked up in New York. Ciano had been regarded as Italy's Number Two Fascist.

Equally significant was the appointment as Ambassador to Turkey of Augusto Rosso, long known as a hater of Fascism and to be hated by Ciano. Axis circles in Turkey were anxious because of the possibility he is Italy's lifeline for an escape from the Axis or he will be used to keep communications open with the United States should the United Nations attack Italy.

Later a letter came in from Sgt. Russell W. Brown, Milroy, Penn., a field artilleryman who is 4 ft. 10½ inches high. He offers, without charge, a pair of his own 4½ EEs—so, Sgt. Courtois, there's your chance. Write a letter to Sgt. Edwin F. Nace in care of The Stars and Stripes.

Ireland Marines Get Bagpipes for Band

LONDONDERRY, Feb. 7—Twelve sets of bagpipes and eight drums have arrived in Londonderry from Scotland for the proposed new American Marine Corps pipe band at the U.S. Naval base here.

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: Lt. E. S. Millechamp, Lake Wales, Fla.; Pvt. Travis D. Carter, Chas. S. Miller, Lonoke, Ark.; Pvt. Arthur De Croft, Maplewood, N.J.; Capt. Everette E. Tribbett, Air Force; Cpl. Robert Englerth, Chambersburg, Pa.; Pvt. Fred Figsu, Cincinnati, and Pvt. Howard McCalman, Portland, Me.

Two Ordnance Outfits Sponsor Blitzed Orphans

U.S. Weather Detachment Raises £30 from Only Seven Men

Fitters from one of the U.S. Army's largest ordnance depots in England this week added £100 to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund.

These men, who, under Col. C. W. Richmond, take the obvious risk of calling themselves "the best ordnance outfit and the best fed outfit in England," sent no detailed specifications as to the type of youngster they want to sponsor. (They're entitled to say whether it will be a girl or boy; what age, type, color of hair, eyes, &c.)

But they weren't unfeelingly silent: "A potential Lana Turner or, if a boy, a Winston Churchill," was their suggestion.

"In any case, we'll give him or her some free lessons in the art of being a number-one Ordnance Man in our big shop."

American Red Cross authorities, who handle the money and care for selection and placement of children in The Stars and Stripes War Orphan campaign, will choose some child who will receive extra care for five years through the £500 contributed by the ordnance workers.

Any Size Contributions

Contributions do not have to be of £100 or more, and many individuals and units have sent in just such amounts as they could. It all goes to help the "blitz-kids."

A weather detachment, under Lt. Marr, sent in £30. Seven men were in on this contribution—as high an individual average as any.

Another ordnance battalion brought in £112 16s. 3d.

This outfit wants "a red-headed, blue-eyed baby girl ten months old." Their request will be carried out as nearly as possible, and the men will receive periodical reports on their little red-head's progress, along with photographs.

Anonymous subscriptions continued to come in. Among them was a 10s. note, in an envelope marked only "PRO, ETOUSA."

FDR Is Called Good Air Sailor

Pilots Knew Passenger's Identity Only When He Arrived

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7—Capt. Otis Bryan, who, with Capt. Howard Cone Jr., flew President Roosevelt to Casablanca and back, disclosed today that "we didn't know who our passenger was until he drove up in a car."

"Of course we were aware of our tremendous responsibility," Capt. Bryan said, "but our security of operation was the best possible, and after we had started it was just another routine flight. The crew and I felt perfectly at ease because of Mr. Roosevelt's comfortable attitude. He made everybody feel at home."

"The President took a nap after we started for Casablanca, and since he felt at ease we did too."

"During the flight the President was quite interested in how fast we were going. He asked several times and was pleased when we gave him speed checks of over 200 miles an hour."

Capt. Bryan and Cone called the President "a good air sailor." Cone said Mr. Roosevelt invited him to his birthday party in the plane, 8,000 feet above Haiti, where the President cut the birthday cake and was toasted in champagne by his companions. Cone, who was on duty, drank coffee.

Cone said he and Harry Hopkins initiated President Roosevelt into the "Short Snorters Club," composed of persons who have flown the ocean, whose membership card is a dollar bill signed by trip companions and any other Short Snorters they meet.

Cone flew the President 8,788 miles in a Pan-American Clipper plane. Bryan flew him approximately 6,700 miles in a Douglas Clive Army transport.

Jack Outpoints Zivic; LaMotta Stops Ray Robinson

Decision Boomed, Fans Fail to See Zivic Low Blow

29-Year-Old Fritzie, Ex-Welterweight King, Makes Good Show

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—A record-breaking crowd of 21,000 Madison Square Garden fans raised the roof with catcalls as Beau Jack, Negro lightweight champion, was awarded a 10-round non-title decision over Fritzie Zivic, ex-welterweight champion.

The 29-year-old Zivic fought the greatest battle of his comeback career, but was penalized in the eighth round by Referee Young Otto for a questionable low blow. The majority of the fans who crammed the Garden did not see the foul and roared disapproval when the referee instructed the judges to award the eighth round to Beau Jack after Zivic had won it handily.

The loss of the eighth round was a severe blow to Zivic. Although the decision was unanimous against him, Judges Sam Robinson and Artie Monroe gave Jack six rounds and Zivic four. Had they thrown the eighth to Fritzie they would have registered the bout even. Referee Otto voted six rounds to Jack, three to Zivic and one even.

Chased Zivic Around Ring
Spotting Pittsburgh Fritzie eight pounds and ten years' ring experience, Beau Jack bobbed and weaved through a continuous barrage of hooks in an effort to set a killing pace for the crafty Zivic. Jack came out swinging in the opening round, battering Zivic's head with uppercuts in the clinches and jabbing long rights to Zivic's jaw. Fritzie turned on the heat in the second round, countering Jack's attack with smashing body hooks. The leather was flying so thick that the fighters did not hear the bell and slugged five seconds after the gong ended the session.

Jack rocked Zivic with an uppercut in the opening of the third round, capitalizing the advantage with a relentless two-handed body attack, but in the fourth round the game Zivic rallied again, tightening his defense and chopping at Jack's mid-section. In the fifth and sixth rounds Jack chased Zivic all over the ring, lashing out furiously with both hands until Zivic hammered a hard right to Jack's heart late in the sixth stanza, followed by two long lefts to Jack's jaw.

Last Bid in Ninth
Jack's long right in the seventh round opened Zivic's eye. He stabbed hard lefts to Zivic's kidneys, hammering his head and body savagely from long range and close quarters. Fritzie staggered Beau in the eighth with two right hooks to the jaw and a left hook to the heart, but the low blow gave the round to Beau. Zivic made a last effort in the ninth, crashing a right hook to Jack's chin and clubbing his head and body in the close fighting, but Jack moved away, outpointing and tiring Zivic in the closing stanza. The bout marked the 14th straight victory for the Southern dynamo, who won the New York State version of the world lightweight title by knocking out Tippy Larkin at the Garden last December. But Zivic's experience and poundage left their mark on Jack and he left the ring well battered about the mouth and eyes. Jack tipped the scales at 137 1/2, Zivic at 145 1/2.

Police Win Table Tennis Game Against Hq. Team

GLASGOW, Feb. 7.—At an inter-club table tennis match played here between a team from a headquarters company and the Glasgow Police Athletic Association the police emerged victors after a close contest, 8—7. This was the second of a series of matches played between these teams, the first being deadlocked at five all.

Results of the second match were: M/Sgt. Kelley defeated Officer Morrison; Sgt. Zaccario lost to Officer Hall; M/Sgt. Roughsedge lost to Officer McDonald; Lt. Roberts defeated Officer Crookshanks; Capt. Smith defeated Officer Gormley; S/Sgt. Lescanec defeated Officer McDougall; Sgt. Sarka defeated Inspector Howat; Sgt. Hickman lost to Officer Johnson. Second round—M/Sgt. Kelley lost to Officer Hall; Lt. Roberts defeated Officer McDonald; Capt. Smith defeated S/Sgt. Lescanec; Sgt. Sarka lost to Officer Johnson. In the semifinals, Capt. Smith and Lt. Roberts lost to Officer Johnston and Officer Hall, with Officer Johnston winning the finals in an overtime match.

Marines Take Two Games At Belfast Red Cross

BELFAST, Feb. 7.—U.S. Marines on leave here engaged in a pair of basketball games on the Red Cross court and were victorious in both contests. In the first game, the Leathernecks defeated a Royal Ulster Constabulary team, 45—14. Pfc H. E. Johnson, of New Lathrop, Mich., scored 22 points. He also was instrumental in the second win, 27—18, over the Redbirds, an ordnance unit, when he tallied 16 points. T/4 Harold Huey, of Indiana, and Cpl. Ray Quensel, of Chicago, each scored six points for the Redbirds.

Flatbush Mad at Lippy; He's Picking the Cards

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Anguished Dodgers fans are beating their chests and howling long and mournfully on Flatbush Avenue at the betrayal by their erstwhile idol, Leo Durocher. The cocky Brooklyn manager, who perennially predicts the Dodgers will win the pennant, told reporters that he expects the Cardinals to cop the flag again this year.

Durocher, here to straighten out his draft status, said, "The Cardinals are plenty powerful. They have enough manpower to take up the slack caused by the loss of Johnny Beazley, Enos Slaughter and Terry Moore. They have 11 pitchers who can go the route and that's quite an advantage. They should win again."

Mitchell First In Wanamaker

Beats Dodds in 4:08.6; Short, Warmerdam, Rice Also Win

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Earl Mitchell, Indiana undergraduate, and Hugh Short, of Georgetown, shared honors in one of the most exciting Millrose track and field meets in years here last night.

Before 16,000 wildly shrieking Madison Square Garden fans, Mitchell booted up from third place in the last lap of the Wanamaker Mile to whip fading Gil Dodds, Boston College divinity student and top-heavy favorite, in the splendid time of four minutes, eight and six-tenths seconds. Short, ICA outdoor 440 tilter, flashed a terrific kick to win the Mel Shepard 600 in one minute, ten and two-tenths second, equalling the world indoor record set by the late John Borican.

The rest of the meet went much as expected. Cornelius Warmerdam pole vaulted 15 feet for the 27th time, setting a new Garden record of 15 feet, one and one-half inches, but came nowhere near the ceiling of 16-feet the publicity predicted. Jack Defield, Minnesota; Dick Morcom, New Hampshire; Warren Broomel, Columbia, were tied for second at 13 feet, six inches.

Sickinger Takes Half-Mile

Greg Rice continued his winning streak, winning his 57 straight race with a nine-minute, two and two-tenths seconds victory in the two-mile run. Notre Dame undergraduate Ollie Hunter, national collegiate cross country champion, was expected to give Greg stiff competition, but he held the lead only once. He cruised past Rice with six laps to go on the Garden's 11-laps-to-a-mile track. But precisely three laps from home, Greg uncorked his customary whirlwind finish, flew by Hunter and won by nearly half a lap.

Fred Sickinger, Manhattan College, satisfied the localites with a successful defense of his half-mile title. Taking the lead at the start of the second quarter, Sickinger strode to a five-yard triumph over Dave Mathews, Michigan, in the slow time of one minute 54 and nine-tenths seconds. Joe Nowicki, Fordham, the early pacemaker, was third.

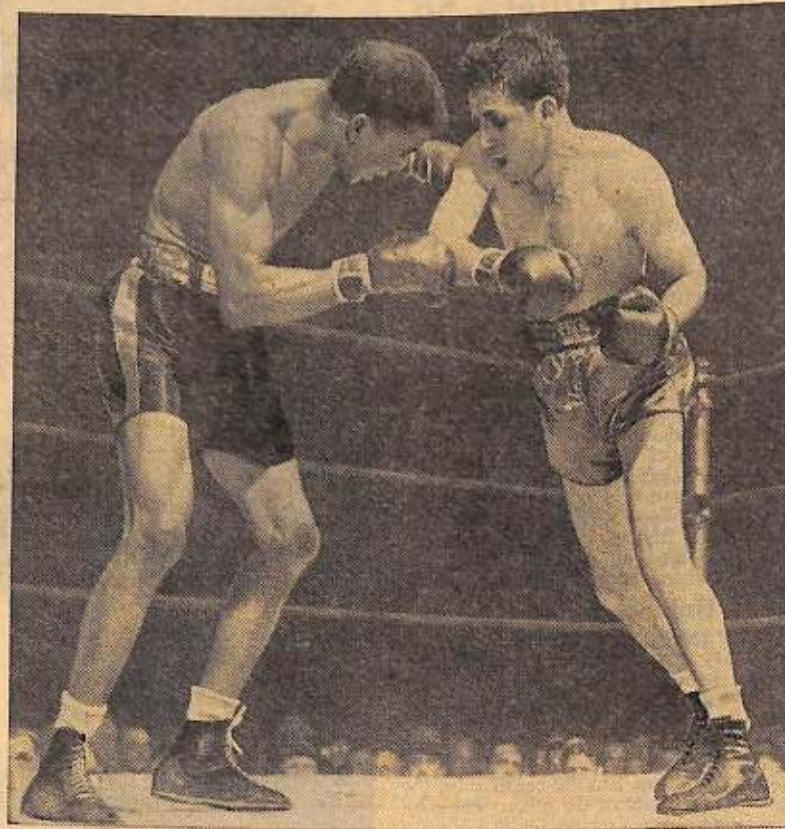
Pvt. Barney Ewekll, many times indoor Spring champion, regained pre-eminence by winning in a blanket finish in the 60-yard dash in six and two-tenths seconds. Harold Stickle, Pittsburgh, was second, Herbert Thompson, Jersey City, third. Dave Conwell, NYU freshman sensation, did not place.

Dodds Sets Killing Pace

In the 600 thriller, Short trailed Bob Ufer until the last half of the final lap. Then, with a terrific lift, he bounced past him entering the last turn, stretching his advantage with every stride. Ufer was tiring badly, yet he managed to stave off the veteran Jimmy Herbert. Herbert, the favorite, was trying for his fifth Millrose 600 triumph. He was pocketed badly early in the race and once free lacked the finishing burst to match Short's.

Mitchell, Big Ten two-mile champion, was lost in the pack during the first half of the Wanamaker Mile. True to form, Dodds, national 1,500-meter champion, seized the lead and set a burning pace, hitting the half-mile in the killing time of two minutes two and one-tenth seconds, with Frank Dixon, NYU freshman, right at his heels. Dodds and Dixon led the field by ten yards as they continued the furious pace, passing the three-quarters in three minutes three and seven-tenths seconds. The crowd, sensing a record opportunity, was in a frenzy of excitement. But Dodds had shot his own bolt without killing off the competition. Dixon was through, but suddenly Mitchell shot forward, closed the gap, caught and passed Dodds before Dodds knew what had happened. For a split second, 100 yards from home, it seemed that Dodds might have a counter-burst to overtake Mitchell, but the long-striding Hoosier was full of running and kicked home with a five-yard advantage. Dodds had the same margin over Dixon, who nevertheless showed promise and ran three or four seconds faster than ever before. Jim Rafferty, New York AC, Don Burnham, Dartmouth, Ensign Walter Mehl, formerly of Wisconsin, and Leroy Schwartzkopf, Yale, also ran.

They're Not Talking It Over



Keystone Photo

Chester Rico, young Italian lightweight contender from the Bronx, lands a hard right on the chin of the Philadelphia Negro, Bob Montgomery. The action took place during the scheduled 15-round lightweight elimination bout at Madison Square Garden last month. The dusky lad from Philadelphia outlasted the young Italian, and the referee stopped the bout in the seventh round.

Diddle, Kentucky State Coach, Wins Games by Tossing Towels

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 7.—Ed Diddle, basketball coach at Western Kentucky State, is the most famous towel tosser in American sport. Muscular, middle-sized, middle-aged with iron-gray hair, Diddle has one of the most impressive records of any coach in the country. This year his team is unbeaten in 15 starts and last year the boys were finalists in the Madison Square Garden invitation tournament. The psychological aspects of his success Diddle lays to the towel tossing.

It started accidentally in 1921 when he was coaching Greenville, Ky., high school. With the team behind, Diddle, who was hot, swabbed his face with a towel then, acting impulsively, tossed the towel high in the air and yelled, "Snap out of it, boys."

Lands on His Head

Started, his proteges stepped up the pace, pulling the game out of the fire with Diddle tossing the towel every time they made a basket. Afterwards the players told him, "We thought you had gone nuts, so we had to win the game to prevent them from taking you away in the paddy wagon."

Thereafter Diddle heaved the towel in every game, usually when the team scored or when baskets were badly needed. The dampened towel usually attains the height of 25 feet and—so accurate is Diddle—three out of four throws the towel lands back squarely on his own excited head. Occasionally Diddle misses and the towel lands on the nogg of a squad member, who immediately returns it to Diddle who is as lost without a towel as Connie Mack without a score card.

Fans Miss Baskets
Diddle, as a Center College undergraduate, was basketball captain and football blocking back in the days when Bo McMillan was quarterback. He's been coaching Western Kentucky State for the past 21 years. His teams have won the Southern Conference title seven of the last nine years, and the record, accompanied by the flying towel fetish, has so impressed Kentucky fans that nearly every mail brings him towels. At Christmas they pour in by the hundreds, in every shape and size.

Just before Diddle's boys trimmed City College at Madison Square Garden this week, 69—49, Diddle received a brand-new pink towel from a Bowling Green, Ky., soft drink magnate. After dampening it and giving it a workout to determine the proper balance, Diddle used it lustily to spur the Kentuckians on to overcome the early CCNY lead. Garden fans were missing baskets in enjoyment of Diddle's antics.

Nation's Basketball Results

Friday's Games

- St. Johns 47, Hofstra 38. Siena 44, Pratt Institute 32. Buffalo State Teachers 35, Buffalo 33. William and Mary 48, Hampden Sydney 38. Vermont 48, St. Michaels 35. Fairmont State 69, West Virginia Tech. 33. Western Maryland 40, Gettysburg 30. Indiana (Pa.) Teachers 46, Clarion Teachers 25. Waynesburg 44, St. Vincent 38. Lockhaven Teachers 66, Bloomsburg Teachers 49. Williamian State Teachers 36, Keene Teachers 18. Clarion Teachers 69, California (Pa.) Teachers 55. Shippensburg Teachers 48, Westchester Teachers 34. Murray Kentucky Teachers 50, Tennessee Poly Tech 43. Penn State 58, North Carolina Prelight 34. Citadel 38, Wake Forest 36 (first game). Citadel 52, Wake Forest 39 (second game). George Washington 46, North Carolina State 40. South Carolina 48, Clemson 30. Richmond 36, VMI 27. Georgia Tech 45, Louisiana State 44. Auburn 47, Georgia 32. Vanderbilt 55, Mississippi 30. Elizabethton 39, Bridgewater 28. Norfolk Naval Training 68, Hish Point College 35. Kentucky State 46, West Virginia State 35. Cincinnati 67, Hanover 33. Huntington 44, Tri State 34. Dearborn Naval Training 42, Detroit Tech 24. Milton 31, Wisconsin Tech 26. Ohio Wesleyan 56, Denison 50. Michigan Normal 48, Alma 41. Gustavus Adolphus 49, Winona Tech 32. Central College 46, Westminster 39. Butler 34, Franklin 24. Maryville 37, Warrensburg Teachers 27. Central Missouri 34, Westminster (Mo.) 33. William Jewell 43, Missouri Valley 37. Southwestern Kansas 37, St. Benedicts 30. St. Cloud Teachers 49, Morehead Teachers 46. Mankato Teachers 45, Winona Teachers 41. Wayne 45, Doane 28. Carthage 58, Augustana 42. Fort Sheridan 51, Falk 42. Glenview Naval Air 59, Peru Naval Air 36. DeKalb Teachers 57, Carbondale Teachers 47. Culver Stockton 38, Drury 35. Miami (Ohio) 54, Oberlin 48. Akron 47, Bowling Green 38. Mount Union 69, Muskingum 53. Fortiars State 53, Emporia State 41. Rio Grande 43, Marietta 40. Crichton 40, Oklahoma Azzies 38. Oklahoma 73, South Norman Naval Base 37. Grinnell 45, Coe 30. Washington 61, Drake 49.

Bethany 35, Ottawa 33. Lawrence 51, Cornell (Iowa) 35. St. Ambrose 62, Iowa Wesleyan 39. Wabash 48, St. Josephs (Ind.) 37. Oakland City 29, Rose Poly 27. Wesleyan (Neb.) 33, Hastings 24. Milwaukee Teachers 63, Stevens Point 28. Plattville Teachers 41, Lacrosse Teachers 32. Superior Teachers 41, Lacrosee Teachers 37. South Dakota 54, Omaha 36. South Dakota State 55, Iowa Teachers 42. Camp Grant 46, Loyola (Chicago) 33. Minnesota Teachers 43, Valley City Teachers 35. Minio Teachers 32, Adams State 23. Highlands 56, New Mexico Teachers 41. Corpus Christi Naval Air Station 42, Rice 39. Arkansas 68, Baylor 25. Texas Wesleyan 53, McMurry 36. Colorado State 67, Regis 24. Denver 48, Colorado College 30. Oregon State 65, Idaho 32. Mesa 47, Carleton 33. Greeley State 39, Colorado Mines 33. Whitier 50, San Diego State 36. Utah State 51, Utah 42. Montana State 65, Idaho (Southern Branch) 39. Utah Azzies 36, Dixie Jr. Col. 32. Whitman 59, Portland 52. St. Marys 45, Stanford 42. San Francisco State 72, California Poly 39. Southern California 52, Santa Ana Air Base 47. Arizona 62, San Diego Marines 34. College of Puget Sound 43, Pacific Lutheran 32. Chico State 46, Redlands 40. Nevada 32. Washington State 41, Washington 37. Pasco Fliers 41, Portland 29.

- Saturday's Games
Fordham 52, Canastota 36. Minnesota 45, Western Reserve 29. Syracuse 58, Colgate 41. Manhattan 45, Fort Monmouth 22. Penn State 33, Navy 21. Army 44, Maryland 40. Illinois 60, Ohio State 48. Indiana 32, Michigan 24. Penn 42, Cornell 35. Arkansas 40, Baylor 38. Northwestern 47, Purdue 40. Kansas 44, Iowa State 20. Notre Dame 45, Michigan State 34. Duke 51, North Carolina 39. Louisiana State 62, Auburn 37. Georgia Tech 60, Tulane 36. Great Lakes 55, Wisconsin 48. Missouri 44, Kansas State 30. Crichton 58, Tulsa 36. Dartmouth 62, Yale 30.

Middleweight Gets Nod Over '42's Top Boxer

Robinson's Victory String Ends at 40; Entered Ring 3-1 Choice

DETROIT, Feb. 7.—Jake LaMotta, the bullish Bronx middleweight, scored a sensational ten-round decision over the favored and undefeated Ray "Sugar" Robinson in the year's biggest ring upset before 10,000 Olympia Stadium fans here last night.

Wiry Robinson, voted the best fighter of 1942, entered the ring a 3-1 favorite in the heavy betting. He was left hanging on the ropes as the bell sounded, ending the fight and his 40 straight victory string.

The turning point of the fiery battle came in the eighth round when LaMotta, who had a 15-pound advantage, caught Robinson flush on the face with a smashing left while Ray was against the ropes. The husky Bronx fighter followed up with blazing lefts and rights to the head as Robinson retreated groggily. A larruping right to Robinson's body followed by a left to the head sent the favorite sagging to the canvas. He took the count to nine and rose shakily as the round ended.

Unable to Fathom Style

In the ninth round LaMotta slashed and punned Robinson's body, battering him against the ropes, refusing to let the weary Sugar tie him up. Twice in the tenth round LaMotta uncorked dynamite in both fists, sending the dazed Robinson half squatting onto the ropes, but he refused to fall. Robinson absorbed a terrific barrage of rights and lefts to the head until the gong ended the fight.

Robinson seemed unable to fathom LaMotta's style as the short, stocky battler crouched and worked up under his lighter opponent during the early sessions. Robinson peppered the Italian with rights, but LaMotta weaved in and out, waiting for an opening, finally finding it in the eighth when he unleashed his whirlwind attack.

The judges were unanimous in awarding the decision to LaMotta. Referee Sam Hennessy gave LaMotta five rounds, Robinson four and one even. Robinson weighed 144 1/2, LaMotta 160 1/2.

Aces, AG Fives Win Twin Bill

By M. M. Robins

SOS HEADQUARTERS, Feb. 7.—The second round of the Special Services basketball tournament opened with the Quartermaster Aces stopping the Post Office APOs, 28—13, and the Headquarters AGs trouncing the Quartermaster Rockets, 65—28. The winners advanced into the semi-finals.

The first game started slowly as both teams displayed a tight defence. The Aces began to pull away as high scorer T/4 Warren D. Detrick, of Springfield, Ohio, popped the ball from all angles to collect 12 points. In the last quarter, the Aces clicked to run up 12 counters to the APOs' five, providing the winning margin.

The AGs had an easy time of it in the second tilt, piling up 37 tallies more than their victims. A new tournament scoring record was established by the AGs sensational guard, T/5 Al Gelrod, of Brooklyn, N.Y., former City College basketball player, who sank 11 field goals for 22 points. At half-time the score was 34—13. The winners played a smooth, fast game with each man chalking up points. The Rockets' key man and high scorer was Pfc Fred A. Pechar, of Pittsburgh, who swished the baskets for 12 marks.

Officials for the game were T/5 Joseph V. Santoro, of Marmaroneck, N.Y., referee; S/Sgt. George W. Drago, Port Chester, N.Y., umpire; T/5 Frank L. Roberts, Milwaukee, Wis., timekeeper; and Cpl. John E. Stock, Pittsburgh, Pa., scorer.

Table with columns for Aces, AG, Rockets and scores. Aces: Detrick 12, Fox 5, Miller 2, Iron Teeth 1, Wrassman 1. AG: Totals 11. Rockets: G Ft, Oreilicherman 1, Carter 1, Maloney 2, Gelrod 1, Foster 1, Gologoff 1. Totals 31.3.

American Hockey League

Table with columns for teams and points. Hershey 23, Buffalo 22, Pittsburgh 20, Indianapolis 18, Providence 18, Cleveland 16, Washington 9.

Experienced Artillerymen To Appear on Ring Show

Stolz Watched The Clock as Willie Pep Won

Connecticut Fighter Shows Class in Garden Victory

By Dan Parker

New York Daily Mirror Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Connecticut is a land of sturdy habits, but take it from a number of alleged wise guys who infest this thriving community, there is one literal minded native of our neighboring state who is carrying the matter too far. He is young featherweight champion Willie Pep who has made such a habit of winning prize fights that he hasn't been beaten, disqualified or tied in 59 professional starts—an all-time boxing record for consecutive wins. It was Willie's streak against Allie Stolz's a week ago Friday in Madison Square Garden and I'm not speaking riddles when I say that Willie's remained intact because Allie's was in evidence throughout.

As someone expressed it, "Allie fiddled while the pie makers burned." They were burned because they installed Stolz as a 6-5 favorite just before the fight, whereupon the cherub-faced Newark lad gave a perfect impersonation of Max Baer protecting his profile at all cost. Stolz did most of the damage to the Garden's clock which Allie practically stared out of countenance during the 10 unhappy rounds in which he probably wished he could swap faces, if not places, with the clock.

Not Like the Old Pep

The occasion was really Pep's metropolitan debut. The same guy appeared several months ago in a semi-final lasting one minute. Later Pep won "going away," as the boys said sarcastically, in his featherweight championship fight with Chalky Wright. But the fireball who practically chased Allie Stolz from the ring the other night after spotting him half a dozen pounds, did not look like the old Pep. At the battle's end Pep had convinced the skeptical crowd that when Connecticut says a featherweight is champ, it isn't a typographical error involving the letters quote, unquote and quote, unquote. The third Nutmeg State boy to hold the 126-pound title, Pep proved himself worthy to wear the mantle.

Pep's style is harder to describe than the nazy details of a Welsh rarebit dream. It might be said that he specializes in doing the wong things the right way. He leads with his right, leaves himself wide-open, gets off-balance like a drunken bookkeeper's accounts, pushes sometimes instead of punching and in spots looks greener than Spring in Devonshire, but the kid's all heart, has the speed of a darting lizard, is as tireless as an eight-day clock and delivers a sharp punch. The quality which stamps him as a champion, however, is that he fights best when he is stung.

Stolz Took Two Rounds

Willie can throw an overhand wallop with either mitt and he looped punches of this type at Stolz's precious puss until Allie didn't know in what direction to expect the next stop. Stolz is a classy boxer and a smart kid, but Pep made him appear a tyro and a dunce. Once it was thought that no one could faint better than Allie, but Pep feinted him into a pretzel. Every time Willie feinted, Allie almost fainted, turning his head and shoulder in what is known as the geezer defense. It was this trick plus the clock watching which betrayed Allie's—shall we say lack of enthusiasm for his work?

Pep took command over Allie at the start, letting him know what the role was and Stolz seldom strayed from the part thereafter. During the second round, Willie hooked two lefts to Allie's jaw spaced by a wink and down went Allie on his haunches. He was up at the count of two, seemingly spry enough, but actually groggier than a decapitated duck because at the bell he went to Pep's corner and argued it was his own. Allie won only the fourth and eighth rounds. Pep took the rest by a wide margin.

With Chalky Wright and Pep repeating their performance, it might be a good idea to abolish the rest of the fighters in the division except Beau Jack, then match him and Pep to see who will rule the combined divisions embracing all the fighters from 119 to 135 pounds.

Tracks Reached Only By Car to be Closed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Rubber Administrator William Jeffers has announced that he is requesting the state governors to cancel all race track meetings that cannot be reached in any other way than by automobile.

Jeffers said that he had received a telegraphed reply to his message sent last week to the Bay Meadows track requesting that the track be closed. The operators wired that they would be "good soldiers and go along with the request."

Jeffers said, "I'm making the request only to the tracks which are some distance from the metropolitan centers and where it is necessary to get to them on rubber. I don't think it is in the interest of the war effort to have such meetings held. They draw a tremendous number of automobiles from considerable distances and when people see the cars parked at the tracks, they wonder if there really is a rubber shortage."

Beazley Hopes to Pitch After War is Over

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 7.—Johnny Beazley, who pitched the Cardinals to two World Series victories over the New York Yankees, said that he expected to return to baseball after the war. Beazley enlisted in the Army shortly after the close of last season and has just completed a six-week officers' candidate training at the Air Force Technical Command school here.

Beazley said, "I'm young and I think I'll still have plenty of pitching left in me when the big job is over. The going is tough. Even pitching to the Yanks is child's play compared to this 90-day course."

Single Kayo in GI Semi-Finals

Dirks Wins Heavyweight Contest Before 1,200 Fans

DIVISION BASE, England, Feb. 7.—Only one knock-out featured the 12 bouts in the semi-finals of the regimental boxing tournament here as 1,200 fans looked on.

The bout which took the crowd's fancy was between two lightweights, Pvt. Robert Tipet, Baltimore, and Pfc Steve Dominski, of Philadelphia. Both boys came out from the corner at the first bell and handed each other plenty of punishment. Tipet, who won the decision, opened the fight with a flurry of lefts and rights to Dominski's head. After the first minute in which the boys held a slugfest, Tipet put Dominski on the floor for a short count. Dominski came back in the second round and sent Tipet to the canvas for a count of nine.

The last round saw both boys lashing out with stinging blows to both the head and body, with Tipet landing more telling blows to win the decision.

The only knockout of the tournament came in 25 seconds of the first round when Sgt. William Dirks, of Cumberland, Md., pounded Cpl. William Duncan, of Pylesville, Md., and sent him to the canvas with a hard smashing blow to the temple.

Cpl. Reggie Zepp, of Westminster, Md., provided the thriller of the night when he came back, after going down for the count of nine in the first stanza, to win a decision over Pvt. Warren Newman, of Pittsburgh.

Summaries of the other matches:

- 127-pound class—Cpl. Sarvy Lewis, Portland, Me., outpointed Sgt. Lou Justice; Cpl. James Ryan, Anacosta, Mont., outpointed Pvt. David Nicolason, Hyattsville, Md.
- 135-pound class—Pfc Robert Tipet, Baltimore, outpointed Pfc Steve Dominski, Philadelphia.
- 145-pound class—Sgt. Walter Wine, Hagerstown, Md., outpointed Pvt. Robert Andrews, Richmond, Ind.
- 155-pound class—Pfc Robert Ackerman, Jersey City, N.J., outpointed Pvt. Edward Poodles, Baltimore, Md.; Pvt. Andrew Morkevitch, Bayonne, N.J., outpointed Pvt. Kenneth Howbaken, Hagerstown, Md.
- 165-pound class—Sgt. Steve Morzach, Erie, Pa., outpointed Pvt. Rachel Ruetteli, Brentford, Conn.; Sgt. Pete Moore, Silver Springs, Md., outpointed Pvt. Vince McBride, Erie, Pa.
- 175-pound class—Cpl. Reggie Zepp, Westminster, Md., outpointed Pvt. Warren Newman, Pittsburgh; Pvt. Mike Denski, Philadelphia, outpointed Pvt. Fred Eastman, Miln, Ohio; Pfc William Beran, Binghamton, N.Y., outpointed Pfc Edgar Stark, Elkton, Md.
- Heavyweight class—Sgt. William Dirks, Cumberland, Md., scored a kayo over Cpl. William Duncan, Pylesville, Md., in 25 secs. of the first round.

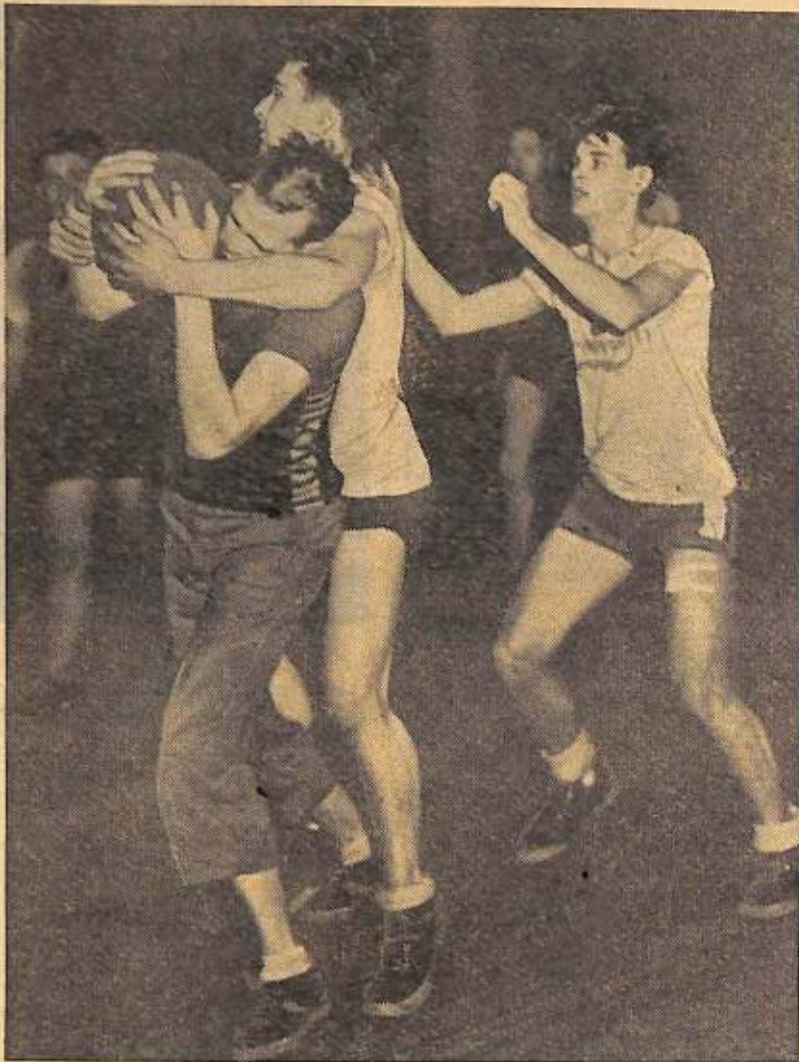
Amertex Down Sailors; Pill-Rollers Lose, 18-17

BELFAST, Feb. 7.—The Amertex, champions of N. Ireland, jumped back on the victory wagon by defeating the Navy All-Stars of Londonderry, 19-12, on the Red Cross court here.

Although the floor game was spectacular at times, neither club had any luck finding the basket. Jack Lippert and Bill Anderson paced the technicians with seven and six points respectively. Pfc H. E. Johnson, U.S.M.C., of New Lathrop, Mich., and E. E. Churchill, SICL., of Aurora, Ill., scored four points each for the All-Stars.

In the curtain-raiser the Navy Reserves eked out an 18-17 victory over the Pill-Rollers, a medics unit. D. T. Lyons, SICL., of Boston, and J. Edmundson, F2CL., of Lawrence Mass., were the leading scorers for the Navy, while a pairing of Waterloo, Ia., boys, Cpl. Harland Eplund and Sgt. Orley Fiscus, were the best point makers for the medics.

Nightsticks Cop Ireland Cage Tilt



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Pfc James Leonard, Chicago, Ill., one of the stars of the Nightsticks, a Military Police quintet in Ireland, is being tied up by Ph 2 cl Walter Bruce, Brooklyn, N.Y., of the Creevagh Eagles, leading Navy five at Londonderry. The Nightsticks upset the Eagles to the score of 35-18 on the Belfast Red Cross club court. Ph 3 cl Lester Van Voorhis, Dodge City, Kan., another Creevagh player, is waiting behind Bruce to get the ball.

On the Way Up in the Majors, Now He's in Hot Stove League

By Ed Volz

Stars and Stripes Special Correspondent

AN INFANTRY STATION, England, Feb. 7.—This is just the time for the "Hot Stove League" to be in session, and Sergeant Lou Thuman, of Baltimore, is in there pitching more "coal" on the fires. Now stationed with an American infantry unit here, Thuman's bid for fame in the baseball world with the Washington Senators was nipped in the proverbial bud with the "call to arms." After bouncing around in jitney buses, hacks and what-

Three-Way Tie For Cage Title

DIVISION BASE, England, Feb. 7.—Coming from behind in the last two minutes of play, Headquarters Company edged themselves into a three-way tie for the regimental championship of the basketball tournament here by defeating Company F, 33-28. Had their opponents won, they would have had undisputed claim to the crown.

With the score 28-27 against them, Pvt. John Friedel, of Baltimore, started a last-minute spurt as he dribbled inside to lay up a double-decker to put his team in the lead. This was quickly followed by Pvt. Frank DeLarmi, of New York, with a set shot from the side with Lt. John Hirschman, Milwaukee, Minn., scoring the last points from outside the foul circle.

After both teams had played to an 8-8 tie at the end of the first quarter, Co. F forged into the lead as Cpl. Paul Kasinak, of Bridgeport, Conn., dropped a basket and then followed up with a tap shot. Kasinak took scoring honors for the game with 14 points on six field goals and two fouls, with Pvt. Robert Robinson, of Elmira, N.Y., close behind with six double-deckers and one free throw.

The box scores:

| Co. F | G | P | Hqs. Co. | G | P |
|--------------|----|---|---------------|----|---|
| Hannison, rf | 0 | 0 | Morris, rf | 2 | 0 |
| Cesca, lf | 4 | 0 | Hirschman, lf | 5 | 0 |
| Kasinak, c | 6 | 2 | Robinson, c | 6 | 1 |
| Grimes, rg | 0 | 0 | DeLarmi, rg | 2 | 0 |
| Endress, lg | 3 | 0 | Friedel, lg | 1 | 0 |
| Hoover, rf | 0 | 0 | Denney, rf | 0 | 0 |
| | 13 | 2 | | 16 | 1 |



Thuman

1939 saw him with the Greenville club of the Sally League, and he was dishing 'em over for the Charlotte club of the Piedmont League when called up to the majors by Washington. Before getting the nod from Washington, Thuman sported a record of 10 victories with Charlotte.

As in the case of so many others, he's just itching for the new season to get underway, but this time he'll be pitching hand grenades instead of baseballs, with a duster in every whip.

Leafs Beat Rangers, 3-2, On Freak Scoring Play

TORONTO, Feb. 7.—The Toronto Maple Leafs did not look impressive, but they managed to edge the New York Rangers, 3-2, last night. The winning goal came as an accident when Bob Davidson, Leaf left winger, collided with Goalie Bill Beveridge and the puck slid into the cage.

Referee Bill Chadwick at first disallowed the goals, but reversed himself. The Rangers argued the decision for 10 minutes.

Bouts to Start At 7.30 PM in Rainbow Club

Featured Boxers Defeated British Team in Liverpool Meet

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Four Coast Artillerymen who were on the American team which last week defeated a British Army team at Liverpool will be featured on tomorrow night's Stars and Stripes fight card at the Rainbow Corner.

Because of the increase in the number of bouts since the start of the boxing programs, the first scrappers will step into the ring at 7.30 PM tomorrow instead of 8 PM as before.

Outstanding man at the Liverpool contest was a middleweight, Pfc Fred Plude, of Scranton, Pa., 167. With nine fights behind him, Plude scored a knockout in the third round of his scheduled four-rounder with Spr. Traynor. Plude is a slugger with plenty of punch in both hands.

Pvt. Sal Fiore, of Brooklyn, N.Y., 158, who stole the show at Liverpool with the clever tactics which won him a decision, has had nine bouts as an amateur.

Two Winners Back

Rounding out the quartet are Pvt. Joseph DiNichols, of Newark, N.J., 126, and Pvt. Charles Abbodanzer, of Milford, Mass., 135. DiNichols, an aggressive boy, won a four-round decision over Cfn. Hanna while Abbodanzer lost a close decision to Dvr. Crossley.

Two winners from last week's exciting card will be back tomorrow night. Pfc Edward LaBorde, of Gretna, La., 114, took a clean-cut three-round decision over Pvt. Toni Deri, of West New York, N.J. Although outweighted by four pounds, LaBorde carried the fight to Deri all the way, showing a good left and plenty of stamina. Winner by a technical knockout last week, Cpl. Glen McCormick, of Richmond, Mo., 160, will be out for his second straight.

There will be two good Golden Gloves tossing the leather in the ring on tomorrow's program. Pvt. Rand Davis, of Grand Rapids, Mich., 140, from an Engineer outfit, reached the Gloves' finals at Grand Rapids in 1938. A semi-finalist in the 1939 New York Golden Gloves, Pvt. Willie Mariner, of New York, is from a Special Service unit. He weighs 150.

Another Engineer, Cpl. Robert Barbieri, of Philadelphia, 112, has had eight fights as an amateur and was on the boxing team at Langley Field.

Commando Exhibition

Pvt. Johnny Gardea, of Los Angeles, 165, was scheduled to fight three weeks ago, but at the last moment was forced to withdraw. He fought as an amateur for two years and then turned professional, winning nine out of 10 fights.

Most experienced amateur on the bill is T/Sgt. Frank Mendoza, of Laroda, Texas, 135. He has had 20 fights as an amateur. Right behind him come S/Sgt. John H. Wooten, 147, of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, a Coast Artilleryman, with 16 fights on his record.

Four Eighth Air Force fighters finish the card. Pvt. Ray Fussner, of Atlantic City, N.J., 126, is attached to a bomber group and has had several fights as an amateur as has Pvt. Kenneth O. Taylor, of Lexington, South Carolina, 143, attached to a repair squadron. Pvt. Joseph Gallagher, of Linden, N.J., 158, also of a bomber group, has several amateur bouts to his credit.

Last man of the group is another professional. He is Sgt. Chales Charles Sanza, of Philadelphia, 160.

After the bouts there will be an exhibition of unarmed combat by Lt. Mickey Wood, Commando trainer for the British Army. Lt. Wood will demonstrate the Commandos' fine art of bare-handed murder.

Illini Hoopsters Win Sixth Straight, 60-48

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 7.—Illinois' hoopsters, undefeated in Big Ten competition, ran their streak to six straight, beating Ohio State, 60-48. Handy Andy Phillip, Illini forward and the league's leading scorer, netted 19 points to maintain his Big Ten average at 21 points per game.

The Buckeyes threw a scare into the Illini with an early spurt that produced a 9-5 lead. With clever guarding and snappy passing, they stayed ahead until just before halftime when Phillip caged three consecutive field goals to put Illini ahead, 33-27. The rangier and more experience Illini held the whip hand throughout the second half.

Canadiens Trim Bruins, 8-3

MONTREAL, Feb. 7.—The lowly Montreal Canadiens trimmed the Boston Bruins, 8-3, here last night. Ray Getcliffe, Canadian left winger, chalked up five goals, earning himself a secure place in hockey's Hall of Fame.

Blondie

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by Chic Young



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The Voice of America

Assurance that American shortwave broadcasts to Axis-dominated Europe and Asia are heard by people in those countries is offered by Robert E. Sherwood, Director of Overseas Operations for the Office of War Information.

Although no polls of opinion can be taken in these countries, Mr. Sherwood says, we get the answer from the enemy himself in his increasing admonitions to his people not to believe "Allied lies." Our enemies wouldn't be denying these "lies" if their people in ever increasing numbers had not heard or read them.

Use of BBC facilities has made possible the distribution of American news to Europe. Several times each day the people of Europe can hear the voice of America rebroadcast by the powerful battery of BBC transmitters, longwave as well as shortwave.

According to Mr. Sherwood, more than 50 transmitters on both sides of the Atlantic were used to carry President Roosevelt's address to the French people to herald arrival of the AEF in North Africa.

Continuing, Mr. Sherwood states: "We have been sending the word over radio, by press services, by pamphlets, leaflets, posters, movies and even by word of mouth which travels with mysterious speed and effectiveness and penetrates the stoutest walls of censorship and suppression that the Nazis, the Fascists, or the fanatical militarists of Tokyo can build about their own conquered peoples. . . the warning that 'The Yanks are coming!'"

Report from Tokyo

Joseph C. Grew was the United States Ambassador to Japan from February, 1931, until Pearl Harbor. He then spent several months as a virtual prisoner of the Japanese and returned to the States in August, 1942, on the same boat with other Americans who had suffered cruelties and torture at the hands of the Japanese.

Ambassador Grew now tells of his experiences in Japan in a new book, "Report from Tokyo." In this volume he writes as a man who loved and admired many individual Japanese and many aspects of Japanese civilization. He also writes as a man who spent nearly 10 years before the last war in our Berlin Embassy.

With all this experience behind him Joseph Grew has arrived at the unshakable conclusion that we must not only crush the Japanese military machine completely; but he also believes that Japan will prove a tougher enemy than Germany.

Chapter by chapter in Report from Tokyo he shows how the present leaders of Japan have schooled their people for years in frugality and fanaticism. This war is no wild gamble by the Japanese, he points out; but a carefully calculated plan. The people of Japan are now convinced, right down to the last man, woman and child, that they must and will win.

Ambassador Grew recognizes that the only hope for lasting peace in the Pacific lies in the total destruction of Japan's armed forces. He plainly tells America that to accomplish this purpose will require the greatest national effort in our history.

A Story . . . A Smile

The Voice of the Netherlands tells this story of a Dutch Nazi, wounded at the Russian front, who was sent back to Amsterdam where he went to a German hospital for treatment.

At the entrance were two doors, one marked "Officers" the other "Other Ranks." He opened the "Other Ranks" door and came into a corridor at the end of which he saw two doors marked "Seriously wounded" and "Lightly wounded." Opening the second door, he found himself in another corridor, at the end of which there were two doors marked "Germans" and "Allies." When he opened the "Allies" door he found himself in the street.

"Were you treated well?" inquired his wife when he came home. "Not at all," the Dutch Nazi replied, "but the Germans do have a marvelous system of organization in the hospital."

Collaborating nations all claim the system works with equal efficiency in other fields.

Hush Marks

Corporal McSlugg, of the Theatrical and Cinema Division, ETO, says he supposes that every time a Russian knocks over a Nazi he whispers, "Joe sent me." Here's a pair of "bitter enders" for you. In the Bronx two practised pick-



pockets were charged with pocket-picking in a patrol wagon en route to the police station.

Here's another home front flash. A Denver restaurant owner came to work one morning to find that burglars had made off with six cartons of candy, two pies, the contents of seven gum machines and ONE juke box recording. "Why Don't We Do This More Often?"

A lucky guy is J. A. Smith, Texas farmer. A rattlesnake wound itself around his legs, ignored one and bit the other—which was artificial.

Surprise! Some well-meaning citizens of Cincinnati got worried about the amount of swearing going on around town and asked city council to start enforcing an anti-profanity ordinance which was on the books. Council bucked it over to the city manager, who checked and discovered that the ordinance allowed swearing everywhere in town—except in the city hall.

An unidentified Philadelphia motorist phoned the city solicitor and asked if he could hitch his horse to his "gasless" automobile and drive on the city streets. The solicitor said that he didn't know the answer to that one. "Well," said the motorist, "I'm going to take the motor out of my car and hitch old Nancy to the dash and drive right through the center of the city. If I'm arrested, I'll take it to the highest court in the land."

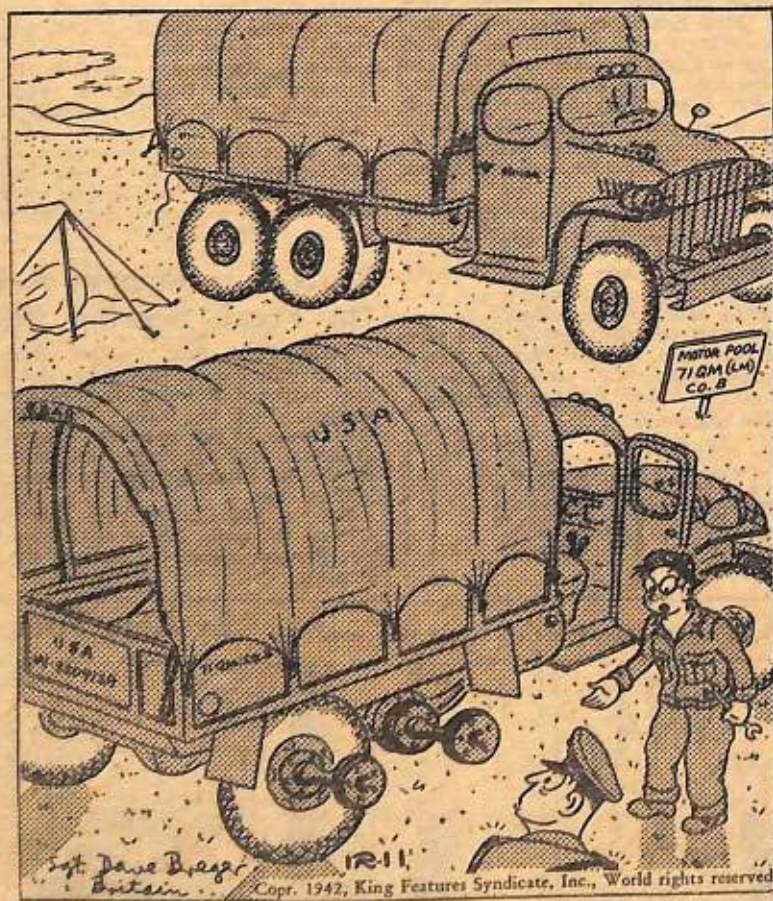
Two years ago Alfred Gurtin, 70, of Spokane, celebrated his golden wedding. This week he obtained a divorce, saying, "I finally made up my mind that I couldn't get along with my wife." Come, come, Alfred, let's beware of these hasty decisions.

Who says old Dobbin isn't making a real comeback! In Springfield, Mo., a



painted merry-go-round horse galloped loose and jumped a fence into a fair-ground.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Silly to waste TEN tires on one truck, so I turned six of them back to the government!"

A Yank's Impressions of England



"It is amazing what the English can do without means," says an American soldier. In this picture members of England's fire brigade assemble rifles instead of waiting for the fire alarm to sound. Benches and tools have been installed in station beside the fire-fighting equipment.

Second Strand Story Contest Winner Announced

Through The Stars and Stripes, Strand Magazine offered £25 for the best article on England written by a member of the American Forces here. The first article, printed Dec. 31 by The Stars and Stripes, was by Pfc William Hogan. Here is the second story chosen by the editor of the magazine; it is written by Cpl. W. L. Blaylock, of the 1st Bomb Squadron.

By Cpl. W. L. Blaylock

The big troop transport was cutting through a heavy sea like the veteran of the waves she really was. Transformed from a majestic luxury liner, she had been built in Britain and was returning to the homeland with a cargo of U.S. fighting material to pour into the ever-increasing stream of united vengeance against Nazi atrocities.

It was a conglomeration of Yank brain and brawn from all walks of life, mustered into the service from California to Maine and poured into uniform. An interesting lot, as varied as the colors of the rainbow, with one thing they all shared in common—they loved their way of life to the point that their freedom was a sacred heritage and not a man-Jack among them wouldn't fight to the death to preserve it.

We were sailing somewhere into adventure. Most everyone sensed that it would be in the British Isles, and there were mixed feelings concerning what lay ahead.

Varied Apprehensions

There were all sorts of apprehensions about air raids, poor food and various restrictions. Most everyone could think of a better place to be.

Personally, I never thought much about danger or hardship, but I must admit

that I had a few mental reservations of my own about drawing the sword against a people with whom I had labored as a young missionary nearly a decade ago.

Naturally enough, my heart had always been with the cause of Britain against the Nazi regime, but some time back, when I had started to enlist in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a soldier of fortune, my conscience refused to back me up and I withdrew my application. That was before Pearl Harbor. Now my own country was the victim of aggression and I believe the Almighty Himself would judge a man guiltless for defending his own life, his home and his religious freedom.

So my outfit had wanted to avenge the stab in the back by getting a crack at the Slant Eyes. But what could we do if the Slant Eyes had an unholy alliance with Jerry and we had to wind up on this side of the "Pond"?

It was perfectly obvious that we had something in common with the English, as we were in the same boat. And there was a memory of Dunkirk and London and Coventry that called forth the deepest admiration for the way the little guy was taking it—and passing it back.

Upon arriving, we found ourselves in a beautiful country of green fields and villages with ancient cathedrals, houses and shops that made us feel that we had spanned a hundred years somewhere and that here the people were still living in the long ago.

A Difficult Speech

How were we to understand them and their ways and co-operate to the fullest extent? I have a pal who after several months in Britain says he can't understand the natives here and that it embarrasses him to keep asking, "What?"

Obviously an exceptional case as regards the language, but their way of doing things is sometimes incomprehensible—everything backwards, from driving on the wrong side of the road to eating their chow off the back of the fork while juggling it in their left hand.

If ever you see a cart going down the road before the horse you will know instinctively that it was "Made in England." Matter of fact, it is a common sight to see dump trucks built back-end forward and running in the wrong direction.

I have come across some of the oddest mechanical gadgets. They are a constant source of amusement and amazement to me. The astounding thing about them is that the doggone things really work. You would think the English had some sort of personal understanding with the laws of physics to get by with what they do.

Flying Box Cars

The first time we got a close-up of a Stirling bomber we were flabbergasted. It was built like a huge box car and you could almost hide one of our trim Flying Fortresses underneath its wings. After contemplating it for some time one of the boys cracked: "And the darn thing flies!" To which I added, "Yeh, and it hauls bombs, too."

It is amazing what the English can do without means. I met a chap who

had a tiny shop in his back yard. For tools he has a couple of beat-up old wrenches (spanners), the mere sight of which would make an American mechanic curse, a drill press ingeniously made out of a pile of junk, and a small lathe of ancient vintage. He was building parts on contract for national defense and, so help me, you couldn't tell but what the finished article hadn't been manufactured by a Chrysler or General Motors factory.

He took me to a friend's place who had a similar shop, only larger. He was building electrical welding machines of his own design on government contract. Got the idea from an American mechanics magazine. It was originally a simple transformer unit for thawing out frozen water pipes. When he saw I was fascinated by it, he showed me in detail how it was built so that I could make one of my own when I get back to the States.

That's the way with them; if they have something good they are willing to share it and go to no end of trouble to please you. Almost without exception they are outstandingly unselfish and hospitable.

I know, for I have often tried to pay more than they asked for goods or services, and they steadfastly refuse to "profiteer," as they call it.

And I have been stranded in out-of-the-way places late at night and been made a welcome guest by the first strangers I met on the street. Their home to me is an open door, and nowhere in Britain have I felt as a stranger on foreign soil.

Cycling over the countryside late at night I look up and see the same comforting stars I slept under on the Western prairie. I breathe the same free air and speak my mind without fear of a Gestapo shadow. The doors of innumerable religious institutions are open to my choosing. Here, as at home, I am a free man.

Britons' Courage

In meditation I thank God that there are men and women in Britain who had the heart of a lion and the courage of their convictions to stand alone against the aggressor in the darkening shadows of a war-torn world until "in His own good time" the nations from across the sea would come to their deliverance, and united they could break the Nazi yoke.

The morning skies are an azure blue and white puffs of cumulus clouds drift lazily across the fresh green fields bordered by a network of hedges that criss-cross the rolling countryside and disappear into the distant haze.

Majestic trees line both sides of winding lanes and pathways and lift their aged branches above the hedges of blackberries and hazelnuts. You walk or cycle through dreamy little villages with thatched-roof houses.

It is easy now to see why this little spot of earth is so dear to the Englishman's heart. Frankly, I like it too.

And what of the English themselves? Well, you might try asking Joan what I think of one of them. In case she refuses to tell you, you may never know until the day you read in the papers: "Yank elopes with ATS girl."



That Yankee Kite

Today there's banners flyin' in the soft, sweet Heaven's air And there's Yankee feet a troddin' those Golden streets Up There. There's a Yankee Fortress guardin' the dominion of the skies . . . Keepin' faith midst flack and bullet like a million other guys. War on land is different than the fightin' in the air, Up There's the Angels' playground, kept clean by Holy care.

It's not right that men should trespass in machines of death and war, Breaking holy silence with their fiendish, devilish roar. So that's why our Forts are travelin' the highways of the sky . . . A flyin' crusade 'bove the clouds away Up There on high. They are keepin' faith with buddies who believe in this same fight, And they're going' to clear the Heavens with that Mighty Yankee Kite.

S/Sgt. Marcus K. Davis.

NEWS FROM HOME

11 Million to Be In U.S. Forces By End of Year

4,200,000 Will Be Added In '43; Industry and Farms Won't Suffer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7—Sen. Robert R. Reynolds, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, said yesterday military authorities expect to call up 4,228,906 men and women in 1943, increasing the U.S. armed strength to 11,213,040. Of the proposed recruits, 214,579 are destined for the various women's auxiliaries, he said.

Sen. Reynolds gave the figures after War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt testified for an hour and a half in closed session, expressing confidence the country has sufficient manpower resources to support such an armed might.

Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, said the increase can be made in 1943 without drawing men from agriculture or essential industry.

Good Results From Gas Ban

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7—Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown announced that public support of the ban on pleasure driving in 17 Eastern states and the District of Columbia was saving daily 30,000 barrels of gasoline. Petroleum industry reports of passenger car gasoline consumption at various coastal points showed a drop of 15 to 25 per cent since the ban was instituted Jan. 7.

Increased School Lunches

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7—Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard announced today the government will double the lunch program for American school children despite increasing demands on food supplies by the Army and Lend-Lease.

The government will pay direct cash subsidies for foods bought locally for lunches so that America will not neglect children at home while making plans to feed children abroad. Nine million children thus will participate in school lunches.

Huge Labor Coalition Formed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7—An unprecedented coalition of four labor organizations representing 13,000,000 workers has been formed in the United States to resist the legislative policies of Congressional reactionaries, Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, announced yesterday. They include the

Remedy for Cooties: Wine Inside and Out

WHITTIER, Cal., Feb. 7—Lt. O. V. August, 27, who participated in the North African landing operations, told today how he was taken prisoner after his plane was downed and was lodged for the night in an old stable, where "I caught a beautiful case of cooties."

After his release he went to a Casablanca hotel, where, he said, "I was unable to sleep because the cooties kept biting."

Figuring alcohol would be a good disinfectant, he bought 17 bottles of champagne at 17 cents a quart, a total of \$2.89.

"I stood in the bath tub," he said, "and with one hand poured it over me and with the other into me."

Strikes Decline In War Industry

Six Days Lost for Each 10,000 Worked in 1942, Labor Board Says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7—The National War Labor Board reported yesterday the man-days lost from war production by strikes last December maintained November's low level of .03 per cent. of the total man-days worked.

While man-days lost rose from 91,925 in November to 119,572 in December, the days worked rose from 350,000,000 to 385,000,000. Men involved in the 101 war production strikes in December numbered 49,375.

Six man-days were lost last year for every 10,000 days worked. Out of 3,339,000,000 days worked, 2,095,294 days were lost in strikes. One thousand three hundred and sixty-three strikes in war industries were in progress during the year, involving 569,801 men.

CIO, American Federation of Labor, Brotherhood of Railroad Workers and National Farmers' Union. Only the United Mine Workers under John L. Lewis, Murray's opponent and predecessor as head of the CIO, are not included.

U.S. Spurs Efforts to Beat Nazi U-Boat-a-Day Program

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7—Rear-Adm. Emory S. Land, War Shipping Administrator, said in an address today that the submarine menace was being met "with every means at our command."

"Germany, according to reports, is now producing a submarine a day," Adm. Land said. "This rate is faster than our past record of submarine sinkings. The menace to our shipping lifelines is becoming increasingly greater."

"We are meeting this danger with every means at our command—by utilizing our naval, air and patrol forces to the utmost, and by new techniques in defense. But the job is a tough one and will continue so until we are able to whittle German undersea power to a point of ineffectiveness."

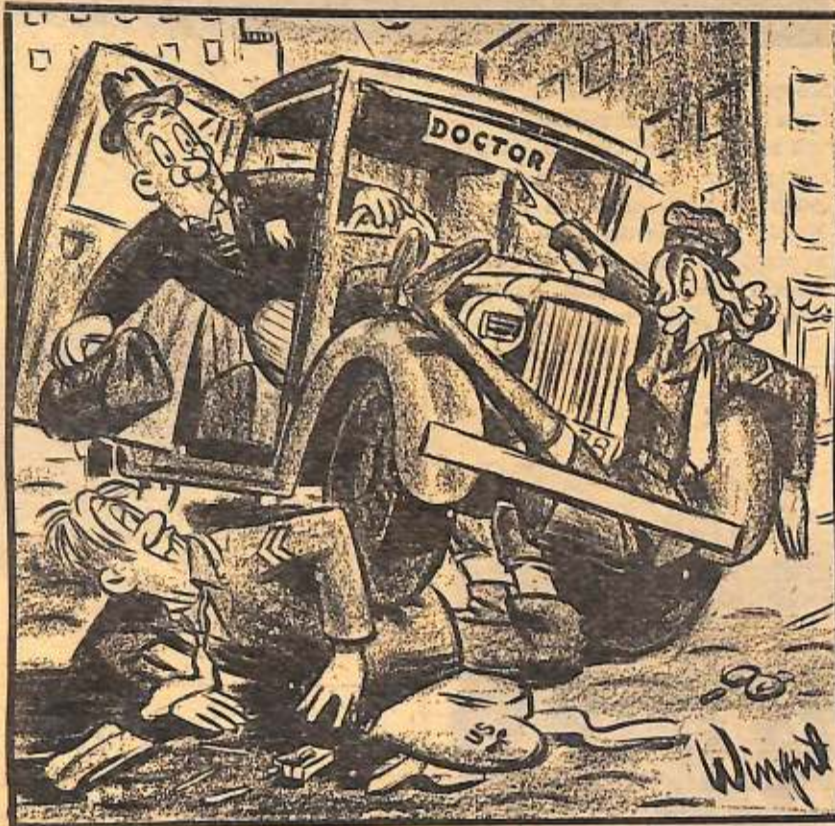
"Our shipbuilding capacity has been increased more than 600 per cent during the emergency. We now have a building capacity of 20,000,000 deadweight tons yearly and have set our sights to build 16,000,000 tons in 1943. With favorable materials and labor situation, we can build even more. We hope for enough steel to build about 19,000,000 tons."

"During the last year, the shipyards of the country have expanded their personnel until now two-thirds of a million persons are building vessels in about sixty shipyards. In addition there are a million people working in over 800 factories which produce parts, materials and supplies for ships."

"The patriotism, courage and devotion to duty of the men of the Merchant Marine have become epics in the heroic stories of this war. Many of them have been torpedoed five, six or seven times. But all the torpedoes and shells that Hitler has shot at these men have not dampened their determination to do their part in winning the war."

Lana Turner Gets Annulment

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7 (AP)—Lana Turner has obtained an annulment of her marriage to Stephen Crane, together with custody of her unborn child. The film star told the judge she learned after she married Crane July 17 that his divorce from his previous wife had not been made final. It has since been made final.



"Aren't we the lucky ones tho?"



"For your information, officer, this isn't funny!"

TOP & RY THE PIRATES



JOE DABOKA



Maybe I'm a little nervous now I'm in the grandest army to be in the swellest allies in the world and it won't be long now before we clean up the scum. Make papa take his liver tonic and please mama don't try to do so much work. Tell Rosie to study her lessons. God bless you all. Please write often. Your loving son Joe. Buy Bonds!! x x x x x x



Next Stop—German Occupied Territory



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Easing 1,000 pounds of high explosives into a Flying Fortress bomb rack is Sgt. James Heistmen, Seattle, Wash., ordnance man, at an Eighth Air Force bomber station before the take-off on a raiding mission.

The President Is Peep Rider During Historic Visits



Planet Photo

Stopping at Brazil on his way home from Casablanca, President Roosevelt and President Getulio Vargas, riding in a peep, enjoy a hearty laugh after an inspection tour at Natal. Again in the front seat of a peep, only this time in North Africa, the President watches American light tanks during a review at Casablanca.



Keystone Photo

Troops Help Save Indiana Corn



Keystone Photo

Members of an infantry division from Camp Breckenridge, Ky., are shown husking corn in a Posey County, Indiana, cornfield as they aided in removing some 10,000 bushels of corn to higher ground from the path of the floods that inundated part of the cornbelt. Note that the boys are in battle dress, even to the steel hats.

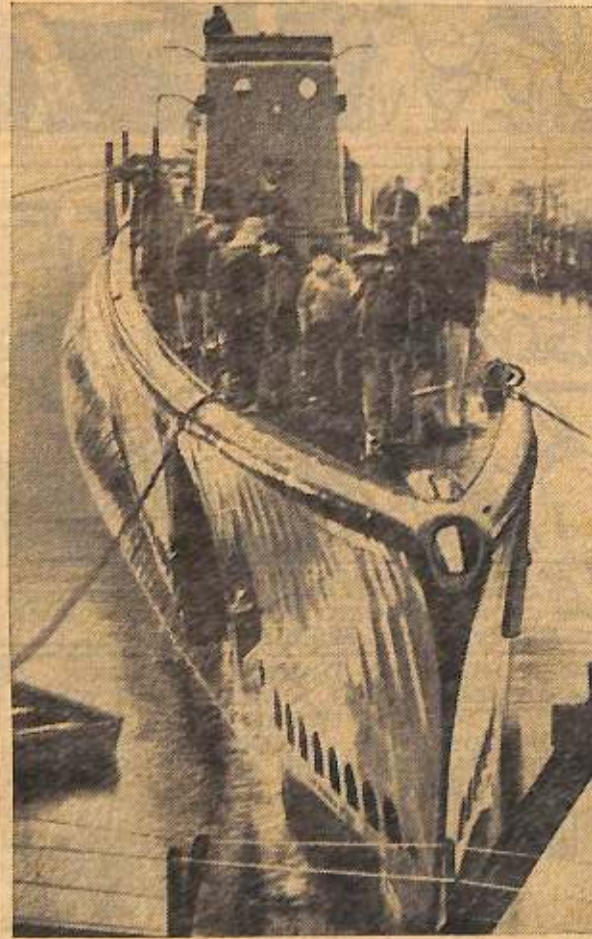
Old, New Guadalcanal Chiefs



U.S. Marine Corps Photo

Marine Maj. Gen. Alexander A. Vandergrift (right) and Army Gen. Alexander M. Patch (left) talking over the situation on Guadalcanal before the hard-fighting marines were replaced by army personnel.

Built on Great Lakes



Keystone Photo

The U.S.S. Petro, first submarine built on the Great Lakes (Manitowoc, Wis.) or an inland waterway, goes through the locks at Lockport, Ill., to enter the Mississippi, to sail to the Gulf of Mexico to join the fleet.

Stands Out in Sailor Suit



This tasty dish, under this nice nautical get-up, is Dona Drake, versatile Hollywood actress, who likes to sail the seas, play the violin, swim, and lead a dance band. Her most important screen role to date was in "Road to Morocco," with Bob Hope and Bing Crosby.