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Fleet Shells Base in Jap Home Waters

Nazi Lines In Dnieper **Bend Totter**

Reds Turn, Open a Drive For Kherson; 200 Soviet Planes Raid Helsinki

German positions throughout the whole Dnieper Bend area were reported collapsing rapidly under a ceaseless rain of shells yesterday as the long-dormant Russo-Finnish war flared up with a sharp night air raid

on the Finnish capital at Helsinki.

Meanwhile, Red Army troops fought their way into the eastern suburbs of Narva, first major town they have reached in Estonia—it is six miles from the frontier—and Gen. Vatutin's men in Poland strengthened their hold on Rovno and Luck and pushed forward 20 miles southwest of Rovno on the road to Lwow.

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Fighting already was in progress on the outskirts of the strongly-held manganese town of Nikopol, on the Dnieper, where five Nazi divisions have been cut off. Last night's Soviet communique said the ring

around them was being tightened steadily.
At the same time, Berlin radio announced the Red Army had thrown 40 divisions and more than 1,000 tanks into the Baltic offensive directed at Narva and the enemy base at Luga, 90 miles south of Leningrad.

In the Dnieper Bend, with Nikopol practically cut off from the west by the peacer of two southward-thrusting forces.

nearer of two southward-thrusting forces, and ten Nazi divisions preketed west of Knovogoud, other Russian columns west of Nikopol turned southwest and advanced rapidly down the Ingulets valley toward Kherson at the mouth of the

At the same time, Gen. Tolbukhin's Fourth Army below the river began put-ting pressure on the German bridgehead

south of Nikopol.

Nazis Abandon Stores A Soviet war correspondent riding with the army toward Kherson said the Nazis, in their haste to break off contact with the Russians, were leaving the roads strewn with abandoned equipment. He told of counting hundreds of trucks and dozens of undamaged guns in a three-hour drive

hour drive. Moscow dispatches said hundreds of Moscow dispatches said nundreds of Soviet tanks were preceding the nfain body of the army, cutting off groups of retreating Germans and bringing in prisoners by the hundreds.

The night bombing of Helsinki, viewed in neutral Sweden as the beginning of a Russian offensive to knock Finland out

of the war, was carried out by more than 200 raiders, which attacked in two waves. The Finns announced that 38 persons were killed, more than 200 injured and widespread fires and damage

Moscow radio said last night that the railway yards, port and the central part of the town were bombed and more than

Big fires were seen, Moscow said, near the city's gasholder, around the army barracks and in the vicinity of the railway

Planes to Reds Via Alaska

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 7—One thousand twin-engined Douglas Havocs, used by the RAF as the A20 Boston day bomber and Havoc night fighter, have been flown to Russia via Alaska, Douglas Aircraft Co. disclosed today. Hundreds of transports also have flown the same

Green Battles **Total Service**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 7 (Reuter)

—AFL President William Green took a strong stand today against the enactment of a national-service act, declaring that any legislation which would draft workers into war industries "will deprive Americans of their freedom and set back

the entire war effort."

A national-service act—requested by President Roosevelt—will not increase war production, Green said, because "it will not solve manpower problems or

prevent strikes. Although England has a national-service law, the number of strikes in that country in the last year has been greater than ever before and higher proportion-

ately than in America, Green said.
He called on AFL members to prove by a no-strike example that such a law is "unnecessary as it is unwise."

Loud Speaker to Nazis in Italy



Artillerymen make final adjustments seconds before firing this 240mm, howitzer into German positions on the main Fifth Army front.

Tokyo Bemoans Peace Terms U.S. 'Atrocities'

Denies Charges by Allies And Cooks Up Tale of American Barbarism'

Japan, officially denying Anglo-American accusations of ill treatment of prisoners of war, retaliated yesterday with a list of American "atrocities" allegedly perpetrated against Japanese war prisoners and civilian internees in the

Tokyo radio said four Japanese were tilled in California, one in Utah and three others in unidentified U.S. camps. Ill treatment and poor living conditions in camps at Fort Bliss, Tex., were

In the Philippines, Tokyo said, prior to Jap occupation, 18,000 men, women and children were kept for two days without food in a small school playground Americans tortured to death ten by pour-ing boiling water over them, the radio charged. It said 56 others were murdered in a similar way just before the Japanese troops landed.

Japanese sent from Malaya to India were treated cruelly and given food unfit for human consumption, with the result 110 died, the broadcast concluded

Tokyo reports said an official government spokesman had branded as untrue assertions that Japan was unwilling to allow food to be sent to Allied war prisoners. "Food which arrived with the first exchange ships has been distributed among the prisoners," the spokesman said, "and the second consignment which arrived only recently will be distributed as soon as the parcels have been ex-

WillkieReportedPlanning Nebraska Primary Entry

NEW YORK, Feb. 7-The New York Times said today Wendell Willkie had told one of its correspondents he would enter the Nebraska presidential primary against favorite son Gov. Dwight P. Griswold and Lt. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota.

46,000 Miners Work on Sunday

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 7-More than 46,000 Pennsylvania anthracite miners 64 per cent of the number normally employed—reported for work yes-terday in answer to a government order for Sunday work, a survey today showed. Of 218 collieries, 173 operated.

Already Fixed?

U.S. Demands Submitted To London Commission, N.Y. Paper States

NEW YORK, Feb. 7—Armistice terms for Germany already have been drawn up by the U.S., Britain and Russia, a London dispatch, to the newspaper PM said today—but Secretary Hull quickly announced in Washington he could not say whether Ambussador Winant had presented America's terms to the European Advisory Commission in

Hull admitted that the State Department was working on armistice terms to Germany and said many notes and memeranda had been made, but these he

described as merely spadework.

(A Reuter dispatch from Washington said the Secretary of State "gave a strong indication" at his press conference that Winant had submitted the U.S. terms.)

PM's story from Frederick Kuh,

PM's story, from Frederick Kuh. London cofrespondent of the Chicago Sun, quoted "reliable American sources" as having said that both Winant and British officials had presented their government's armistic terms to the commission, and that "the commission expects soon to receive Russia's corresponding draft."

Daring Blow Struck Kuriles in Far North; Tokyo Fears Invasion

Discharged Veterans Redrafted as Privates

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)-Soldiers and sailors discharged after wounds in action have been drafted into the armed services again upon complete recovery, it became known today at the War Department.

The department, taking cognizance of the situation which resulted when former sergeants and corporals found themselves back in uniform as privates, ordered veterans restored to their old grades.

Yanks Regain Lost Ground in Big Italy Battle

German Counter-Attacks Beaten Back; Nazis Still Fighting in Cassino

Marshal Kesselring yesterday hurled four divisions and part of another in a strong attack on the Allied 30-mile bridgehead line in Italy, but American and British troops stood firm, holding every main position and capturing several hundred German prisoners, dispatches from the front said last night

The main German assault was struck three miles west of Cisterna, village on the Appian Way, and temporarily drove U.S. troops back. After regrouping, the Americans counter-attacked vigorously, and in savage fighting restored the former position—a menace to German communications on the Rome-Capua rail

In the British sector, two miles north of Aprilia, one powerful German force of tanks and infantry was smashed by Allied artillery fire.

With improved weather, U.S. and British air forces yesterday gave full support to the bridgehead defenders, which have stubbornly fought off Kesselring's have stubbornly fought off Kesselring's attacks for the last four days.

On the main Fifth Army front, stiff fighting continued in and around Cassino. U.S. troops fighting their way forward north and west of Cassino last night were within a mile of the Rome road behind the German garrison in the beleaguered town.

Inside Cassino itself, vicious close-quarter fighting continued in the streets in the northwest section of the town. The Luftwaffe showed a new spirit over the Cassino front yesterday, when four on the Garigliano front, patrol

skirmishes were reported.

U.S. medium bombers attacked shipping south of Leghorn, while British Spitfires shot down four Me109s over the naval base of Spezia.

Nothing Snafu About the Fubar

Landlubber Engineers Build Army Leakless One-Ship Navy

Riding proudly at anchor in a British port today is the Fubar, a 230-ton craft built by a group of U.S. Army engineers. The ship is the latest addition to the American Army's "nava."

It's the first ship completely constructed on this side of the Atlantic by American soldiers. And none of the men who constructed the vessel had ever been close to a shipyard before. In fact, their foreman was S/Sgt. Bill Iseli, of Salt Lake City, Utah, which is definitely not a maritime fown.

a maritime town.

The Fubar (derived from the initial letters of a popular Army phrase:
"Fouled up beyond all recognition") is a
comely barge 112 feet long, 52 feet wide
and 9.6 feet deep. It was not built for
speed or beauty, but for work.
Fitted with a huge crane, she is now
at work unloading vital war supplies from

Riding proudly at anchor in a British larger merchant ships that sail into the

One day Sgt. Iseli was summoned by his officer, who, waving toward a crateful of drawings and blueprints, said:

of drawings and blueprints, said:
"This is a boat. You will build it.
Don't ask me any questions, because I
never built one either. But the Army
wants it in a hurry, so get crackin'."
The materials were ready and waiting
at the drydock—a collection of more than
300 steel pieces, each weighing up to a
ton, and about 117,000 bolts.
Five weeks later, Sgt. Iseli and his small
crew were the beroes of the town. In

crew were the heroes of the town. In some of the dirtiest weather the town had ever seen, the totally inexperienced men had produced a perfect ship. Shipbuilders of the town came aboard. They searched every corner and seam of

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Paramushiro Is Hit By Planes After Warship Raid

U.S. warships struck their first blow of the war at Japan's home territory over the weekend with a surprise 20minute bombardment of Paramushiro Island, strategic North Pacific sea and air base 760 miles from Attu in the Aleutians, the Navy Department an-nounced yesterday at Washington.

The bold attack, described by naval observers as not a propaganda move but part of a detailed and ever-increasing offensive against the Japs, was made in bright moonlight Friday evening and left an enemy ship beached and harbor installations burning fiercely. Not one Allied warship was damaged, although the Japs answered with wild gunfire from shore batteries

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Paramushiro, 1,200 miles from Tokyo, is the most northerly of the Japanese Kurile Islands stretching southwest from the coast of Siberia to within a few miles of Hokkaido, one of the main islands of Japan.

Air Raid Follows Shelling

A few hours after the daring sortie, with the U.S. fleet steaming safely eastward, heavy Navy bombers, operating from the Aleutians, dealt a sharp blow at Paramushiro and another island in the Kuriles without less Kuriles without loss.

Japanese nervousness following these attacks was reflected by warnings in newspapers which forecast a full-fledged invasion of the Kuriles. The enemy



reports said that the U.S. Northern Pacific fleet had been reinforced greatly and that 100,000 specially trained U.S. troops, including many armored divisions, were stationed in the Aleutians poised for the blow.

As the fleet's salvoes began pounding

the shores at Paramushiro, the Japs, stunned by the unexpected blow, began firing at their own beaches, then in the opposite direction of the U.S. fleet, and finally straight up in the air. Only a few minutes before the attack ended did the Japs find the range of the American fleet, but no twarship was hit.

The force was commanded by Vice-Adm. Frank J. Fletcher, commander, Northwest Sea Frontier, 13th Naval District.

Thousands of miles away in the South-west Pacific, U.S. Second Division Marines yesterday captured the head-

quarters of the Japanese general in command of western New Britain.

The Leathernecks won the base, a complete jungle city with an intricate network of pathways, large barracks and luxurious administration buildings, after a strong assault from three sides without much opposition.

Large stocks of beer from the Philip-pines, butter from Batavia and canned food from Australia were captured.

In the Marshall Islands, the occupation of the Kwajalein atoll is virtually complete, and routine air attacks are being directed against the southern atolls of Jaluit, Wotje and Taroa.

New 'Goon Gun' Mortar In Use by Yanks in Italy

A new American 102 mm, mortar, nicknamed the "goon gun," now is being used by American troops in Italy, a Reuter dispatch said yesterday, quoting

a U.S. officer, "These mortars are the equivalent of real artillery, used in close support with infantry. Germans refer to them as 'automatic artillery' because they fire so fast," the officer was quoted as saying.

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Smarten Up, Soldier

The Commanding General has issued orders directing an immediate tightening up of the standards of military courtesy, dress and discipline. The order has gone out to all units, and instructs commanders to enforce the proper wearing of the uniform, the wearing of dog-tags and the strict observance of all forms of military courtesy.

Newer soldiers are sometimes inclined to regard military courtesy as an unpleasant and unnecessary phase of basic training which should be quietly forgotten whenever the chance presents itself. The answer to that line of reasoning can be found in a study of military history, which proves that armies without discipline are defeated in battle . . . those with it win.

The Russian army has recently won sweeping victories on the eastern front. A few years ago the Russians were having trouble with little Finland. In the years between the Red Army has re-introduced a strict system of military courtesy and discipline, and has improved the cut and appearance of the Russian military uniform. Now victory follows victory on the eastern front and results from the new training policies are plainly visible.

Today the ground forces in this theater are engaged in intensive training for offensive operations; but there is nothing inconsistent with this training and thorough instruction in military courtesy. On the contrary the two go Rand in hand, building an instinctive reaction to the authority of leadership in battle.

In other words, soldier, the habits of saluting, of standing at attention, of being smartly turned out are all pointed towards conditioning you for battle. Get to the bottom of military courtesy and you'll find that its fundamental purpose is vitally important. It's designed to win battles . . . and at the same time to protect lives . . your life included.

As the Russians have rediscovered military courtesy, discipline and what the British refer to as "spit and polish" pay off on the field of battle.

Educate for Peace

An international office for education would contribute materially to the future peace of the world in the opinion of many leaders in the field of education by helping to improve educational standards, by clarifying educational aims and by fostering inter-cultural fellowship and under-

These aims are all incorporated in the program of a new Association for an International Office for Education recently organized in America.

The organization consists of leaders in industry, labor, religion and education. Dr. Harlow Shapley of the Harvard College Observatory is chairman, with James Marshall of the New York City Board of Education and Mgr. George Johnson of the Catholic University as_ vice-chairmen. In explaining its purposes, the Association declared that it is intended to serve as "an essential instrument for an enduring peace."

No peace program, it insisted, will be complete if it fails to place education on a parity with political organization, police, distribution of raw materials, the stabilization of currencies and raising standards of health.

An international organization, the Association added, will be able to serve the following purposes: prepare and recommend minimum standards at all educational levels, give expert advice on school systems in all parts of the world: recommend and supervise the distribution of funds to repair devastated school systems and universities and stimulate new ones if the United Nations determine upon a policy of relief and rehabilitation of schools; assume leadership in assisting the nations to meet, through adult education, the problems of adjusting demobilized armed forces and people in war industries, and in the resettlement of

Such a program in the hands of competent executives will go far towards im-proving world standards in the field of education, and will lead to improve-ment in the field of government and international affairs.

We wish the program well.

Capsule Criticism. The following gem was reported by George Marek in his column. Musical Notes. One day a pupil of Rossini's brought him a composition and said, "Maestro, I wrote this march in honor of Beethoven's death. What do you think of it?" Rossini studied the composition carefully. "It would have been better," he said, "if you had died and Beethoven had written the march,"

By Earl Mazo
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

And then there was the English matron who was having a bunch of Yanks as guests at her home for the first time.



She was a bit formal about things at first Then one of her daughters turned and said, "These are GIs, mother," Where-upon the lady suddenly became interested and beamed, "Isn't that splendid. You know, my husband is a gunnery instructor,

Today's Poem:
"Will you?" he asked, with a note of frustration-Tomorrow I leave for my embarkation."

Why, yes," she said with a smile so "I can't say no to a soldier boy!"
"Thanks!" the soldier softly sighed
After his wish was gratified,

"Far off, where I go to fight,
I'll thrill to the mem'ry of this night—
When I received—at the Hollywood

An autograph from a movie queen!"

Judging from this little incident you would think rationing back home was really giving the folks an appetite. A guy



in a Mid-wsetern city confessed to police that he had broken into three stores and gobbled down six pounds of potato salad, nine bottles of pop and 20 pounds of fruit Sounds like he just got back from

Fun on the Berlin Front. A "very tasty pudding" was the cause of a recent Berlin radio appeal for the German public to wrap their parcels more carefully. The man who received the "tasty pudding" liked it so much that he phoned the sender to ask the recipe. Then he learned that the delicacy was a mixture of face cream, shaving cream and biscuits, mashed together in the mail rule. together in the mail rush.

Hash Marks Invasion Front Already on Film

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE BASE, Feb. 7—Practically every inch of potential invasion country, from the northern tip of Norway to the French-Spanish border, and almost every vital German war industry within the range of British-based bombers already have been mapped and photographed by PRU pilots of the U.S. and Royal Air Forces, in what is undoubtedly history's biggest photographic assignment.

With additional photos to be taken at the last minute, every Allied ground commander on invasion day will have in his possession information gathered by flying scouts of PRU, just as the bombardiers, navigators and leaders of bomber missions today plot courses and identify targets from pictures taken for them days or weeks before they go out. or weeks before they go out.

This week the story was told of the part being played by men of the Eighth Air Force Photo Recon group in the

Flying P38 Lightnings (called F5s by PRUs), the pilots of this group are perhaps the most highly specialized fliers in the USAAF. Since they always go alone and their armament is not guns, but speed and maneuvera-bility, every recon flier is equally efficient as a pilot, navigator and aerial photo-

'Honor to Run Away'

1/Lt. Harry Witt, of Stanford, Coni., 21-year-old transferee from the RAF, is typical.

"Mine is one combat job in which it is an honor to run," Witt said. A veteran of one year of photo flying over Europe, he recalls missions from the coast of France to the heart of Germany.

"Jerry shoots up a lot of stuff at us. He knows damn well we're there, and since, after all, we are efficient spies, I guess he dislikes us more than he does the bombers or fighters. When I do get chased I have the satisfaction of knowing that may be the fighters or bombers that come afterward to get the target I was photographing will shoot down the guy running me off. Occasionally, when, I release my empty drop tanks, I make a futile attempt at aiming, and hope to hell they bounce right off the heads of Hitler or Geering."

Near Paris, on one trip, Witt was jumped by a couple of FW190s. "I happened to glance in the mirror and there were two vapor trails heading my way—and they weren't my trails. I tell you I made tracks for England, and in hurry," he said.

With a loss rate about the same heavy bombers, many recon flyers look upon their assignments as being "as risky as you can have," and they go about their work with the gusto of the hot-fighter

One story often repeated is that of a German broadcast to one of its fighter German broadcast to one of its lighter patrols over Europe some time ago. An American recon plane was in the vicinity, and the Nazis were jabbering about getting the Yank. Americans at this base who accidentally intercepted the German radio commotion heard the noise of battle. A German, answering orders from his



Returning from a photo reconnaissance mission, 1/Lt, Harry Witt, of Stanford, Conn., left, is greeted by Maj. George A. Lawson, of Hillsboro, Tenn. Flying unarmed Lightnings, American PRU pilots with their RAF counterparts have already photographed virtually every important German target within the range of Britishbased tombers.

Silence again, for about ten minutes.
"He is still running like hell." Then the
Germans let out a whoop. The American, unarmed, after fighting off a whole
Luftwaffe pack, had crashed into the sea off Holland.

Stories like that have become legend here, and the tradition built around bomber heroes who make their runs and drop their loads on the target, come hell or high water, is equally as strong for PRU pilots whose target runs produce pictures.

Recently, Maj. Norris Hartwell, of Cheyenne, Wyo., on a mission deep into Germany, outmaneuvered flak and fighters on three targets, then photographed a number of other places before returning to base with bullet and flak holes in his F5. It was the kind of battle that would have resulted in a medal for any lone fighter pilot. Maj. Hartwell's reward was the usual satisfaction of having done another job well.

The business of photographing details of enemy installations on the ground from six, seven and eight miles up is so well developed, and American and British photo interpreters are so highly skilled, that some recon people "swear" that they could take a picture from 35,000 feet of a package of cigarettes on a GI blanket stretched on the ground—and that their photo interpretation experts could almost identify the brand.

Results Seen in Minutes

It is common knowledge that minutes after PRU planes return from their mis-sions, interpretation men can pass on all the details desired concerning the target.

And, if necessary, commanding generals can have actual photographs of German installations or war plants in less than two hours after return of the PRU air-

Col. James G. Hall, of Atlanta, original commander of this station, who is now chief of photo reconnaissance on the staff chief of photo reconnaissance on the stant of Gen, Henry H. Arnold in Washington, has said that well over 75 per cent of Allied intelligence matter is compiled from PRU-gathered information. Photo reconnaissance as used by Americans started in the Civil War, when

cameramen carting their cumbersome

equipment in wagons photographed what they could of opposing fortifications and positions—then ran like hell.

Later balloons were used, and the first aircraft in World War I were reconnais-sance planes. Reconnaissance developed like the airplane, and today as many as

station below, said, "We're shooting, but he won't go down ... he's flying like mad." For a few minutes there was silence, then a German shouted gleefully, "One engine is on fire."

Silence again, for about ten minutes. "He is still running like hell." Then the Germans let out a whone. The American state of the still running like hell." Then the Germans let out a whone. The American state of the still running like hell." Then the germans let out a whone. The American state of the state of the still running like hell." Then the germans let out a whone. The American state of the state whole job is done by one person. Frequently the pilot is briefed for five targets at a time, and his instructions are to photograph everything else that might be interesting. Some men return with as many as 15 places covered by their cameras. Often something hot is caught

by the cameras accidently.

Bombing of the synthetic rubber plant at Huls last summer was the result of such an accident. A PRU pilot flying over the area let his cameras run, and when the film was developed intelligence officers poted a big boiler and other officers noted a big boiler and other equipment that confirmed suspicions of what was being done at Huls.

Another Industry Destroyed

That information was proven definitely That information was proven definitely correct by the bombing itself, which resulted in wiping out a big portion of the German synthetic rubber industry.

Like the fliers, this station's ground personnel are experts in every job they have, whether it is maintenance of the

have, whether it is maintenance of the aircraft, film processing, or camera repair. Capt. Sam A. Thomas, of Dalhart, Tex., station photo officer, figures his unit has made upward of 190,000 recon prints in one month, and when current expansion is completed his men will be able to produce about 1,000,000 such pictures every month.

The four main types of photo reconnaissance are damage assessment after missions, mapping of whole areas, recon

ot specific targets and photographing of new types of enemy equipment. Capt. Kent E. Bliss, of Madison, Wis., who has followed bombers over the target and had the bombing accuracy recorded in England even before the bombers had landed, said this type of photography was rare but "damn interesting ... once I set up high stooging around until the mission was over. I saw the whole thing,

then went in and took my pictures. We did a good job that day."

Col. Paul T. Cullem, of San Gabriel, Cal., who is now PRU station commander, holds three flying ratings. He is a command pilot, combat observer, technical observer and navigator, and has seen action in other theaters of this

While most of his pilots are experts at handle a box camera on the ground," the Colonel is considered one of the best photo men over here both upstairs and

Air Force Briefing

PROBABLY the smallest newspaper in the world is published monthly in behind Blackis's bomber. the world is published monthly in Redwood City, Cal., by the wife of Capt. Harvey Hall, executive officer of a P47 outfit in England. Mrs. Hall conceived the novel idea of mimeographing the monthly sheet to cover news of squadron. monthly sheet to cover news of squadron officers and officers' wives and fiancees. With a circulation of 20, the first issue came out just after the squadron came overseas. One copy goes to each of the officers' wives and one copy comes to the squadron. Mrs. Hall gets her dope from letters written to her by the men and women.

women.
Capt. Hall, one-time an English teacher
in Redwood City, later became dean of
men at the City College of New York.

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They are making book on the B24 Old Irish, pride of Ted's Travelling Circus, betting on whether or not it will hit the 50 mission mark without ever having turned back from a raid because of a mechanical failure. Old Irish has finished 35 perfect raids to date.

THERE weren't any bombs left to drop from the Liberator piloted by 1/Lt. John T. Blackis, of New Kensington, Pa., over its target in the Pas de Calais area, but his crew tried to hit the target anyway. Because of a fire in the bomb bay, the bombs had to be jettisoned before the Libreached the target. Not to be frustrated in polishing off their mission, crew members threw out everything they could spare over the target—shoes, clothing, ammunition cans and other items—to the amazement of crews in nearby planes. "It was the darndest sight I ever saw," said 1/Lt. George Makin, of Bellaire, lakely wants master sergeants.

For a quick moment the combat photographer in the top box thought this B26 was on fire as it passed over rail-road tracks on the way home from a



trans-Channel haul. His shutter clicked, and then he saw the locomotive beneath puffing up smoke across the Marauder's flight path.

ENLISTED men of the Fortress squadron armament section, headed by I/Lt. David H. Blakely, of Wichita Falls, Tex., scored for the second consecutive month in an efficiency contest sponsored by the group armament officer—this time by the group armament officer—this time piling up 983 of a possible 1,000 points. Lt. Blakely wants to make all his men



What the boys talk about in battles (If you can believe the ads.)

Shinn, Menchaca Welter Bout Tops Rainbow Card

Cage Roundup

High Scoring in Contests Featured Weekend Tilts



Feb. NEW YORK, Feb. 7—The Navy coaching personnel's claim of never having played on a team that lost to Army was kept alive by Billick Whelchel after being started by Swede Larson, but when the new coach is announced it will end. The Navy hasn't given out his name and won't for a while, but he met Army in the charity game in 1930 and Army won, 6—0.

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England bet as much cabbage on the nags last year as it did in the boom years of 1921-26. . . Bill Lohrman, the Dodger hurler, asked his draft board to classify him as a baseball player instead of a farmer, which is almost a sure fire cinch to put him in the Army soon.

Joe Louis and Co. boxed to an audience of over 630,000 soldiers while on their tour. . . Every time a team wins its league title a few years in a row, rooters for losers start a beef to break up the combination. There should be a beef coming up in the Eastern Basketball League any day now, as Dartmouth just pushed along to its seventh straight title without defeat.

Every time Iowa State and Missouri meet this year on the basketball court, the ref had better keep a sharp eye on his business. Each club fields a set of identical twins, the Cyclones having Ray and Roy Wehde, and the Tigers Cliff and Beauford Minx. . . The Shrine East-West football game wound up with \$80,116.46 for the bospital fund, which ain't hay. The Shrine Game is the only ain't hay. The Shrine Game is the only post-season tilt played for any real charity. It cost over 45 grand to put the game on.

the game on.

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Billy Petrolle, the old Fargo Express, was recently installed as director of the Pioneer National Bank of Duluth, Minn., which goes to show that not all fighters wind up bums. . . Joe Maniaci, who coached the strong Bainbridge Naval football team to a successful season, recently was upped to the rank of lieutenant (ig) and put in charge of the station's civil police.

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Ex-heavyweight Lou Barba, cited twice for bravery under bombing, has been added to the Kings Point, L.I., Merchant Marine athletic staff under ex-sports writer Lt. Cmdr, Jimmie Powers. Rogers Jenkins, one-time New York Americans hockey star, is setting the Seattle fans afire with his play in the Northwest League. Rog leads the circuit in penalties and scoring.

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Hawkeyes, LIU Stand Out In National Picture; Upsets Recorded

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 — Scoring rampages during weekend shooting hurdled Iowa and Long Island into the collegiate basketball limelight as the Hawkeyes rolled up 103 points against lowly Chicago and Long Island tallied 99 against Rhode Island State.

Seventeen-year-old Dick Ives had a banner night as the Iowans handed Chicago its 45th consecutive Big Ten reversal, 103—31, rimming 43 points to establish two new records. It was the Hawkeyes' 12th straight success and places them in undisputed control of the Big Ten lead.

Long Island beat Rhode Island at its own game, running through the high scoring Providence quintet, 99—68, as Ernie Calverly, Rhode Island's leading marksman, was checked with 13 points. The New Yorkers raced to a 46—35 edge at the intermission and maintained their torrid pace in the second half.

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There were other surprises, too. Temple upset Canisius, 46—33: Southern Methodist humbled Texas, 49—46; Duke turned the tables on North Carolina, 41—40; Ohio State ended Purdue's winning streak in the Big Ten, 54—47; Wisconsin did likewise to Northwestern, 50—47, and Western Michigan victimized Camp Grant, 45—44. Ft. Warren, Wyo., toppled Utah from the unbeaten class. Keeping pace with lowa in the unbeaten.

Keeping pace with lowa in the unbeaten gentry were Army and Miami (Ohio). The Cadets tripped West Virginia and Rochester to run their victory string to eight straight, while Miami chalked up number ten, clubbing Wright Field, 65—44.

Other teams in the national picture are Dartmouth, with 13 consecutive wins, a clean sweep in the Eastern League and a record of 15—1; the Norfolk Naval Training Station with 16 straight and a season's record of 26—1; Great Lakes with 23 and two; Muhlenberg 15—2; Kentucky 11—1; Long Island 9—2; Gonzaga 17—1; DePaul 15—2, and Oklahoma Aggies 17—3.

Classy Cadets

Reading from right to left, this is how the nation's cage leaders line up. In the east, Dartmouth knocked off Cornell, 58—46, to end its Eastern Intercollegiate

League season unbeaten. Dartmouth rates as the class of the east with Army. Iowa capitalized on Wisconsin's sur-prise conquest of Northwestern and a twogame standoff between Purdue and Ohio State to climb into the top position in the Big Ten, while DePaul stopped Notre Dame, 61—45, to pace the independents in the midwest.

Iowa State grabbed possession of first place in the Big Six with a 41—39 triumph over Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma Aggies protected their enviable position among the non-conference cagers. Ken-

among the non-conference cagers. Kentucky spread-eagles the southeast with 11 wins against a lone setback.

Duke moved back into contention in the Southern loop by handing North Carolina its first conference defeat, 41—40, after trailing by 17 points midway in the first stanza. It was the Tarheels' first league troupging league trouncing.

Senesky Still Hooping 'Em

North Carolina dropped a non-conference verdict to the Greensboro AAF Basic Training Center quintet, 53-40, to Basic Training Center quintet, 33—40, to make it a woeful weekend for the Tarheels. The Greensboro team, featuring George Senesky, who set the national scoring record of \$15 points with \$t. Joseph's of Philadelphia last year, now benefit a tengame winning streak.

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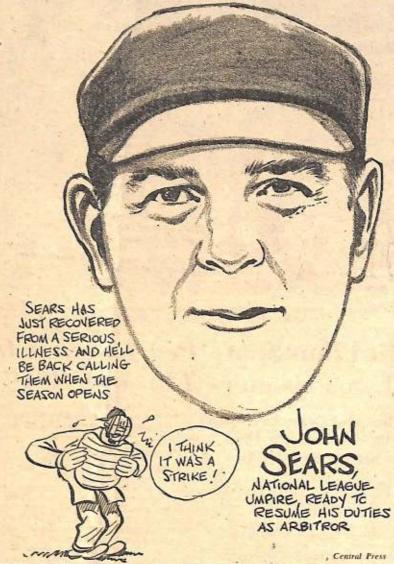
In the Rocky Mountain region, Utah still leads with 11 and one, despite its first loss to Fort Warren, Washington advanced another stride

along the unbeaten trail in the northern half of the Pacific Coast Conference by topping Oregon State, 56-29. Oregon remained the chief threat by turning in twin victories over Idaho, 50-41 and 78-42, and Gonzaga still leads the independents.

Rice and Arkansas are deadlocked for the top spot in the Southwest Conference, Rice vanquished Texas, while Arkansas walloped Baylor twice, 45—28 and 36—34.

Back in Blue

By Jack Sords



Hawks Whittle 2-Goal Lead To Tie Ranger Sextet, 4-4

NEW YORK, Feb. 7—The New York Rangers blew a two-goal lead in the last period and wound up with a 4—4 tie with the Chicago Black Hawks before 15,000 at Madison Square Garden last night.

In the first period Billy Mosienko scored at two minutes, 59 seconds for the Hawks, but Bucko McDonald knotted the count shortly after with a 30-foot shot. Chicago drew ahead again at 18 minutes, 41 seconds on a goal by Fido Purpur with Johnny Gottselig assisting.

The Rangers went to town in the second stanza, scoring three times. Oscar Aubuchon tied the score at 13 minutes, 59 seconds and Bryan Hextall's two fast goals near the end of the period gave

goals near the end of the period gave the Rangers a 4-2 margin.

Doug Bentley banged in two tallies in the third period, giving the Hawks the

Pre-Flight Post

ToCunningham

IOWA CITY, Feb. 7-Lt. Harold B. Cunningham, former Ohio State three-

letterman, has been appointed head of the football department at Iowa, Navy

Pre-Flight Training School, replacing ex-Missouri coach Lt. Don Faurot, recently transferred to Monmouth (Ill.) College.

in charge of the school's football training

program, but does not mean necessarily that he will become head coach. Cunningham participated in football,

basketball and track at Ohio State and later played professional football with the

Chicago Bears, Cleveland Rams and New York Giants. He also played pro basket-ball for ten years and coached at Ohio

Hans Crescent Golfers

Suffer Sixth Setback

Sgt. George Bennett, of Dallas, Texas, and Fred Parry, ARC, gave the ARC Hans Crescent Club their only victories in their 5—1 loss to the Sunningdale golfers Sunday afternoon, their sixth loss against 24 wins.

Next Sunday the Hans Crescent boys will take on the Gordon Highlanders.

State and Washington and Lee.

The appointment places Cunningham

Toronto Six, 3-2

DETROIT, Feb. 7-The Detroit Red Wings took undisputed possession of second place in the National Hockey League last night, racking up three goals in the last period to beat Toronto, 3—2.

The first period was scoreless and Jack Hamilton had to wait until 11 minutes were gone in the second frame to rap in the first Leaf score.

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Syd Howe tied the count unassisted

within two minutes of the third period, but Joe Carveth put the Wings in front at six minutes, only to have Don Webster knot the score shortly afterwards. The winning goal came at 14 minutes, when Detroit Captain Mud Burneteau scored.

Hoskins' Huskies Extend Streak With 51-17 Victory

A MIDLANDS TOWN, Feb. 7—The unbeaten — General Depot Hoskins' Huskies extended their string of victories to 14 straight and maintained their 50point-per-game average as they romped over the Couriers, HQ Command SOS cage champions, 51—17.

The Huskies jumped to a 27-7 advantage at the half; relaxed to score only eight points in the third stanza, then finished with a rush to plunk 16 points through the hoop in the final period. T/5 William A. Ziemer, of Zanesville, Ohio, led the assault for the Huskies with 14

Hockey League Standings

W L T Pts. W L T Pts. 24 3 6 54 Chicago 16 17 2 34 17 13 5 39 Boston 14 17 4 32 17 17 3 37, New York 6 27 2 14

Bill Kingsland, ETO Champion, Meets Lockett

Drummond Pitted Against Reado on Ten-Bout Corner Bill

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor
After two straight weeks of team
matches, the Rainbow Corner punch followers will have to be content tonight with a ten-bout miscellaneous card which will feature a welterweight contest between two of the best battlers over here in that weight and a light-heavy affair which will present ETO champion Pvt. Bill Kings-land.



Dick Menchaca Champion from Port Arthur, Texas, has probably the best footwork of any boxer to appear at the Corner. Always aggressive and a hard puncher, he has yet to meet anyone here who has given him any texable.

puncher, he has yet to meet anyone here who has given him any trouble.

However, if anyone is to stop him, Shinn, along with — Infantry Division star Pvt. Charlie Schnappauf, is the one to do it.

Shinn has handed Schnappauf his only defeat in the ETO, outpointing the Pennsylvanian on Nov. 30. Schnappauf turned the tables two weeks later, but Shinn suffered no loss of prestige on that account. It was close all the way. When Menchaca steps into the ring tonight he will be tonight he will be up against a boy who can hit as hard, if not harder than he can; is as clever



he can; is as clever a boxer, and, what is more important, can take the heaviest doses of punishment. Shinn, a Korean from San Francisco, is expected to weigh in at 139, Menchaca at 136.

The light heavy attraction starring Kingsland pits the ETO king against Sgt. Bill Lockett, 163-pound Air Force ringster from Pittsburgh. This will be Kingsland's first start here since he wrapped up a TKO over Pvt. Ben Pickett on Nov. 16. Lockett has one victory at the Corner.

Another of Mobley's SBS battlers is lined up for a middleweight tussle when

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Pyt. Lafayette Drummond, 151-pounder
from St. Louis, takes on S/Sgt, Al
Reado, of Seattle, Wash., 147.
Here is the lineup for the rest of the

Here is the street,
card:
Pvt. John Barzee, New York, 127, vs. Pvt.
Murray Sellers, New York, 127,
Pvt. Norris King, St. Louis, 130, vs. Pvt.
Roger Sanchez, San Antonio, Texas, 133,
Pvt. R. C. Jackway, Ch'eago, 140, vs. Pvt.
Jesse Puente, Los Angeles, 135,
Cpl. Nick Patachrist, Canton, Ohio, 172, vs.
Pvt. Tony Ponterella, New York, 169,
Pvt. Morris Shapiro, Philadelphia, 167, vs.
Voice Ecnimisa; Chippewa Falls, Wis., 169. Pvt. Morris Shapiro, Philadelphia, 167, vs. Pvt. Ystas Espinosa; Chippewa Falls, Wis., 169, Pvt. Lawrence Capati, Brooklyn, 160, vs. Pvt. R. J. Jones, Miami, Fla., 163, Sgt. James Darden, New York, 180, vs. Cpl. Roy Hanna, Tulsa, Okla., 185.

Nelson, Jug McSpaden Tied in Phoenix Open

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 7 (Reuter) Byron Nelson, Ryder Cup player, who won the San Francisco Open, and Harod "Jug" McSpaden, former Canadian Open champ and winner of the Los Angeles Open, tied for first place in the \$5,000 Phoenix Open Golf Championship with a score of 273 for 72 holes, a nine under par. They will play off over 18 holes.

By Al Capp

Li'l Abner





NEWS FROM HOME

Wallace Visions Living Standard At Record High

Insists Terrific War Debt Won't Hinder Gains if All Co-Operate

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7—Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, attempting "to kill he myth that the gigan ic war debt will stand in our way," assured the nation today that after the war "we can pay the interest on this debt and have a standard of living at least 50 per cent higher than in the decade of the thirties."

Speaking to the San Francisco Citizens Committee, composed of AFL, ClO and civic leaders, Wallace outlined a seven-point program to give the U.S. better health, hospitals, housing, rural electrification, improved agriculture, schools and employment and employment.

Wallace described the maintenance of maximum useful employment over a long period of years as "the one great test of statesmanship after the war. . . . We can, if we will all co-operate, produce more peace-time goods in 1954 than we did of peace-time goods in 1954 than we did of total goods in the war peak year of 1944."
"Unemployment is the one thing that can break all of us," he continued. "A would-be statesman who in the name of budget-balancing costs a million people their jobs will cost the national income \$2,000,000,000 a year. That is a lot to pay for a few wrong ideas."

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The Vice-President said the nation's The Vice-President said the nation's first duty was to provide better health. "Everyone in the U.S. ought to have an annual physical checkup and have the privilege of going to a hospital if a competent doctor thinks it necessary. . . . We ought to be spending four times as much on hospitals and doctors and nurses as we are now spending."

Educator Found Shot

BRIDGEWATER, N.J., Feb. 7-Dr., Sidney Albert Cook, head of the philosophy and psychology department at New Jersey College for Women, was found with a bullet through his head Saturday a few feet from his wrecked automobile, which had run down a steep hill and struck a pole. Police said he was suicide.

2 Iowa Convicts Captured

ANAMOSA, Iowa, Feb. 7-Two con-victs who escaped from the State Men's Reformatory dairy farm Thursday were captured at Dyersville by two highway patrolmen. Both, Bernard Sweet, 19, and Paul Smith, 22, were taken without serious resistance, Warden Foss Davis said. The break was the third made from the institution in five weeks, but in each case the fugitives were caught.

Final Op No Milk Run
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7—A widower
who said his wife's body fell out of its
coffin when being carried up the church
steps brought suit for \$25,000 against
two coffin manufacturers. He said he
suffered injuries and shock when the
accident occurred.

Three VMI Grads

LEXINGTON, Va., Feb. 7—Only three men were graduated from Virginia Military Institute, the alma mater of Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff. The average graduating class in pre-war days numbered about 150 men.

Ladder to Victory

CUMBERLAND, Md., Feb. 7-Nylon stockings are being given away at a department store here with a purchase of \$500 in War Bonds. Forty-two persons have paid the price. Fifty-eight pairs remain to be sold.

Arms Plant Razed by Fire

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Feb. 7—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a U.S. Foundry Corp. plant here. Damage was estimated at \$150,000. The factory produced shell casings and tank parts.

AFN Radio Program

1402 kc. 1411 kc, 1420 kc. 1447 kc 213.9m. 212.6m, 211.3m, 207.3m

Tuesday, Feb. 8

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11100-GI Jive
1115-Personal Album with Shirley Ross,
1130-Happy Norman's Ranch House,
1200-Hit Parade,
1230-Encore with Andre Kostelanetz and
Orchestra,
1255-Quer Moment,
1300-World News (BBC),
1310-Barracks Bag,
1400-Visiting Hour-Aldrich Family,
1450-Sign of until 1700 hours.

1700—Sign on—Dance Orchestra of No. 1 Balloon
Centre (the Sky Rockets)—Program
Resume,
1730—Gay Ninet'es.
1800—World News (BBC),
1810—GI Supper Club,
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports,
1905—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin
Street

1908 — Chamber Music Society of Lower Busin Street.

1930 — Boxing Bouts—from the Rainbow Corner with Sgt. Marry Smith and Cpl. Ford Kennedy.

2000 — News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.

2010 — Fred Waring Program.

2025 — Miniature.

2030 — Burns and Allen.

2100 — World News (BBC).

2110 — Music in Three-Quarter Time.

2125 — Into Battle—A BBC dramatization of heroic incidents of this war.

2135 — Duffy's Tavern.

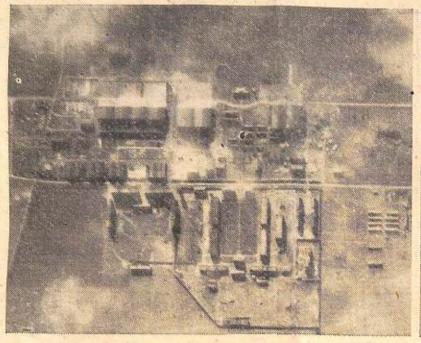
2200 — March of the Movies (BBC).

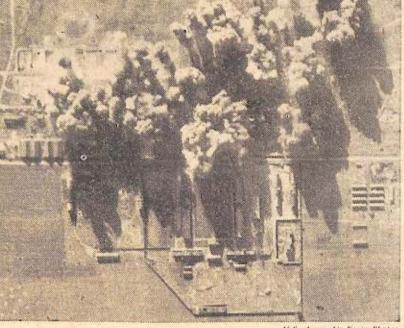
2230 — One Night Stand with Charley Spivak.

2355 — Final Edition.

3100 — Sign off until 1100 hours Wednesday, Feb. 9.

Before—Nazi Fighter Training Base Is 'Remodelled'—After





At Cheautroux, France, one of Germany's fighter training bases stands undisturbed a few minutes before USAAF heavy bombers attacked.

This is the same airfield during the height of the raid. Smoke billows from workshops, hangars and control buildings are wrecked, and enemy planes are smashed up.

Hit Films Sent | Pearl-Laden Japs Fly and Sail Navy Nurses U.S. Prisoners Through Blockade Into Europe

Allies and Germany Swap Movies Under a Deal Set Up by YMCAs

More than half of approximately 100 American film hits to be shown to American and British prisoners of war have arrived in Stockholm on their way to P/W camps throughout Germany. After censorship in Berlin, they will be rotated to all camps.

Most of the pictures are recent comedy hits. They include the "Road" series with hits. They include the "Road" series with Bing Crosby and Bob Hope, Abbott and Costello in "Road to Rio," Mickey Rooney in "A Yank at Eton," and William Powell in "Shadow of the Thin Man." Others include Gene Autry Westerns and Paul Muni's "Story of Louis Pasteur."

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Through an arrangement concluded by the World Alliance of YMCAs, the Allies and Germany are exchanging films for their prisoners. Germany is free to send any type of picture except propaganda, but is sending only educational films.

Every care has been taken to insure that no film sent to Germany includes anything that might offend the Nazi government. In the picture "Nice Girl," starring Deanna Durbin, the song "There'll Always be an England" was cut out.

It also has been announced that films showing American P/Ws in their everyday camp life will be shown to relatives and friends in the States. Arrangements were made by the Red Cross.

Five American women in service with the British ATS and WAAF yesterday became the first to apply formally for

transfer to the WAC in this theater under a reciprocal agreement with eight Allied

Interviewed at U.S. Army recruiting

headquarters by Capt. Mary C. Weems, of Dickson, Tenn., WAC personnel director, the ATS members were Pvts. Dorothy M. Montroni, 20-year-old British-born girl whose father, a native

of Chicago, joined the U.S. Army in England in July, 1942; 23-year-old Zorah L. Parker, of New York City, and Mary M. Tyrrell, 37, of Greenville, N.Y., both

of whom have been in the ATS for almost four years; and 20-year-old Beatrice Chadwick, of Massapequa, N.Y., whose brother joined the Army in this country.

The WAAF was Aircraftwoman Leona C. Finn, 38, one-time Washington beauty-

shop employee, who was born in Kiev,

More WACs Slated for ETO-

NEW YORK, Feb. 7—More WACs are soon to be sent to the ETO, according to Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, Director. Col. Hobby, who has just returned from a trip to Italy, North Africa and the British Isles, said the number of WACs in

Terry and the Pirates

England was not nearly enough.

ALGIERS, Feb. 7 (AP)—Japanese agents are reaching Europe aboard Axis sea and air blockade runners with their pockets filled with cultured pearls to be used for currency and bribery, according to a young Frenchman who recently

arrived here.

The blockade runners, transporting between Germany and Japan cargo more valuable than pearls, succeeded in 1942 in shipping 300,000 tons of vital war materials in each direction, the Frenchman estimated.

He said be had observed estimate and

He said he had observed arrivals and departures of German and Japanese merchantmen at Bordeaux and had chatted with members of a German crew at a bar. The sailors, he said, boasted of Axis success in running the Allied blockade in the air and at sea. He explained that two bases in West

Odessa and Rhodes were employed on the air route. From these points big four-engine transports, flying mainly at night and preferably in bad weather, cross Afghanistan to bases in Burma or Manchuria. Manchuria.

Ships and submarines leave Bordeaux, circle the Cape of Good Hope and skirt the fringe of the Indian ocean at Singapore and other points in the Orient.
The Frenchman said freighters were used in this service, fast craft of 7,000 to 8,000 tons, and the round trip often was made in less than six months with full loads each way.

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The Japanese use of pearls, this in-formant said, relieved the Nipponese of troublesome monetary exchange. Cul-tured pearls are readily obtainable in Japan, but in Europe they are snapped up immediately at exorbitant prices.

Bomber-Output Figures Of U.S. to Startle World Being Used as U.S. Labor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)-American production of heavy bombers will astound the world when the military services reveal - the figures.' Output has reached a rate which officials did not expect until next July.

The aircraft industry is trying to persuade the USAAF to release monthly figures of four-engined bomber construc-tion as these will continue to climb.

Announcement of several types of new warplanes is expected shortly.

Five Ask Change Into WAC Uniform

More Prisoners of War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7—Announcing that prisoners of war were being used in increasing numbers on farms and in industry in labor-shortage areas, the War Manpower Commission disclosed that prisoners worked 1,223,269 man days last October outside their internment camps, compared to 800,423 in September.

Since last September, the commission said, approximately one-third of the

said, approximately one-third of the enlisted German and Italian prisoners have been employed for varying periods in agriculture, food processing, logging, lumbering and a few other activities.

Reach Britain

100 in the Initial American Group to Arrive in U.K.; Will Take Over Hospital

A contingent of 100 U.S. Navy nurses reported for duty at Navy headquarters in England yesterday. They are the first ever to serve in Britain, although many

ever to serve in Britain, although many of their shipmates have been stationed in lonely outposts of the Pacific and in other theaters.

Lt. Cmdr. Mary Martha Heck, a veteran of more than 25 years' service in the Navy Nurse Corps, is in command.

The nurses will be assigned to duty

be assigned to duty in a Navy hospital soon to be opened in this country. The hospital, to be taken Lt. Cmdr. Mary Heck

over f r o m the British, also will be staffed by 65 Navy doctors, four dental officers and from 500 to 600 male Hospital Corpsmen.

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The Navy nurses have held relative rank since 1942, and their uniforms follow the same motif as those worn by U.S. Navy officers. Street uniforms consist of blue jacket and skirt, with gold insignia on the jacket collar and gold stripes designating rank on the sleeves. Caps are similar to male officers', but have no visors. The nurses wear black shoes and black hosiery.

Lt. Cmdr. Heck entered the Navy Nurse Corps near the end of the last war, follow-

Lt. Cmdr. Heck entered the Navy Nurse Corps near the end of the last war, following civilian training at Western Maryland and Bellvue (New York) Hospitals. Her duties since the end of the last war have included service in Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines, Nicaragua, Panama, China and Japan.

The nurses made their social housing

The nurses made their social bow in London at a reception for officers at the Charles Street Red Cross club. Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, wife of the former ambassador to the Allied governments in exile, was hostess.

'Fubar' - - -(Continued from page 1)

the ship, and they couldn't find even the

"You just don't build ships without leaks," they said, "It can't be done." But the amazing engineers hadn't heard about that, so their ship, the Fubar, had

no leaks.

Sgt. Iseli's men, who a few weeks ago couldn't tell the difference between a bilge pump and a deck plate, now stride proudly over the deck of their ship and talk knowingly of grommets, grunions, stancheons and bulkheads.

When the hull was assembled, caulked, painted and floated, the sergeant smashed a bottle of lemonade across her blunt prow, and the ship was christened the Fubar.

Work has begun on a second ship.

By Milton Caniff





First American women serving in the armed forces of Allied nations to apply for transfer to the WAC were five members of the British ATS and WAAF. Interviewed yesterday at the U.S. Army recruiting office by Capt. Mary C. Weems, the ATS girls were (left to right) Pvts. Dorothy M. Montroni, Zorah L. Parker, Beatrice Chadwick and Mary M. Tyrrell.

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