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# Heavies Rain 360,000 Bombs on Berlin

U.S. Bombs Strike a Berlin Factory District



the American bombs hit their mark in Berlin? This photograph, taken during the Monday raid, gives the answer. The bomb bursts shown are right in the midst of one of the German capital's important factory districts.

**Built by Britain** 

Britain produced 90,000 aircraft, mainly

5,250,000 machine guns, sub-machine guns and rifles; more than 1,000,000 unarmored vehicles.

(The U.S. Senate Truman Committee

announced Sunday that 153,061 American-built planes had been produced between March, 1941, and Jan. 1, 1944.

Of these, 28,000 were turned over to other

Lyttelton said naval construction had

more than replaced losses. "These are heartening figures of which we have every right to be proud," he added.

Allied nations.)

#### Reds Push Within 6 Miles Of Tarnopol Despite Stiff Resistance

Strong German counter-attacks by picked tank and infantry forces under Gen. Fritz von Manstein slowed the Soviet sweep toward Rumania yesterday, but in spite of the muddlest going of the winter campaign Marshal Gregory Zhukov's Russians pressed forward within six miles of the important junction of Tarnopol, 42 miles east of the Nazi base at Lwow. base at Lwow.

combat types, from the beginning of the war to the end of 1943, Oliver Lyttelton, minister of production, told the House of Commons yesterday.

His report included the following production formula for the company of Zhukov's advance threatened three vital railway towns on a front 130 miles along the Odessa-Lwow trunk—Tarnopol—from which an important line runs south to Cernauti, Rumania; Proskurov, 65 miles away, where another line branches off to which an important line runs south to Cernauti, Rumania; Proskurov, 65 miles away, where another line branches off to Rumania, and Zhmerinka, keystone of Nazi defenses during the Kiev bulge battles.

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The speed of the Soviet advance since the offensive began five days ago created consternation in Rumania, and Hungarian dispatches received in neutral Switzerland said the Rumanians were forcing their

said the Rumanians were forcing their way onto trains leaving the eastern territories, in spite of government orders against travel.

Not only in the western Ukraine but all along the front the Soviet pressure was kept up. Axis reports admitted the Russians had breached Nazi lines southwest of Krivoi Rog in the Dnieper Bend and attacked on the central front west of Gomel, between the Beresina and Dnieper Gomel, between the Beresina and Dnieper

Details of the fighting on the northern front were lacking, but Norwegian legation sources in Stockholm revealed that the Nazi command withdrew troops from Norway in the last two weeks in Stockholm revealed that the Nazi command withdrew troops from Norway in the last two weeks in Stockholm reinforce the front at Nazi February to reinforce the front at Narva,

gateway to Estonia.

The Soviet main thrust was across the Odessa-Lwow line, now useless to the Germans for the supply of their men in the Dnieper Bend. Axis reports described the Russians here as "rolling impetuously ahead" and said the offensive had been "greatly stepped up" since Tuesday noon.

#### 377 Miles-From Toronto ToN.Y.-inJust55Minutes

flight in a Mosquito from Toronto to New York in 55 minutes—at an average speed of 411 mph, was disclosed today by James Follett, chief test pilot of DeHavilland Aircraft Corp. TORONTO, Mar.

## Slow Russians New Landing in New Britain

American-trained Chinese troops under command of Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell have struck south from Maingkwan, the fall of which was announced yesterday, and joined with Americans in the Walahbum area of northern Burma's jungles in a bid to annihilate an estimated 2,000 Japs.

The Japs fell back along a front of 60 miles with heavy casualties before Allied drives which Gen. Stilwell said were designed "to hurl the Japanese

out of north Burma to make elbow room 90,000 Aircraft for the engineers to punch through" a new

road to supply China. At the same time, in the third landing

operation carried out by Gen. Mac-Arthur's forces in eight days, Marines stormed ashore about ten miles behind the Jap lines on New Britain, while cavalrymen on the Admiralty Island of Los Negros gained complete control of all but the northern end of the island and made Momote airfield ready for use.

In a surprise operation, which met only small-arms fire from the enemy, the Marines landed northwest of Talasea, about 160 miles southwest of bombbattered Rabaul and 110 miles east of Allied-held Cape Gloucester.

On New Guinea U.S. troops, which landed 20 miles ahead of the main Allied force at Herwarth Point, have expanded their bridgehead behind the Jap lines, in-creasing the threat to Madang, Jap base on the island's northeast coast.

Meanwhile, carrier-based U.S. Navy planes for the 13th time raided Para-mushiro, Jap sea-air base in the most northerly of the Kurile Islands, 1,280 miles from Tokyo.

# Over 850 Forts, Libs Set Capital Aflame In Great Fire Raid

### Smoke Visible 100 Miles After Second Major Day Attack; Fierce Air Battles Deepen Gash in the Luftwaffe

Berlin got its second major daylight bombing yesterday. A force of American Flying Fortresses and Liberators estimated at more than 850 strong dropped more than 350,000 incendiary bombs and 10,000 high-explosive bombs on the German capital, and returning airmen said the smoke billowing from the burning ruine could be seen 100 miles away.

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Thirty-eight American bombers and 16 fighters were lost in the operations according to an announcement from U.S. Strategic Air Forces headquarter iust before midnight. U.S. fighters claimed 83 enemy aircraft destroyed; bombers crews' claims have not tabulated.

The attack, third by American forces on Berlin in four days, was probably

the biggest daylight incendiary raid in history, far surpassing the German attempt to set London afire on Sept. 15, 1940, at the start of the London blitz.

A preliminary report from headquarters shortly before midnight said that

the ball bearing plant at Erkner, 15 miles southeast of the heart of the city, was heavily hit and that "other targets in the area also were bombed

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The Erkner plant produces half the minimum requirements in ball bearings needed by the Luftwaffe. It is second in importance only to Schweinfurt and Stuttgart, both heavily damaged by the USSTAF and RAF.

Furious air battles, possibly matching those of the Monday raid on the capital, raged across Germany from the time the bombers passed Hanover, 150 miles from the capital, shortly after noon until they emerged on the

Mustang pilots returning early in the afternoon said that Berlin's defenses were just as fierce and determined as in the first major assault on the city. The Monday operation cost the American forces 68 bombers and 11 fighters and the Luftwaffe 176 fighters, according to official figures at U.S. head-

## Base at Toulon

#### Warships May Have Been Damaged; Lull Still **Grips Land Fronts**

Flying Fortresses pounded the naval Flying Fortresses pounded the naval base at Toulon, on the southern coast of France, Tuesday, scoring direct hits on dry docks and the munitions factory area, as well as near misses on submarines in the bay, dispatches from Allied head-quarters in Italy said yesterday. Photos showed that sticks of bombs also fell along the jetties, probably damaging warships and merchant vessels in the harbor. This second raid in little more than a month was carried out despite strong German fighter opposition.

German fighter opposition.

While Forts of the 15th AAF were over Toulon, heavy units of other Mediterranean Allied air forces were attacking railway lines in central Italy.

Although there was some Allied air central was some Allied air

activity over the Anzio beachhead, the lull on the land fronts remained unbroken yesterday save for Cassino, and even here here were no major developments. Patrols clashed in the streets and there

was considerable artillery and mortar fire. The Allies continue to hold about a third the built-up area in Cassino.

Rain-swollen streams were returning to normal in this section, but the seas of mud they left prevented any major land movements. Mud also was preventing large-system constitutes the best the more sections. large-scale operations on both the main Fifth Army fronts, and snow in the mountains of the Eighth Army sector still limited activity there.

Berlin radio said last night more than 60 U.S. bombers were shot down. While most homber formations reported and 200.

A massive cover of Eighth and Ninth Air Force fighters—Thunderbolts, Mus-tangs and Lightnings—escorted the bombers in and out. In some cases the protection was so thorough that German fighters were completely smaller

protection was so thorough that German fighters were completely unable to get in to attack the bombers.

One Thunderbolt squadron in Col. Hubert Zemke's group claimed 20 planes downed. A Mustang group claimed 28.

Capt. Walker Mahurin, of Fort Wayne, who was tied for second place among Eighth Air Force aces with a score of 17, scored a triple yesterday, bringing his score to 20—now tops in the ETO.

The precision assault in nearly cloudless skies was aimed at industrial targets still standing after the RAF's 15 night attacks, in which approximately 27,000 tons of bombs were hurled onto the city.

Just before the American heavies struck at the Reich capital, and again just before

at the Reich capital, and again just before they came out, Ninth Air Force Marauders stabbed deep into Holland to strike airhus drawing fighters away from the heavy bombers' path, and also pounding airdromes from which interceptors might have risen to the attack, mediums returned safely.

The battle was fought in an almost cloudless sky, with visibility marred only by the myriad puffs of ack-ack fire thrown up by German guns, the airmen said. The flak was so heavy, they added, that it appeared obvious the Germans had brought in new defenses since the Monday

There were varying accounts of the German fighter defenses. Some American escorts met virtually none; others reported that "the Germans seemed to throw up every kind of fighter available,

including some trainers which were duck soup for our gunners."

Capt. Don Gentile, of Piqua, Ohio, a Mustang pilot, said: "There were so (Continued on page 4)

#### Second Lonergan Trial Scheduled toOpenMar.20

NEW YORK, Mar. 8-The second trial of Wayne Lonergan, charged with slay-ing his 23-year-old wife Patricia, was scheduled today to begin Mar. 20 before General Sessions Judge James Garrett Wallace. Judge John J. Freschi, who declared the first hearing a mistrial last week after charging Lonergan's counsel with contempt, had expressed a wish not o serve again.

'Invasion Next Wednesday' German-controlled Paris radio's mili-tary commentator Jean Herold Paqui tonight repeated the German story that the Allied invasion of the Continent is fixed

for next Wednesday.

Spoiling a Luftwaffe Tackle

## Heavies Hit the Line—B26s Blocked

By Bud Hutton

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer A MARAUDER BASE, Mar. 8—Some of the bombs that fell on Berlin this afterbelonged, in a way, to the

The Marauders didn't go to Berlin, of course; they only went as far as the German border. But like a blocking back smearing the opposition tackles, they slashed deeply into Holland ahead of the heavies and took a swarm of Nazi fighters out of the play before they could ever get

off the ground.

The Marauders dumped high explosives and incendiaries across the Luftwaffe air-dromes at Soesterberg and Volkel from which German interceptors climbed to take their toll of the heavy bombers Monday. And in the wake of the

Marauders, checking their own route by the columns of black smoke which arose from the mediums targets, the heavies swept along like the back with the ball and went on to Big B.

From the B26 City of Sherman, piloted by 1/Lt. Paul Phillips, of Sherman, Tex., I watched the Marauders sweep over the Dutch coast, brush aside flak and fighter threats, and carry out their blocking job. They split into two groups and caught both airdromes squarely with bomb bursts which ripped up runways, wrecked dis-persal areas and sent streaks of flame stabbing up into the black smoke from

fuel-dump fires.

A little while later, on a carefully-plotted time-table, the Forts and the Libs thundered into the Reich, and some of the Nazi fighters which would have tried

to halt them never had a chance; they couldn't get off their battered 'dromes. Although the Forts and Libs had taken

the losses as well as the headlines, the Marauders had done their job of block-

But the Marauders' job wasn't done Isike the blocking back who picks him-

self out of the scrimmage line and goes downfield to take out the safety man for the ball carrier, the B26s went back a few hours later to a Nazi field in Holland. Timing their attack to split-second synchronization, they pounded the Luftwaffe once more to help the heavy bombers set past the last barrier on the way home from Big B, where bombs had been dropped that belonged, a little bit,

to the blocking backs from the B26 fields

Notes from the

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#### Another Straw

Straws point the direction in which the winds blow, and also point the trend of world affairs.

For example, the Germans have resumed the building of merchant ships in their Baltic yards for the first time since the war began.

This was not choice but sheer necessity, and indicates the success of Allied sea and air operations directed against German shipping. It means that Germany, with a merchant navy built for world-wide operations, together with hundreds of ships seized in Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and France, all restricted in their operations to waters adjacent to occupied Europe, must now start building additional ships to provide for coastwise transportation.

Even Goebbels' cleverest propaganda will fail to cover the obvious losses which forced the decision to build more ships to operate between European ports once clogged with surplus shipping.

#### 'March' Against Hitler

True to the old saying, the month of March has come in like a lion-a lion whose devastating force is smashing against the Axis on all fronts.

And, oddly enough, the month of March has seen the pendulum swing against the Axis in two vitally important campaigns. March, 1943, was the climax of the sea war. March, 1944, looms as the climax of the air war.

During the first 20 days of March, 1943, the U-boats, working in packs, raised shipping losses to a dangerous level. In the last ten days losses dropped with a suddenness that is hard to exaggerate and stayed down.

Hitler learned that the weapon he had heralded as "one in a million" was a force that could sink only one convoy

ship in a thousand. As the pages of the calendar turned on the first days of March, 1944, Allied air oe more still senting them tound?

Centuries ago Julius Caesar was warned of the Ides of March. Now Hitler is learning that March is also his bad month, and the months ahead look

#### The Eastern Crisis

The Germans, who have for the past few weeks been wondering anxiously how long they could keep the Red Army from overrunning the Baltic republics, smashing their entire defensive position in the north, have suddenly had their attention roughly directed to the extreme peril that has arisen to the whole defensive system in the south of the vast Eastern front.

The Rumanians, Hungarians and Bulgarians, who have for some days been speculating eagerly as to what Finland might do to extricate herself from the mortal danger in which she has been placed by the German defeats in the north, have now been given urgent reasons to apply their thoughts nearer home and to consider what course they should take to avoid being involved in the calamity made certain for the Germans by the shattering defeat they have suffered on the approaches to Rumania.

As for the Fings, the new German disaster far away to the south, so far from encouraging further delay in -accepting the Soviet terms should serve to drive home the completeness of the German debacle in the east and the certainty that in this new crisis Germany will be unable to spare more troops either to defend Finland or to prevent her from quitting the war.

For Germany's vassals in the south Zhukov's new offensive creates simultaneously a great peril and a splendid opportunity. They know that however doggedly the German Army may fight, the best it can hope for is to extricate the troops far to the east in the Dnieper Bend from encirclement and disaster and to retreat in some kind of order upon Rumania. That is their peril. Their opportunity comes with the news of fair peace terms offered to Finland, and with this in their minds the Rumanians, Hungarians and Bulgars cannot fail to recognize that they too have a chance now of securing their future as independent states by breaking with Germany and interning or destroy-ing, with the help of the Russians, any German troops which may try to prevent them from deciding their own destinies.

And Germany must face this new crisis which her own past actions have so ingloriously thrust upon her,

Back in Illinois an indignant sub-scriber phoned the editor of the hometown newspaper and demanded to know why the paper hadn't run pictures of the town's latest batch of draftees. "Well," replied the editor wearily, "it might have been because our photographer was one

Here's the ultimate in something or other. An Indiana court has ruled that a pedestrian has the right to collect



damages for injuries sustained in collision with another pedestrian guilty of neg-ligent walking.

At least one British couple is convinced that Yanks don't know their way around very well. The GIs, new to the ETO, were headed through the English countryside in a jeep. Confused by the lack of road signs and other things, they stopped a couple by the roadside and asked the way to their destination. Their mission accomplished, they headed back for home, got confused and again stopped to set got confused and again stopped to ask directions. The people that put them on the right track were the same man and woman they had stopped the first time. (Who knows, maybe they were lost, too!)

Signs of the Times. An Indianapolis signs of the Times. An indianapolis home-owner threw in everything but his wife in this classified ad.: "I'll lease you my home, lend you my maid and introduce you to my butcher about April 1."

How to get your mail on time? T/5 Manford Anson of a general hospital over here received a V-mail from a friend in the states in nine days-the epistle bore no name or address.

Must be the tire shortage. Thieves broke into a Nebraska store, stole two



suits of clothes-and two pairs of roller skates-and escaped.

Is it true that the famous Paper Doll committed suicide because some cad told her her mama was an old bag?

Hitler's Secret Weapon? The ETO J. C. W.

## Hash Marks Publicity a Measurement Of Morale, PROs Learn

By Charles F. Kiley Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

U.S. combat ground forces have learned a lesson in public relations.

It took several months, during which the roles of some divisions in the North African and Sicilian campaigns went unnoticed, before the lesson was driven home.

Since taking steps to correct its shortcomings in this respect, however, the Army is supplying to the American public news of its heretofore

unpublicized ground troops at such a rate that it soon may rival other branches of service in the field of public relations.

Correspondents who covered campaigns in the Mediterranean reported that a sure-fire way to sink a soldier's morale was to ignore his division's part in a campaign while playing up another division in the same operation. In most cases this was due largely to reasonable censorship regulations which prohibited the identification of a division in a particular campaign.

Lack of public relations facilities within the division, however, often was responsible for the unit being buried among the anonymous participants.

### Ninth Div. Good Example

Drew Middleton, New York Times correspondent, cited the Ninth Infantry as a striking example of a division which discovered in combat how much public relations meant to the morale of its soldiers. Having followed the Ninth through part of the North African campaign, Middleton told how the division overcame its shortcomings by setting up a highly capable PRO staff without conflicting with its table of organization.

The Ninth had an operating PRO force in the States, but like many Army combat divisions was forced to brush it into an obscure corner because of TO restrictions.

One of the big factors in the African and other campaign successes, the Ninth was further handicapped by censorship which would not allow the division's presence in those campaigns to be revealed. Soldiers seldom see eye to eye with censors, and the Ninth was no exception. The men howled when they started to get papers from home and saw practically everybody but the Ninth in the news.

As a result, the Ninth established what news is bad news."

developed into one of the most efficient PRO organizations in the Army, with officers and enlisted men handling publicrelations work in addition to their regular

Prime mover behind the renaissance was Lt. Col. Robert W. Robb, of San Francisco, G-2 of the division and long an experienced hand in public relations and newspaper work.

#### 27 PROs in Regiment

Capt, Lindsey Nelson, of Columbia, Tenn., PRO of the division while it was in the States, who had been diverted to special service work during combat, was placed at the head of the new organization. Sgt. John Peel, of Geneva, N.Y., became his assistant.

Each of the three regiments had 24 officers and men designated as PROs, the Times correspondent related. Normally, they were mess officers, adjutants, specialservice officers and company clerks. Typical examples were Lt. Carl Ruff, liaison and mess officer, who formerly was with the press section of Mutual's WOR, and Cpl. Bob Dunn, who worked for the Philadelphia Record.

These men filed as many as 300 stories a day once they started to roll, telling Mr. and Mrs. America that their son was promoted to sergeant, had received the good-conduct ribbon, Silver Star, Purple Heart and DSC, had been cited for heroism after completing a dangerous mission.

Moreover, when Middleton and other correspondents got around to telling America about the Ninth Division they were given all the co-operation they needed in gathering their material. Under the new PRO setup, as far as

the Ninth Division is concerned, "no

## Air Force

MAJ. Gen. James H. Doolittle, Eighth Air Force chief, and other ranking Air Force officials, narrowly escaped death Monday when a crippled Fortress returning from Berlin almost crashed into the control tower where they were stand-

ing.

The battered Fort Dragon Lady, piloted by Lt. Frederick J. Sommer, of Davidsonville, Md., was operating on three engines. There were four wounded men aboard, so Sommer cut his approach short and brought his ship in for a landshort and propwash from the plane that ground propwash from the plane that landed ahead threw the Dragon Lady momentarily out of control, and it careened off the runway heading straight for the control tower. Sommer quickly gave the ship the gun and fought it into for the control tower. Sommer quickly gave the ship the gun and fought it into the air, barely clearing the tower as it

AFTER dodging Berlin flak and fighting two conked-out engines back into shape over Germany, the Liberator Lonesome Polecat was almost shot down by a group of Fortresses. by a group of Fortresses.

by a group of Fortresses.

"Two engines cut out on the bomb run," said Lt. Robert Witzel, of Elmira, N.Y., "then the prop ran away on the fourth engine." As the Polecat lost altitude, two engines cut back in, and Witzel headed his ship for a passing Fortress formation. Fortress formation.

As he neared the Forts, their lead ship blew up, and the other Fort's gunner, apparently figuring the Liberator was crewed by Germans, opened fire on it. "I got out of range in a hurry," said

Witzel Nine months ago 22-year-old Capt. David Terron was in a plane crash, and doctors said he would never fly again.

Monday over Berlin he shot down three German fighters in exactly two minutes. It was Terron's sixth Mustang mission, his second visit to the German capital.

1/LT. James Engelking, an Ordnance officer from Beeville, Tex., hadn't seen his pilot brother, Otto, for a long time, so when he visited him at a Marauder station last week there was plenty of home-fown easin to exchange. home-town gossip to exchange.

Since Otto was busy with missions and James' leave was running short, the Ordnance man went along on an opera-tional ride and discussed the latest Beeville news-over France.

1/LT. FRANCIS P. DUDZIK, of Chicago, who was in charge of Maj. Gen. Clare Chennault's personnel department in the AVG days, is photo-inter-pretation officer in the intelligence section of a Marauder group in the ETO.

selludgik rwas base sergeant-major at the Chennault expedition, and he went to the Pacific War Theater with the General, remaining on Chennault's staff and operating a daily newspaper for AVGs until May, 1942.

Lt. John Lawlor, of San Francisco. Lt. John Lawlor, of San Francisco, figured once he started his Fortress for Berlin he wasn't going to tusn back, so when one engine failed over 100 miles from the target, and the ship had to leave the formation, Lawlor took his B17 on by itself—and brought it home, well battle scarred, alone battle scarred, alone.

FOUR crew chiefs at a Fortress station FOUR crew chiefs at a Fortress station have been cited for sending their aircraft out on a total of 128 missions without an abortion. M/Sgt. Omer James, of Argyle, Ky., is crew chief of Screamin' Red, which has made 40 missions without turning back because of mechanical trouble. Others are M/Sgt. Robert J. Gholston, of Fitznatrick, Ala. mechanical trouble. Others are M/Sgt. Robert J. Gholston, of Fitzpatrick, Ala., of Blind Date, with 35 missions; M/Sgt. Harry W. Allert, of Plentywood, Mont., of Blitzing Betsy, with 34 missions, and M/Sgt. James O. Babb, of Burlington Junction, Mo., of Old 66, with 29 missions.

The B26 group commanded by Col-Gerald E. Williams, of Presque Isle, Me., set some sort of record by becom-ing operational within ten days after landing on Britain.

And within two weeks Col. Williams and his group were commended by Brig. Gen. Samuel Anderson, Ninth Bomber Command chief, for "an especially fine" bombing job on a target in France.

\* \* INSPIRED by the miracle man of his own creation, 1/Lt. Roy S. Moore, of St. Louis, Mo., is putting together a collection of tales for his grandchildren. Before he became a pilot for the Eighth AAF Ferry and Transport Service in the AAF Ferry and Transport Service in the UK, Moore created the "Phantom," a comic strip character followed by youngsters from six to 60 for years. Now, instead of patting his para and into hero instead of getting his pen-and-ink hero in and out of numerous tight spots, he flies B17s, B24s and B26s from their trans-Atlantic landing points to operational

MISSING in action after a doglight over central Germany is 2/Lt. Wau Kau Kong, of Honolulu, first Chinese fighter pilot in the ETO Kong, of Honolulu, first Chinese fighter pilot in the ETO. A member of Lt. Col. Jim Howard's original Mustang outfit, the Chinese fighter's last battle was against one of Germany's newest fighters, an Me410. He had just shared its destruction with Capt. Jack Bradley, of Browndouble-named P51 (Chinaman's Chance and No Ticki, No Washi). The ship exploded and plunged into the overcast. ploded and plunged into the overcast

## Course in Combat Intelligence

By Tom Hoge

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent A U.S. INFANTRY DIVISION, England, Mar. 8-Every non-com a potential intelligence man-that's the goal the S-2 of one of the regiments in this outfit has set for himself.

Realizing that things can become pretty desperate if the intelligence branch of an outfit is wiped out-not an unheard of occurrence-Capt. J. Clarke Geiglein, of

Westminster, Md., has initiated a concentrated course of instruction. Having passed the probationary period with flying colors, it is expected that the school will be established on a more permanent basis.

"They don't give us much time in which to teach a man the fundamentals of intelligence," Geiglein said, "but you'd be surprised how much stuff you can squeeze

The men receive a substantial grounding in map reading, compass shooting, aircraft identification and terrain study, As a climax, they are put through a highly realistic patrol mission, replete with snipers, land mines and booby traps.

To carry out the mission the men must pass through a ten-acre tract of "enemy infested" territory that includes virtually every type of terrain known to England -dense woodland, barren moors steep, rocky hills.

To begin with, they must pass through a small forest reeking with tear gas. Then, to make sure the men on test avail themselves of natural cover, concealed snipers fan the area with live fire,

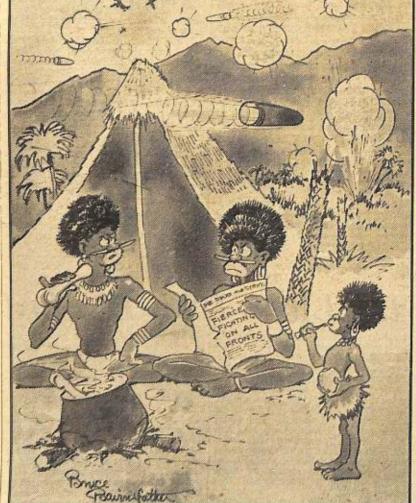
Farther on, they pass through a mined field, each mine containing sufficient TNT to blow an arm off if they don't handle it properly. Their orders are to neutralize the mines.

They are pretty groggy by the time they reach a group of buildings ingeniously rigged with booby traps. Mantel clocks wired with explosives, false floorboards and all the rest of the hazards one would encounter in a house "abandoned" by the enemy await them here. As before, their orders are to neutralize as many traps as possible. The first few usually go off with a nerveshattering roar, but after a while the men get the hang of it and do a pretty good job cleaning out the buildings.

S/Sgt. Lou Neifeld, of Washington, D.C., who has been an infantryman for nearly three years, just completed his hitch in the school.

"It was pretty rugged," he said, "but it certainly taught us something, I think I learned more plugging away here than I did in the previous six months."

"It was a hell of a good idea," agreed S/Sgt. Phil Little of Whiteford, Missouri. "I know I feel better about going into combat with some of that training under



"Guess it's our own fault Bongo. We should have sent our own missionaries to Europe, before all this started."

# Feature III Section

Thursday, March 9, 1944

## A Shadow Army Leaps to Arms

The drama enacted in Corsica will be repeated in many other lands

By Sgt. Herbert Mitgang

HOSE were the long days, the long hours, when Corsica's citizen army looked seaward, patiently waited. That was the time, seven days after United States troops clambered up the beaches of North Africa. Then the yellow ragpaper tracts were secretly passed hand-to-hand among the faithful, ever watchful of the Germans.

This was to be the lesson, the proving ground for Europe's patriots: below, liberation for French North Africa was accomplished; flanked by Italy and its Mediterranean possessions, Corsica landings and freedom.

In 14-point handset type on handripped slips of paper, islanders read a secret message:

On his posters the enemy has clearly indicated the activities which hinder him since the debarkation; he has warned us under the threat of death.

But it is the Homeland we must obey and not the enemy-our future prisoners. France counts on everyone to do his duty.

Every evening at 2250 hours listen to the broadcast over Radio France (Algiers) for Corsica.

NATIONAL FRONT.

And the clandestine radios, in homes watched by Italians, Germans and Corsican gauleiters, picked up innocent-sounding news broadcasts from Radio France which directed their movements in coordination with the temporary government and man on the island. Five thousand set up in Algiers.

#### Transmitted Secret Messages

In a small mountain town in the northeastern region, Jacques Manachem, a 29year-old newspaper man, sat pounding the keys of a typewriter. A former photographer for the Paris Soir, his work had taken him to London for several years and to Hollywood for three months. He was by no means handsome. His reddishbrown hair topped an ordinary-looking face, but his body appeared sturdy, with a long, wiry strength. Only his eyes looked unusual. They had a quick, shifting glance which spotted everyone who walked into the Fascist headquarters in

The Fascists were unaware of him. On their own official stationery he transmitted secret messages in code and passed them along from province to province, covering the entire island,

The patriots worked in units of five, patterned after the citizens' army in France; they numbered many French evacuees in their group. Principal reason for the compact units was security. Composed as they were, if one man was caught and forced to give information he could reveal only four others.

#### The 'Army' Was Formed

Of the five original leaders in Corsica, three were members of the Communist party. Each original member carefully chose five others and they, in turn, picked out others. This went on, town to town, until 15,000 men were patriot "regulars." One-third of the men capable of bearing arms were in this partisan army.

They met in deserted farmhouses and barns; in mountain caves known only to people who lived in the region all of their lives; in innocent-looking taverns. The men lived spartan lives. They had to. It was either self-denial or pitiless persecution if discovered. Organization was more absolute than in a regular army, and there was no such thing as disobeying or questioning an order. In the hearts of the men in every unit were engraved these yows, similar to those taken by their brother patriots hiding deep in the forests of France:

1-You are not only fugitives, you are also soldiers.

2-Hold no communications with family or friends.

3-Do not complain if your family cannot help you.

4-You expect no pay.

5-There is no distinction in the ranks between race, faith or party.

6-Never abandon a wounded comrade. 7-Care for and protect your arms.

And they kept their allegiance, The British Royal Air Force, in the meantime, supplied the patriots with arms. In close cooperation with Radio France in Algiers, codes were broadcast which gave the time and location when rifles and ammunition would be parachuted down from an Allied plane,

"We like good apples" might mean "Tonight at Ajaccio usual spot, usual signal." There was trouble, plenty of slip-ups, between code signal and final watched its own shores, waited for Allied delivery into the patriot army's hands. One evening a religious feast was going on in an east coast village. Festival lights shone brightly in many homes. The Fascist garrison in the village silently tolerated the feast. That night an RAF plane swooped down over the town, saw the lights. The pilot thought they were his signal. Bundles of small arms floated earthward and plopped into the public square. The precious arms cost lives that night-Italian and patriot-before they were partially retrieved and secreted

#### **Newspapers Secretly Printed**

By this time German, Italian and French police were on the trail of Jacques Manachem. He had revealed himself as a unit leader. Meanwhile, high back in the Corsican mountains, Jacques was editing Le Patriote-organ of the Corsican National Front, binding force and news source for every woman copies of the quarter-sized paper secretly passed from hand to hand. As far north as Bastia an Italian truck driven by a patriot distributed the people's paper.

A dozen or more times suspicious soldiers combed the forest attempting to not discover the hideout. For this hill- who used the European model of that type



When Corsica waited for freedom, these patriots, armed with guns and rifles supplied by submarine landings, stood guard. When the Allied forces moved in the patriots delayed the Germans for six crucial days.

newspaper had fallen, entered the very area where Jacques was busily engaged with an edition. He silenced the whir of the presses and waited to be caught, breathlessly. The police were no more than three feet from him, but they did

locate the hidden presses." Once, Italian top land was the "maquis"—the peculiar typewriter. "Hannibal" was the code for police, into whose hands copies of the terrain of Corsica where the trees and another. scrub bushes are like jungles, where one unfamiliar with it cannot see three feet ahead.

> False names were assigned to members of the patriot units to prevent detection. "Remington" was the name for one clerk

Sept. 9, 1943, will go down in Corsican history alongside of July 14, 1789. That was the day the Americans moved into Ajaccio in force, together with their French and British allies. The patriots were ready. They were familiar with the roads to the Ligurian Sea. They knew that German strategy was to head north, toward Bastia and escape.

For six crucial days the Germans were delayed in their flight by the patriots. The hated boches were cut off on the western coast, but the patriots' machine-guns were no real match for the Nazi tanks and field pieces hastily cutting across the Tyrrhenian Sea side of the island, Wherever small German companies were trapped, however, they were annihilated or taken prisoner. Mostly they were killed. The patriots counted 500 of their own dead after the battles.

## An Arsenal of Democracy

#### By James A. Burchard Stars and Stripes Correspondent

Somewhere In Corsica—This Napoleonic island wasn't too impressive when Capt. Ernest J. Collins, Brooklyn, arrived to lay the groundwork for an air force which would blast German shipping from surrounding Mediter-

When he first put foot in Corsica last when he first put 100t in Corsica last Sept. 21—and he was the original U.S. officer to take charge of a Corsican air-field—Capt. Collins was mildly disappointed. His command, he noted, consisted of two Spitfires flown by French pilots. However, as Capt. Collins discovered, events took shape with astonish-

covered, events took shape with astonishing rapidity,

First of all, eight more French Spits arrived the next day. On Sept. 30 the Germans came over with 11 planes carrying rocket bombs. They didn't know there were any Allied planes in the vicinity. They early one LST but before vicinity. They sank one LST, but before they got away the French pilots kayoed six of the bombers and generally left the impression that henceforth Corsica was

strictly bad news for Jerries.
"The first rocket bombs I ever saw,"
recounted Capt. Collins. "We all thought recounted Capt. Collins. "We all thought they were Spits on fire, coming down in smoke. They had a pretty fair wing spread, and the bomb—maybe a ton in weight—looked like fuselage. The bombs circled, which indicated they were controlled by the planes. I guess it was the first time in the Mediterranean that rocket bombs were used." rocket bombs were used.

Anyway, as the captain pointed out, the French pilots took a nasty toll. From this modest start, Corsica really began to develop into an arsenal of democracy. Today French, British and Americans are taking off from Corsican soil to kick hell out of German craft from France to all important Italian ports not yet in

What started with two French Spits as a slim, wavering defense against German aircraft now has become a powerful striking weapon in its own right, Capt. Collins has seen this once understaffed airport develop into a system of air and sea strength which daily pulverizes German watercraft or coastal targets.

As the Germans fell back in those early days, the French went to town. Two squadrons of Spits plagued Nazi transport planes attempting to evacuate specialists and other personnel from Bastia. The Germans saw plane after

plane hit the drink under a hail of French-directed bullets. Among the targets were nine transports, including two six-engine Me323s. Flying from Africa, the Beaus and 26 more a like, taking off from Corsica, concentrate on the same

Those same Frenchmen now are flying escort for U.S. medium bombers in addition to their other duties. And they

"It's a new experience for us," said the captain commanding, CO of a crack Spit Squadron. "But we'd feel better if more German fighters showed up. Frankly, our most ticklish moment was that Sept. 20 we first landed in Corsica. We didn't know if the field was mined or not. We just put down our wheels and gambled. Such was the need for speed we didn't have time to test out the field, and there were no specialists among the Patriots to give us necessary information. Luckily for us, the field was not mined."

Most of the mines have been removed by now. But there were many tough moments. In one field alone, 1,700 mines were found. Just the other day three big bombs were discovered on the self-same field. They had been wired, but for some reason or other the Germans didn't set them off. For weeks planes had been roosting over these bombs, and even tractors had run over them. C'est la guerre—and damned good luck.

The story of Corsica's development would not be complete without mention of the work done by the engineer and communications, outfils. At least 60

communications outfits. At least 60 bridges were blown out on the east coast. But the experts grabbed this 115-mile by 50-mile island and tied it up to suit their

There were no slackers. Officers peeled off their shirts and worked winches to unload ships. Everybody pitched in, with 24-hour shifts the rule rather than the exception. The results were speedy and amazing.

Collins never will forget his second day in Corsica. At that time the Patriots were fighting the Germans near Bastia. They were out of ammunition, and sent word through a British officer.

The only Allied vehicle on Corsica was one jeep, which served both British and U.S. troops. In this emergency, how-ever, the jeep was loaded with 25,000 ever, the jeep was loaded with 25,000 rounds of small arms ammunition and ingredients for Molotov cocktails. The jeep traveled over the mountains to the Patriots, escorted by motor-cyclists for the last 25 miles.

"From that day to this the Patriots and bell with the Heinies."

righters and bombers alike, taking off from Corsica, concentrate on the same targets. When weather permits, they smack and sink German shipping. Nowadays it's hard to find a German ship on the loose. The boys think the Nazis are hiding out by day and jumping from port to port by night.

Let's look at the records.

The French Spits have 22 undisputed victories. The American fighter wing accounted for 23 Nazi planes in January alone, and this without being on "the make." They just mingled with such Nazis as wanted an argument while engaged in their routine duties. records are impressive.

Two squadrons are having a grand dog fight for honors. One has shot down 55 enemy planes at last report against 55 for the runners-up. Another squadron of Spits on this island is a bit behind the eight-ball with 21 Nazi planes. Still, this squadron never has had any real breaks. For corroboration you can ask Maj. William M. Houston, Charlotte, N.C., CO of one squadron and oldest pilot here in length of service. He's been with the group since Sept. 26, 1941,

When special plaudits are being bewhen special plaudits are being be-stowed, a few are suggested for one medium bomb group. The men landed in Corsica Dec. 9 and went to work Jan. 13. This group practically reeks with history. It flew a bombing mission in North Africa on Dec. 2, 1942, after landing here on Nov. 11. The boys think were the first U.S. bomber force to let down wheels in northwest Africa, and a certain squadron is ready to back up

Sardinia also is playing a noble role in the destruction of German maritime Now and then they use Corsican fields for emergency landings and now and then there are casualties. Just recently one plane came in with its rudder shot off and unable to turn more than five degrees. The crew bailed out, and the plane hit a mountain. About the same time it was reported that 30 German paratroopers had landed seven miles away.

With the old Corsican system, things went off according to style. Goumiers took care of the paratroopers; the bailedout crew was wined and dined, and a squadron took off just to raise a bit of

#### Germans Finally Driven Off

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the day when the Germans were finally driven off the island life returned to the capital city Ajaccio. Flags were draped over the balustrades. Crowds of mountain warriors, armed with the weapons they had carefully nurtured and successfully used, marched fearlessly down the Cours Grandval, down toward Napoleon's statue. Their clothes were ragged, they were out of step-but they were soldiers.

Jacques Manachem stood in the doorway at 14 Cours Grandval watching as the men walked by, singing and joking. Le Patriote, now with the largest circulation and no longer printed in the 'maquis," was still proudly edited by him. He was one of them. He had help to free his home. Late that night, the celebration over,

the youthful editor sat at his cluttered desk and penned the next day's editorial:

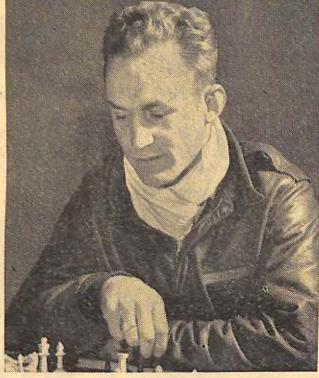
A United People

"These men, these people-one doesn't have to teach them liberty or government. They discovered what they wanted, what free government was, when they united against forced rule. Their elections in case of death came from the bottom; went from town to town-were not dictated from above. They had representative government in their people's army.

"When the crisis was at hand there was no question of politics. There was only a goal of freedom for the living, a new hope for those yet unborn. We have only a small island. There are patriots now fighting all over Europe, risking their lives under threat of death, pursued like thieves and murderers. They, too, know what liberty means, These citizen-patriots must have their chance."

From N.Y. Times.





Capt. Walker Mahurin

Lt. Robert Johnson

Walker Mahurin and Robert Johnson, each credited with destroying 17 German aircraft, are at this writing (Tuesday, March 7) leading the active list of American Air Forces fighter aces in the ETO. Mahurin, 25, an apprentice engineer from Fort Wayne, scored his first combat success over Germany August 17 when he destroyed two FW190s. A couple of weeks later he accounted for another Focke-Wulf, and on Oct. 10 he and his Thunderbolt entered the select field of aces by shooting down three Me110s, bringing his total to six. Since then Mahurin's record shows another triple-kill, three doubles and two singles. The singles were both Me109s; the triple he scored Nov. 26 when he shot down three twin-engined Me110s in quick succession; and the doubles included a bag of two Ju88s, another of two Me109s, and one day he shot down an Me109 and an Me110. He scored his 17th victory on the Berlin mission Monday.

Twenty-four-year-old Robert S. Johnson scored his first aerial success June 13 by shooting down an FW190. The Lawton, Okla., carpenter, who, fellow fliers say, handles his Thunderholt like an artist does his brush, piled up his score mostly in singles, but he shot down two Germans in one day on three occasions. On Oct. 10 he got an Me110 and an FW190, on Dec. 31, two FW190s and on Feb. 20, the opening day of the smash-the-Luftwaffe offensive, he shot down two Me110s. He shot down his 17th enemy Monday while escorting bombers to Berlin.

Lt. Col. Glenn E. Duncan



Leader of the AAF's first dive-bombing P47 group in the ETO, Lt. Col. Glenn E. Duncan, of Houston, has 15 enemy aircraft to his credit. On a recent mission he destroy an FW190 in the air, a Ju88 on the ground, and on the way home shot up an armed merchant ship off the European coast.

1/Lt. James M. Morris



A 23-year-old Detroit Lightning pilot, 1/Lt. James M. Morris was the first AAF fighter pilot in the ETO to destroy four German aircraft in one day. A couple of days before he had gotten his initial enemy kill, and a couple of days afterwards he shot down another, making six enemy aircraft destroyed in one week. Since then Morris has scored a

Lt. Col. James H. Howard



Commander of the ETO's first Mustang group, Col. Howard has destroyed five Germans since December. Previously he accounted for 6-plus Jap aircraft while flying with the AVG in China. The 30-year-old St. Louis pilot, a tall, rangy individual, waded into about 30 German fighters attacking a bomber formation over Germany Jan. 11. He shot down several and chased off the

63 British-based Americans in most exclusive Fighter Pilot organization of them all; no ribbons, no rules, they're just aces.

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ALL a flying man has to do to successful pilots were dunked in the become a member of the world's nearest stagnant pool. At others the most exclusive organization of fighter pilots is destroy five enemy aircraft.

Five pilots did that during the Berlin raid on Monday, swelling the total of American Thunderbolt, Lightning and Mustang aces in the ETO to

And only one of that number—the top scorer at this writing (Tuesday), Walter Beckham—has been reported missing in action.

The Monday mission when American fighter men escorted Fortresses and Liberators to, over and away from the Reich capital, was a typical

ace-making battle.

Robert Johnson and Walker Mahurin continued their nip-and-tuck tie for active lead of ETO aces when each shot down an Me109, bringing both their scores to 17.

Glenn Duncan, the Thunderbolt dive homber leader, accounted for two

dive bomber leader, accounted for two Germans, his 14th and 15th, and Hubert Zemke, the live-wire leader of the now-famous "Zemke Group" destroyed three Germans and showed the kind of dash that made his outfit the top scoring fighter team in the

Newcomers to the aces ranks that day were Joseph Icard, Nicholas Megura, James Wilkinson, Lowell Bruland and Glenn Eagleston.

There was no special ceremony to welcome the new aces into the highorganization, which doesn't really exist. At some stations the

Capt. Thomas Ace White



figure the Whites looked pretty far into the future when they named their son: Thomas ACE White. The Kelso, Wash., Lightning pilot began combat in Africa, where he destroyed six Germans. He was returned to the States after being injured in combat, and now he is back in action with a P38 group in the ETO. A flight leader, Ace White says he'll take his Lightning anywhere.

by the Public Relations Officers. Old timers like Col. William Stovall,

only notice taken of their success was

that sent to their home town papers

who shot down seven Germans in World War I, recall that the ace system, which never has been set up officially, was started by the French in the second year of World War I.

The British quickly took up the idea, and soon it even spread to the Germans and Austrians.

In almost no time the exploits of people like Rickenbacker and Richtofen became legends that spread and grew like the tales of King Arthur's Knights. And when the American, A. R. Brooks, single-handedly took on over a dozen Germans and shot down most of them, the account of his battle, in which at first the greatly superior enemy circled and played with him like a cat with a mouse, spread like wildfire, and his Spad was brought back to America and put in the Smithsonian Institute for everyone to see and marvel

Today the British-based top rankers, the Johnsons, Mahurins and others, are continuing the tradition.

No war story yet told is more exciting and thrill-packed than that of James Morris, who in a half-crippled P38, accounted for four of the Luftwaffe's prize aircraft in one day; and there are few accounts of devotion to duty and plain heroism that can match the record of James Howard's lone

Lt. Col. Donald J. M. Blakeslee



One of the first AAF fighter pilots to lead a Mustang group over the Berlin area, Lt. Col. Donald J. M. Blakeslee, area, I.t. Col. Donald J. Mr. Blakeslee, of Fairport Harbor, Ohio, has shot down eight enemy aircraft. One of the top American fighter leaders in the ETO, Col. Blakeslee began operations here with an RCAF Spitfire squadron, then joined an American unit when it became active in the ETO. He has shot down Germans with Spitfires, Thunderbolts and Mustanes. and Mustangs.

# Fighter A

Mustang fight with about 30 German fighters on Jan. 11.

One fighter unit commander, recalling that some people consider his aces "cockey," points out that if that is the word for what they are, "God Bless 'em. . . I'll take all of that kind of cockiness I can get."

Like others intimately acquainted with American fighter men, this commander knows that the aces of Eighth and Ninth Fighter Commands are pro-bably among the "uncockiest" combat people in the ETO.

The common concept that successful fighter pilots are small, wiry, nervous individuals who always jump about and fight only in the rough and tumble manner isn't so.

There are, perhaps, no more able tacticians in the world than the leaders

of American fighter teams over here. The missing Maj. Beckham was a

Fellow fliers tell how he deployed his units of Thunderbolts carefully and quickly, and how he in his ship sat out in front of all the rest, like a general on

classic example.

Beckham always was two or three jumps ahead of his next move.

On his last mission, after his ship was hit and he knew he couldn't make it back to base, Beckham quietly called his wingman, instructed him in the course he should take back to England,

Capt. Charles P. London



First fighter pilot in the ETO to become an ace, Capt. Charlie London, of Long Beach, Cal., has returned to the States to teach some of the tricks he learned in more than 100 mirriors revenue and carties in the ETO. missions, sweeps and sorties in the ETO. One of the first AAF fighters to score a double victory over here last June, he started flying P36s in 1941, then P40s, next the obsolete P66s and finally P38s before he took over a Thunderbolt. He has destroyed five enemy aircraft.

and apologized for not being able to make it back himself.

Mahurin is an ace of somewhat the

Calmly, he once reported running into 25 German fighters in this manner: sighted many condensation trails coming from a southerly direction . . . upon investigation they turned out to be nine or ten Me109s and about 15 FW190s."

Then the battle:

"At this time these enemy aircraft were slightly above us, but they attempted to get up-sun on us. Natur-ally, since all of our aircraft and all the enemy aircraft were pulling very dense condensation trails, there was no element of surprise on either side. We started to climb. The enemy aircraft were flying in a group of vee's, with a tail-end man weaving behind the unit. When we began our climb we rapidly climbed above them, and by the time we got into position to bounce we were all about 1,000 feet above them. One of our Flights was acting as top cover, approximately 2,000 feet above the whole show at all times. By

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NUHOLAS MEGURA, Ansonia, Conn.

AMES W. WILKINSON, Swarthmore, Pa.
OWELL K. BRULAND, Callendar, Iowa

GLENN T. EAGLESTON, Alhambra, Cal. ...

time the enemy aircraft were in left side of my ship in time to see a pilot in my flight shoot down an Me109 which exploded.

"We were all in the same turning circle, but we found that we could easily out-turn and out-run the Jerry. In fact, the whole enemy force was definitely panicky and not aggressive. After a short while the enemy aircraft all disappeared into the clouds and we again set course to pick up the bombers. We spotted another Me109, but were only able to make an in-effective pass at it because it rolled into the layer of clouds.

Shortly after the last engagement we were given a recall sign by the Group CO. We turned, and in the turn

Mustang.

Mustang.

Mustang.

Thunderbolt.

my engine quit, I was forced to drop down. My wing man started down with me. By the time we reached 16,000 feet I spotted a flight of six Me109s above me and off to my left. They came from the rear, passed over in front of me, and then started a turn to the left. I called to the wingman to climb back into the clouds, but before he could get there the enemy aircraft had passed over me again, and had started to attack him. Another flight then came into play. This flight bounced the enemy aircraft and, after a short turning engagement, forced the enemy aircraft to break off and hit the deck. At the conclusion of these engagements we all started out.

I found myself at 12,000 feet. However, I managed to pick up another P47 from a different group. My return trip was uneventful in so far as enemy aircraft were concerned."

Charles London, who is in the States now instructing fledgling pilots, is the American Air Force's first ETO fighter ace in this war. He destroyed his fifth

German on July 30. On August 19 Gerald Johnson became the second ace, and shortly afterward Eugene Roberts became the

Then the ball began to roll quickly. Zemke, McCauley, Evans, Beeson,

#### Maj. Walter Beckham



The AAF's leading fighter ace in the ETO, Maj. Walter Beckham, of DeFuniack Springs, Fla., was the first high scoring pilot in this theater reported missing in action. He was lost on an escort mission into Germany a couple of weeks ago, after he had destroyed 18 German aircraft.

Beckham, Robert Johnson-all accounted for enemy No. 5 within a few weeks, and as the score began to mount early in the fall, Mahurin stood out above the rest, and for several months he held his lead.

Several weeks ago Beckham caught up with, then exceeded, Mahurin's score, and, with 18 Germans to his credit, still held the ETO lead on Tuesday.

A number of British-based American fighter men came to this theater as

Thomas White was in the Mediterranean. In a Lightning he saw action through all of the early Tunisian campaign, and accounted for six enemy aircraft before he was shot down.

#### Capt. Duane W. Beeson



An Oakland, Cal., hotel clerk as a civilian, Capt. Duane W. Beeson has accounted for 14 enemy aircraft to date. Sticking strictly to the Luftwaffe's singleengined ships for his combat, all of the captain's kills except one have been Me109s and FW190s. The exception was a Ju88, which he shot down Feb. 28. The 22-year-old pilot, a trans-feree from the RCAF, has flown Spitfires, Thunderbolts and Mustangs in



Col. Laurence K. Callahan

Col. William H. Stovall

World War I aces, "retreads" in this war, see experiences like their own of 26 years ago in the stories of today's ETO aces. While they don't pretend to compare their Spads with Lightnings, Thunderbolts and Mustangs, Cols. Laurence K. Callahan and William H. Stovall (above) figure the action they saw against Fokkers in the last war pioneered all this business of aces. Col. Callahan, of Chicago, intelligence officer for Eighth Fighter Command, was credited with destroying five Germans in World War I and Col. Stovall, of Stovall, Miss. now Eighth Fighter Command Personnel officer, accounted for seven of the Kaiser's aircraft.

After a period of recuperation from a serious back injury, he insisted on returning to combat in a P38.

James Howard was credited with six Japs while fighting with the AVG, and Jack Donaldson accounted for two Jap bombers and three Zeros in the Pacific.

While the average ace age is about 25 years, the high scoring pilots range from Donovan Smith, who is 21, past James Howard, who is 30, and they all are equally as quick and agile as any fighter men anywhere.

Unlike many RAF pilots who set themselves off by their mustaches, most American fighter airmen have clean upper lips. But some few are different.

Beckham, for instance, came overseas with the longest, most pointed mustache in the Air Forces. The story is that he shot down his first

German only after he had shaved off that mustache. To prove that the bushy upper lip had nothing to do with his fighting results, Beckham began to nurse his mustache back to its normal size in

January—and he accounted for several German aircraft while that mustache was growing. Since the whole aces scheme is unofficial, men who hold membership don't even have a ribbon to identify themselves, but none of them seems to

mind. Most high scoring aces have almost every available medal anyway. Mahurin, for instance, has the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, four Distinguished Flying Crosses and four Air Medals. Gabreski, who flew with the Poles for a while, has a Polish Cross of Valor in addition to two American Silver Stars, five DFCs and five Air Medals.

And the transferees from the RAF have British decorations. Peterson, who at one time commanded the converted Eagles, has both the British DSO and DFC, plus the American DSC, Purple Heart and four Air Medals, and London has been awarded both British and American DFCs and the American DSC and four Air

The ETO's 63 American fighter aces up till Tuesday afternoon alone have destroyed almost 500 German aircraft, and with the ace ranks growing daily, the American score of downed Germans shortly will be doubled.

#### Lt. Col. Francis S. Gabreski



With 14 German planes to his credit Col. Gabreski is one of the most colorful pilots in Eighth Fighter Command. He has scored three doubles in more than 50 engagements with the enemy. The colonel was at Pearl Harbor when the Japs attacked, and he later transferred to England to fly with an RAF Polish squadron of Spitfires. As a civilian, the Oil City, Pa., pilot studied medicine at Notre Dame. At the outset of his operations he flew with a Polish squadron of the RAF and was decorated by the Poles.

#### Capt. Glen D. Schiltz Jr.



Strictly a triple-threat, Capt. Glen D. Schiltz Jr. accounted for nine German fighters, six of them on two triplevictory days. The 25-year-old Thunderbolt pilot, from North Canton, Ohio, scored his first victories August 17 in shooting down three FW190s. On Jan. 11 he hit another triple, three Me109s, and between times shot down another Me109, an Me210 and an Me110, all singly. The captain was a machinist as a civilian.

#### Maj. Gerald Johnson

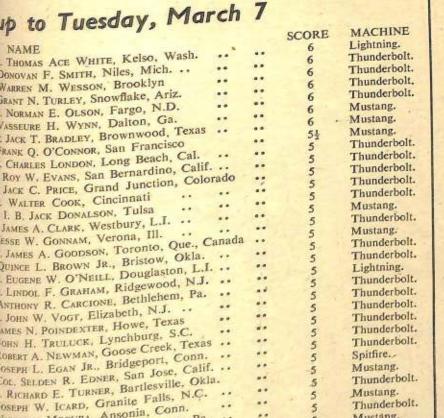


When Maj. Gerald Johnson went hunting for something to shoot at while escorting American heavy bombers to Brunswick recently, nothing else turned up, so he headed his Thunderbolt for a passing three-engined Ju52, a German transport, and brought his total of enemy aircraft destroyed to 14. The Owenton, Ky., pilot was one of the first AAF fighter men in the ETO to shoot down two Germans in one day. He followed that up last July by scoring a triple.

#### Lt. Col. David G. Schilling



A Flying Group executive from Detroit, Col. Schilling is called "Lucky" and "One-a-Day" by Thunderbolt mates. He brought down four Germans in as many days. On his first flight over enemy territory his plane was badly shot up and he went scoreless for the next 43 missions. The Colonel chalked up his initial victory on an Emden raid in October. Since then he has become a "double ace" with ten enemy planes to his credit.



Complete Short Story

## Thanks, Sergeant! By Octavus Roy Cohen

If you don't believe topkicks can be tender-hearted, listen to this one . . .

"HAT GUY was a magician. His dice were educated. He took all my money. I didn't like him, so I hung one on his jaw.

I was going to help myself to the pay he had stolen from me when I saw the MPs. Military Police don't argue much. and these two were coming fast. So I went faster.

The town wasn't very crowded because it wasn't a week end. The few uniformed men on the streets saw what was happening and gave me a break. They sort of blocked the MPs and gave me plenty of sprinting room. I flashed into a long, narrow restaurant which was full of fried onions and juke-box music. There was a counter in front, and tables and booths in the back. The brooths were full; mostly in the back. The booths were full: mostly couples. I was figuring time in split seconds. The MPs must have seen me enter. I had to lose myself, but quick. That's why I ducked into a booth.

There was a first sergeant in that booth: three chevrons, three rockers and a diamond on each sleeve. I sat down alongside and said "Help!" The topkick smiled. "What do you

The topkick smiled. mean 'Help'?

"I'm a fugitive from the MPs. A guy used a pair of crooked dice on me and I slugged him. The boys with the blue arm-bands know all about the slugging. but I didn't have time to explain about the cultured cubes. If they pick me up I'll lose my corporal's stripes—catch plenty hell to boot."

"I get it." The Sergeant was sizing me up. A plate was shoved in front of me. "Make like you've been partaking. I'll see what I can do."

I published at the sandwich and tried to

I nibbled at the sandwich and tried to breathe as though I hadn't been running. I commenced conversing: not about anything, but just so the set-up wouldn't look phony.

Every once in a while I looked at the Sergeant. I was changing my mind about topkicks. Some of them could be dog-gone nice. Here was one helping me out when there wasn't any real call to. Could have let me stew in my own juice; in-stead, I was getting co-operation. I felt relieved. I knew how much weight so many chevrons can carry.

They sure make you look like a zebra. The MPs invaded the restaurant. They inspected the tables, then started on the booths, looking very annoyed. Their expressions made me uncomfortable. I had trouble swallowing a bite of sand-

They stopped at each booth-longest at ours, staring at me as though I seemed familiar. I tried to look like an innocent soldier who didn't know anything about dice, and certainly wouldn't slug a guy for rocking him.

But I had a feeling my act wasn't click-But I had a feeling my act wasn't clicking. I was scared green, because the last
thing I wanted was trouble with the
Provost Marshal's Department. I saw
one of the lads open his trap to ask the
first embarrassing question. But he didn't
ask it; the Sergeant beat him to it. "Hello,
boys." The voice had that quict
authority that goes with the rating. "What
gives?"

They looked at each other and then at me. They kept on looking at me, but they talked to my benefactor. One of them said, "You and this 'ere lug to-

"What does it look like to you?"
"It looks like you are—are you?" he

"We are."

"Been together long: sittin' here?"
"Sure. But what's it to you?" There was just a hint of anger in the voice, and one of the MPs took heed and started to get apologetic: "No offense, Ser-geant: no offense. We're chasing a guy that flattened another guy. But good

It could be this lad and also it couldn't."
The sergeant said, "You said it the second time, buddie. We haven't been disturbing the peace." disturbing the peace.
"Not even him?"
"Not even him."
There it was: th

the perfect alibi, all wrapped up and laid in their laps. They were suspicious, but suspicions weren't enough. The head guy said, "Okay, enough. The head guy said, "Okay, Sarge. What you say is good enough by me, so we'll be off."

They went on down the line, looked in all the booths. They came back and looked at us again. We pretended we weren't interested. They probably figured the lad they were after had lammed out the back door. They went cut the front. I mopped my forehead lammed out the back door. They went out the front. I mopped my forehead. "Are you tops! I'd buy you a beer if I hadn't been cleaned by those galloping talking dice."

"I'll buy," said the Sergeant, and ordered a new sandwich and a fresh beer. "I'm lonely anyway."

"You stationed out at camp?" I asked. "Yes." The Sergeant nodded, "Post

The Sergeant nodded. Headquarters Company.

'You're a right gee. "I believed your story, so I played it

After a while I said I'd better be going. The Sergeant paid the check and stood up with me. "I'd better trail along."

"Because those MPs aren't entirely convinced. Maybe it wouldn't be too smart for you to walk out alone." That was an idea, so we went out of the place together. The MPs were stand-ing there. The Sergeant had been right. If I'd walked out alone, it might have been fatal.

We took a walk, talking about this and that. I was beginning to like top ser-geants. This one had pulled me out of one sweet jam. It looked like the begin-ning of a beautiful friendship, and I said

There was a gang on the corner waiting for the ten-thirty bus back to camp, which was five miles out of town. The Sergeant and I climbed on together. It was good we did because my ten. M.P. was good we did, because my two MP friends were among those present. Evidently they had just been relieved.

All the seats were taken, so we stood up. We posted ourselves just as far from the MPs as we could, but even at that distance I could see they were staring at me as though they hadn't really been sold a bill of goods. The Sergeant said, "I'd better straighten this out once and for all."

I was left standing at once end of the bus. I couldn't hear what the Sergeant said to the MPs, but there was a lot of

Lt. GENERAL

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BROUGHT THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE TO ENGLAND AND THEN WENT TO

AFRICA — NOW HERE HEADING THE UNITED

STATES STRATEGIC AIR PORCE IN EUROPE.

NOWHERE

IN GERMANY- OR THE OCCUPIED COUNTRIES IS THERE A TARGET OUT OF THE

HIS COMMAND

talk. After a while the MPs began to smile and nod. The Sergeant got back to me just before we reached the camp. "It's all okay, soldier. You've got nothing more to worry about."

I tried to look casual. But I was thinking lots of nice thoughts about a first sergeant who would help a corporal out of trouble this way.

We stopped at the main gate and the bus disgorged. We were among the first out. The MPs came along. They grinned at us and waved. That gesture meant a lot to me. It meant that there wouldn't be any follow-up. be any follow-up.

It was dark around the main gate. It was even darker under a clump of trees about forty feet away. The Sergeant and I walked over to

those deep shadows and stood there.

I tried to get my appreciation across.

I did the only thing I could think of
... something I'd been wanting to do

ever since we met.

I took that first sergeant in my arms and kissed her.
She was the most beautiful WAC I'd

ever seen. (From This Week)

## Highlights of Army Talks

NTO the German battle lines and upon the German home front falls an unending barrage of Allied "paper bullets." These "paper bullets" are the leaflets prepared by the Psychological Warfare Branch of Allied Force HQ and its field units. They constantly remind the enemy of his hopeless position by simply giving him the true picture of the war's events and course, and advise him of the one logical thing to do-quit the fight, surrender.

Under the title of "Words Are Weapons, Too!" the current issue of Army Talks reveals the nature of Allied Psychological Warfare and the deadly effect it has had upon the enemy thus far in the war. Sgt. James Dugan, the author of the article, is a former New York newspaperman now assigned to duty with the American Office of War Information, ETO.

Psychological Warfare Branch is a mixed British-American, military-civilian set-up. Men are chosen for this work for special abilities-linguists, printers, typesetters, cartoonists, pressmen, radio technicians, mechanics, etc. They are commanded by army officers with special intelligence corps qualifications, and the leading civilians have assimilated officer rank, the Army Talks article notes.

PWB's highest echelon is on the Allied General Staff. Psychological Warfare Combat Teams, as they are known, are attached to army groups. The teams may be divided down to small radio or leaflet units that function with divisional or sector groupings. The combat team works as an integral part of the army unit with which it serves, like a Signal Corps or Medical Department.

Psychological Warfare has nothing to do with the morale of its own army. Its objective is the demoralization of the enemy's troops and his home front. This type of warfare is not original with the U.S. Army; the Russians have long provided for it in their military organization, and have used it with great success on the Eastern front in this war, according to "Words Are Weapons, Too!"

"Words Are Weapons, Too!"

The Americans and British have made good use of psychological warfare in the Mediterranean theater. Thousands of German and Italian soldiers were induced to lay down arms and give themselves up during the North African campaign when their positions were saturated with safe-conduct leaflets. The leaflets told the enemy soldier exactly where he stood, what the odds were against him if he continued to fight, and invited surrender. They served as the pass with which he could come through the Allied lines. The same idea was carried out in Sicily, and has had continued success in Italy, Fifteen million leaflets were distributed in one week of the Sicilian campaign and PW men landed with the troops at Salerno.

The safe-conduct leaflets distributed

The safe-conduct leaflets distributed over the enemy's front are sometimes deli-vered by artillery fire in special shells called "nickels." These shells look like ordinary base-ejection smoke shells, but have the smoke canister removed and the casing stuffed with paper, according to

Other leaflets are delivered by air. Millions have been strewn throughout Germany, the satellite countries and the occupied areas by RAF and USAAF heavy bombers.

"Curiously enough," says the Army Talks article, "most of this airborne printed matter is in the form of a simple newspaper, with the same kind of news you read in the Kansas City Star, The Stars and Stripes or the London Daily Express. Truth is a shattering weapon. When we give the German people a simple map, showing their positions on the Russian and Italian fronts, it is a blow that no amount of Dr. Goebbels' needling can counteract."

The most widely known use of psychological warfare is in the V-for-Victory campaign launched in 1941 over the BBC by the famous Col. Britton. At that time he merely said to the people of Europe: "The symbol V stands for Victory, Victoire or whatever your word for Allied triumph might be."

In morse code, V is dit-dit-dit-dah, and it corresponds to the repeated theme of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. BBC's European service still comes on the air with the familiar three short notes and one long note. Vs were painted on walls and pavements all over Europe and Beethoven's notes were whistled in every street as the campaign caught on.

The V campaign, beautiful in its simplicity and catchiness, did two important things, in the opinion of the author. He says, "It gave slave Europe a sign and a hope of victory over Hitler; it united people in Europe. And, equally important in psychological warfare, it gave BBC an overwhelming indication of how widely the broadest details the same based. widely its broadcasts were heard.
Goebbels couldn't beat it. He finally ordered the block fuehrers to paint it up themselves and pretend it meant Nazi

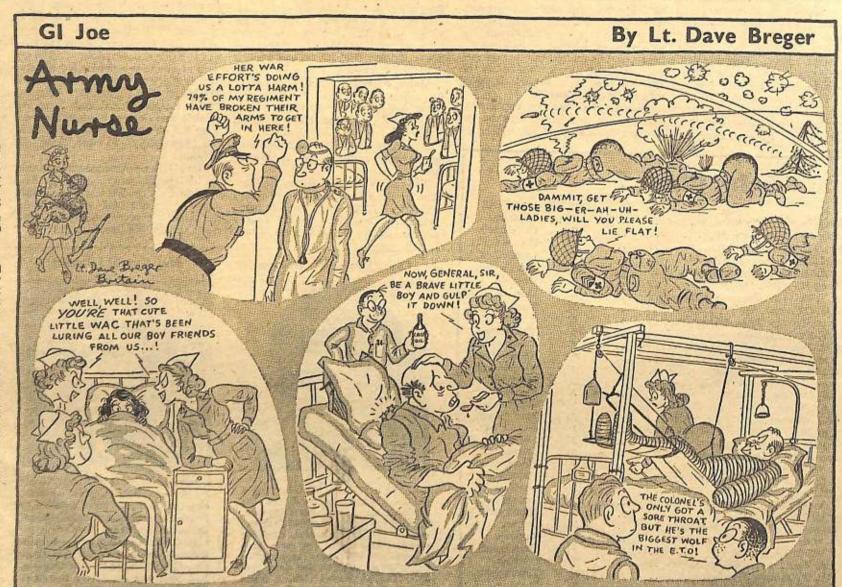
German counter-broadcasts are direc-German counter-broadcasts are directed to Britain, some of them especially for American troops. The principal difference between the enemy's psychological warfare and that of the Allies is that the Propaganda Ministry of Dr. Goebbels specializes in the distortion of neartruths, whereas the American Office of War Information and the British Propaganda Services believe that the unvarganda Services believe that the unvarganda ganda Services believe that the unvar-nished, factual truth has the best possible effect upon the news-starved people of the

Questions concerning psychological warfare typical of those to which the answers may be found in Army Talks, are the following:

Q: How should we combat German propaganda designed to discredit our allies and cause dissension between British and American soldiers?

A: Understand the purposes of this propaganda thoroughly. Always suspect it in enemy broacasts and printed matter. Q: When is leaflet warfare most effec-tive—at the beginning of an offensive or toward its conclusion?

A: Near the end, when the enemy is weakening. The leaflets suggest a way out of his predicament without further suffering. It is a welcome suggestion.



## ills Takes Up Challenge by Thompson

#### Army Medics Reject Outfielder Dixie Walker

BROOKLYN, Mar. 8—Baseball fans in Flatbush are dusting off the welcome mat to celebrate the return of Dixie Walker, one of the Dodgers'

most popular players.

Dixie, badly battered after several years in the big time, was rejected for military service at Anniston, Ala., today because of shoulder, elbow and knee injuries incurred on the diamond.

## **Bruins Beaten** By Wings, 8-4

#### Defeat Dims Boston Hopes For Berth in Stanley Cup Playoffs

BOSTON May 8—The Detroit Red Wings strengthened their hold on second place in the National Hockey League as they defeated the Boston Bruins, 8—4, before 10,000 fans here last night, practi-

#### Hockey League Standings

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Chicago	21 19			New York		4 16

cally eliminating the Bruins from a play-off berth in the Stanley Cup playoffs the

Don Grosso and Murray Armstrong tallied twice each for the victors, while Adam Brown, Carl Liscombe, Cully Simon and Bud Thomson added one each. The Wings put three in the net the first period, three in the second and two in the third.

third. Pat Egan was high for the losers with two scores, Dit Clapper and Bill Cowley getting one each.

### Jesse Owens Hopes Allied Airmen Raze Olympic Stadium

DETROIT, Mar. 8—Dusky Jesse Owens, Ohio State flash who eight years ago caused consternation for Hitler and his henchmen by scoring a triple-yictory in the Olympic Games at Berlin, today said he hopes the scene of his triumph is a heap of rubble after visits by Allied hombers bombers

"I hope that stadium is leveled to the

"I hope that stadium is leveled to the ground and I suppose it is," the 30-year-old runner declared. "But I must admit that the biggest thrill I ever got on a track was winning that 100-meter dash."

Owens, now working at a war plant here, might have added "even if Hitler did ignore me when I won," but he didn't. The Negro's sweep of the 100 and 200-meter dashes and the broad jump, was a severe blow to Hitler's "Aryan" propaganda, and the Nazi party disappeared from the stadium rather than congratulate Jesse after his brilliant victories.

Only six pounds over his best running weight. Owens thinks he still can propel the 100 in less than ten seconds, although he hasn't done any running lately.

TYINE Ex-Major Leaguers

HQ, 14th U.S. NAVAL DISTRICT, Mar. 8—This district will have one of the strongest service baseball teams in the world this summer, nine ex-major teaguers having been assigned here to lay and coach baseball and to aid in resenting a varied sports program.

Players include George Dickey, White ox catcher and brother of the Yankees' ill; Tom Ferrick, Cleveland pitcher; Ill; Tom Ferrick, Cleveland pitcher; Joe Grace, rown outfielder; Bob Harris, Red Sox tcher; Johnny Lucadello, Brown inder: Barney McCoskey, Detroit outler, and Vern Olsen, Cub pitcher.

Frnka Signs New Contract

In a show that saw four of seven bouts fail to go the limit.

In the quickest finish, Pvt. Ben Murrell, Hudson, N.Y., 147-pounder, went to work with the opening bell and polished off Pvt. Alfred Terry, 156-pounder from Decatur, Ala., 1:05 of the first five seconds of the opening stanza.

In other bouts:

Pfe Fereic Cillamill, New York, kayoed Pvt. Anthony Curreri, Baltimore, Md., 1:55 of the second.

Pfe Buddy Tibbetts, Rosemont, Minn., 145, outpointed Pfe Anthony Maculuso, Pittsburgh, 147.

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Pvt. Jesue Flores, Los Angeles, 158, kayoed Pvt. John Crampton, Hesperia, Mich., 160, 1:05 of the second.

Pvt. Goorge Albert, Waynesboro, Pa., 190, el der: Barney McCoskey, Detroit outler, and Vern Olsen, Cub pitcher.

TULSA, Okla., Mar. 8—Football coach d athletic Director Henry Frnka has ned a new five-year contract at Tulsa liversity, replacing his old contract ich still has two years to run.

### Ringside Confab



Conferring on the proposed Freddie Mills-Tommy Thompson fight at the Rainbow Corner bouts are Ted Broadribb (left), Mills' manager; matchmaker Jack Soloman and 1/Sgt. Lamar Mobley, Thompson's manager.

## Net-Minding Giants Expected To Dominate Cage Tourneys

NEW YORK, Mar. 8—There'll be plenty of arguments pro and con the practice of using a "goal tender" to protect the basket when the annual National Invitation basketball tournament gets under way at Madison Square Garden a week from tomorrow.

\*\*Members of the Basketball Rules Committee and the Coaches' Association will meet here Mar. 24-29, and they are expensed to the protect of the Basketball Rules Committee and the Coaches' Association will meet here Mar. 24-29, and they are expensed to the protect of the Basketball Rules Committee and the Coaches' Association will meet here Mar. 24-29, and they are expensed to the protect the basket when the annual National Invitation basketball tournament gets under the protect the basket when the annual National Invitation basketball tournament gets under the protect the basket when the annual National Invitation basketball tournament gets under the protect the basket when the annual National Invitation basketball tournament gets under the protect the basket when the annual National Invitation basketball tournament gets under the protect the basket when the annual National Invitation basketball tournament gets under the protect the basket when the annual National Invitation basketball tournament gets under the protect the basket when the annual National Invitation basketball tournament gets under the protect the basket when the protect the prote

week from tomorrow.

An idea of how well the hoops will be protected against enemy shooting can be gained by looking at the size of some of the players who will do the guarding. Bob Kurland of the Oklahoma Aggies towers seven feet; Don Otten of Bowling Green mingles with the stratospheric gremlins at six feet, 11 inches, and George Mikan of DePaul, whom the other two call "Shorty," is six feet, eight and a half.

If DePaul and Oklahoma should man

If DePaul and Oklahoma should meet in the semi-finals and have to play Bowling Green in the finals, which might

Bowing Green in the finals, which might easily happen the way the field is paired, the outstanding player of the tourney would not be the high scorer. He'd be the goal-tender with the most saves.

That skyscraping gents can dominate a tournament was demonstrated last year when St. John's, with six-foot, nine-inch Harry Boykoff, won the Invitation and Georgetown captured the NCAA, using George Mahnken, who soars six feet, eight George Mahnken, who soars six feet, eight inches in his stockinged feet. Then along

Members of the Basketball Rules Committee and the Coaches' Association will meet here Mar. 24-29, and they are expected to come up with a few rules taking some of the advantage away from the tall lads. There has been considerable agitation about them recently, with such ideas as 12-foot baskets and rules to keep the big fellows away from under the basket.

People who object to raising the basket point out that the giants will benefit be-

point out that the giants will benefit be-cause the smaller men may not be able to get the ball up there with any degree of accuracy. Despite Kansas' Phog Allen's clamor for the higher baskets, most coaches and athletic directors oppose the

plan.

However, there is strong support from coast to coast for a rule which will penalize the player who interferes with a shot above the level of the hoop. This no doubt will be accepted as a compromise to Allen's suggestion.

But regardless of what the coaches and directors think, the fans eat it up and there won't be much elbow room in the Garden when the collegians take over next week.

## KayoesFeature Hutson Takes Infantry Card Field Goal Title

AN INFANTRY DIVISION BASE, Mar. 8—Two infantry outfits tangled in the ring at the local Guildhall last night in a show that saw four of seven bouts

Harry Walker III
FORT RILEY, Kan., Mar. 8—Pvt.
Harry Walker, former St. Louis Cardinal
outfielder, and brother of the Dodgers'
Dixie Walker, is seriously ill at the station hospital here.

CHICAGO, Mar. 8—The National Football League today released official figures confirming the suspicion held by most fans since the season ended—Don Hutson, perennial Green Bay end, set the pace in field goals with three in five

attempts. Hutson, who also led the league in scoring and pass catching, barely edged Ward Cuff, of the New York Giants. Cuff converted three in nine tries, but booted the longest of the season, yards, against the Chicago Cardinals.

#### Mexicans Raid U.S. Nines, Miller, Chief Boss, Asserts

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Mar. 8 — The Mexican baseball league today was accused of raiding the ranks of American organized baseball and jeopardizing chances of players to return to teams in this country by Leo Miller, general manager of the Syracuse Chiefs of the International League, Miller charged that Roger Hornsby, Vera Cruz manager, lured Chico Rodriguez, Cuban third baseman, away from the Chiefs, for whom he played last year. Rodriguez returned his unsigned contract to Syracuse,

## **Army Sanction** Now Sought for Heavy Contest

Fight for Charity at Albert Hall Suggested By Broadribb

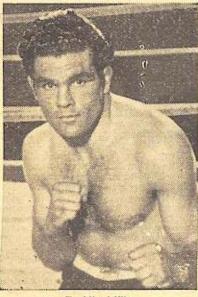
By Ray Lee
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
Freddie Mills, British Empire light
heavyweight champ and leading contender
for the now vacant British heavyweight
crown, through his manager, Ted Broadribb has taken up the capacity there.

crown, through his manager, Ted Broad-ribb, has taken up the gauntlet thrown down by Cpl. Tommy Thompson, Gary, Ind., Negro heavyweight, Thompson, who already has scored two victories at the Rainbow Corner here, Monday challenged Mills to a bout, "We want the fight if we can get the proper permission," Broadribb told 1/Sgt. Lamar Mobley, Thompson's trainer.

After his meeting with Broadribb, Mobley, through his battalion commander, Lt. Col. Edward W. Howe, immediately took steps to set the wheels in motion to obtain Army permission for the bout

First Since Baer

If the Army gives the go ahead sign, the contest probably will be scheduled for the Royal Albert Hall, according to Broadribb. It will be the first time an American heavyweight has fought in England since Max Baer dropped a 12-round decision to Tommy Farr and



Freddie Mills

TKOed Ben Foord in the ninth round here in 1937.

here in 1937.

Broadribb suggested that all the proceeds of the bout go to an English charity.

Mills, on Feb. 11, asked for a title shot at Joe Louis when and if the Brown Bomber comes to the ETO on his tour of overseas stations. This challenge brought no response from Louis. However, a bout with Thompson would be an excellent opportunity for the RAF sergeant to show what he can do against an American heavyweight,

A Good Tryout

A Good Tryout

"It's a good tryout for us and would let us know where we stand with American heavies," Broadribb said, "and what chance Mills would have against Louis."

Mills, who has been hailed by many ring experts in America and England as a leading contender for the Brown Bomber's title, has engaged in more than 150 fights. Since he has come under Broadribb's tutelage, Freddie has dropped only two in 12. He recently racked up an eight-round TKO over Bert Gilroy after flooring him in the first round, but was considered by local experts to be off was considered by local experts to be off his usual form.

Thompson has defeated such heavies as George Brescia, Eddie Blount, Clarence Brown and went the distance with Abe Simon and Bob Pastor. He had 15 victories in 19 bouts when he signed up with Uncle Sam.

Hovey Seymour Killed

GREENWICH, Conn., Mar. 8—Ensign Hovey Seymour, 23-year-old former Yale football star, has been killed in an air-plane accident on the West Coast, his parents here were informed today. Sey-mour was one of four Yale backs in his-tory to score two touchdowns against Harvard in the same game.

By Courtesy of United Features

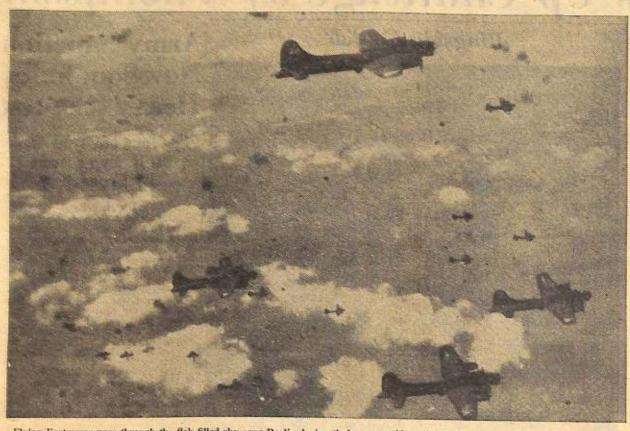
By Al Capp







## Flak Over Berlin Earns a Double Scotch—at Least



Flying Fortresses pass through the flak-filled sky over Berlin during their great raid on the city Monday. Flak and enemy fighters brought down 68 U.S. heavy bombers of an estimated force of 850. Forts and Liberators and their escorting fighters destroyed Mich., Fortress turret gunner, after Monday's raid. Bartender is Sgt. Roy Pentiooff, of Huntingdon, W. Va.



NEWS FROM HOME

### 50 Million Must File Tax Return

#### Record Total Will Be Hit On Mar. 15, Many for The First Time

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8—In seven more days about 50,000,000 persons—the largest number ever required to pay income taxes-will file returns.

Many Americans, boosted to the income-tax brackets by war-plant wages or hit by more severe war-time tax laws, will be filing for the first time.

And this year, adding to the usual Mar. 15 blues, is a tax form so complex that even so-called experts are unable to agree on the proper amount due the government from any one person.

"Sidewalk economists," however, have set up shop throughout the country and for sums ranging upward from \$2 befuddled citizens may get help in solving their arithmetical problems—without a guarantee, however, that the results are

#### Yank at Oxford Again

PRINCETON, N.J., Mar. 8 (AP)—
Appointment of Prof. Charles H.
McIlwain to the George Eastman visiting

The American Forces Network, starting Monday, will introduce a 12-hourday program, filling in the afternoon gap between 2.30 and 5 o'clock. The Sunday schedule, 8.30 AM to 11 PM, stands.

With the additional 24 hours, AFN is taking in a number of new programs. There will be news headlines taken from BBC at 11 AM and 2.59 PM, in addition to extended newscasts at 12, 1, 4, 6, 8, 9

and 10.55. Sports will occupy the 7 PM

spot as usual.

A light program to be known as "Off the Record," on the lines of "Barracks Bag" and "GI Supper Club;" will go on the air at 3.30 PM for an hour, with an interruption for the 4 PM news. On Saturdays there will be an hour of Toscannini and the NBC Symphony Orchestra starting at 4.30 PM, strengthening the classics representation of the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra, which remains on the Thursday 7-to-8-PM schedule.

The AFN, which now serves 80 per cent of the men in the ETO, has received letters from various localities saying re-

spot as usual,

schedule.

AFN to Broadcast 12 Hours

Each Day Starting Monday.

#### Farewell to Rubbish-It's Leaving by Tube

SCHENECTADY, N.Y., Mar. 8 (UP)-The day is coming when dry rubbish will be sucked away from homes through underground pneumatic tubes, doing away with dust-bins. The American Society of Engineers visions a network of tubes under every street in every city with a connection to every home. The rubbish will go to furnaces, which will heat water in pipes laid to every house.

professorship at Oxford University was announced today. The professorship, attached to Balliol, was established by the late founder in 1930. There had been no appointment since 1940.

#### Where Was Pvt. Peel?

FORT DEVENS, Mass., Mar. 8-Three appropriately named privates pulled KP on the same day. They were David G. Baker, of York, Pa.; Carroll L. Butcher, of New Dredom, Pa., and C. V. Cook, of Morgantown, N.C.

#### Pangborn's Wife in Reno

RENO, Nev., Mar. 8 (AP)—Swana Beaucaire, 29, former French actress, said today she would establish residence at Reno to divorce Clyde Pangborn, 'round-

Somervell to Broadcast

To the ETO Tonight

L. Gen. Brehon Somervell, chief of U.S. Army Service Forces, speaks

from Fort Belvoir, Va., to SOS troops

in the ETO tonight at 8.30 over the

Tonight's AFN programs also are

highlighted by the weekly Mail Call

broadcast, featuring Bing Crosby's in-

written by tunesmith Maj, Meredith

Wilson, and Dorothy Lamour's vocalizing of "It Couldn't Happen to

You" and "Something to Remember

HOPPIN' WITH YANK AND BRITISH ARMY

STUFF ... IT'S A BIG

troduction of a new song, "Iowa,

American Forces Network.

You By."

### Heavies Rain 360,000 Bombs On Berlin in 2nd Big Day Raid

many enemy planes up there today that we were choosy about which ones we shot down." engined rocket-firing fighters, around which the Germans put protecting single-engined destroyers on the flanks and shot down.'

Men in Gentile's group expressed the belief the Luftwaffe had been under orders to hold off until there was no doubt the target was Berlin. "They did not attack in force until the bombers, after which they swept into the formations in twos and threes all over the sky," one said.

By a several-pronged attack the bombers managed to slip through the heaviest flak defenses to attack many vital targets in the city. One group which was in the middle wave of bombers reported fires springing up along Berlin's industrial perimeter.

They said that bombs from the first group plastered one-half of a large in-dustrial site, and the group behind finished off the other half. The fires merged into a sea of flames where once an essential German war product was manufactured.

manufactured.
Capt. Richard Bynum, of New Orleans, who led one group which suffered some of the heaviest fighter attacks, said:
"The fighters—all FW190s, it seemed—hit us first just west of Hanover. There were swarms of them that kept hacking away at us from every direction. Mostly, though, they attacked head-on.
"After that whole battle fleets of German planes came up. They were twin-

### ARC Schedules **Group Forums**

Thursday, March 9, 1944

#### Discussions On at Clubs In London; Programs Are Listed

above to cover them from our fighters.

"These formations came at our bombers stacked up just like that. They dived in and rolled right through our formation."

Lt. Col. George Bickell, of Nutley, N.J., who led the fighters on both Berlin raids, said: "We were with the bombers for 50 minutes and saw very little stuff and no more than half a dozen enemy aircraft. It was nowhere near as rough Discussion groups featuring soldiers and British civilians are listed by many of the London Red Cross clubs this week. Capt. Terry Allen, professor of literature at Harvard, will preside over the weekly round-table discussion at the Rainbow Corner tonight at 7.30 PM. Among others David Cecil and John Piper.

Programs for the non-London clubs appear in the Monday paper. Those of the London clubs follow: aircraft. It was nowhere near as rough as the other time. For us today there wasn't anything to it."

Bickell said another important factor was that weather was clear all the way, and that from high up bombing results looked excellent

Hans Crescent
Thursday—French class, 6,30 PM; dance, 7,30
PM, Friday—Talent night, 8 PM. Saturday—
Dance, 7,30 PM; cabaret, 10,30 PM. Sunday—
Golf tournament, 9 AM; dance, 3 PM; pianist, 8 PM; treasure hunt, 8,30 PM. Monday—French class, 6,30 PM; movies, 9 PM. Tuesday—Dancing classes, 7,45 PM. Wednesday—Classical recordings, 8 PM; table tennis, 8 PM.

Liberty.

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Thursday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Friday—NFS show, "On the Run." 8 PM. Saturday—Games night, 7 PM. Sunday—Tea hour, 4.30 PM; supper dance, 6 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Theater party, 8 PM.

one of their longest to date, and they apparently tricked the Luftwaffe by swinging south of Berlin and hammering the city by the back door.

The American raid on Berlin followed the second exercises a single ball of the second exercises are single ball of the second exercises as a second exercise as a Wednesday—Theater party, 8 PM.

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Thursday—Dabbker's hour, 5 PM; recorded concert, 6 PM; German class, 8 PM. Friday—Dabbler's hour, 5 PM; recorded concert, 6 PM; dancing class, 7 PM; dance, 8 PM. Saturday—Recorded concert, 6 PM. Sunday—Recorded concert, 3 PM; open house, 7 PM. Monday—Dabbler's hour, 5 PM; recorded concert, 6 PM; movie, 7 PM; Russian class, 9 PM. Tuesday—Dabbler's hour, 5 PM; recorded concert, 6 PM; movie, 7 PM. Wednesday—Dabbler's hour, 5 PM; recorded concert, 6 PM; pm; recorded concert, 6 PM; movie, 7 PM. Wednesday—Dabbler's hour, 5 PM; recorded concert, 6 PM; dancing class, 7 PM; dance, 8 PM.

Mostyn the second successive night blow by the RAF at French railroad lines, this time at the rail center of Le Mans. Mosquitoes also bombed objectives in western Ger-many. All planes returned safely.

7 PM; dance, 8 PM.

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Thursday—Mme. Tussaud's tour, 10,30 AM; basketball, 7 PM; Ohio reunion dinner, 7,15 PM; square dance, 8 PM. Friday—Houses of Parliament tour, 9,45 AM; "quiz me,", 9,30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Tea dance, 3 PM; symphonic recordings, 8,30 PM. Monday—Roller skating, 6 PM; camera meeting, 7 PM; Louistana reanion dinner, 7,15 PM; lantern lecture, 8,15 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 2 PM; movies, 6,15 and 8,15 PM; basketball, 7 PM; french class, 7 PM; camera meeting, 7 PM; South Carolina dinner, 7,15 PM. Wednesday—Dancing lessons, 6 PM; table tennis, 7 PM; Washington and Oregon reunion dinner, 7,15 PM.

Rainbow Corner

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Thursday—American Eagle broadcast to U.S., 3 PM; portraits, 4 PM; jam session, 7.30 PM; Rainbow roundtable, 7.30 PM, Friday—Portraits, 4 PM; Judy at piano, 4.30 PM; dance, 7 PM. Saturday—Movies, 2.30 and 6.30 PM; open house, 3 PM; portraits, 4 PM. Sunday—Movies, 2 PM; Jam session, 4 PM; concert, 4 PM; dance, 7 PM. Monday—Judy at piano, 3 PM; portraits, 4 PM; dance, 7 PM. Tuesday—Jam session, 3 PM; portraits, 4 PM; boxing, 7 PM, Wednesday—Indy at piano, 3 PM; 1,000th Club dinner, 7 PM; dance, 7 PM.

Washington

Thursday—Archery, 2.30 PM; German class, 7 PM; dance, 7 PM.

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## 20 Are Arrested in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY, Mar. 8—The federal government's biggest attack on polygamy since the Mormon Church outlawed it 50 years ago was under way today after the arrest of 20 leaders of a fundamentalist religious sect in Utah.

The charges included transporting a 14vear-old girl across a state line in viola tion of the Lindbergh kidnaping law, conspiracy to practice polygamy and sending obscene matter through the mail.

The leader of the sect, a 71-year-old with four wives and 20 children, was said to have forecast that polygamy eventually would be sanctioned by the federal government because the war had decreased the number of men in the country.

#### Blame the Japs

OTTAWA, Mar. 8—When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, some Americans who had been serving in the RCAF did not even say "Thank you, goodby," but simply left and were listed on Canadian records as deserters, Minister for Air C. G. Power told Commons. "Some of them have done very well in their own service.'

### Lieutenant Goes Berserk, In Polygamy Crackdown Kills 3, Including Fiancee

looked excellent.

Ninth Air Force Mustangs hovered over Berlin for better than half an hour, and returned with claims of six enemy aircraft downed for a loss of one P51. Their battles were fought at heights ranging from six miles up to virtually tree-top level.

tree-top level.

The six-hour trip of the Mustangs was

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Mar. 8—Court-martial on a charge of murder faced 2/Lt. Beaufort G. Swancutt, of Lagros, Wis., today after army authorities announced the officer had gone berserk and killed three persons, one of them his fiancee, and wounded five others.

serious condition was in a at Camp Anza hospital with wounds received when he was apprehended.

The army announcement said Swancutt killed his fiancee, another woman, shot and wounded his commanding officer and then killed a policeman who attempted to halt him when he tried to commandeer an automobile.

#### Luftwaffe Chief Killed

Maj. Gen. Von Wedel, commander of a Luftwaffe field division, was killed Monday at the head of his fighters, German Radio said yesterday.

#### 4 Killed in Plane Crash

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Mar. 8 (Reuter)— Four persons were killed when a fighter plane crashed into a hospital today.

## 2030 Address by Lt. Gen. Bretion Somervell, 2045 Bing Crosby, 2100 World News (BBC), 2115 Mail Call, 2145 Showtime with Dinah Shore, 2200 Truth or Consequences, 2225 One Night Stand with Frankie Masters, 2225 Final Edition, 2300 Sign off until 1100 hours, Friday, Mar. 10. ception is difficult. AFN says just turn the dial a little; the changeover to five frequencies makes reception easy. On Your Dial 1402 kc. 1413 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Thursday, Mar. 9

1100—Sign on News Headlines—Spotlight on Teddy Powell.

1115—Personal Album with King Cole Trio.

1130—Yank Swing Session.

1200—World News (BBC).

1210—Barracks Bag.

1255—Quiet Moment.

1300—World News (BBC).

1310—Casino Players (BBC).

1310—Andre Kostelanetz (Return Engagement).

1400—Visiting Hour—Hospital Theatre.

1430—Sign off until 1700 hours. Thursday, Mar. 9

Sign on and Hit Parade.

Program Resume and National Barn Dance.

World News (BBC).

GI Supper Club.

Seven O'Clock Sports—Latest Sports News
by Corporal Johnny Vrotsos.

Symphony Hall.

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

Fred Waring Program.

Weekend Leave—Suggestions as to what to
do on that leave that may be coming up.

Terry and the Pirates



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