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## Japs Admit They've Quit Guadalcanal

### Victorious in Long Fight, U.S. Now Can Strike At Vital Bases

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The six-month fight by U.S. marines and soldiers to eliminate the Japanese on Guadalcanal, in the Solomon Islands, has ended with the evacuation of the last Japanese troops, it was admitted today in a Tokyo broadcast heard by the U.S. Office of War Information.

Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, told a press conference there was "no doubt about the truth" of the Tokyo announcement.

"We have some information indicating the evacuation," he said. "All enemy resistance apparently has ceased."

Barges sighted near Guadalcanal recently might easily have been used in attempts to evacuate the troops on the island instead of reinforce them, as was previously thought, Col. Knox said.

### Japs' First Admitted Loss

The Japanese announcement constitutes the first admission from Tokyo of the abandonment of important territory, and Guadalcanal becomes the first major island to be wholly retaken by the Allies from the Japanese, who, until the marines landed there on Aug. 7, had continued almost without check their conquests of the South Pacific area.

Cessation of the struggle for the strategic island, with its vastly important airfield, has wrested from the enemy a base from which to raid the American lines of communication with Australia, and has placed American forces within striking distance of some of the most important bases of the Japanese, Col. Knox said.

He said there might be a few small groups of Japanese soldiers remaining in Guadalcanal, but he recalled that even last week upon his return from the Guadalcanal area, he had asserted that "significant Japanese resistance has collapsed."

### New Blow Coming?

Col. Knox said there had been no further news of air and sea engagements south of Guadalcanal, which were reported in dispatches from the Solomons to be continuing. Last week Col. Knox said surface and air units were parrying, and it was generally believed a major conflict was developing. In reply to questions today, the Navy Secretary agreed the activity might be the prelude to some new Japanese blow.

"The same preliminary plays are still going on," he said. "I suspect this might be a demonstration to cover the withdrawal."

"The story of the Southwest Pacific would have been a vastly different story during the past three months if we had not established our position in the Solomons," Col. Knox said.

### Jap Missions Fulfilled

The Tokyo broadcast quoted Japanese Imperial Headquarters as announcing the withdrawal from both Buna and Guadalcanal "after their missions had been fulfilled." It was apparently the first Japanese admission of the fall of Buna, which, with Gona, was captured by U.S. and Australian New Guinea forces weeks ago.

A Berlin broadcast, also admitting the withdrawal, added that the Japanese had established "strong bases in New Guinea and the Solomons which from now on were permitting a new strategy."

The radio report claimed that the Japanese had wiped out 25,000 enemy troops and destroyed 240 planes, while 30 guns and 25 tanks had been put out of commission. The Japanese said their losses were 16,734 killed in action or dead of wounds or illness, and 139 Japanese planes destroyed.

The marines landed in Guadalcanal on Aug. 7, 1942, wrested the partially completed and strategically important Henderson Airfield from the enemy, then settled down to at least 150 days of fighting under severe jungle conditions—

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## You Must Salute Nurses, Decree of Army Circular

Army nurses must be saluted, according to a headquarters circular.

For reference, the circular goes back to an Act passed June 4, 1920, which states the privileges and rights prescribed for the Army Nurse Corps by the Secretary of War. The Act reads in part:

"They (nurses) are entitled to the same privileges with reference to salutes as are customarily enjoyed and prescribed for commissioned officers of grades corresponding to their relative rank."

## Halted the General



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Pvt. Dewey Curtis

## Private Praised After Barring Gen. Andrews

### Sergeant's OK Necessary To Admit Commanding General to Room

Pvt. Dewey Curtis, 27-year-old Arkansan who became a soldier last June, received official praise yesterday for halting the Commanding General.

Curtis, on guard duty at a document room, in Headquarters, ETOUSA, denied admission to Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, Commanding General, European Theater of Operations. "The room, known as a 'cubicle,' contains secret papers and Pvt. Curtis had orders to admit only officers specified in a list."

The General walked up and wanted to enter the room.

Curtis said, "I have orders not to let anyone in this room whose name is not on this list, and your name is not on it, sir."

The General left and went into another room. He came back again and asked, "Do you have the key to this room?" "Yes, sir," said Pvt. Curtis. "I'm sorry, I can't let you in. I have my orders, and have to carry them out, sir."

"That's right," Gen. Andrews said. But the private knew his General Order No. 9, and telephoned the sergeant of the guard, S/Sgt. Russell R. Louviere, of Crowley, La.

"There's a general up here wanting to get in the document room," Pvt. Curtis said.

"If he has three stars, let him in," replied the sergeant. He ran upstairs to the room, and when he got there found that Curtis, complying with orders, had admitted the General.

Gen. Andrews leaving, saluted and said "Good night."

Curtis, later officially praised, comes from Crossett, Ark., where he was a watchman in a lumber yard.

## 607 Axis Planes Down To 250 Allied in Africa

ALLIED HQ., North Africa, Feb. 9 (AP)—The destruction of 607 enemy aircraft for a loss of 250 Allied aircraft in the first three months in North Africa was announced here today.

It was stated that 343 had been destroyed by American aircraft, 163 by the RAF and 29 by AA batteries, while 72 were destroyed at night by night fighters and AA guns. RAF losses were 87 and American losses 163.

## Sinbad (Dog 1st Cl.) Is Veteran Salt Who Never Missed a Ship

LONDONDERRY, Feb. 9.—From the sidewalks of New York to any place the Navy goes is the record of Sinbad, wicker old sea-dog who drinks beer, whiskey and even rum, but is rated by U.S. seamen here—Dog First Class.

"That dog is respected by us all. He will not come into the mess when we are eating. Any dog who can go through what he has been through deserves that rating. . . that's what his mates say about him."

Tough as they make 'em, a black-and-tan crossbred, Sinbad now is on leave at the American Red Cross club here, identifiable by his name and that of his ship engraved on his collar—and the fact he likes sailors. "Others do well to keep away."

He's had five years' service since he

## Allies Open Air Assault In Tunisia

### Bombers Raid 'Dromes, Ports, Troop Units; 8th Army Nears

Allied bombers hurled destruction on the Axis port of Sousse and the airfield of Gabes, shooting down 18 enemy fighters against the loss of five Allied planes, as cold rains held the fighting along the Tunisian front to patrol activity.

The weight and number of the blows gave indications the Allies had begun their aerial offensive as the Eighth Army moved closer hourly to the Mareth Line and the decisive battle for North Africa.

Advance elements of the Eighth Army meanwhile continued their deep penetration into Tunisia, Morocco radio said. The radio reported that the Eighth Army had definitely completed mopping up operations in Tripolitania, and no Germans or Italians were left inside the border.

In the Tyrrhenian Sea, the British submarine P211, under Comdr. Ben Bryant, DSC, sank two south-bound enemy schooners by gunfire close to the Italian coast. Later the same day the P211 torpedoed and sank a 2,500-ton vessel, while a 700-ton steamer following close astern was destroyed by gunfire.

### Airacobras in Action

American P39 Airacobras made their first flights in the North African campaign yesterday, it was officially disclosed. They augmented the American main fighter force of Lightnings and Warhawks.

Docks, airfields, shipping, truck concentrations and artillery positions were pounded by the American Air Force.

In a running fight from Gabes to the Algerian border, a distance of 150 miles, American Marauder bombers shot down six Me109s. Mitchell bombers destroyed four more and the P38 escort accounted for eight. All for the loss of five American planes.

Four heavy guns were silenced, several large fires started and considerable equipment destroyed. Warhawks and Airacobras strafed several German truck columns behind the front and participated in other sweeps.

Marauders and Mitchells have combined to attack the Gabes airdrome. Fires sprang up in the buildings and among dispersed aircraft, and two AA positions were silenced. Shortly after this raid Bostons, with Spitfire cover, attacked concentrations of enemy motor transport and troops.

### Axis Says Tanks Destroyed

German radio claimed yesterday "an enemy Panzer unit in middle Tunisia had been halted by an air attack."

"German fast bombers," it was stated, "frustrated on Monday a surprise attack by a superior enemy Panzer force. The Panzers were intercepted by low-flying bombers and a number of them were heavily damaged."

The German radio also claimed that an enemy center of vehicles and camps had been destroyed on the Libyan frontier. German bombers, it said, also attacked an enemy column on the coastal strip, leaving several armored cars burning.

German troop movements in the Kairouan region east of the Ousseltia Valley indicate a coming attack to gain control of the high ground dominating the road from Ousseltia to Kairouan. The Allies, including many U.S. troops, now hold this high ground.

## Reds Capture Kursk, German Supply Base, And Key to Defenses

### City Falls in Swift Encirclement Move; Soviets Speed On Towards Kharkov As Comrades Close n on Rostov

The German Army in Russia reeled yesterday under one of the most staggering blows since Stalingrad—the capture of Kursk, important Nazi supply base and the keystone of the formidable Orel-Kursk-Kharkov defense line vital to the protection of the western flank of the Donbas.

The city, 125 miles north of the Ukraine industrial center of Kharkov, had been held by the Germans since November, 1941. It was recaptured by Gen. Golikov's forces Monday with the same tactics that have paralyzed the German Army's capacity for resistance since Stalingrad—encirclement.

Following its capture, the Red Army's five-pronged attack on Kharkov was being driven forward last night with even greater determination.

At the same time the Russians further south maintained the pace of their southward drive around the edge of the Donetz Basin, endeavoring to trap huge forces north of the Sea of Azov, and the Red Army of the Caucasus pushed to within three miles of the port of Rostov.

From every major front came reports of general German retreat.

### Pierce 'Impregnable' Lines

Great Russian tank forces have been moving west and south without ceasing since the fall of Kursk. Messages from Moscow tell how, all along 180 miles of front, Russian armored forces have smashed their way through defenses which the Germans thought were impregnable and which, last year, resisted Timoshenko's offensive without great difficulty.

Moscow, which restrains its optimism, now suggests that the continuing German retreat might have a psychological basis—that the Stalingrad disaster has robbed the German soldier of the ability or, at least, the desire, to stand and fight.

The German communique yesterday admitted that on the Lower Don and in the whole Donetz area the Russians have renewed their attacks.

On the Rostov front the situation is not clear. Moscow reports speak of an advance on Rostov from the east, suggesting that Russian forces may have crossed the Don well east of the city and may be attempting to encircle it.

Kursk was taken by a swift semi-circular blow from the northwest in which the Russians cut an important highway and most of the railway lines in the area, leaving the Germans only the railway west of the town over which they could travel with any safety.

### Streets Strewn With Dead

Storming into the city after fierce fighting Monday, Red troops found the ruined streets strewn with German dead, said a Pravda correspondent quoted by Moscow radio. Miserable-looking German officers and men crawled out of the gateways and cellars and gave themselves up.

Gen. Schneider, commander of the German garrison, had consoled his men, after they were encircled, with the assurance that if they held out a little longer they would get help, Moscow said. But they were unable to hold out, even though several reserve battalions were brought up, including a tank division from Orel, whose personnel went into action as infantry.

The whole of the German and Hungarian divisions which called themselves the "Kursk Army" either were wiped out or taken prisoner. A huge amount of booty was taken.

Berlin radio quoted military commentators in Berlin as saying that the attacks on the Lower Don, the Donetz Basin and

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## Civil Workers In Army Must Wear Uniforms

### Correspondents, Women Chauffeurs Affected By Order

Civilian workers on duty with the Army, war correspondents, photographers and broadcasters are affected by new uniform regulations issued by Headquarters, European Theater of Operations.

The dress regulations apply to both male and female workers, including drivers.

Special civilian worker insignia is prescribed.

Male non-combatant civilian employees having a status recognized by the War Department will wear enlisted men's uniform without insignia. Such employees will wear, attached permanently to the left sleeve of the outer garment of the uniform, an emblem of dark blue cloth four and one-half inches square, charged with a white triangle with the letters "US" in dark blue, one and a half inches in width and one and a half inches in height. The emblem will be furnished to civilian employees without cost.



Civilian Insignia

### Correspondents' Uniforms

War correspondents, photographers and broadcasters will wear officer's uniform, including officer's cap, without "US," branch, or grade insignia. Their messengers and chauffeurs will wear enlisted men's uniform without insignia. A green brassard with white "C" is issue.

Women chauffeurs employed by agencies of the War Department will wear uniform corresponding, so far as practicable, to that worn by enlisted men.

It includes garrison or "overseas" cap, with QMC braid; or cap, woolen knit, OD; coat, service, with plain, brown bone buttons; gloves, chamois; necktie, OD No. 3; overcoat, optional—military cut and OD in color; raincoat, optional, military cut and OD color; shoes, low, tan or dark brown; skirt, olive drab, woolen or serge; stockings, plain tan or brown; shirt, khaki or woolen OD; suit, one piece, herringbone twill or other suitable fatigue clothing, for optional wear while servicing vehicles.

### Gas Masks for Drivers

U.S. women drivers will carry gas masks as prescribed by orders. They will wear shoulder insignia on the upper part of the outer half of the left sleeve of the service coat and the overcoat, the top of the insignia to be one-half inch below the shoulder seam.

Women chauffeurs who have already purchased uniforms will be allowed to

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## Canada to Give Allies \$900 Million in Supplies

OTTAWA, Feb. 9 (UP)—Canada will give the United Nations munitions and other war supplies costing \$900,000,000, it was revealed in the House of Commons yesterday.

The supplies will be distributed on the basis of strategic needs under a United Nations mutual aid bill outlined to the House. A Canadian war supplies allocation board will be formed and Parliament will be asked to appropriate that amount to finance the production and transfer of supplies.

## ETO May Cable Money to States

Soldiers in the European Theater of Operations once more may cable money home.

The order issued recently prohibiting it has been substituted by one that says that as long as you don't reveal your APO number, your rank, or your unit designation anywhere on the cable, you can send money to the States through a commercial cable company.

Companies, batteries, regiments—all army units—still will have to send funds by postal money order or treasury check. Money orders don't leave government channels, and the APO, showing geographic origin, such as APO —, care of postmaster, N.Y., N.Y., can be shown on these.

The circular approving cabled money orders further states that no information which is prohibited on the cables can be given in any way to the commercial cable company or their couriers.

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Kursk Falls

The Germans have suffered their greatest strategic defeat since Stalingrad, at Kursk. With its fall they lost an important railway center, huge supplies of war material, and one of three great "hedghog" points on which they had fondly hoped to build their new winter defense line.

Now the way is open for a Russian attack on the important trunk rail line running from Bryansk to Kharkov. If this line is cut Kharkov will also be near isolation and the entire German front will most likely collapse. The Russians are less than 40 miles from this vital line, and the latest dispatches indicate the Soviets may soon smash through to it, and beyond, in one of the greatest encircling movements in military history. If successful this drive will enclose the whole of the Donets basin, including Rostov, in another huge trap, designed to bag an additional quarter of a million German troops.

If the weather holds there is every reason to believe the Russian plan will succeed, for a great German retreat is now in full swing and it is hard to stop a beaten army during a Russian winter. Ask Napoleon!

Guadalcanal

The Japanese soldier always holds what he takes. He will never surrender. He is the greatest fighting man in all the world and he cannot be beaten on the field of battle.

The Hell you say. We've heard that line before. Goebbels sang that song up till the time his boys met the Red Army. Rommel used those words till he met the Eighth Army, and we heard the story of the invincible Jap. Then GI Joe met him one day on Guadalcanal.

And Joe will tell you the Jap is a brave and capable fighting man; but that same GI proved he was the better man on Guadalcanal.

For every American soldier killed on that island seven Japs died. For every plane shot down, five Jap planes bit the dust. Those are the cold hard facts, and they prove that in the future, when GIs meet Japs, you can lay odds on our side.

That is the meaning of Guadalcanal... now our island... all ours.

Nazi Circulation Methods

When the National-Socialist organization Landstand was founded in Holland, all farmers and others connected with farming received this letter: "We herewith inform you that by virtue of your trade you are automatically a member of the Netherlands Landstand, which entitles you to a free subscription to our paper De Landstand. This will be sent to you regularly. If you refuse membership, you are forbidden to continue your trade, in which case you must report who will be your successor; otherwise we shall appoint one independently. Assuming that you do not want this, we trust you will accept De Landstand, or anyway save yourself the trouble of returning the paper."

In spite of this most farmers and others connected with agriculture return the paper... as regularly as it reaches them.

Secret Paper

Vrij Nederland, the widely circulating secret paper in Holland, completed its second year of existence last August. When the first number of the third year appeared, the editor commented on the occasion with these words: "We would rather not celebrate the date because in a liberated Netherlands Vrij Nederland would have come to the end of its task. The paper was founded in one of the darkest hours experienced by our people. It is meant to be a light in the night and a flame of solidarity, resistance and hope. "For two years we have kept the fire burning. Besides times and energy, many have sacrificed their liberty and even their life. We must still keep their names secret; but the readers of Vrij Nederland know that the paper is not only written with ink, but with the blood of dozens. We commemorate them here, without fine verbiage, because they ask but one answer to their sacrifice, "Continue our work." Well that is happening... and it will continue.

Hush Marks

A San Jose woman seeking separation from her spouse, told the superior judge that she had 6,205 reasons for a divorce. She explained that her husband struck her daily during the 17 years of their marriage. The judge quickly checked her calculations, reminded her that she had forgotten to count the extra day during leap years and granted the decree.

Hey, hey, what's going on here! A Minneapolis dental survey magazine reports that an ill Canadian soldier was



found to have swallowed his girl friend's false tooth.

Life still rolls along on the home front. A Nebraska buyer bid \$1,250 for a tractor and presented the auctioneer with a check for the amount. Immediately thereafter he canceled payment and presented the startled auctioneer with a second check, made out for \$864.32—explaining that the second check was the official price ceiling for the machine.

There's an old slogan, "The mail must go through," and the guys who work for the APOs are really on the ball. A V-mail letter written by Mrs. William Goodwin, of Baltimore, Md., to her husband, Maj. William H. D. Goodwin, somewhere in the British Isles—bore ONLY the return address of Mrs. Goodwin. With that much as a clue, postal clerks traced down the APO number and got the letter to Maj. Goodwin 17 days after it was written.

If you've ever had trouble with a landlord (and who hasn't) you should like this little story. A Detroit Constable who received orders to evict a tenant of a complaining landlord, moved five roomfuls of furniture into the street; then learned that the tenant had already moved out and that the landlord had moved in. It cost the landlord \$7 to have his furniture moved back—plus the regular \$25 constable fee.

Our nomination for "gentlemen of the week" goes to the members of the Iowa state legislature. In session in Des Moines, they voted to protect ladies in sailboats from getting splashed by making it unlawful for motorboats to pass sailboats to windward.



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Fort McGregor Reports 'All Quiet'

But That May Mean Excitement Aplenty To 'Cave-Dwellers'

By Ed. Beattie

United Press War Correspondent WITH AMERICAN FORCES, Tunisian Front, Feb. 9—This is the story of "Fort McGregor," where a garrison of American soldiers from Brooklyn, the White Mountains or the Berkshires live a sort of mountain-goat existence and make life as miserable as possible for a bunch of middle-aged Germans and some pugnacious Hitler youths who live somewhere back in the flat lands of the Goubellat Plain opposite them.

The "fort" takes its name from placid, quiet-spoken, bespectacled 1st Lt. Edward McGregor, of 2513 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, who commands the garrison—a veteran of battles like Long Stop Hill, north of Medjez, in the days when the fighting in this sector had not fallen off to the scale of patrol activity.

Lacking big battles now, the McGregor garrison makes the best of minor activity, and the fort is ideally suited for it. It is a sort of rabbit warren of small caves and shelters plastered on the back side of a hill, which represents the most advanced point in the Allied line, the closest point to Tunis now in Allied hands.

From far behind, American "Long-toms"—155mm. rifles—wham the Germans whenever a target offers itself. In front of them the hills become flat, and nightly patrols from both sides roam the No Man's Land surrounding the village of Goubellat, which is thick with booby-traps and mines left by each side for the edification of the other.

Beat Off Attack

The fort survived one direct attack some time back when the Germans attacked the hill, but, according to Lt. McGregor, "apparently they didn't realize we were anything more than patrols," for they retired when they found themselves under intense mortar and machine-gun fire.

Today everything is quiet except the occasional cough of a gun somewhere behind the hills. Everyone is doing his washing, resting, writing a letter and chiefly wondering when mail from home will arrive.

A few days ago there was a flurry of excitement typical of the present operations in the northern sector.

A German patrol was observed in daylight on the American side of Goubellat. Lt. McGregor and 2nd Lt. Robert Mullen, of Concord, N.H., set off with a mixed crew of infantrymen, machine-gunners and mortar men, to cut them off and round them up.

"We circled behind them and then began coming in," Lt. McGregor relates. "The artillery neatly pinned the Jerries in a culvert under the bridge, while we



In Tunisian hills like this U.S. garrisons are making life as miserable as possible for their Axis enemies. Snipers lodged in foxholes along the hillsides are on the alert to pop off a German whenever a target offers itself.

double-timed in their direction. Then we saw a bunch of British Bren-gun carriers approaching from another direction and we added more speed to get there first."

One of the British carriers ran onto a series of mines and blew up. Meanwhile, the Germans apparently became considerably unhappy about the way things were going.

"Suddenly they came piling up from the culvert, waving a handkerchief and shouting to me," Lt. McGregor went on. "I realized they were trying to tell me I was crossing a minefield. I bet I jumped about three feet in the air when I realized what they were driving at."

"Yeah," said Lt. Mullen, "I guess they figured if some of us got blown up we might get mad and start a bit of serious shooting."

The Germans proved a remarkably pacific bunch of men, mostly about 35 years old or so, who were quite happy to be taken prisoner, particularly when they found their captors were Americans. Lt. McGregor rounded up an officer and 17 men.

Spotted in Time

Two of the Germans were killed, one by Sgt. Harold S. Dean, of 606 Clinton Street, Brooklyn, who surprised him and another German hiding in a gully apparently about to shoot. The second German showed little interest in fighting once the first was plugged.

"He just came up screaming at me—didn't even take time to say 'Kamerad,'" Mullen said.

Lt. McGregor brought back the prisoners, and Lt. Mullen started toward Goubellat but ran into a fierce German

barrage "which I still think about pretty often," he said. They got back, however, with only one wounded man—possibly because many of the shells were duds.

That's routine in the life of the garrison at "Fort McGregor." Between such flurries there may be a vigorous game of Hearts, while the company cooks oil the German machine-guns with which they armed themselves after the German attack on the hill.

Hitler Youth Silent

Elsewhere in the American sector there are similar skirmishes. American troops rounded up another patrol a few miles away the next day, composed of Hitler youths, now paratroopers, who were silent and uncommunicative and obviously thoroughly Nazi. They fought bitterly before they were captured. Sometimes the Germans nab a few Americans, too, somewhere in No Man's Land.

Once in a while there is a little break in the "monotony." A captain from Danbury, Conn., who questions prisoners discovered a man who knows his uncle living near Karlsruhe. He solemnly assured another German that he need not worry whether Americans shoot all prisoners, whereupon the German became "quite talkative with relief." He ran into another man with a sister living on 86th Street, Yorkville, the German section of New York.

But mostly little happens these days. The boys heard from a wandering Canadian sergeant, however, that there are a few good hot spots in Tunis and they think it's about time to get under way.

Vital Jap Bridge Doesn't Stay Put Long As Foe Builds Burma Span, U.S. Bombs Unbuild It Again

BOMBAY, Feb. 9 (AP)—So successfully have United States heavy bombers wrecked Japanese communications

between north and south Burma that the enemy has been compelled to rearrange its defense forces while it makes an effort at repairs.

Two weeks ago Maj. Earl L. Tash, of Walla Walla, Wash., led the attack on Myitnge Bridge, just south of Mandalay, and dropped the last 1,000-pounder on the span in midstream. It was a complete success. The span dropped into the river, as was shown clearly in photographs.

Since then the Japanese have been working frantically to repair the bridge as it is the sole connection of north and south communications. Before evacuation, the British destroyed the road bridge, but the railroad bridge remained intact. The Japanese built runways to the railway bridge and used it both as a highway and a railway bridge, so when the heavy American bomb hit, both rail and highway were cut.

Repeatedly American bombers since then have strafed the bridge and repair crews. Again on Friday they plastered the same bridge, hitting both it and the adjacent territory where the repair crews were operating.

The bridge is part of the feeder route by which the Japanese armies facing the Chinese along the Chinese Burman frontier are supplied. Chinese reports recently have stated that the Japanese were strengthening this front for a possible drive against Kunming, an important airdrome in China.

Japanese and Chinese forces have been glaring at each other across the Salween river in northern Burma for many months, since the Burma operations halted. The terrain is so difficult, neither is eager to

launch an attack without strong support. It is a solid mass of jungle and some of the toughest mountain country in the world, virtually without roads.

American sources surmised the frantic Japanese effort to reopen the bridge indicated a desire to keep supplies going to the difficult front where a shortage would weaken positions. They not only are confronted by Chinese to the north and in some spots to the east of present positions, but by British and Indian forces westward along the Indo-Burman frontier.



The Lesson

From Leningrad to Maikop, The Huns and Russians fight. From spring right through the winter, From morning into night. From Adolph down to Benny, The Axis cohorts quake. A lot of grief confronts them Of their own special make. From Tunis down to Mareth, From desert sands to sea, The Allies keep them running To show what Hell can be. From Leningrad to Berlin, From Tripoli to Rome Is not too far to travel To drive the lesson home. S/Sgt. Gene E. Blohm.



"This enchanting little isle, a 'must' on every tourist's list is famous for its dancing girls"... It says here.

# Wooten Wins Close Decision from N.Y. Golden Glover

## Boycoff Tallies 45 Points As Redmen Win

### St. Josephs on Short End Of 76-46 Score; LIU Triumphs

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Basketball history was made at Madison Square Garden last night when Harry Boycoff, St. John's center, scored 45 points, shattering all Garden individual scoring records as St. Johns murdered St. Josephs, 76-46. With the greatest individual basketball performance the Garden has ever seen, Boycoff forced even St. Josephs' fine center, George Senesky, to take a back seat despite the fact that Senesky scored 27 points to boost his season's scoring average above 22 points per game.

The six-foot, nine-inch Boycoff, tallest player ever to represent a metropolitan team, shot ten field goals and four fouls in the first half, eight field goals and five fouls in the second, obliterating all the previous Garden marks.

#### Nip and Tuck

The Redmen and the Hawks started the battle nip-and-tuck and were deadlocked at 14—all at the end of eight minutes of play, but when St. Johns really got rolling in the middle of the first half, the result was a foregone conclusion.

Thereafter interest centered on the scoring antics of the slickly functioning Brooklyne, especially Boycoff. Their scoring system was simple, but apparently unbeatable. Taking the ball from their own backboard, Forwards Andy Levane and Lionel Baxter sped down the sidelines, occasionally crisscrossing at mid-court. Boycoff ploughed down the center until directly beneath the Hawks' basket. The fast dribbling shifty Levane, who netted 14 points on seven field goals, would sometimes dribble right in for a layup shot. Sometimes Levane of Guards Ed Golub and Al Moschetti, tried long set shots. But the majority of times they fed the ball to Boycoff who showed incomparable ingenuity in pass receiving and shooting.

#### Never Hogged the Ball

Boycoff never appeared to want to hog the ball or get more than his share of the shots. Senesky, likewise, seemed most anxious to let his team mates shoot, but he didn't receive the same cooperation. It was a feat not far short of Boycoff's to tally 27 points for the losing team in which he was the only good guard, center, forward, dribbler, passer and basket-getter. Moreover, at least two dozen of his shots rimmed the net, just missing. Senesky proved that his pre-game reputation was deserved, though he did not show quite the anticipated diversity of attack nor all-around court game.

Boycoff and Senesky made the fans happily forget the dull, lethargic opener in which Long Island upset Duquesne, 34-29. Sloppy Duquesne couldn't crack the Long Island zone defense, relying on long set shots. LIU won via 18 free throw conversions.

## NEWS FROM HOME

# Shoe Ration Plan Will Permit Essential Production Increase

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—All America's shoe stores opened today under the new three-pair-a-year ration plan, after Monday's official "Shoe Store Holiday" ordered by Economic Stabilization Director James Byrnes.

The new ration measures will make possible the production of 15,000,000 additional pairs of essential shoes for the Armed Services and saving 75 to 100,000 man-hours labor daily.

Stamp No. 17 of the sugar rationbook is reserved for the first pair bought under the new system. Special stamps will be issued later. Stamps are interchangeable between members of the same family household.

The WPB has issued regulations controlling the manufacture and simplifying styling, instituting a "war model" utility shoe and virtually discontinuing the manufacture of formal evening slippers, men's patent leather shoes, sandals and sports shoes.

Special ration stamps will be issued to persons needing orthopedic shoes for health reasons. House slippers, infants' shoes and ballet slippers are not included on the rationed list.

#### Middies Swamp Altar

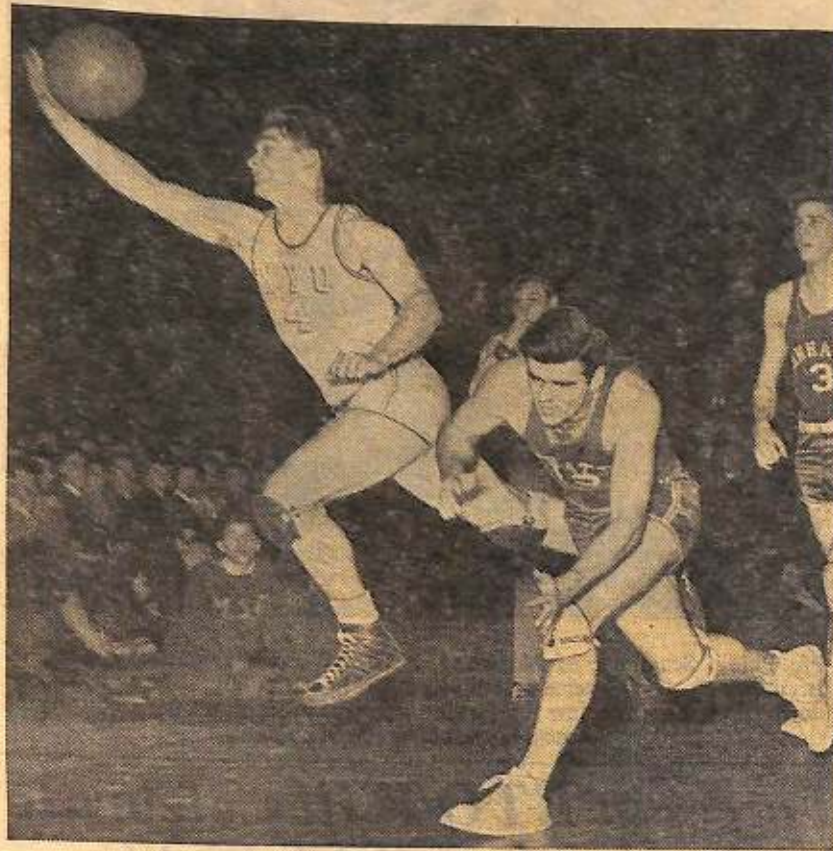
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 9.—Every church in town is booked solid for at least a week as 400 ensigns head for the altar, after graduating from the Notre Dame midshipmen's training school.

The day before the graduation of 1,000 ensigns, a heavy task force of young women took the town by storm, anxious to change their names before their brand new ensigns were assigned to sea duty.

#### Mickey Rooney, Wife Part

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 9 (AP)—Mickey Rooney, the 22-year-old film star, and his 19-year-old wife Ava Gardner are said to have parted again, this time "for

## NYU Cager Does Court Dance



Keystone Photo

Leaping Albert Grenert (4), of the NYU, leaps right out of the court as he goes for the ball. The young man in the foreground didn't drop a dime—he's catching at where the ball was before it bounced. He is Dan Christie, of Manhattan. Paced by Jerry Fleishman, who scored 18 points, and our friend Leaping Albert, who scored 16 points, NYU won the game 64-49.

## Millrose Race Goes to Short

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—A special committee of seven sports writers have voted Hugh Short, Georgetown quartermiler, as the outstanding performer at last Saturday's Millrose track and field meet.

Short won the 600, equalling the world indoor record time of one minute ten and two-tenths seconds, and also ran a 48 and nine-tenths seconds anchor leg on the losing Georgetown mile relay team.

The writers considered the twin achievement gave Short an edge over Earl Mitchell, Indiana senior, who upset favorite Gil Dodds in the fast four minute eight and six-tenths mile event.

Cornelius Warmerdam, pole vault winner, Barney Ewell, sprint winner, and Greg Rice, two-mile winner, also got votes.

#### 'Derry Sailors Lose, 6-3

LONDONDERRY, Feb. 9.—The U.S. Navy soccer team was unable to navigate the sea of mud the game was played in and went down to defeat, 6-3, at the hands of the 'Derry Athletic Club, who definitely proved themselves excellent mudders in their game here.

## Cage-Tourney In Semi-Finals

### Kasinak Paces Co. F

Company F	G	FT	F	Service Company	G	FT	F
Hankinson, f	1	0	2	Hill, f	2	0	4
Seska, f	2	0	4	Nacella, f	0	0	0
Hoover, f	1	0	2	Schonegman, f	0	0	0
Kasinak, c	3	1	7	Konkle, c	2	0	4
Grimes, c	2	0	4	Weaver, c	1	0	2
Endriss, c	2	0	4	Dally, c	0	0	0
				Sheehan, c	1	0	2
Total	11	1	23	Total	6	0	12

— DIVISION BASE, Eng., Feb. 9.—Company F, Infantry, led by Cpl. Paul Kasinak, of Bridgeport, Conn., advanced to the semi-finals of the division basketball championship here today by defeating Service Battery, 11th Field Artillery, 23-12, in a quarter final game.

Kasinak, captain of the winning five, led both teams with seven points. Sgt. William Hill, of Newport News, Va., and T/5 Alfred Konkle, of Austin, Tex., paced the loser with four points apiece.

After a deadlocked first quarter, in which both teams scored four points, Hill gave Service Company a short-lived lead by scoring on a set shot early in the second chapter. Kasinak's goal from underneath tied the score a moment later, and a toss from side court by Pvt. Charles Hankinson, of Malden, Mass, gave F Co. an advantage it never relinquished.

The score at half-time was 11-6. The semi-finals tomorrow send today's winner against "F" Company of another infantry unit in one game, with Clearing Company, Medical Battalion, facing Anti-Tank Company, 11th Infantry, in the other. The finalists meet for the title on Friday.

## Basketball Standings

New York Metropolitan		
	W	L
NYU	12	1
Manhattan	12	4
St. Johns	11	1
St. Francis	11	2
Fordham	11	3
Long Island	11	3
Columbia	6	3
CCNY	5	5
Brooklyn	6	7
Big Ten		
	W	L
Indiana	7	0
Illinois	6	0
Wisconsin	3	2
Minnesota	4	3
Purdue	3	4
Northwestern	2	3
Ohio State	2	4
Michigan	1	4
Iowa	1	5
Chicago	0	4

## Eastman Hopes Derby Will Not Be Held

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Joseph B. Eastman, Director of the Office of Defense Transportation, said here that "it would be better from the transportation standpoint if the Kentucky Derby were not run this year."

Col. Matt J. Winn, president of Churchill Downs and guiding genius at the Derby, plans to continue Derby preparations until he receives an official order otherwise. Winn insists the Derby can be a strictly local affair since the track is accessible via Louisville street cars, with no outsiders or automobilers allowed.

## Kayo Winners Advance Notch

### Mazzola, Silverman and Abboud Advance To Finals

#### By Charles F. Kiley

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

—THE DIVISION BASE, England, Feb. 9.—Semi-finals in the Special Units eliminations of the division boxing tournament here last night brought forth at least three soldier ringmen who established themselves as strong contenders for the division championship next week.

The trio, solid favorites with the crowd of 1,000 men and officers who saw the fights, were Pfc Joe Abboud class light-weight from Omaha, Neb., who appeared on the Stars and Stripes card in London two weeks ago; Cpl. Anthony Mazzola, of Newton, Mass., one of the hardest hitting welterweights in this tournament and 1st Sgt. Hyman Silverman, strong entry in the 155-pound class, from Norfolk, Va.

All three were knockout winners and advanced with four others to the Special Units finals scheduled for Friday night. Abboud was awarded a TKO over Sgt. Walter Kowalewski, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., when the latter was unable to come out for the third round.

Mazzola, a GI Max Baer if ever there was one, had Pvt. William Hulen, of Cairo, Ill., on the floor three times before the bout was halted in 1:17 of the first round. Mazzola's clowning tactics belied his ability as a fighter.

#### Finals Feb. 18, 19, 20

Silverman cuffed a willing, but out-classed Cpl. Charles Kennedy, of Baltimore, Md., at will until the fight was stopped after 1:27 of the second round.

A fourth knockout victor was Pvt. Morris Singer, of Baltimore, Md., who stopped Pfc Joe Pierpont, also of Baltimore, when the latter couldn't come up for the second.

The remainder of the week, the Infantry, Artillery and Special Units will stage their finals before the big show—the division quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals—which will be held Feb. 18, 19, 20.

With the seven boxers who moved in the Special Units finals last night were nine others who drew byes.

The summaries:

120-pound class—Cpl. Salvatore Scurto, Baltimore, outpointed Pvt. Charles Dietrich, Baltimore.

126-pound class—Pvt. Arthur Tulano, Jersey City, N.J., outpointed Pvt. J. Kinchla, Newton, Mass.

135-pound class—Pfc Joe Abboud, Omaha, Neb., stopped Sgt. Walter Kowalewski, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., in the second round.

145-pound class—Cpl. Anthony Mazzola, Newton, Mass., stopped Pvt. William Hulen, Cairo, Ill., in the first round.

155-pound class—1st Sgt. Hyman Silverman, Norfolk, Va., stopped Cpl. Charles Kennedy, Baltimore, 1:27 second round.

165-pound class—Pvt. Morris Singer, Baltimore, stopped Pfc Joseph Pierpont, Baltimore, first round.

175-pound class—Cpl. Chester Marcinkiewicz, Kulpmont, Pa., outpointed Pfc James Aronholt, Akron, Ohio.

## President Won't Comment On Status of Ball Players

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—President Roosevelt has given no definite answer to press conference queries as to whether the War Manpower Commission's order that all draft-age men find war jobs applied to professional ball players.

The president laughed when queried, saying a minor league magnate had written him saying he couldn't keep his team going, and suggesting that baseball in the future be confined to the major leagues.

Mr. Roosevelt added that he had referred the matter to the committee, but that so far his secretaries—Marvin McIntyre and Steve Early—had received no recommendation from them.

## Mariner Loses First Round By Low Blow

### Garden Chairman Presents Belts to Winners; LaBorde Wins

#### Fight Results

Pfc Edward LaBorde, Gretna, La. (114) dethroned Cpl. Frank Barbieri, Engineer, Pa. (112).

Pvt. Charles Abbodanzer, Milford, Mass. (135) knocked out T/Sgt. Frank Mendoza, Laredo, Tex. (135) in the first round.

Pvt. Rand Davis, Grand Rapids, Mich. (140) knocked out Pvt. Kenneth Taylor, Lexington, S.C. (143) in first round.

Sgt. Charles Sanza, Philadelphia (158), dethroned Cpl. Edward Ferguson, Philadelphia (150).

S/Sgt. John Wooten, Roanoke, Rapids, N.C. (147), dethroned Pvt. Willie Mariner, Monticello, N.Y. (150).

Pvt. Glen McCormick, Richmond, Mo. (160), drew with Pfc Fred Plude, Scranton, Pa. (167).

In a fancy exhibition of hard fighting and classy footwork, S/Sgt. John Wooten, Roanoke, N.C., won a close decision from Pvt. Wally Mariner, Monticello, N.Y., for the outstanding bout of last night's Stars and Stripes ring show at the Rainbow Club.

Mariner, a semi-finalist in the 1939 New York Golden Gloves, came out with a rush in the first round, trying to finish off Wooten quickly. The N.Y. fighter took it for a few minutes, waiting to see what Mariner had. Then he waded in, pouring hard lefts to Mariner's face, forcing him to the ropes.

It was in this flurry that Mariner lost the round when he let go with two low blows.

For the next two rounds both boys pounded it out, with Wooten's hard jabs to the face bringing blood to Mariner's nose.

Garden Head Present Stanton Griffiths, chairman of Madison Square Garden, presented Stars and Stripes belts to the winners of the bouts, and said he hoped to see them fighting in the Garden someday.

The first all-pro bout of the cards turned into a clinch fest with Sgt. Charles Sanza, Philadelphia, winning a decision over Cpl. Edward (Cop) Ferguson, Philadelphia. Ferguson was a substitute for Pvt. Johnny Gardea.

Ferguson showed that he has been dodging plenty of leather in his ring career. Sanza measured Cop repeatedly for the sleeper punch, but Ferguson's cover tactics saved him from any real punishment.

Pvt. Edward LaBorde, Gretna, La., took his second Stars and Stripes bout with a hard won decision over Pvt. Frank Barbieri, Philadelphia, in the first bout of the evening.

As last week, LaBorde showed his usual effectiveness in the clinches. Not until the third round was Barbieri able to counter the Southerner's rights to the head. LaBorde carried the fight all the way, frequently forcing Barbieri to the ropes where he landed hard lefts to the face.

#### Abbodanzer Kayoes Mendoza

In the second bout of the evening Pvt. Charles Abbodanzer, Milford, Mass., found the range early and put T/Sgt. Frank Mendoza, Laredo, Tex., on the canvas for good in the first round.

He caught Mendoza flush on the chin with a hard-looping left, knocking him into the ropes, and followed up with hard lefts and rights to the head. Mendoza attempted to hold on but stumbled around the ring and nearly fell. Referee Vidmer stopped the fight.

In the 140-pound class Pvt. Rand Davis, a Negro boy from Grand Rapids, Mich., scored the second TKO of the evening when he chilled Pvt. Kenneth O. Taylor, of Lexington, S.C., in the first round. The boys started slugging from the opening bell. Daviss, a former golden Glover, hit Taylor with hard rights and had him on the campus for counts of two and four before the bout was stopped by Referee Vidmer.

#### Sluggers in Draw

In the final bout of the evening Pvt. Glen McCormick, Richmond, Mo., and Pfc Fred Plude, of Scranton, Pa., battled to a draw.

Both boys slugged it out in the opening bell, with McCormick showing a fast hard left hand but Plude having the best of the in-fighting.

In the third round, Plude landed several hard rights to McCormick's mid-section, which showed signs of a damaging blow.



# U.S. Navy Gave 285 Vessels to United Nations

### Materials, Services Worth 800 Million Donated, Knox Testifies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (UP)—From March 11, 1941, to Dec. 31, 1942, the U.S. Navy has transferred to the nation's allies materials and services valued at approximately \$800,000,000, including 285 ships and nearly 750 planes, Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, revealed today at a hearing on lend-lease before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee.

Of this total, he said, the United Kingdom received \$764,000,000 and Russia \$20,000,000. The greatest proportion of total aid extended through the navy has gone to Britain, because she has the largest fleet.

The largest items, he said, were ship stores, fuel and gasoline for ships and planes, totaling \$322,000,000; ordnance, \$123,000,000; aircraft and aeronautical equipment, \$74,000,000, and equipment, supplies and materials for ships, \$55,000,000.

Up to Jan. 23, 1943, 750 lend-lease naval aircraft had been delivered to other allies, Col. Knox said.

### Boats, Ships Transferred

"In addition to material and services rendered, the Navy has transferred to foreign countries under the lend-lease arrangement 285 vessels and ships and 251 small craft and boats, which are valued at about \$127,000,000," the Navy Secretary disclosed.

"These consist mainly of landing craft, tank-landing craft, rescue boats, torpedo-boats, minesweepers, motor-boats and some auxiliary aircraft-carriers.

"We have also overhauled or repaired 246 foreign naval vessels up to Dec. 31, 1942, at the total cost of \$117,850,000. Many of them were large combatant ships, battleships, cruisers and aircraft-carriers.

"It must be remembered, however, that naval lend-lease aid has by no means been one-sided. Ships of the U.S. Navy receive substantial help in foreign ports, such as repairs, food supplies, fuel, &c. "In the Southwest Pacific area, for example, the British, Australians and New Zealanders provide a substantial portion of our supplies and provisions.

### Technical Data Traded

"Repairs of all kinds on U.S. naval vessels have been made in Allied ports all over the world from Scotland to New Zealand. This has been done without charge and without delay under reciprocal lend-lease.

"Other valuable aid, which cannot be measured in dollars, is the exchange of technical information. Without going into detail, I may say that the reciprocal lend-lease is greatly facilitated by our receiving from our Allies highly important and technical information on developments, and it has consequently speeded up our production and the use of improved weapons.

"Lend-lease and lend-lease in reverse provide a practical demonstration of the principle of each of the United Nations contributing, in accordance with its resources, men and material for the common war against the Axis powers."

# Stars Launch Ireland Tour

BELFAST, Feb. 9—American and Allied Forces in North Ireland will be entertained by stage and screen stars, who start a 10-day tour of camps and hospitals tomorrow.

The stars include Bebe Daniels, Ann Dvorak and Freddie Morgan. They will be accompanied by comedians and dancers and a seven-piece swing orchestra.

The first entertainment will be given at a veteran U.S. hospital unit, which just celebrated its first anniversary overseas.

Capt. D. R. Kinzie, of Middleboro, Mass., Special Service officer, is in charge of the tour.

# Russia - - -

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west of the Oskol area were the heaviest yet experienced.

Gen. Golikov's forces northwest of Kursk now are within striking distance of the Briansk-Kharkov railway, the most important line in this area that the Germans have left to them.

Russian forces already have cut four of the eight railways that radiate from Kharkov, and once the Briansk line goes the Germans will have only three railways left on which they can move troops in one of the most vital areas of their front.

These lines are out of the reach of Russian guns but not of Russian planes, and an air blitz is already being carried out on them, a portent of the next Russian moves in this area.

Meanwhile, farther to the south Gen. Vatutin's columns are moving southwards round the back of the Donetz Basin, while parallel columns are moving south from recaptured Kramatorskaya and Lisichansk, thus putting more pressure on any German retreat moves from the Donetz Basin itself.

# Yanks to Fight Nazis With Nazi 88mm. Gun

WITH U.S. ARMORED FORCE, Tunisia, Feb. 9 (UP)—Germans who have been using captured jeeps and other captured vehicles are going to get a taste of their own medicine now.

An armored force unit which participated in the second battle for Sened station captured several 75s and one of the famous German 88mm. guns complete with ammunition, which they plan to use against the Germans in the future.

# GI Broadcast to McKeesport, Pa.

### Soldiers Will Help Savings Campaign Through Show From Eagle Club

American soldiers whose homes are in McKeesport, Pa., will take part in a radio broadcast to America Saturday as part of a drive to increase payroll savings back home.

The broadcast will be from the Eagle Club, in Charing Cross Road, London, through the BBC. It will be aired in America over Station WCAE, Mutual outlet in Pittsburgh, which covers the McKeesport area.

Soldiers from McKeesport were found for the broadcast through an appeal published yesterday in The Stars and Stripes on behalf of the radio section of ETOUSA.

The morning's papers no sooner were delivered than telephone calls began pouring in from the field. First man to respond was Sgt. George Setchik, attached to an Air Service Group.

Capt. Jacob Rosenzweig, whose home is at 329 Shaw Ave., McKeesport, and who now is in the Signal Service at Headquarters, SOS, was the second to report. After that the McKeesport calls kept the phone busy for two hours.

Among the first to answer the appeal were Maj. Harold E. Crosby, Headquarters, SOS; Pvt. Carl Morlock, of the 1st Bomb Squadron; Cpl. Joseph Kopus, of 126 Sixth St., who is with an infantry unit; Sgt. Charles D. McCles, Western Base Section; Pfc. Frank Sowa, of Box 279 Heckman Rd., who is with the 1st Ordnance; Pvt. Louis Oddo, a field artilleryman; Cpl. Charles J. Beskid, of 1929 Trimble Ave., a medic, and Sgt. Wilson Murman, of 1719 Fremart St., an ordnance man.

The radio public relations office at ETOUSA will notify those of the McKeesport men who are needed for the broadcast.

# Huge Toll of Axis-Owned Goods Diverted to Allies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9—War materials worth \$34,000,000, which were originally bought by Axis or Axis-dominated interests, were diverted to United Nations war use from Sept. 15, 1941, to Jan. 1, 1943, it was announced by the Board of Economic Warfare.

The items included 12,000,000 pounds of raw rubber, nearly 32,000 tons of iron, steel and tin plate, chemicals, quantities of drugs, foodstuffs, machinery, electrical equipment, and locomotives.

The materials were recovered by negotiation of voluntary sales and by direct appropriation. Prices paid for property requisitioned outright were determined by the BEW compensation board.

Where the owner of the property was in occupied Europe and it was impractical to pay him, the money will be held in trust by the Treasury Department.

# 'American Night' Show Sunday at Central Hall

The Methodist Central Hall, London, will sponsor an "American Night" Sunday at 6.30 PM.

Members of the U.S. forces are invited to the program, which will include community singing and a sermon by Col. James L. Blakeney, senior U.S. chaplain in the ETO.

Central Hall is near Westminster Abbey, London, S.W.

### Passing the Hat

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 9 (UP)—Instead of imposing more luxury taxes, Berkeley's mayor has suggested to his council that they should simply "pass the hat" instead.

He believed the city's financial strain would be relieved in this manner, he said, adding that he believed the public would respond.

# New Rigid Training Course



Pfc Phillip Scaglioni, of Norwood, N.J., and Pfc Carmen Gigliotti, of Braddock, Pa., take over a machine-gun post as a "shell" bursts overhead during a phase of the new rigid training course in England with conditions as close as possible to actual combat.

# Forces in ETO Will Celebrate Valentine Day With Red Cross

Valentine Day—when GIs now wearing tin hats used to get lacy tokens of affection from the girl in the pink-red dress up there by the blackboard—will be observed in the European Theater of Operations.

The date is Sunday, Feb. 14, and American Red Cross clubs in the British Isles have not forgotten. Since St. Valentine's comes on Sunday, some have even arranged for the Saturday night before. At the Hans Crescent, London, festivities will begin at 7.30 PM Saturday. Invitations in the shape of red hearts already have been sent to soldiers and their chosen girl friends. Anyone may come, however, despite hearts and flowers, for dancing to "The Pioneers."

U.S. Army nurses will entertain officers at a dance and variety floor show in their College Inn Snack Bar Saturday from 8 PM.

Men of the forces who have not selected their Valentine may look around at the Washington Club Sunday. There will be a lounge party, dancing to juke box music and games from 2.30 to 5.30 PM.

Another place to seek will be the Mostyn Club, which has informal tea dancing Sunday from 3.30 to 5.30 PM. Ellen Drew from Hollywood will appear at the Rainbow Corner from 3 PM to 5.30 PM Sunday. In the Valentine's vein, it will be a "Sweetheart Dance," followed by a "Surprise Turn."

Another Saturday night entertainment will be held at the American Red Cross Duchess Club from 7.30 PM to 10.30 PM. Sunday at 2.30 PM there will be a CEMA concert.

A floor show with soldier talent will entertain at the Valentine's Day tea dance to be held at the English Speaking Union Sunday from 4 to 7 PM. Rosato's London Base Command Band will play.

Bristol Red Cross has arranged a St. Valentine's Sunday fest: Mary Barlow, songstress, will be accompanied by Sgt. J. Welsh, Russ Pedrick and Carmen Mentone, jitterbug specialists, will do a stint, and after that Margaret Simms, Jacksonville, Fla., will sing Negro spirituals. Pfc "Happy" Norman, skat singer and guitar man, will perform. Informal dancing will follow.

# German Strafe Japanese Out Coastal Towns Of Guadalcanal

Nazi fighter-bombers strafed coastal towns in Southeast and Southern England yesterday, reaching as far inland as the London suburban outskirts. London had its second daylight alert this year.

The hit-and-run raids apparently were in retaliation for the shattering blows of the last two weeks by RAF and USAAF planes which have hammered the Axis from top to bottom, from Berlin to the Bay of Biscay.

An official communique said the German raiders gunned a train, strafed houses and bombed several buildings to the ground, including a theater and a school half an hour before the school children were due to arrive.

Meanwhile, reports that the Germans had ordered evacuation of the civilian population of Lorient, the Nazi U-boat base in the west of France, were broadcast by Morocco radio.

A detailed report from the RAF bombers which Sunday night gave the port its heaviest blasting of the war showed that naval installations were heavily damaged, with huge fires roaring through the buildings and yards after incendiaries and 4,000-pound bombs had been dropped. Smoke climbed to 7,000 feet, pilots said.

### Number of Doctors Increased

NEW YORK, Feb. 9—An accelerated training program in U.S. medical schools resulted in the graduation of 5,000 more doctors last year than previously possible, according to Dr. Willard C. Rappleye, dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University. He added, however, that an enormous task still faces the medical profession in supplying an additional 14,000 doctors for the Army and 10,000 for the Navy by 1944.

(Continued from page 1) longest period of constant combat of any unit of American troops in this war or the last.

On Jan. 21 the War Department announced that the marines, commanded by Maj. Gen. Alexander Vandergift, of Charlottesville, N.C., had been relieved by U.S. Army troops under Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, of Fort Huachuca, N.M. Army units had been there for several months, it was disclosed, during which time the marines were gradually relieved.

### Mining Production Up

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (UP)—Although the United States produced a record total of \$7,525,000,000 worth of minerals and metals in 1942, still larger production is expected in 1943. A Bureau of Mines report in Washington said production last year was 10 per cent greater than in 1941 and 8 per cent above the previous peak in 1920.

### Human Guinea Pigs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—More than 100 conscientious objectors to military service have volunteered as human guinea pigs in Government tests to develop better emergency rations for life rafts, better diets for fliers and troops and new controls for wartime diseases, officials disclosed here yesterday.

### Construction Crew at 'Derry

LONDON, Feb. 9—A contingent of the U.S. Navy's construction battalion, the Sea-Bees, has arrived here to work on the naval base. The group is comprised entirely of skilled technicians.

# Air Service Unit Sponsors 100th Blitzed Orphan

### Contributions Reach Total Of £13,446-15-5; Harvard Hospital Gets 101st

U.S. forces in the British Isles have sponsored their hundredth Stars and Stripes War Orphan.

A Service Squadron, Army Air Force, took William Gottfried G., two-months-old twin child, to score "100" in The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund drive, bringing the total raised so far to £13,446 15s. 5d.

Funds have been contributed by enlisted men in every branch of U.S. forces in the British Isles, units sponsoring kids of their choice through the American Red Cross.

Yesterday's surprise was that these voluntary bits from GIs everywhere in England have brought the fund itself to a total well over \$50,000, which ain't hay anywhere.

As for William Gottfried G., he wouldn't understand explanations as to where his father is—or whereabouts of the other twin. The father was a flight sergeant flying in a Czech squadron attached to the RAF when he was killed, six weeks before the twins' birth. 2nd Lt. L. J. Linck is CO of the air unit which has adopted William Gottfried. The other twin is being cared for temporarily by Red Cross workers.

The American Red Cross Harvard Field Hospital Unit sponsored the first child of The Stars and Stripes' "Second Hundred." He is "Robert M.," who lost both parents in an air raid. Without mention of rank, "Daddy of the Unit" was named as Charles W. Carr.

Capt. Herman E. Riley, of a replacement headquarters, sent in his unit's second £100.

"We'd like another girl," was their request. "If possible, a sister."

# Bomber Sinks Axis Troopship

### U.S. Plane Hits Vessel With Tanks and Men, Then Is Shot Down

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Feb. 7 (delayed) (UP)—Capt. Thomas C. Griffin, 26, of Chicago, told today how he and his bomber crew sank an Axis troopship near Tunisia, then were shot down in the Mediterranean, but returned to their base safely.

Capt. Griffin was one of the pilots accompanying Maj. Gen. J. H. (Jimmy) Doolittle on his Tokyo raid.

"We bombed our bunks right in the middle of the ship," Capt. Griffin said. "All we had time to get was that there were tanks aboard and at least 1,000 troops."

"Almost immediately we ran into a hail of flak which put us out of commission and forced a crash-landing into the sea. Our plane sank almost immediately. We barely had time to get into our rubber dinghy and make for shore before she went under."

The captain said it took an hour and a half to get ashore. He and the crew members landed near Cape Negro on the eastern tip of Tunisia, behind the Allied lines about 35 miles west of Bizerta.

# Italian Tanks Capture Unarmed Medic Unit

WITH U.S. FORCES, Tunisia, Feb. 9 (UP)—The story of how Italian tanks captured an unarmed U.S. medical detachment, members of a U.S. infantry unit composed mostly of Iowans, was told by other members of the unit who witnessed the capture during the three-day battle at Sened station, east of Gafsa, which ended yesterday.

The detachment, consisting of a captain and 15 enlisted men, had just come forward in trucks with the infantry when the Italian tanks spotted them. Other soldiers, only armed with rifles, nearby the medics were powerless to do anything. The tanks rounded up the medics and marched them towards Axis lines.

# Uniforms - -

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wear them until worn out, provided that brass seal buttons will be replaced at once by plain brown bone buttons. All insignia of any type must be removed, and as soon as available the U.S. "driver" shoulder insignia must be put on the service coat and overcoat. These insignia, says the order, will be issued in duplicate to women drivers, without cost.

Dental hygienists, physiotherapists, dietitians and other women medical technicians not appointed in the army will wear as nearly as practicable the uniform of the Army Nurse Corps, without insignia.

Other women civilians, employed by War Department agencies other than the Medical Department, and in capacities other than that of chauffeur, may wear such uniforms as their commanding officers direct.

# Blondie

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

by Chic Young

