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Nazi Position Critical in Dnieper Bend

A Strange Sight—B17 and Me109 on 'Peace Terms'



Associated Press Photo

Rivals in air battles over Europe, a B17 Flying Fortress and a German Me109 are serviced together at a U.S. heavy bomber base in England. Rebuilt after crashing in England and painted with the RAF colors, this enemy fighter is part of a RAF "flying circus" which tours air bases in England with a view to helping personnel familiarize themselves with enemy fighters.

Reich Gas Center Is 'Wiped Out'

Neutrals Cite Effect Of Big U.S. Blow At Ludwigshafen

Ludwigshafen, heart of Germany's war chemical and poison gas industry, was "completely flattened out" by the massed American heavy bomber raid in daylight Friday, according to reports from neutral sources yesterday.

Eighth Air Force headquarters officially announced only that targets in southwestern Germany were bombed in Friday's operations, when 12 bombers and seven fighters were lost out of one of the largest formations ever to strike the Reich. The attack was made through heavy clouds, presumably with the new secret bombing technique, and no target will be announced officially until photographic reconnaissance has confirmed bomb hits.

Meanwhile, however, reports from half a dozen neutral sources agreed that Ludwigshafen was one of the prime objectives of the raid, and virtually all of them reported heavy damage. Heavy bombs and incendiaries cascaded through the cloud cover onto the highly inflammable network of factories and plants turning out military chemicals, Stockholm newspapers said. Mannheim, Ludwigshafen's twin city but more a center of engineering works and transport, also was reported hit.

Third Heavy Attack in Week

For the USAAF Friday's was the third heavy bomber attack in a week. Nine days before the heavies also had been to southwestern Germany, and no specific targets have yet been announced for that operation, although the neutral sources, and even German radio, said Mannheim and Ludwigshafen were hit.

Ludwigshafen and Mannheim have been heavily and steadily bombed at night by the RAF since early in the war. The principal targets include the huge, sprawling I.G. Farbenindustrie Badische Anilin works, some of which manufacture poison gas and which were the core of the German-controlled chemical and dye world cartel of peacetime.

In Ludwigshafen, and extending for nearly three miles along the western bank of the Rhine, are the Oppau nitrogen works which turn out chemicals, plastics, dyes, sulphuric acid, synthetic oil and various synthetic acids and fertilizers. Much of the Wehrmacht's research into ersatz war materials and explosives is carried out between the two cities.

In addition, both Mannheim and Ludwigshafen house large industries turning out Diesel engines for tanks, trucks, submarines and heavy airplanes.

In the last raid on southwestern Germany, some continental radios put out reports—which may have been fictitious—declaring that hundreds of persons in

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New Army Night Fighter Is the P61 Black Widow

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9—A powerful twin-engined night fighter called the P61 Black Widow now is in production, the War Department announced yesterday.

Heavily armored, the ship was described as having good speed and climbing power.

Carrier-Borne U.S. Bombers Bag 21 of 27 U-Boats Sunk

BOSTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Carrier-borne U.S. Navy bombers destroyed 21 of 27 U-boats sunk in the Atlantic during a recent three-month period, Rear Adm. Dewitt C. Ramsey, chief of the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics, revealed here.

He warned, however, that the Nazi submarine threat still existed, and declared that the Germans, resourceful and skilful at this type of warfare, were constantly changing tactics.

"With improved anti-aircraft batteries on U-boats they are disposed to fight it out with the planes," he said, adding that "in some cases, unfortunately, they meet with success."

Adm. Ramsey asserted that in the South and Southwest Pacific the U.S. now possessed "what amounts to an almost overwhelming superiority in the air, and there is every evidence that Japan is running short of everything."

When the war ends, he said, the U.S. would be without question the greatest air and naval power in the world.

Nazis Give Way Again Before 5th Army Not Afraid

Allies Seize Giusta, Open 3-Mile Breach in Front Guarding Cassino

The Fifth Army yesterday drove forward from captured San Vittore to engulf Giusta and open a three-mile breach in German defenses guarding Cassino and the road to Rome.

In battles described as the most violent of the Italian campaign, American and British infantrymen pushed into the upper Liri Valley. One report said Allied forces were only four miles from Cassino itself.

Like San Vittore, Giusta fell after hand-to-hand fighting in the streets. Allied units, using hand grenades and bayonets, broke strong resistance and captured a number of prisoners.

The violence of enemy counter-attacks in Giusta, after the futile Nazi stand at San Vittore, combined with reports that the Germans again had rushed reinforcements to the front, indicated a determination to prevent the Fifth Army from breaking through to Cassino and the plains of the way to Rome.

In spite of frequent German counter-attacks, however, the Fifth Army slowly advanced on a ten-mile front. Troops driving toward Cassino along the northern slopes of the valley pushed on in the face of heavy artillery fire from the mountain village of Cervaro. Other gains were made near Mount Majo and Mount Prochia Ridge.

Deep snow on the Eighth Army front limited fighting to patrol skirmishes. So impassable were mountain roads that some Eighth Army units received supplies by parachute.

Worst Blizzard in Years Hits the Texas Panhandle

AMARILLO, Tex., Jan. 9—The Texas Panhandle had its worst blizzard in 40 years over the weekend, according to reports coming in from various districts. Almost all highways were closed, airlines cancelled their schedules and railroad service was interrupted. A 42-mile wind and snow from two to five inches deep gave Texans a taste of real winter weather.

Kirovograd Seized, Russians Smash On For Vital Rail Lines

Threaten to Split German Armies in Two In Ukraine; New Drive On West of Gomel; Reds 5 Mi. From Sarny

Russian infantry and tanks, smashing back the Germans along a 750-mile front in what Berlin frankly called the decisive battle of the war, cut their way relentlessly through Marshal Von Manstein's armies in the Dnieper Bend yesterday, increasing the threat to the enemy's communications and making his position more desperate hourly.

With a new Russian offensive revealed by the Germans west of Rechitsa, on the Dnieper 25 miles west of Gomel, the Red Army was rolling the Nazis back on more than half a dozen fronts, from Nevel in the north to Zaporozhe in the heart of the Ukraine.

The Reds cracked through Von Manstein's line on a 70-mile front south of Kirovograd, overwhelmed that great industrial and railway center and drove south across the Dnieper Bend toward the Black Sea in a great pincer movement which threatened to split the Germans' Ukraine armies in two.

Five Miles From Sarny

To the west, Marshal Nicolai Vatutin's tanks were less than five miles from the great railway junction of Sarny, 35 miles beyond the 1939 Polish border. Sarny, astride the north-south railway connecting the Warsaw-Minsk line in the north with the Warsaw-Kiev line in the south,

Another 1,000 Japs Are Slain In New Britain

Marines Push On 2 Miles To Gain Vital Ground in Fierce Pacific Battle

ALLIED HQ, New Britain, Jan. 9—Hacking their way through dense jungle, U.S. Marines annihilated another 1,000 Japanese in the Borgen Bay area over the weekend to gain two miles of vital ground in some of the most vicious fighting of the Pacific war.

Tanks and heavy armor were used to win control of Hill 660—an important observation point two miles from Cape Gloucester—which the enemy had been using to direct artillery fire in the entire area. Two hundred Jap dead were strewn over the hillside when the battle ended. Not one escaped or was captured.

In southern New Britain, shock troops of Gen. Krueger's Sixth Army pressed forward toward Gasmata after hurling back Jap counter-blows in the Arawa area.

Solomon-based medium bombers, escorted by Corsairs, struck at Rabaul, the New Britain headquarters, to kill or wound at least 100 Japs in 30 landing barges in the area. The mediums—possibly cannon-carrying B25s—surprised the enemy troops by flying a few feet off the water to strafe the barges.

On New Guinea, other Sixth Army troops have received heavy reinforcements at Saidor. Advanced elements of the Sixth have occupied Kelanua village on Scharnhorst point, about 50 miles from Madang.

5th Air Force Is Using Old B17s as Fighter-Transports

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9—The U.S. Fifth Air Force has come up with something new in the way of supply service in the New Britain invasion—the fighting transport plane.

Veteran Flying Fortresses were remodelled to give them more cargo space, but at the same time they were left bristling with guns. These new transport Fortresses can go unescorted on many missions where it would be dangerous to send the slower C47s even with fighter escort.

The Fortresses can carry heavier loads than other transports over relatively short distances.

Invasion of Europe May See Jet Planes in Action—Seversky

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (AP)—Jet-propelled aircraft, with their terrific speed and proven efficiency at great altitudes, will be "a highly important tactical weapon" against the Axis, and may even be used in the invasion of Europe, Maj. Alexander P. de Seversky, the noted aircraft expert, predicted today.

"Before this war is over," he said, "jet-propelled aircraft may be very much used by the Allies."

He pointed out, however, that for the present the new principle, which he estimated might double the speed of ordinary planes, would not be employed to any great extent for long, sustained flying because of high fuel consumption.

"We may be able," Seversky said, "to install rocket engines in existing heavy

bombers to obtain 'flash performance.' This would help the big planes to take off more swiftly with heavier loads, or give added speed for getting away from attackers."

The new-type engine, he said, might be installed into new giant B29 bombers for long-range attacks on Japan. He expressed the belief that use of the jet plane in the near future would be principally for home-defense aircraft and as interceptors for short-range flying.

He added that with changes in plane design, and as the engine is perfected, there would be "no limit" to the jet-propelled aircraft's speed. The increased momentum, he said, would call for wings which could "alter shape," and might perhaps entirely eliminate them.

What Does Russian Drive Mean? See Map, Story—P. 6

holds the key to the enemy's most important lateral line on this front.

Southwest, the Russians pushed within 15 miles of the Smyela-Vinnitsa railway, one of the two remaining rail supply lines for the estimated 700,000 Germans in the Dnieper Bend. Red Army spearheads were little more than ten miles from Vinnitsa, on the Bug River, and 35 miles from Zhmerinka, on the Odessa-Lwow railroad, the enemy's principal supply line into the Ukraine.

The new Soviet offensive in White Russia, announced in the German communiqué, was launched on a broad front after strong artillery preparation, Berlin said.

A new Russian crossing of the old Polish border, this time west of Novograd Volynski on the Kiev-Lwow road, was described meanwhile by German-controlled Paris radio. The broadcast said heavy fighting was in progress around the town of Korets, five miles inside the border and 40 miles due east of the German base of Rovno.

Russian 'Squeeze Play'

The breakthrough at Kirovograd, driving half of Von Manstein's force toward the Black Sea and squeezing the other half against the southern side of the Russians' Kiev bulge, seized the imaginations of Moscow observers because of its threat to all German communications in the bend.

One column fanning out of Kirovograd already was 25 miles southwest of the town yesterday and another was striking south for the railway running to Novo Ukrainia, 40 miles southwest of Kirovograd, and thence through the southwestern Ukraine. Capture of this line would outflank the Nazis at Krivoi Rog and in the whole area between the Bug and the Dnieper.

The First Ukrainian Army's swift strides into Poland, where Gen. Vatutin's spearheads now were 200 miles west of Kiev, put Von Manstein's defenses in new peril at Sarny. Capture of that important rail center would force the German railway front back 100 miles.

Capture of Kirovograd, which was once a prosperous town of 100,000 people, 70 miles southeast of Cherkassy on the railroad from Kremenchug to Odessa, was accompanied by mass surrender of its German defenders.

Kirovograd had been the chief center of German resistance attempting to hold the Kirovograd line and the Nazis suffered huge losses before they surrendered.

100,000 German Prisoners In U.S.—But Only 377 Japs

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9 (UP)—Since Pearl Harbor U.S. forces have captured 170,000 Italian prisoners, more than 100,000 Germans—but only 377 Japanese, Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson disclosed yesterday.

"We have killed thousands of Japanese," he said, "but we have only taken 377 prisoners. I know of no single fact which so clearly indicates the size of the job in the Pacific."

Wehrmacht Takes Refuge from the Reds' Westward Lunge

'INVASION CHATTER' Tale of Landing In Yugoslavia Is Laid to Berlin

Merely a Constant Flow Of Help, Allies Say; Nazis Full of Jitters Talk

Allied headquarters in the Mediterranean theater denied over the weekend that an invasion of Yugoslavia had been launched, as reported in a Zagreb dispatch to the Stockholm newspaper Tidningen. The report was believed to be a "feeler" put out by the Germans.

The nearest thing to an Allied invasion of Yugoslavia has been a constant flow of Allied officers, men and supplies from the Italian mainland, maintaining liaison with forces under Marshal Tito.

Latest reports from Tito's headquarters were that his Partisans still were fighting for the German base of Banjaluka. Boanska Gradiska, in Bosnia, was abandoned again to the Germans after Partisans had recaptured it.

The German propaganda machine is telling the people that the Germans are expecting to meet three million United States troops on European battlefields. This announcement by the Axis coincides with a statement in Washington by Robert P. Patterson, U.S. undersecretary of war, that the American Army has almost reached its objective of a seven-million-man invasion force.

Last year Goebbels told the German people that U-boats would prevent any U.S. Army getting to Europe.

German-controlled Paris radio over the weekend told listeners that: (1) The "Big Three" were planning another meeting, this time in North Africa; (2) Norway might be the objective of the first Allied landings, thus cutting off German forces there and bringing about a link-up with the Russians; and (3) that an Allied landing in France would bring great privation and distress to the French people.

Marcel Deat, French Fascist leader, said that an Allied invasion of France would mean the evacuation of thousands of women and children, that shelter would have to be found for the refugees, and emergency distribution of food and medical supplies organized.

The German news Agency reiterated its story that British planes were dropping weapons and uniforms to the Belgians, and said that spies were active in that country, especially in Brussels.

An American reporter, broadcasting from Ankara, said that nervous tension in Rumania was increasing as Gen. Vatutin's Red Army moved toward the border of that German satellite nation. Reports from Bucharest, quoted by Stockholm's Tidningen, said that the town of Bukovina, 120 miles from the border, was being evacuated.

Berlin Claims Scharnhorst Raided Big Troop Convoy

MADRID, Jan. 9 (UP)—Berlin reports reaching here assert that the Scharnhorst was sunk while attacking the biggest convoy ever seen in Arctic waters. The convoy, the reports said, was carrying troops and airmen, as well as war supplies.

The German high command is reported to be considering possibilities that the main Allied invasion blow will come from the east where, they believe, between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 U.S. soldiers could very quickly appear, the Madrid report added.

Editor Sues Police Chief He Says Assaulted Him

BECKLEY, W. Va., Jan. 9—Editor Eugene Scott, of the Beckley Post Herald, has filed a \$3,500 damage suit in Raleigh County Circuit Court against Police Chief Tommy Roberts and his bonding company.

Scott accused Roberts of assaulting him after he had gone to the chief's city hall office to discuss an editorial which disapproved Roberts' reappointment as police chief.

Raids - - - (Continued from page 1)

Ludwigshafen had been gassed when chemical works there were bombed.

On top of the neutral reports of the devastation in Ludwigshafen came stories from Stockholm that Kiel harbor, which was hit by the USAAF the day before the southwestern Germany raid, was left in a mass of flames which swept through much of the city's center and along the harbor. A large number of ships in harbor at the time also were damaged or destroyed, according to the story told in Stockholm by sailors.

Friday's heavy bomber attack, in which 40 enemy planes were claimed as destroyed, was carried out while hundreds of RAF and USAAF medium and light bombers were continuing their pounding of military targets along the French invasion coast near the Pas de Calais.

RAF Mosquito bombers kept up their intrusion attacks over the weekend, stinging objectives in western Germany on Saturday night for the loss of one plane, the Air Ministry reported. It was the seventh consecutive night of wailing sirens for the western Reich.



Crack German SS troops, their gaudy black uniforms covered with winter overcoats—and Russian mud—huddle close together in "retreat fashion" in an armored car withdrawing from Nevel in White Russia.



Determination and defeat mark the face of this German as he crouches low in a slit-trench—with machine-gun poised—for a Russian attack. Since the Reds roared westward in July more than three million Germans have been killed, wounded or captured.

Dewey Gaining In GOP Favor

Gallup Poll Shows He Has 37 Pct. of Party's Voters Behind Him in East

NEW YORK, Jan. 9—Indications that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York is gaining in popularity as the possible 1944 Republican Presidential candidate are shown in a Gallup poll of Republican opinion.

Dewey, the New York gang-buster, is the strongest candidate in the East Central states, with 37 per cent of the Republican voters backing him.

Wendell Willkie, the 1940 candidate, is fourth, backed by only 13 per cent of the GOP voters. Gov. Bricker, of Ohio, with 21 per cent, is second, and Gen. MacArthur, with 15 per cent, is third.

In Indiana, Willkie's home state, Dewey holds 35 per cent of the voters and Willkie 22 per cent, according to the poll. The only significant change since Sept. 1 is a five per cent increase for Dewey and an eight per cent decrease for Willkie. Other candidates and would-be candidates are Gen. MacArthur, 13 per cent; Bricker, 13 per cent; Sen. Taft, of Ohio, 11 per cent; and Gov. Stassen, of Minnesota, four per cent.

New Drug—Gramacidin— Is Said to Rival Penicillin

BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 9—Discovery of a new drug known as gramacidin, said to compete with penicillin in dramatic cures, was disclosed by Dr. Henry Brainerd, clinical instructor in medicine at the University of California medical school.

Brainerd wrote in the university news bulletin that gramacidin, prepared from soil bacteria, possessed healing powers largely the same as penicillin. It can be produced cheaper and easier than penicillin, he said, and already has been used successfully in cases of impetigo, boils, infected wounds, burns and various types of ulcers.

Killer Gets Life Sentence After Hiding Out 11 Years

NORTHWOOD, Ia., Jan. 9—Roy Underwood, 43, who surrendered three weeks ago to plead guilty to the murder 11 years ago of James E. Hill, 63, of Peoria, Ill., was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Underwood said that he shot Hill on a street in Manly, Ia., in 1932 when Hill reached for a gun.

New Reich Alert System Will Tell Size of Raids

A new alert system for German cities was announced yesterday by Berlin Radio. Three blasts of a high-pitched sound on the sirens in one minute indicates that single enemy planes are nearby, but that there is no danger of a large-scale attack.

If the siren sounds the main alarm—one minute long—with the sound increasing and decreasing, there is acute danger, and large-scale attacks can be expected.

Wright Debunks Jet Plane

DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 9 (AP)—Orville Wright, although granting that jet-propelled planes had a definite place in USAAF plans, declared that they would never compete with the conventional engine type.

Crackdown on Gamblers

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 9—County officials were ordered by Gov. John W. Bricker to "enforce the laws and close all gambling establishments in Lucas County and keep them closed."

Syracuse Ex-Mayor Dead

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Jan. 9—Former Mayor Alan C. Forbes, 75, died of pneumonia. He was mayor of Syracuse from 1904 to 1910.

Moscow Hears FDR's Report

Moscow radio made a special broadcast of President Roosevelt's report on Lend-Lease early Sunday morning.

Seeing That We Outdrive Hitler

Bobby Jones Is in ETO, Helping To Fashion a New Grand Slam

Maj. Robert T. Jones, of Atlanta, former holder of the four major golf championships of the world, has arrived in the ETO and is assigned to duty as intelligence officer with a USAAF fighter unit.

"I'm certainly glad to be here. I've been trying for a long time to get here, or some place closer to the war," said Bobby Jones, now 41 years old. "I've been fighting the battle of Fighter Command up and down the eastern seaboard."

Jones has been in the Officers' Reserve Corps since 1931, the year after his golfing grand slam that has never been duplicated. He came on duty as a captain with the USAAF in June, 1942, and became a major in March, 1943, while at Mitchel Field, N.Y.

Price-Control Plea To FDR Nets Ann, Just Ten, a Puppy

STONEHAM, Mass., Jan. 9—Ten-year-old Ann Gilcrest wanted a cocker spaniel but couldn't afford one.

So she wrote President Roosevelt saying, "I would like it very much if you would reduce prices of cocker spaniels."

"We would like one very much, but with prices the way they are now we cannot afford one."

"Will you please write me a letter back and tell me if you're going to reduce prices?"

"My father is in the Navy and is in Africa, so you see we would like a puppy to keep us company."

The President did better than write Ann a letter. He turned her appeal over to the Office of Price Administration, which remembered that one of its employees being transferred from Washington was trying to dispose of his cocker spaniel puppy.

That was how it happened an express van rolled up to Ann's home yesterday with the puppy she wanted—at no cost. OPA sent it with the President's compliments.

Col. Hobby Reaches ETO To Inspect WAC Stations

Col. Oleta Culp Hobby, director of the Women's Army Corps, has arrived here to inspect WAC installations throughout the ETO, it was announced yesterday. Maj. Betty Bandel, of Tucson, Ariz., WAC staff director for the AAF, accompanied her.

Both WAC officers previously visited here in October, 1942, when they inspected WAAF and ATS installations.

The Waters Part, and What Should Appear but a Jeep

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (AP)—The U.S. Jeep made its first appearance recently in the isolated islands of the Aegean Sea.

The defenders of Leros got a good laugh when a British supply submarine broke surface at a secret port with one of the little cars lashed firmly to the hull.

Gunner's Turret Plexi-Glass Smashed Twice in Same Day

A U.S. MARAUDER BASE, Jan. 9—If S/Sgt. Martin R. Griffin, of Madison, Wis., could find the German gunner who twice in the same day knocked the plexi-glass dome off his gun position in the B26 Hell's Angels, he would offer him a cigar.

Griffin went out Tuesday morning in his regular spot in the top turret. While Hell's Angels was bombing in the Pas de Calais area a burst of flak shattered the plexi-glass dome over Griffin's head, but he escaped injury.

Back after the short mission, Hell's

Arriving here, Jones saw England for the first time since he stepped off for a couple of weeks' golfing in 1936, on his return from the Olympic games in Berlin. "The country looks different," he said, "but I guess it hasn't changed as much as Berlin."

His USAAF career in the States has had some connection with fighter planes throughout, either with commands, or in the organization of filter centers in which civilian volunteers supplied the personnel.

"I'm just another officer this trip," Jones said. "My job is to help finish the war. Then it would be pleasant to renew golfing acquaintances and play some of the courses in England and Scotland I haven't seen for several years."

'Exposure Suit' Protects Airmen Forced to 'Ditch'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9—A lightweight waterproof exposure suit that will increase immeasurably a "ditched" airman's chance of survival is recommended by a joint committee representing U.S. and Canadian air-sea forces, following a three-day series of tests in Canadian Atlantic waters; the Army and Navy announced jointly today.

Results demonstrated the efficacy of the suits in protecting the wearer from the shock of immersion in icy waters, and in increasing greatly this ability to manipulate other life-saving aids.

Volunteer "guinea pigs" were RCAF crew members. Plunging into 40-degree seas and huddled in rubber dinghies with air temperatures hovering around 29 degrees, they were able to withstand numbing water and air for hours on end with the protective covering. Without it, they had to be rescued almost immediately.

Georgia Bans the Poll Tax For Troops to Allow Vote

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 9—The poll tax, an issue which was one of the principal causes of the defeat of a federal bill to allow servicemen to vote in this year's Presidential election, was abolished for Georgia members of the armed forces by the state's own soldier-vote bill.

Under terms of the law, "all poll taxes which may have accrued or which may hereafter accrue" for servicemen and women were invalidated.

Passed by a unanimous vote in both houses of the State Legislature, the law assures servicemen stationed outside of Georgia of a ballot in the general election. County tax collectors will mail absentee voters' ballots to the troops.

'Scottsboro' Negroes Paroled

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 9—Paroles were granted two more of the nine Negroes who figured in Alabama's famous "Scottsboro Case" of 1931. The State Parole Board freed Andy Wright and Clarence Orras. The nine gained wide notoriety in long litigation which followed the raping of two women.

13 USO Shows Touring ETO

17 Now Available, a New Record, but 4 Are Resting; Week's Schedule Listed

ETO USO-Camp Shows have reached a new high with 17 "operational units" on the road or ready for action. Four—"Yanksappoppin'", "On With the Show," "Full Speed Ahead" and "Bubbling Over"—are taking a furlough this week, however, so the total touring the circuit is 13.

"Looping the Loop," a new show led by Lee Simmons, MC and impersonator, is playing the Nottingham area. Others in the cast are: Dejszo Retter, comedian; Dolores Anderson, singer; Jack Powell, comedy drummer; Step Sisters, tap dancers; Billy Mason, pianist, and Thelma Gardner, guitarist and singer.

The other shows, with their locations for the week, are:

- Devon—"Band Wagon," Willie Shore, comedian; Dorothy Reckless, dancer.
- Scotland—"Fun Marches On," Don Rice, comedian; Dorothy Deering, dancer.
- Bristol area—"Booms a Daisy," Evans family, dancers; Consola and Melba, dancers.
- Hampshire—"Keep 'Em Rolling," Joe and Jane McKenna, comedians; Stanley twins, dancers.
- Bedford area—"At Ease," Hank Ladd, comedian; Francetta Malloy, singer.
- Wiltshire—"GI Gang," 12 soldier-troupers.
- Berkshire—"Rudy Starita and his Starlites," Rudy Starita, rhythmophonist; Al Goodhart, pianist and composer.
- Derby area—"Swingtime," Grace Drysdale, puppet entertainer; Freddy Morgan, MC and comedian.
- Huntingdon area—"USA Calling," Frankie Conville, comedian; The Three Nonchalants, comedy acrobatic team.
- Essex—"Flying High," Al Bernie, MC and comedian; Aileen Hunter, singer and accordionist.
- Suffolk—"Words and Music," Johnny Woods, Wales—"On The Beam," Freddie Lightner, comedian; Val Setz, comedy juggler.

RAF's Slessor Is Named Gen. Eaker's Chief Deputy

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (AP)—Air Marshal Sir John Slessor, who since November, 1942, has been commander-in-chief of the RAF Coastal Command, has been appointed deputy to Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, supreme Allied air chief in the Mediterranean.

Gen. Eaker formerly was commander of the Eighth Air Force in the European Theater.

New Glider Can Carry 30 Soldiers, One Jeep

DEARBORN, Mich., Jan. 9 (UP)—A huge new glider capable of carrying two jeeps has successfully passed its tests here.

Built by the Ford Motor Company, the glider has a speed of more than 150 miles an hour, and is big enough to carry 30 fully-equipped soldiers, or a howitzer and one jeep together with crews and ammunition.

Agrees to Divorce

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9—Allen E. Miller, who returned to Portland after seven years of wandering as an amnesia victim to find his wife married to another man, announced that he had agreed to a divorce so she could remarry legally. Miller told police he apparently had lost his memory in October, 1936, a month before a child was born to his wife.

85,946 Planes in 1943

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9—December plane production averaged 339 each working day to boost the year's output to 85,946, Donald Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, revealed. In 1942, Nelson said, 47,783 planes were produced.

Congressmen Wants ODs

LAFAYETTE, La., Jan. 9—Rep. James Domengeaux has written to his draft board requesting immediate induction into the armed forces. He asked that his deferment as a member of Congress be cancelled.

Spits Beat Japs, 11 to 1

ADVANCED AIR BASE, Burma, Jan. 9 (UP)—RAF Spitfires won an 11 to one victory against the Japanese during their brief period in this theater, official figures show at tactical headquarters.

Yank Experts Beat Nazis on New Weapons

Technicians Insist Allies' Arms Outdate Much of German Equipment

ABERDEEN, Md., Jan. 9—American ordnance experts since the outbreak of war have outdistanced Germany in the technical development of all equipment used to wage war, according to the Foreign Material Branch of the War Department's proving grounds here, which has just completed an extensive study of Nazi weapons captured in Africa, Italy and Russia.

Admitting that Germany in 20 years of war preparation produced some of the most effective equipment in the history of warfare, Aberdeen officials yesterday said that the speed and quality of Allied rearmament in the last three years has outdated much of this equipment.

As for innovations, or "secret weapons," U.S. ordnance men have matched nearly every German product with one of their own, it was said.

Bomber Attacks Credited

Critical materials, shortages and obsolescent weapons are given as chief reasons for German militarists being forced to develop different uses for armor already produced. Destruction of production centers by American and British bombers is credited also with playing a major role in crippling production of new ordnance.

The study of German equipment revealed that several enemy ordnance pieces, hailed as secret weapons when first used in combat, proved to be less effective than similar American-made guns.

The "recoil-less" gun, for example, was said to have several disadvantages. A combination of regular artillery piece and rocket gun, used mainly by paratroopers because of its light weight, the weapon gives off blasts of flame and gas which slow down its rate of fire, besides giving away its position after two or three rounds.

The tapered-bore gun, declared by Germany to be highly effective against American tanks, is inaccurate beyond 300 yards and wears out rapidly, Aberdeen tests disclosed.

Muzzle Brakes Debunked

Muzzle brakes, advertised by Germany to be a device which gives its guns greater effectiveness and firepower than American models, have been found on large guns with smaller carriages and recoil mechanisms. Aberdeen men claim that this lessens to a great extent the margin of safety, a point long stressed by German engineers.

Germany may be using ersatz materials in many products, but ordnance men here found substitute materials in only a few captured weapons, rubber being the one synthetic product most widely used in the construction of vehicles and accessories.

Hebrew Magazine Gives Irving Berlin Its '43 Medal

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Jan. 9—Irving Berlin, producer of "This Is the Army," was announced as the winner of the American Hebrew magazine's 1943 medal for the promotion of better understanding between Christian and Jew in America.

The magazine said Berlin won because of his "tremendous theatrical contributions to the morale of the nation" and because his songs have been "an expression of better understanding for all races, creeds and religions for over a quarter of a century."

Wendell Willkie won the medal in 1942 and Cordell Hull in 1941.

Prisoners Work to Insure Philadelphia Water Supply

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9—Convicts from city prisons were pressed into service to maintain Philadelphia's water supply as some 3,000 municipal workers continued their strike for a wage increase of 10 cents an hour.

Sixty jail inmates kept the filter beds clean at Torresdale Filtration Plant and averted a water supply breakdown, but maintenance of streets and highways and collection of ashes and rubbish were at a standstill.

AFN Radio Program

- 1402 kc On Your Dial 1420 kc
213.9m. Monday, Jan. 10 211.3m.
- 1100—GI Jive.
 - 1115—Personal Album.
 - 1130—Village Store.
 - 1200—Winifred Reynolds (BBC).
 - 1230—Half and Half.
 - 1245—Quiet Moment.
 - 1300—World News (BBC).
 - 1310—Serenade.
 - 1315—Salute to Rhythm.
 - 1400—Visiting Hour.
 - 1430—Sign off until 1745 hours.
 - 1745—Spotlight Band and Program Resume.
 - 1800—World News (BBC).
 - 1810—GI Supper Club.
 - 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports—Presented by The Stars and Stripes.
 - 1905—Red Skelton—With Harriet Hilliard and Ozzie Nelson's Orchestra.
 - 1910—Command Performance.
 - 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A., presented by The Stars and Stripes.
 - 2010—Fred Waring Program.
 - 2025—This Week in Science.
 - 2030—Burns and Allen.
 - 2100—World News (BBC).
 - 2110—Showtime.
 - 2130—Front Line Theater.
 - 2200—Gay Nineties.
 - 2225—Final Edition.
 - 2230—Sign off until Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 1100 hours.

Burned-Up Ball of Fire Thinks It Over, Cools Off

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 9—Betty Rowland, the "Ball of Fire" girl in local strip-tease circles, dropped charges against Mrs. Sol. Freemond, who Betty alleged had burned her with a cigarette as she was doing her dance.

In her finale, Miss Rowland, her clothing reduced to a G-string, pats a ringside customer on the head and winds up with a vigorous bump. She patted Mr. Freemond and bumped. The bump brought Betty's thigh in contact with Mrs. Freemond's cigarette.

"If she'd been wearing more clothes, she wouldn't even have noticed it," Mrs. Freemond said.

Orphans' Fund Passes £40,000

Technician Group Sends £230 for Two Children; Now Sponsors Nine

Contributions to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund—which will provide British youngsters "with the extra things in life" for five years—last week sealed the £40,000 mark.

The week's top donation came from an old standby, the Civil Service Technician detachment, which sent in £230 for two more children. The group already sponsors seven members of one family—six boys and a girl.

A service squadron mailed a check for £300 to sponsor Anne, Margaret and John T. Headquarters, Strategic Air Depot, increased its list of sponsored children to three, asking for a boy this time. Chaplain P. W. Pennington has supervised each of the depot's drives.

Capt. Gilbert B. Baird's QM company contributed £100 for a girl of five and announced it shortly would have sufficient money for a second. Marauder crews under Lt. Col. Lester W. Nicol, of Spokane, Wash., and Lt. Col. W. D. Nixon's Headquarters organization at Eastern Base Section also joined the parade.

Other groups to complete the sponsorship of orphans were Headquarters, AAF Station —, Maj. Edward P. Russell commanding; — Fighter Squadron, and — Station Complement. There also were several general fund contributions and gifts for specific children.

Threw Sgt. Into Mudhole; He May Get a Medal for It

A U.S. MARAUDER STATION, Jan. 9—For dumping a fellow sergeant into a mudhole and thus extinguishing flames enveloping his clothing, T/Sgt. Edward W. Kynowski, of Proctor, Va., was recommended for the Soldier's Medal by Maj. Robert O. Barger, of Fulton, Ohio.

T/Sgt. Ogden B. Richardson, of Eustis, Fla., was repairing a Marauder fuel line Dec. 27 and strolled away for a smoke. The match ignited his gasoline-sprayed clothes.

Kynowski wrapped a coat around Richardson, rushed him to a mudhole 30 feet away and dumped him in. Then, ignoring the flames that had spread to his own gasoline-soaked clothing, he beat out the fire on Richardson before rolling in the mud himself.

'Blitz Kids' Bombarded With Sweets



Col. Neal Creighton finds an OD overcoat is too large for 11-year-old "Spike," one of 200 London children entertained Saturday by Eighth Air Force Service Command.

EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND HQ, Jan. 9—Two hundred "blitz kids" from London's East End ate ice cream, candy and cake at a party given by soldiers here yesterday in the officers' auditorium. Soldiers and officers donated cast-off

clothing, which will be made over for the children. Soldiers also contributed candy from their weekly rations and toys they had made in their spare time. Col. Neal Creighton, post commandant, was official host.

Plenty of Life in the Dead Letter Office

Addresses Snafu, They Find Needles in That APO Haystack

How the Army Post Office gets its man when the folks back home snafu addresses on letters and packages beamed at GIs was explained by ETO mail officials.

They cited the cases of a small box which fell out of a larger package—a story good enough for Ripley—and that of the V-mail with absolutely no

to its rightful owner in less time than most pint-sized letters which carry all the required information in the "to" department.

Father Establishes Annual Air Award In Honor of 2 Sons

A — MEDIUM BOMBER STATION, Jan. 9—Honoring his two sons in the service, one of whom is serving in the ETO, Frank G. Brewer Sr., of Birmingham, Ala., has established an award to be given annually for the most outstanding contribution in the development of air youth in the field of education and training.

One son, Frank G. Jr., is a radio operator-gunner at this Marauder station. The other, Robert, is a paratrooper stationed in North Carolina.

The National Aeronautic Association will present the trophy. The advisory committee is headed by Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker.

Shirley Ross Wins Divorce

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9 (AP)—Shirley Ross, screen musical comedy star, won a divorce from Kenneth R. Doland, theatrical agent. Miss Ross testified that her husband consistently stayed out all night and kept her in a nervous state for four years of their five-year marriage.

GIs See Some Reel Life



Six wolves in GI clothing met Margaret Lockwood and her leading man, Stewart Granger, on the set of "Love Story," on a tour of the Gainsborough Studios, London. In the afternoon they watched several scenes being shot, and had tea with Miss Lockwood. From left to right: Pvt. James Wiley, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Pvt. Calvin Hecard, of New Orleans, La.; Cpl. Theodore Westenfelt, of Chicago; Pfc Royal Hadlock, of Dallas, Tex.; Miss Lockwood; Granger; Cpl. John W. Miller, of Industry, Ill., and Pfc Nathaniel C. Letton, of New York City.

Lamour Will Sell Bonds, Male Distraction or Not

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 9—Dorothy Lamour hit back at the woman union delegate who said that the sarong girl's appearance in war plants slowed down production because men workers stopped to gaze longingly at her.

Miss Lamour said that whether Zelma E. Monahan liked it or not, "the next time Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau asks me to go on a bond-selling tour, I'm going."

Notre Dame-Minnesota Reunion

A dinner for alumni of the Universities of Notre Dame and Minnesota will be held Sat., Jan. 15, at 6.30 PM, at the No. 3 Grosvenor Square Club. Frank McCormick, athletic director for the University of Minnesota, is expected to be present, and films from both universities are scheduled. Reservations should be sent to The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, Printing House Sq., London, E.C.4.

Lt. Col. Marries WAC Lt.

NEWBURY, Jan. 9—A romance between two Long Island members of the Army, which began aboard a troop transport between the United States and the British Isles, resulted in the marriage here yesterday of 2/Lt. Ruth F. Barker, of Quogue, N.Y., to Lt. Col. Benjamin Weisberg, of Forest Hills, N.Y., in St. Nicholas Parish Church. Part of the ceremony was conducted by Chaplain Robert S. Scott.

Out-of-London ARC Clubs List Week's Events

Dancing Classes Gaining In Favor; Two USO Shows to Appear

Dancing classes for GIs at American Red Cross clubs outside of London have increased in the last two weeks. Courses for beginning and advanced students are included.

USO stage shows are scheduled at two of the clubs tonight. Rudy Starita and his Starlites play at Reading, while "Booms-a-Daisy" appears at Bristol.

Programs for the London clubs appear in the Thursday paper for the benefit of men visiting the city over the weekend. Attractions at non-London clubs follow:

Reading

Monday—Rudy Starita and his Starlites; 7.30 PM. Tuesday—Pauline Kerby, singer and pianist; 7.30 PM. Thursday—Dancing class; 7.30 PM. Friday—Movies; 7.15 PM. Saturday—Dance; 7.30 PM. Sunday—Dance; 7 PM.

Bristol

Monday—USO show, "Booms-a-Daisy," 7.30 PM; movies; 10 PM. Tuesday—Dance; 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Dancing Class; 8 PM. Thursday—Dance; 7.30 PM. Saturday—Dance; 7.30 PM. Sunday—Movies; 2 PM; coffee hour; 4 PM; dance; 8 PM.

Oxford

Monday—Discussion group; 8 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class; 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance; 8.30 PM. Thursday—Hospital party; 5 PM; movies; 9.30 PM. Friday—Dancing class; 8 PM. Saturday—Dance; 7.30 PM. Sunday—Dance; 8.30 PM. Recorded concert; 3 PM; dance; 8.30 PM.

Northampton

Tuesday—Dance; 8.30 PM. Wednesday—Dance; 8.30 PM. Thursday—Dance; 8.30 PM. Friday—Movies; 7.30 PM. Saturday—Dance; 8.30 PM. Sunday—Salgrave. Manor bus trip; 10 AM; dance; 3 PM; dance; 7.30 PM.

Southampton

Monday—Movies; 8 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class; 8 PM; ping-pong; 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance; 8 PM. Friday—Dancing class; 7.30 PM; ping-pong; 9 PM. Saturday—Dance; 8 PM. Sunday—Tour; 1.15 PM; open house; 2 PM; movies; 8 PM.

Bournemouth

Monday—Movies; 9 PM. Tuesday—Trip to Highcliffe Castle; 2.15 PM; dance; 8 PM. Wednesday—Movies; 9 PM. Thursday—Dance; 8 PM. Friday—Riding party; 11 AM. Music and songs; 9 PM. Saturday—Dance; 8 PM. Sunday—Tea dance; 4 PM; lecture; 9 PM.

Salisbury

Monday—Basketball games; 7.30 PM; Millpond Club meeting; 7.30 PM. Tuesday—Movies; 7 PM; dancing class; 8.30 PM; card party; 8.30 PM. Basketball game; 9 PM. Wednesday—Dance; 7.30 PM; symphonic hour; 8 PM. Thursday—Musical tea; 3.30 PM; basketball games; 7.30 PM; dancing class; 7.30 PM. Friday—Boxing show; 7.30 PM. Saturday—Musical tea; 3.30 PM; dance; 7.30 PM. Sunday—Tour of Salisbury Cathedral; 1.30 PM; symphonic hour; 3 PM; tea dance; 4 PM; musical show; 7.30 PM.

Swindon

Monday—Table tennis; 7.30 PM. Tuesday—Dance; 8 PM. Wednesday—Movies; 6.30 and 8.30 PM. Thursday—Tour of Swindon; 2.30 PM; dance; 8 PM. Friday—Music by the "Sad Sacks"; 8 PM. Saturday—Pauline Kerby at piano; 7.30 PM. Sunday—Concert; 3.30 PM; table tennis; 4.30 PM; dance; 8 PM.

Bedford

Monday—Symphonic hour; 8 PM; lecture; 8.30 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class; 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance; 8 PM. Thursday—Gym night; 8.30 PM. Friday—Dance; 8 PM. Saturday—Movies; 7.30 PM; dance; 9.45 PM. Sunday—Symphony records; 4 PM; dance; 7.30 PM.

Newbury

Monday—Movies; 8 PM. Tuesday—Basketball; 7.30 PM; dance; 8 PM. Thursday—Dance; 8 PM. Friday—Ping pong; 8 PM. Saturday—Movies; 8 PM. Sunday—Dance; 3 PM.

Cheltenham

Monday—Camera club; 7.30 PM; math class; 7.30 PM; beginners' photography; 8 PM. Tuesday—American-British club; 7.15 PM; movies; 7 and 9 PM. Wednesday—French class; 7.30 PM. Thursday—Movies; 7 and 9 PM. Friday—Musical circle; 7.45 PM. Saturday—Snack bar entertainment; 10 PM. Sunday—Concert hour; 2.30 PM; dances; 3 and 7.30 PM.

Warminster

Monday—Card party; 7.30 PM. Tuesday—Jam session; 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Recorded concert; 7.30 PM. Thursday—Social evening; 7.30 PM. Friday—Horse back riding; 3 PM; bingo; 7.30 PM. Saturday—House party; 7.30 PM. Sunday—Bicycle tour; 11 AM; horse back riding; 3 PM; jam session; 7.30 PM.

Southport

Monday—Dancing; 8 PM. Tuesday—Movies; 2 PM. Wednesday—Dance; 8 PM. Friday—Ping pong match; 8 PM. Saturday—Dance; 8 PM. Sunday—Open House; 3 PM; dance; 5 PM.

Exeter

Monday—Classical recordings; 9 PM. Tuesday—Dancing lessons; 8 PM. Wednesday—Square dancing; 7.30 PM. Thursday—Tour of Exeter; 2.30 PM; movies; 8.30 PM. Friday—Bingo; 9 PM. Saturday—Dance; 8 PM. Sunday—Open house; 3 PM; cartoonist; 8.45 PM.

Devizes

Monday—Bingo; 7.30 PM. Tuesday—Dance; 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Dance; 8 PM. Thursday—Movies; 7.30 PM. Friday—Dance; 8 PM. Saturday—Recorded concert; 7.30 PM. Sunday—Tea dance; 3 PM.

Grimby

Monday—Basketball games; 7.30 PM. Tuesday—Trip to Lincoln; 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Basketball; 7.30 PM; musical entertainment; 8 PM. Thursday—Dance; 8 PM. Friday—Trip to Louth; 10.30 AM. Ice skating daily—2.30 and 6.30 PM.

Norwich

Monday—Gym workout; 2 PM; movies; 8 PM. Tuesday—Dance; 7 PM. Wednesday—Tour of cathedral; 2 PM; Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota state night; 7.30 PM. Thursday—All day fishing and picnicing; 10.20 AM; dancing lessons; 7.45 PM. French class; 8 PM; talk; 8 PM. Friday—Tour of castle museum; 3 PM; square dance; 8 PM. Saturday—Dinner and theater party; 5.45 PM; bingo; 8 PM. Sunday—Classical recordings; 11 AM; string music; 3 PM; cards; 8 PM.

Redmen Topple Rhode Island, 58-48, in Garden

Violets Also Triumph With 46-45 Margin Over Connecticut Five

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—New York City basketball players overcame two New England schools featuring fire engine style play in Madison Square Garden last night, NYU edging past the University of Connecticut, 46-45, and St. John's walloping Rhode Island State, 58-48. There were more than 18,000 cage fans present to see the double New York victory.

The Rhode Islanders, with an average of 92 points a game in their first eight games, were stopped cold by the mid-court defense of the Brooklynites. Hy Gotkin and Wade Dym played guard throughout for the Redmen and their defensive play highlighted the victory.

Calverly Breaks Through

Ernest Calverly, State's top scorer, was the only one consistently able to break through St. John's defense, hitting the nets for ten field goals and four fouls, making him high man for the night with 24 points. Ivor Sumner, St. John center, paced the victors with 11 goals and a foul for 23 markers.

In the opener, NYU rallied from a 44-37 deficit with five minutes remaining to eke out its triumph. Using a quick break, the Violets tied the count with Gene O'Brien scoring twice, Dick Wyman once and Frank Magiapane making good on a foul attempt.

Try to Freeze It

With less than 60 seconds left, Connecticut went ahead again when Walter Alse- vich tallied on a foul. Connecticut regained the ball and attempted to freeze it until the clock ran out, but O'Brien stole the ball and hit the hoop for the winning marker.

Howard Sarath, whose missed free throw in the final seconds cost the Violets their game with Penn State earlier in the week, redeemed himself as he led the winners with 14 points. Stuart Johnson of the losers had the same score. It was a rough contest with four men ejected on fouls.

Johnson Wins Rookie Honors

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The Chicago chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America has chosen Billy Johnson, Yankee third baseman, as the "Most Valuable Rookie of 1943," and will award him the J. Louis Comiskey Memorial Trophy at its annual dinner next Tuesday.



Billy Johnson

Johnson, currently employed in a war job in Augusta, Ga., will be unable to be present, and the award will be made in absentia.

Johnson's closest competitor for the award was Dick Wakefield, Detroit outfielder.

Indians Check Budko As Lions Lose, 51-40

HANOVER, N.H., Jan. 9 (AP)—A powerful Dartmouth team defeated a spirited Columbia five, 51-40, here last night.

Walt Budko, Columbia's league leading scorer, was held to only four points by close checking. Aud Brindley, of the Indians and Vince Lorordo bore the tallying burden for the Lions with 14 points.

Larry Baxter and Henry Leggat paced the Indians with 12 points each. Leggat opened the game with two quick shots that gave Dartmouth a lead which was never headed, although the Lions threatened during the first half.

Infantry Five Climbs Over CBS

—INFANTRY DIVISION, Jan. 9.—This division's quintet, in keeping with last season when they were runners-up for the ETO championship, have racked up six straight victories this season, topping their streak with a 63-33 win over a combined CBS squad last night.

Terry and the Pirates



Indian Ice Ace

By Pap



Phog Allen, Kansas Mentor, Blasts Eastern Cage Teams

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 9.—Dr. Forrest C. "Phog" Allen, Kansas University basketball coach, indulged in his favorite pastime of knocking Eastern basketball in general and officiating in particular in an interview with the United Press here yesterday.

"Every year some of our teams have gone out there and played those boys on their own courts with their own officials and we've beaten them repeatedly, but this half-baked lot today still don't realize it," was Allen's opening shot for 1944 at Eastern basketball.

"The officials let the game degenerate into a rough house brawl. Anything goes. Here they keep the game clean and won't put up with all that body contact business."

Dr. Allen also deplored the narrow out-of-bounds space surrounding the Eastern courts. "But even at that, with their courts and their officials, we beat 'em."

Allen said he would be willing to pay Eastern teams the same money as Madison Square Garden to come West and play for charity. "What's more, I will



Phog Allen

let them bring one of their own officials along. That's more than we ever got out of the East."

Kentucky Stops Ramblers, 55-54

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 9 (AP)—Kentucky's cagers lost the game and then won in the last five minutes, defeating Notre Dame, 55-54, with three and a-half minutes to go.

Notre Dame pulled ahead, 50-48, but Kentucky's Bob Brannan matched the Irish's two goals to keep Kentucky's deficit at two points, 54-52. He was fouled by Irish center Todorovich when he made the game-tying point and dipped in the free throw for the game-winning point.

Temple Downs Penn State As Drive Fails, 45-38

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9 (AP)—Temple took a one-game lead in its 17-year basketball series with Penn State here yesterday, winning, 45-38.

The Owls sprang into a 12-0 lead at the offset and held the visitors scoreless until four minutes passed. Temple never was headed, although the Lions cut the lead to 38-34 shortly after the second half began.

Keybirds Nip Escorts, 34-31

—FIGHTER STATION, Jan. 9.—Overcoming a three-point deficit, the Keybirds nipped the Escorts, 34-31, while the Spirits edged the Red Devils, 32-29, in a basketball doubleheader at an ARC club near here yesterday.

Dodgers Defeat Flier Five, 29-10

BELFAST, Jan. 10.—The Dodgers breezed to an easy, one-sided, 29-10, victory over the Eighth Air Force, HQ Special Service quintet here yesterday to win the American Red Cross basketball tournament.

Stepping out to a quick lead, the Dodgers completely outplayed the flier five from start to finish. They piled up a 7-2 lead at the end of the first quarter and held a 13-2 advantage at half time. The score stood 17-6 at the third quarter.

Cpl. Graydon Hanchey from Lafayette, La., scored 4 points to lead the losers. S/Sgt. Hugh C. Smith, of Shaw, Miss., was top scorer for the winners with eight points.

The fliers now have won four and lost three here. They play the Amertex tonight.

Connor Leads Crusaders To Victory Over Cantabs

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 9 (AP)—Forward George Connor, All-Eastern football tackle, tallied 15 points to pace Holy Cross to a 39-23 victory over Harvard's five here last night.

Holy Cross took an early lead and completely outplayed the Crimson in handing them their fifth straight defeat of the season.

Purdue Romps to 70-28 Decision Over Chicago

Loss Is 41st in a Row In Big Ten for Maroons

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Chicago University's hopes of breaking its Big Ten losing streak were rudely smashed by Purdue's quiet Friday night as the Boilermakers romped to an easy 70-28 triumph as they opened their Big Ten season.

The setback stretched Chicago's losing streak to 41 straight Big Ten losses. The Maroons haven't won a conference game since they defeated Illinois on Dec. 6, 1941, and they have won only one game in their last 47.

Chuck Haag of Purdue racked up five goals in the first half and added five more in the second to lead the individual scorers with 21 points. The score at the intermission was 38-17.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 9 (AP)—The fast-breaking Boilermakers annexed their second Big Ten triumph in two days as they shelled Indiana, 62-43, here last night.

It was 38-18 for Purdue at the intermission. Sharp-shooting Bill Lodge, sophomore forward, paced the winner's attack with 22 points on eight field goals and six free throws.

Badgers Claw Illinois, 43-38

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Jan. 9.—Wisconsin defeated Illinois, 43-38, Friday night to avenge their Big Ten defeat earlier in the week. The Illini had a 23-21 margin at the half.

The Badgers rallied to tie the score with 12 minutes left to play, then gained a 37-32 advantage on baskets by Russ Wendlund, Glen Selbo and Des Smith. The Illini forged into the lead again on two goals by Stan Patric and one by Howie Johnson.

However, Smith and Wendlund clicked again with goals for Wisconsin's victory.

Hawkeyes Subdue Gophers, 37-34; 37-29

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 9.—Iowa's basketballers throttled a last minute rally to defeat Minnesota, 37-34, as the Hawkeyes opened their Big Ten conference campaign Friday night. Iowa had a 20-15 margin at the half.

Iowa went on to sweep its two-game series last night, defeating the Gophers, 37-29, on great display of basket shooting. Minnesota seemed on the way to reverse Friday night's defeat in the first half as it held a 19-4 lead at intermission.

The Hawkeyes got hot when they came back and indulged in a scoring spurge that boosted the count to 26. The best Minnesota could do during the spurge was a single free throw.

Huskies Lump Oregon, 67-25

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 9.—The Washington University Huskies lumped the Oregon Webfoots, 67-25, for their second straight Northern Division, Pacific Coast Conference victory.

Washington held Oregon to four field goals in the first half and five in the second.

Bill Taylor scored 22 points for Washington in 32 and one-half minutes, taking the night's honors, while Bob Hanlin was high for Oregon with eight points. Coach Hec Admundson sent Taylor to the showers with 12 minutes remaining. Washington led 9-1 after two minutes and Oregon never threatened.

Wildcats Clip Michigan, 57-47

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 9.—Although brilliant Otto Graham was held in check throughout, Northwestern's cagemen finished strong Friday night and defeated Michigan, 57-47, in their Big Ten conference opener.

Michigan's Tommy King was the scoring star of the game with 24 points. The Wildcats earned a 31-22 edge at the half with a scoring spree in the last few minutes.

The Cats kept up their winning ways last night as they overwhelmed Wisconsin, 60-30, sparked by Sophomores Ben Schadler, who made 12 points, and Johnny Ward, who hooped ten.

Graham, who racked up nine, welded Northwestern's team into a smooth-functioning whole. Wisconsin was never

in the game after the first five minutes, when the Wildcats rolled up a 10-0 lead. Illinois suffered its second successive defeat when Michigan pulled away late in game for 52-45 decision here yesterday. The lead changed hands ten times before the Wolverines seized the upset triumph.

Missouri Stops Kansas, 35-28

COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 9.—The Missouri University basketball team whipped the defending Big Six champs, whipped the defending Big Six champs, 35-28, in Phog Allen's Kansas team, 35-28, in the first conference game for both teams, Missouri, without a single serviceman, scored a decisive upset by bottling up Kansas' scorers and allowing only Charlie Moffet to score consistently, making 15 points. Captain Paul Collins led the winners with ten.

Ohio State Beats Panthers, 59-38

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 9 (AP)—Ohio State, paced by Arnold Risen with 17 points, defeated Pittsburgh, 59-38, here last night.

Two Panthers and one Buckeye went out on fouls as a total of 33 infractions marred the play.

Pittsburgh, outmanned in every way except speed, made a game of it for a while in the second half and came within eight points of Ohio, but from there on tired.

Cage Results

- Friday's Games
- Arkansas 71, Texas Christian 50
 - Campus 33, Wooster 25
 - Denver University 43, Colorado Mines 42
 - DePauw 61, Central Normal 33
 - Dubuque 49, St. Ambrose 33
 - Eastern Washington 57, Washington State 38
 - Georgia 44, Lawson General Hospital 43
 - Gonzaga 49, Whitman 34
 - Iowa 37, Minnesota 34
 - LIU 84, Ft. Totten 37
 - Miami 46, Ohio University 30
 - Norfolk Naval Air 50, Bainbridge Naval 48
 - Northwestern 57, Michigan 47
 - Oregon State 39, Idaho 37
 - Purdue 70, Chicago 28
 - RPI 56, MIT 23
 - Sampson Naval 59, Union 43
 - Southern Methodist 65, Texas A&M 35
 - Utah Hill Field 37, Bushnell 26
 - Washington 40, Oregon 38
 - Wisconsin 43, Illinois 38

- Saturday's Games
- East
- Albright 45, Lebanon Valley 27
 - Brooklyn College 43, Floyd Bennett Field 32
 - Carnegie Tech ASTP 51, Camp Reynolds 44
 - CCNY 62, Brown 51
 - Colgate 40, Sampson Naval 35
 - Dartmouth 51, Columbia 40
 - Franklin and Marshall 36, Ursinus 34
 - Hobart 53, Union 43
 - Holy Cross 39, Harvard 23
 - Muhlenberg 53, Villanova 36
 - Navy 59, Catholic University 41
 - NYU 46, Connecticut 45
 - Oberlin 60, Baldwin Wallace 58
 - Pennsylvania 51, Cornell 50
 - Pratt 52, Cathedral 41
 - RPI 52, Worcester Tech 45
 - Rochester 59, Wooster 32
 - St. John's 58, Rhode Island State 48
 - St. Josephs 60, Swarthmore 52
 - Temple 45, Penn State 38
 - Yale 55, Princeton 51

- Midwest
- Concordia (Milwaukee) 67, Wisconsin Extension 20
 - DePauw 78, Chicago University 26
 - Drake 34, Central Navy 32
 - Great Lakes 71, Western Michigan 40
 - Iowa 37, Minnesota 29
 - Iowa Navy 51, Loras 40
 - Iowa State 56, Nebraska 24
 - Marquette 44, St. Thomas 30
 - Michigan 52, Illinois 45
 - Missouri 55, Kansas 28
 - Northwestern 60, Wisconsin 30
 - Ohio State 59, Pittsburgh 38
 - Ohio Wesleyan 51, Case 38
 - Purdue 62, Indiana 43

- South
- Alexandria AAF 28, LSU 24
 - Georgia Tech 48, Mercer 31
 - Junia 47, West Virginia 45
 - Norfolk Naval 57, Bainbridge Naval 53
 - North Carolina 43, Davidson 37
 - Robbins Field 38, Georgia Pre-Flight 31
 - Tufts 73, Charleston Marines 59

- Southwest
- Arkansas 60, Texas Christian 29
 - North Texas A&M 30, Corsicans Field 34
 - Oklahoma 61, Kansas State 28
 - Rice 54, Southern Methodist 34
 - Texas 55, Baylor 37

- Far West
- Colorado 46, New Mexico 45
 - Colorado Mines 46, Denver University 39
 - Ft. Warren 61, Greeley State 26
 - Oregon State 38, Idaho 34
 - UCLA 33, Southern California 19
 - Washington 67, Oregon 25

Joe Dugan, Ex-Yankee, Recovering After Accident

BOSTON, Jan. 9.—Joe Dugan, third baseman for the Yankees in the days of Miller Huggins and the famed Murderer's Row, is resting comfortably in a hospital here after suffering skull injuries and brain concussion when struck by an automobile.

Dugan, aged 50 and a native of Winsted, Conn., began his diamond career at Holy Cross and entered the big leagues with the Red Sox, later going to the Yankees.

Umpire Boggess Moves Up To National League Post

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 9.—Lynton Boggess, former Texas and International League umpire, calls them next season in the National League.

Boggess worked in the Texas League in 1942 and when the loop folded for '43 he went to the International but was forced to drop out in midseason due to sinus trouble and high blood pressure. He returned to Dallas and went on a strict diet, losing weight and gaining health. Now ready, Boggess denies he ever had eye trouble.



By Milton Caniff



NEW YORK, Jan. 9—Don't figure Del Monte Pre-Flight into any of your sports future books. The high-powered school will be decommissioned after this month.

Sgt. Al Threadgill, who was a whiz intercollegiate high jumper at Temple, recently showed the boys at Camp Ellis, Ill., how to do it when he cleared six feet one-and-a-half inches with his fatigues and GI shoes on.

Farmerette, one of the best fillies on the American turf, was sold recently to the Coldstream Stud by Mrs. W. Plunket Stewart. . . . Rex Mays, for years the top driver on American speedways and twice winner of the Indianapolis Labor Day classic, has taken to the air.

Commander Clair Bee, former Long Island U. cage mentor, who now is athletic and recreation director at Sheepshead Bay Naval Station, has been working 12 to 14 hours every day during his three months at the station and has only been off the reservation grounds three times.

Kilrea, Hershey Center, Inducted Into U.S. Army

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 9 — Wally Kilrea, center for the Hershey Bears, of the American Hockey League, since 1938 and currently the League's high scorer, has been inducted into the Army.

Kilrea, 34, a native of Ottawa, Ont., and father of a ten-year-old son, set an all-time professional hockey scoring record last year with 31 goals and 68 assists.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, EC4. Unless otherwise stated in the ad, direct all correspondence c/o Help Wanted.

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Sigma Chi Dinner: SIGMA CHI dinner will be held at 7 PM Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 3, Grosvenor Square, London. All Sigma Chis are invited.

College Registration: SEND your name, rank, year, fraternity, unit and APO to The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, Printing House Square, London, EC4. From time to time, as new names are added to the lists, you will be sent the names and addresses of fellow alumni in this theater who have registered.

College Reunion: A REUNION dinner for men from the Universities of Notre Dame and Minnesota will be held at the London, No. 3 Grosvenor Square Club, Jan. 15 at 6.30 PM. Reservations should be sent to The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, Printing House Square, London, EC4.

Flash Hollett Reneges; He'll Play for Wings

DETROIT, Jan. 9—Defenseman Bill "Flash" Hollett, who threatened to quit hockey after the Boston Bruins traded him to Detroit, has agreed to join the Red Wings, according to Manager Jack Adams.

Toronto Routs Boston Six, 12-3

Leafs Gain Undisputed Hold on Second Place With Victory

TORONTO, Jan. 9—The Toronto Maple Leafs gained undisputed possession of second place in the National Hockey League last night when they submerged the Boston Bruins, 12-3, to break the deadlock which had existed between the teams.

Led by George Boothman, who scored three times, the Leafs sewed up the game with three goals in the first period before 11,000 fans.

Gus Bodnar, Reg Hamilton and Jack Ingoldby tallied twice each for the winners with Lorne Carr, Ted Kennedy and Chet Morris adding one apiece. The Leafs added five goals in the second frame and four in the last to complete the rout.

The Bruins had four new players in their lineup, but were unable to get either their attack or defense functioning properly. They scored once in each stanza on goals by Harvey Jackson, Art Jackson and Norm Calladine.

Canucks Clout Rangers, 8-2

MONTREAL, Jan. 9—The Montreal Canadiens scored their 14th consecutive home victory last night by shellacking the New York Rangers, 8-2.

The Canadiens got off in front in the first period when Phil Watson—on lend-lease from the Rangers—went in on assists by Ray Gettiffe and Murph Chamberlin.

In the second stanza, Mike McMahon sent the red light flashing twice, with Gettiffe and Chamberlin also assisting on each.

The final period saw Toe Blake tally twice, while Maurice Richard, Gerry Herrenan and Gettiffe accounted for other markers. Ab DeMarco and Jack McDonald counted for the Rangers.

Bill Steiner Annexes New Orleans Marathon

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 9—Bill Steiner, veteran amateur runner, won the annual Jackson Day race here, covering the six miles in 34 minutes 59 seconds. The remainder of the field, mostly Tulane students and local high schoolers, were far behind the winner.

Old Bill Kennedy ran 15th race. Kennedy, 60-year-old bricklayer who won the Boston marathon in 1917, admitted that he has slowed up plenty in the past 25 years and thinks he's getting a little too old for this sort of business.

Teddy Atkinson Rides 4 Winners at Hialeah

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 9—Hialeah opened its winter racing season Friday with 12,726 fans breaking the opening day mutual handle. They wagered \$635,758, far beyond the hopes of the Hialeah operators. Last year 16,531 wagered only \$454,740.

The feature of the afternoon was the brilliant riding of Teddy Atkinson, who brought in four winners. Among the horses he piloted home in front was Adulator in the Inaugural Handicap.

Hockey League Standings

Table with columns W, L, T, P for Montreal, Toronto, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, New York.

Hockey Results

Buffalo 6, Cleveland 2; Hershey 2, Providence 1; Indianapolis 3, Pittsburgh 1.

Li'l Abner



Ex-Pro Mobley Has Own ETO 'Stable'

Negro Top Kick Worked With Joe Louis

By Ray Lee
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
ENGINEER HQ, Jan. 9—It's a long jump from Madison Square Garden to the Rainbow Corner, but Lamar J. Mobley is at home in both.

The 28-year-old, 250-pound Negro top kick from Chicago, who has a record of eight amateur and 26 pro fights (with only three losses) behind him in the States is now training five up-and-coming ETO scrappers.

It was in 1936 that Mobley, after a session of street fights, decided he might as well transfer his activities into the ring. He got off to a good start in Chicago with six kayo victories as a light heavy in the amateur status.

"It came to be hard to get fights as an amateur then and, as I could use the dough, I figured I might as well turn pro," said Mobley.

He was given a contract by Jack Roxboro, entered Joe Louis's stable and started his training under the capable eyes of Larry Amdee and Jack Blackburn, Louis' trainers. Mobley went into the heavyweight bracket and, after several build-up preliminaries, took a step up by meeting Charlie Eagle in a ten-round semi-final bout at the Garden Nov. 3, 1937, going the limit but dropping a close decision.

He stayed on with the Louis gym and



Stars and Stripes Photo

Lamar Mobley

fought several prelims and finals, including a decision over Jack Tucker in the Garden. Then a return match was obtained with Eagle in a ten-round final which went to Mobley.

It was about this time that he decided he had enough of fighting on his own and settled down as an assistant trainer and sparring partner with Louis. A short while before the Louis-Farr fight, he went to Farr's gym and went several rounds with the Welshman. "He was good—

Jack Earns Split Decision Over Costantino at Garden

NEW YORK, Jan. 9—Beau Jack, recognized by the New York State Athletic Commission as lightweight champion, won a ten-round decision from Lulu Costantino in what resembled a pursuit race before 13,000 in Madison Square Garden Friday night.

Jack's title was not at stake in the poorly-fought match, and Costantino was content to make Jack miss repeatedly. The fans roared their disapproval of the split decision with the referee favoring Costantino and the judges voting for Jack.

Costantino has lost only eight fights in 96—all by split verdicts. Beau tried frantically for a knockout after being held on even terms for five rounds, but could not connect with his elusive opponent. In the seventh round, however, Jack succeeded in opening a gash on Costantino's right eyebrow with a hard left jab. This angered Lulu and he fought back furiously. Jack swarmed over him with a two-fisted barrage, but Costantino stood him off and then rallied in the tenth round.

Costantino weighed 136 and the Georgia Negro 139. Montgomery Outpoints Peralta
DETROIT, Jan. 9—Bob Montgomery, former lightweight champion in New York and Pennsylvania, won a decision over Mexican Joe Peralta, of Douglas, Ariz., in a ten-rounder here Friday night. It was Montgomery's second triumph over the Mexican.

St. Louis Private Cops Singles Title In Table Tennis

Pvt. Garrett Nash, of St. Louis, Mo., 25-year-old finalist in the 1939 U.S. national table tennis championships, walked off with the South of England singles title at the Polytechnic Institute, London, Saturday night. The first American ever to compete in the championships—regarded during war-time as Britain's toughest—he defeated L. Cpl. E. Berger, a Czech, 21-10, 21-11, 27-25.

Nash, who works in an Eighth Air Force Service Command PRO office, played during a leave. He also won the men's doubles with Geoffrey Harrower, a Scottish champion. He went to the quarter-finals of the mixed doubles with Miss Mid Eberle, of Providence, R.I., ARC.

He won the Western U.S. and Canadian national championships in 1939, and was a member of the U.S. Swathling Cup team which played in England the same year.

Pvts. Bob Stein, of Chicago, and Johnny Kaufman, of Atchison, Kan., reached the quarter-finals of the men's doubles. Other American competitors were Cpl. Dick Austin, of Lynn, Mass., and Tanya Pitt, of New York, ARC.

Double X to Take Exam

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9 — Jimmy Foxx, former home run king of the American League with the Philadelphia Athletics and Boston Red Sox, takes his draft physical Jan. 17. Thirty-six years old and currently working as a salesman, Foxx ended his major league career with the Chicago Cubs.

Elis Smack Tigers, 55-51

PRINCETON, N.J., Jan. 9—Yale University, which abandoned basketball for the duration, gained an upset victory by downing Princeton in an informal game, 55-51.

Engineers Favored in SBS

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, Jan. 9—Having breezed through six games without a loss or a sweat, the classy Engineer Beavers are odds-on favorites to cop the first round in SBS basketball play.

Proteges Are Among Corner's Top Performers

plenty good—and could take a lot, but just wasn't quite good enough at dishing it out," is Mobley's opinion.

It was while managing a parking lot for Amdee and working in the Louis stable that Mobley "got caught" on Feb. 12, 1942 and was assigned to a construction engineer outfit at Camp Claiborn, La. He continued training fighters in the Army and had some promising boys under him when his outfit was sent to the ETO in September of '42.

Five of the Corner's best-known scrappers have come to the front under his training: Pvt. Arthur Persley, a 136-pound New Yorker who has a record of four wins against two losses; Pvt. Sammy Johnson, from Jacksonville, Fla., 144, has the same record; 157-pound Pvt. Lawrence Dobbins, of Cleveland, Ohio, has three wins and two losses; Cpl. Lafayette Drummond, 154-pounder from St. Louis, has notched five victories and two setbacks, and Cpl. Tommy Thomas, Gary, Ind., heavyweight, has two kayo triumphs.

Mobley has rigged up one of the best gyms in the ETO under the supervision of Lt. Allen Cummings, of Ft. Collins, Colo. He is assisted by Sgt. Clarence Dawson, of Atlantic City, N.J., and Pfc. Norther Edmond, of Chicago, both of whom are former trainers. They have their fighters undergoing a strict training schedule every day.

Byrd Pacing Golf Tourney

Former Yankee Outfielder Has Two-Stroke Advantage

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9—Sammy Byrd, former major league outfielder, maintained a two-stroke lead in the Los Angeles Open Golf Tournament at the Wilshire Country Club with a 71 for a halfway mark of 137 in the 72-hole competition.

Olin Dutra, home club pro, took over second place with a 70 and total of 139. Byron Nelson shot a 72 to tie for third place at 140 with Johnny Bulla, of Chicago, and George Fazio, of Pine Valley, N.Y.

Jug McSpadden carded a 72 and ran his total to 141. Willie Hunter, Lloyd Mangrum and Lefty Stackhouse all tied with 142. Jimmy Hines, of Great Neck, N.Y., and Ellsworth Vines, ex-tennis king of Los Angeles, had 143 and the National Open champ, Craig Wood, had 144.

Middies Sink Catholic U.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 9 (AP)—Using three full teams, Navy opened its 1944 court campaign by sweeping to an easy 59-41 victory over Catholic University.

Yankees Receive Another Jolt; Russo Is Quitting Baseball

NEW YORK, Jan. 9—Added to the definite loss of slugger Charlie Keller and the probable loss of Second Baseman Joe Gordon, the world champion Yankees have suffered the loss of Pitcher Marius Russo, who yesterday announced that he is finished with baseball for the duration, whether he is called to the services or not.

"I can't reveal my plans definitely at this time," the Ozone Park, N.Y., south-paw said, "but it's a cinch I won't play any more baseball for the duration. It's tough, because I was counting on winning 20 games this year."

Russo suddenly came to life late last season after suffering a sore flipper for a year and a half. He entered the World Series in fine shape and beat the Cardinals in the third Series game.

Russo's departure leaves the Yankees without a left-hander since Tommy Byrne has entered the Navy. Russo's departure also casts a dark cloud on the Yankees' pitching staff with ace Spud Chandler currently classified 1-A by his Georgia draft board.



Marius Russo

By Al Capp



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Hash Marks

We understand that, in the future, to avoid misunderstanding and embarrassment, pupils in Nazi classrooms will put their hands down when they wish to leave the room.

Today's Daffynition. Woman: Generally speaking, is generally speaking.

WACs may be taking men's places and assuming their ways in many respects, but they still retain one womanly aver-



A Tribute Earned

"You are the best soldiers in the world," Gen. Mark Clark told the British and American troops of the Fifth Army. "No enemy can stand in your way. The Fifth can carry out any mission it is given."

Gen. Clark, as commander, was speaking to his troops on the anniversary of the formation of the Fifth Army which was trained in North Africa and carried out the Salerno landings.

He added: "To every officer and man in the Fifth Army I send my personal greetings and my thanks for work well done."

Surely no one will challenge this tribute which has been so deservedly earned.

History Repeats

The whole 300-mile German front, from the Upper Bug to the eastern end of the Dnieper Bend, is collapsing like a house of cards. Millions of German troops face catastrophe on an unparalleled scale.

The Russian General Koniev's new offensive has decisively broken the backbone of the Dnieper line at Kirovograd, while less than 80 miles to the west General Vatutin's armies have ripped up the German retreat line and severed the Dnieper defenses on a 300-mile front.

But it is at Kirovograd that the sluice gates have been thrown wide open and the Red Army is pouring through, making for the key railway center of Novo Ukraina and for the River Bug beyond.

German forces within the bend can still escape, but the door out is narrowing every day, and just as the small trap closed round Kirovograd so now the big trap round the whole remaining Dnieper Bend region may soon close, securing all that remains within that vast rich region.

And as the Red Armies crash forward they are re-enacting battles fought in the same area nearly 24 years ago when their fathers defeated White Russian armies that at one time had driven dangerously close to Warsaw. But then, as now, collapse came, and defeat followed defeat until all was lost in final collapse near Odessa.

May the Nazis experience a similar fate.

Aviation Scores

The dramatic announcement of a jet-propelled airplane, heralded as "one of the greatest steps forward in aviation," recalls Winston Churchill's remarks made some time ago in a broadcast to Canada, when he said, "This war will not be won by valor in action alone. . . it will not be won without a multitude of minor, prosaic, unnoticed sacrifices."

By "unnoticed sacrifices" made through tireless work in an old unused foundry, Group Captain Frank Whittle made practical a sensational invention which may have a direct influence on the war's end.

Admittedly there is much to be done to develop further the Jet Unit Plane; but this new form of power brings with it the prospect of removing some of the obstacles to a higher degree of operating efficiency and makes speculation as to its future all the more interesting.

One such speculation concerns the possibility of applying the new type of power to another recent and unusual invention, the "Flying Wing." This freak plane, having neither tail nor fuselage, with two engines built into the wings and with a cockpit in the nose, is able to attain a greater speed and increased altitude with greater manoeuvrability on less fuel. It might well fulfil the requirements needed to best use the enormous amount of energy derived from jet-propulsion. The simplicity of the "Wing" and its lack of "drag" would make it readily adaptable to the terrific speeds "upwards of 500 miles per hour" predicted for the new jet-unit. By giving a smoother airflow over the lifting surfaces a potential gain in speed would be achieved for the expenditure of power.

Inventors, viewing the beginning of this promising development in aviation, are making many promises that are theoretically possible. But practical results will be realized chiefly through the arduous "trial and error" method that brought the initial success.

Let us hope that the results will come in time to influence an early victory over the enemy.

Soviet Drive Electrifies the World

Berlin Admits War Hinges on Result of Present Battles

"The whole German front is collapsing like a house of cards."

"Von Manstein is facing his greatest disaster."

"Hundreds of thousands of German troops face catastrophe on an unparalleled scale."

In flat, unqualified terms like these, language rarely before used in this war to describe the plight of the enemy, trained, careful newsmen over the weekend pictured the rout of German divisions in the Dnieper Bend.

Marshal Von Manstein's defenses were cracking and breaking along the whole length of a 400-mile front, from the Polish border to Krivoi Rog, deep in the Bend. Military men began talking of a defeat like Stalingrad—and the "man in the street" began talking of an earlier end to the war.

The prime question in every Allied and neutral capital was: What did it mean? Did the Russians' penetration into Poland and their growing threat to the Balkans spell early defeat for Hitler? If the Reds should succeed in overrunning Rumania, what then?

Newspaper correspondents in touch with the diplomats of Whitehall—London's Capitol Hill—gave part of the answer over the weekend. "If all continues to go as it is going at present, it is almost impossible to overestimate or exaggerate the possibilities opened up by the drive toward the Balkans," said the London Daily Express correspondent.

"The most startling developments may result," he said.

But German radio went even further. It said nothing less than that the war would be won or lost by the battles now raging on the Eastern Front.

"In Berlin," said the Nazi overseas radio, "there is no doubt that the present battles are the decisive round; and that the European war will unquestionably be decided on the Eastern Front—not by the bombing offensive, nor in Italy, nor by an invasion in the west."

Three Nazi Aims Suggested

Whitehall observers suggested that Hitler may have given orders to prevent a breakthrough in the Balkans "at any price," even if this should mean further losses of territory in Poland. Three main points in the Nazi strategy here were suggested:

1—Preventing the Allies from getting airfields in the Balkans, from which day and night raids could be made on eastern Germany.

2—Preventing the Russians from capturing Rumania's oil fields, on which the Wehrmacht depends for vital fuel.

3—The hope that penetration of Poland would cause dissension among the United Nations because of the Russian-Polish dispute over boundaries.

From the Allied point of view, pursuing the drive into Rumania not only would give the Russians vital airfields from which to strike at the Reich's refugee industries driven from the bombed areas of western Germany, but almost certainly could lead to surrender of Rumania and possibly other Balkan states.

London has heard strong rumors that King Michael of Rumania and his advisers want peace almost at any price.



Moreover, with their homelands invaded, Balkan soldiers would be unwilling to fight for the Germans in Poland and elsewhere, it was said.

Thus, it was pointed out, collapse of the Balkans would mean loss of Nazi army manpower—men like the Rumanians and Hungarians who have fought costly delaying actions in Russia.

If Hitler, through his need for oil and the necessity of keeping airfields, should decide to fight for Rumania, he must, in the Allied view, withdraw forces from Russia or the West Wall—and with the Red Army charging forward on all fronts and an Anglo-American invasion of

Europe imminent, he cannot afford to do either.

For these reasons, the Daily Express said, "strong optimism is felt in high quarters."

With the Russians more than half way from Stalingrad to Berlin—it is about 700 miles to Berlin from the present front west of Kiev, and about 830 miles back to Stalingrad—the Ukraine offensive has so encouraged military observers in Allied capitals that only by keeping their eyes on the grim and costly fighting still to come before Germany collapses have they been able to avoid wishful thinking about the end of the war.

Predicts Weak Nazi Foundation May Collapse on Day of Invasion

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 9 (AP)—Germany is being shaken to her "very foundations" by the Allied bombing and the invasion of the Continent might cause the home front to collapse, a correspondent of a Stockholm newspaper predicted as Berlin took on the devastated appearance of a front-line city.

He expressed doubt as to whether bombing by itself would win the war, and it could only "wound, and not kill, the Reich's decentralized industry."

"There is no question but that bomb war is very effective," he said, "because it is a fact that Germany is shaken to her very foundations by bomb attacks. How much more can the home front stand? That is a very complicated question."

"But what happened to Italy could happen to Germany," he said. "At the moment of invasion Germany may be so weakened materially and her morale sapped to such an extent that only the mere fact of invasion might cause her collapse."

The Stockholm correspondent, who has the advantage of neutral connections in Germany, viewed "bomb attacks which force residents out of their homes as 'fundamental to the entire development of the war.'"

His opinion about the possible collapse of Germany is not, however, shared by some Swedish correspondents stationed in Berlin. While in Sweden for the holiday season they reported that the bombings in many cases brought the people closer

together and hardened many of them to the effects of total war.

These conflicting views only serve to emphasize the difficulties in appraising the effects of bombing on morale, especially in such a regimented country as Germany.

German coming out of Germany are not permitted to talk about home front conditions. Neutrals and other travellers are generally unable to get while in the country an opportunity to study closely the reaction of the average man and woman.

The renewed evacuation of Berlin is, however, bound to have a telling effect throughout the Reich as bomb-weary Berliners spread their own personal stories of living in cold bomb-splintered buildings, spending much of each day in air raid shelters and seeking large fires which destroy large sections of the city.

On the other hand there is as much if not more anxiety on the home front about the tremendous Russian offensive as about the bomb war.

With advance units of the Russian Army already in Poland the average German realizes that the war on the Eastern front has been brought right to his doorstep and this is as much a demoralizing factor as are bombs.

Gogbel's propaganda machine now is waging an all-out drive to convince the Germans that there is no longer a distinction between the "home front" and the "battle front." They are both the same, and civilians must fight with the courage of soldiers to increase production and to oppose defeatism and flagging morale.

It happened in a French class. There's one clerk in the ETO who takes his French literally. When told to type out Pas de Calais, he put down "Particelle A."

A firm believer in basic English, no doubt.

Conditions must be getting better. Lt. Tom Powers spotted this sign in an English store window: "SMART Salesman Wanted." They must have solved the manpower shortage to be able to qualify a request like that these days.

GI Philosophy. A man who boasts that he is the master in his home probably means that he is the paymaster.

Two Army officers walked into a mess hall and found themselves at a table with two officers of the Navy. Spotting the crossed sabers on one of the officer's blouse, one of the Navy men started a discussion on riding. The other Navy officer, who hadn't been paying much attention to the conversation, turned to the cavalry officer and asked, "Are you in the Military Police?" "Listen," replied his Navy pal, "don't you know crossed sabers stand for the cavalry?" "Oh," replied the slightly chagrined man in blue, "but he could be in the Mounted Police—couldn't he?"

Our "Oh, Yeah!" Department. Three nurses had finished their shopping at the PX and were headed toward the cash



desk to pay up. As they worked their way up the queue and passed the counter where they keep the "for women only" goods, they noticed a rather shy shavetail eyeing them nervously. Finally the guy got up enough courage to speak. "Will you buy me a bottle of nail polish?" he stammered. And then, as an afterthought, he mumbled in confusion, "I need the stuff to put on my blouse buttons."

J. C. W.

PRIVATE BREGER



"He won't stick his tongue out at me, because I'm an officer!"



Lines to an Absent Husband

My dear, the house is spick and span Since you are gone, untidy man. No necktie dangling from a chair, No muddy footprints on the stair; My ash trays, I am proud to state, Are every one immaculate; And when I dash upstairs to scrub, There is no ring around the tub, No socks left lying on the floor, No shorts hung on the bathroom door. This is the way a house should be, I've always said—but, well you see, The clock has stopped; I can't persuade it To run the way you always made it. The door to the garage will not work, The percolator will not percolate. My kitchen knives are dull as care Without your expert touch, and there Is no one to praise my lemon pies Or comfort me with soothing lies. Such as "Of course you're not too fat! Sweetheart I like you just like that." A house, I find though spick and span Is not much fun without a Man. S. L. Foster.

Consider the Mud!

In England the weather is either lovely, Or else it's raining like hell; Is it always a pleasure to roam the country, Examine each nook and knell? To slish through the slushes? To rush through the rushes? To ramble through roses? To poke through the posies? To be near the brooklets? To neck in the nooklets? I may be a dud, But consider the mud!

Consider the mud, and you have the answer.

It ain't such a glory to tell; If the day is lovely, then you can bet It's certain to rain like hell! So slush through the slushes, But wear your galoshes— And don't make a date, If you can't get there late 'Cause you might have a wreck, And break your damned neck— Or else drown when you fall, And not get there at all; Yes—more than one duck Has been lost in the muck.

S/Sgt. Gene Blumm.



NEWS FROM HOME Truman Group Assails Alaskan Oil Deal by U.S. Senators Condemn Army For Demanding that Big Project Be Completed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—A report by Sen. Harry S. Truman's investigating committee yesterday condemned the \$134,000,000 Alaskan oil project and called "inexcusable" the Army's disregard of expert opinion in demanding its completion.

The pipeline from Fort Norman, in Canada's Northwest Territories just below the Arctic Circle to a refinery at White Horse on the Yukon River, is expected to be finished this month.

The Truman committee maintained that had the energies and facilities devoted to the project been expended on other means of transporting and storing oil, large supplies would have been obtained many months ago.

The committee disagreed with Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson, who recently defended the project by saying that it was a defense measure undertaken when the Japanese were threatening Alaska.

Escaped Convicts Caught

DAVENPORT, Ia., Jan. 9.—Four long-term convicts who escaped from Iowa State reformatory at Anamosa were recaptured here within 31 hours. Two were caught in a barn when barking dogs attracted the owner's attention, a third was recognized from a newspaper picture and the fourth was taken when aboard a bus, the driver becoming suspicious because the man kept his face hid in his hands.

The Real Best Man Is Gone

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 9.—Service-men who get married at the Dauphin County courthouse will have to pay the usual fee for such occasions from now on because the man who let them get married on the cuff has resigned. Walter M. Mumma, who was the register of wills here for the last four years, shelled out \$3,711 for marriage licenses for soldiers, sailors and marines.

Jewel Robber Slain

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—One of the men who stole the jewelry of Miss Sunny Ainsworth, number seven on the list of Tommy Manville's divorced wives, is dead of bullet wounds he received when captured by police. He was William A. Thompson, 26, of Salem, Ore. Police said Thompson was one of the three men who robbed Miss Ainsworth of \$1,150 worth of jewelry in the lobby of her North Side hotel.

Murderess Asks New Trial

WAYNESBURG, Pa., Jan. 9.—Nancy Jeannette Holt, 29, first woman ever convicted of first-degree murder in Greene County, has applied for a new trial. She was convicted last October of poisoning her husband Jesse, a tractor operator. The jury recommended a life sentence.

What's the Use?

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 9.—James Kilmer, the marriage-license clerk here, resigned because he said a new law requiring applicants to take blood tests would drive most couples getting married to Kansas City, Kan., which is just across the street.

Fire Takes Lives of Three

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Jan. 9.—A woman and two children were killed and five other persons were burned severely in a fire caused by an overheated stove. The dead were Mrs. Elizabeth Emery, 69, Charles B. Myers, 10, and Connie Lee Myers, 3.

Crash Fatal to Soldier

LEWES, Del., Jan. 9.—One soldier was killed and two others injured seriously when an automobile in which they were riding crashed into a tree. The dead soldier is Pvt. Doyle Suttle, of Jonesville, Va., who was stationed at Fort Miles.

Urges Anglo-U.S. Alliance

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—James P. Baxter, president of Williams College and a director of the Foreign Policy Association, writing in "Foreign Policy Reports," urged an Anglo-American alliance as the nucleus of a new system of world order.

Thieves Quick to Unload Some Hot Loot—Radium

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 9 (UP)—Thieves who stole 13 phials of radium from an Army base here returned them by mail after local newspapers had warned them of the dangers of radium poisoning.

So carelessly wrapped were the deadly phials that the lives of everyone handling the parcel were endangered. Post office workers took special precautions.

The newspapers explained just what the symptoms of radium poisoning were: "First fatigue, then burns, and then rapid disintegration of the bones."

Seeks Divorce



Joan Blondell

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Joan Blondell, blonde and voluptuous film and stage actress, announced yesterday that she would sue her husband, crooner Dick Powell, for a divorce.

Twice married at 35, she refused to state the grounds upon which the suit would be based. She currently is playing the part of a strip-tease artiste in Gypsy Rose Lee's stage comedy, "The Naked Genius."

Hold Conventions In Chicago, ODT Asks Both Parties

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Chicago business leaders, spurred by an Office of Defense Transportation request that both major political parties meet here this year, have laid plans to raise a \$150,000 convention fund.

Silas H. Strawn, head of a citizens' committee to arrange for the conventions, estimated that the expenses of each meeting would not exceed \$75,000.

In Washington, meanwhile, Director H. F. McCarthy, of the ODT's division of traffic movement, reiterated a request that both parties nominate their presidential candidates in Chicago because the city was centrally located and served by three times as many sleeping cars a day as any other Midwest city.

The Republican National Committee will meet here Jan. 10 to select a convention city. The Democrats have not announced when their selection will be made.

Diane



Male Call



Blondie



WAC-Happy, They Insist

Indignant Skirt-Soldiers Deny Official Name Deters Recruits

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 9.—WACs at Fort Des Moines from the commanding officer on down took exception to the remarks of a noted psychologist that not only was the name "WAC" uncomplimentary and distasteful but that it was the chief reason why women did not join the female branch of the Army.

Dr. Donald Anderson said in an interview that the name kept down enlistments because only women with the strongest personal desire to help the war effort were able to overcome the natural distaste the name developed within them.

Women are of far different makeup than men emotionally, Dr. Anderson said, adding that the nickname suggested some-

thing far from complimentary to women who might be interested in joining the organization.

Lt. Marie H. Eichelberger, of Olympia, Wash., who heads WAC recruiting in Iowa, asserted that never in her personal interviews and talks with thousands of women had she sensed the slightest reluctance about joining the corps because of its name.

Maj. Mary Louise Milligan, of Pittsburgh, director of the Fort Des Moines center, granted that there were many reasons why women couldn't join the WAC, but denied that dislike of the service's name was a legitimate reason for refusal to enlist.

Rules a Woman May Quit Early to Powder Her Nose

DETROIT, Jan. 9.—The right of a woman to quit five minutes earlier than her male co-workers "to powder her nose" was upheld by the Regional Labor Board in the case of the 7,000 women employees of the Packard Motor Co.

The company has sought to force the women to stay on the job until the exact quitting time, but the Labor Board ruled that since it was customary for women to quit five minutes earlier at noon and night before the war, discontinuance of the practice now would constitute "an unlawful wage reduction."

Mrs. Herbert Hoover Dies Of Heart Ailment in N.Y.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (UP)—Mrs. Herbert Hoover died of an acute heart attack in her Waldorf Towers apartment. Former President Hoover was with her at the time of her death. They had been married 45 years.

Crash Kills 26 Air Cadets

KINGMAN, Ariz., Jan. 9 (AP)—Twenty-six aviation cadets were killed last night when a Santa Fe railroad train collided with a bus carrying the cadets.

Its ARs Ignored, Army Calls on Mom for Orders

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Going through channels to make sure that soldiers won't catch cold, the War Department has officially asked American mothers to write their sons at the front and ask them to keep their overcoats buttoned.

"Sometimes," the War Department said, "soldiers are inclined to think that wearing gloves and leggings is not manly."

Florida Resorts Are Overflowing

Vacationers Find Haven In State; Business Best Since '29

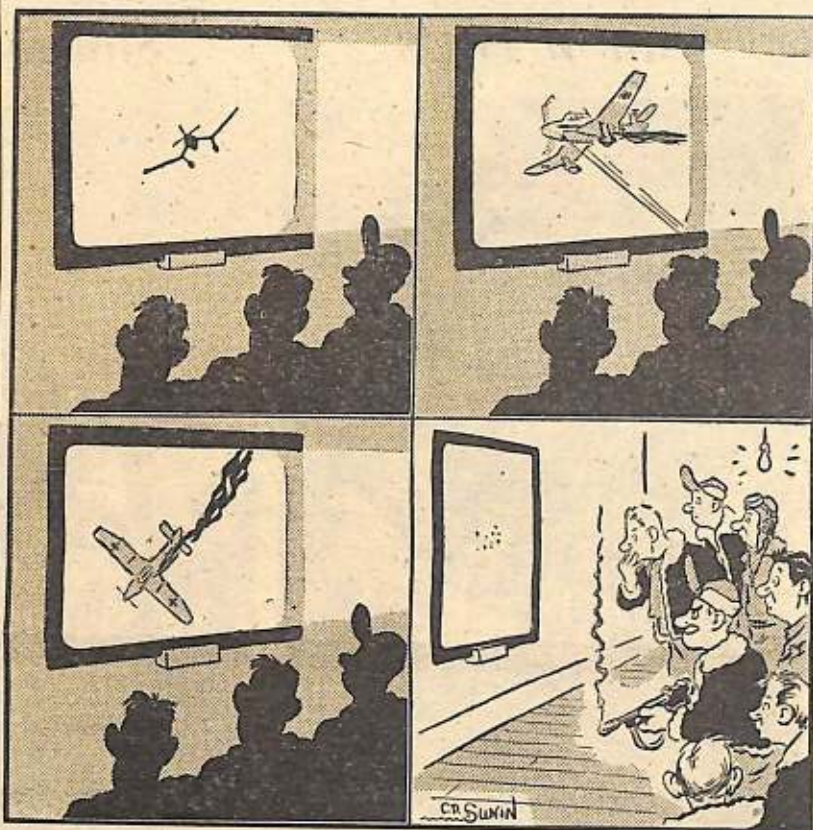
MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 9 (AP)—Florida today is a haven for those who want to escape the war, in spite of the government's frantic pleas to travel only when necessary. Overflowing winter resorts report 50 per cent more visitors than last year and the tourist business is the best since 1929.

Beautiful Hialeah Park, with its pink flamingoes, has reopened after skipping the entire winter season because of war-time restrictions.

Miami hotels, recently turned back to their owners by the Army, are filled to capacity and have long waiting lists. Among the prominent Miami visitors are Joseph P. Kennedy, former ambassador to Britain, and Mayor Frank Hague, of Jersey City.

Night clubs on a midnight curfew state they are doing their best business in 15 years.

Scotch whisky sells for ten dollars a bottle on the black market.



By Jean Baird



By Milton Caniff



By Chic Young



Rolling On To Victory

Bing's Beard

There Go All My Coupons



Marines and Seabees roll drums of gasoline out to the shores of Apamama Atoll, recently wrested from the Japs.

No, he's not hiding from Frank Sinatra, the Crosby chin spinach is just temporary.

Shopping can be a pleasure. A Fifth Avenue saleslady helps servicemen select something filmy for the gal's they left behind.

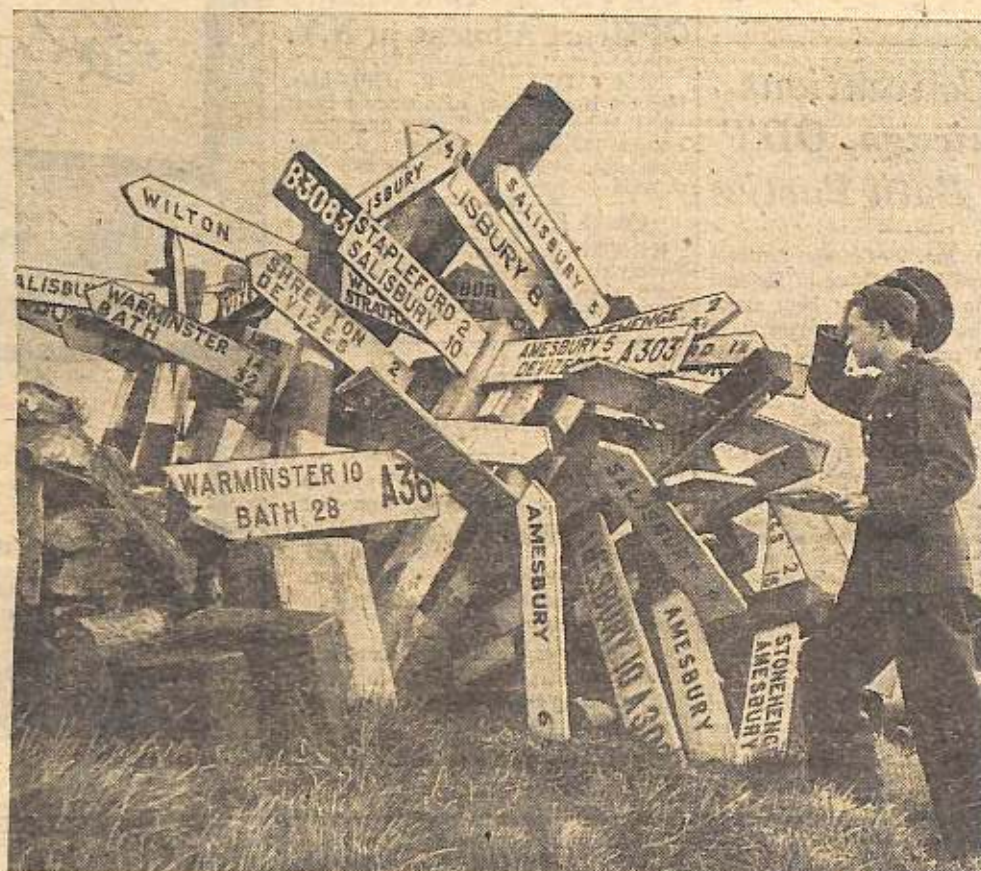
Air WAVES

Straight Ahead—You Cawn't Miss It

Just Call Me Tiny



The engine of this Navy training plane gets an expert overhauling from two WAVE mechanics.



Faced with a pile of road signs, junked for the duration, this U.S. officer is having trouble following English "directions."



There's nothing lowly about the Pfc on the right. He's Marion White, 6ft. 7in.; weight: 300lbs.

So Solly, No Gas

Cinderella Girl

Lady To The Rescue



Four mechanics who service P40 fighters in China examine an extra gasoline "belly tank" dropped by a Zero fighter.



Pert Elaine Riley went to Hollywood just to visit friends; wound up signing a long-term contract.



With the aid of USO-Camp Show artist Penny Beaumont, T/5 John Bassage works a routine with the acrobatic Three Nonchalants.