

Report Manstein Fired in Russia

Rush Barges For Invasion, Navy Pleads

Need for 45,000 More Is Cited; Smith Is Named Eisenhower Chief Aide

The date for the Allied invasion of Europe has been set. Under Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal declared in Washington yesterday as the War Department announced the selection of Maj. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith to be Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's chief of staff.

Forrestal's assertion, incorporated in a statement calling on shipbuilders to rush 45,000 additional landing craft needed for forthcoming offensives, coincided with Axis reports that the invasion forces already were assembling.

"Gen. Eisenhower is putting the final touches to the gigantic plan which will be put into action in the near future," said Paris radio. "British and U.S. invasion forces already are assembling on the Kent and Cornish coasts. The U-boats are therefore on the alert in the Channel."

Need 45,000 More Craft

Forrestal said 20,000 landing craft of all types already had been turned out but 45,000 more were needed.

"American men are going to storm hostile shores more difficult than any we have heretofore tackled, and heavy casualties must be expected," he said.

"However, the more landing craft we have on invasion day the more power we can put into our punch and the lower our casualties will be in this most hazardous of military operations—landing on a hostile shore in the face of a determined, well-equipped enemy."

He concluded by telling shipyard workers that "the success of the invasions to come depends upon the sweat we put into these landing craft today."

Forrestal's statement prompted the War Production Board to release figures showing that steel mills shipped an all-time high of 1,169,000 tons of steel plate in December for invasion craft. The WPB said 1943 steel-plate production totaled a record 13,082,000 tons, compared with 11,800,000 tons in 1942.

Wilson Assumes New Post

The selection of Maj. Gen. Smith to serve with Gen. Eisenhower was disclosed in simultaneous statements in London and Washington. At the same time, it was announced that Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson and Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers had assumed their duties as supreme commander and deputy, respectively, in the Mediterranean theater.

Choice of Lt. Gen. J. A. H. Gammell, of the British Army, as chief of staff to Gen. Maitland Wilson, succeeding Maj. Gen. Smith, was announced at the same time. Gen. Gammell, 51, an artilleryman in the last war, has headed the British Eastern Command in England since 1942.

Maj. Gen. Smith was Gen. Eisenhower's chief of staff in London in 1942 when the latter was the first ETO commander. After the African invasion he became Eisenhower's chief of staff in that theater.

A second lieutenant of infantry in the last war, he became a colonel in August, 1941, a brigadier general in February, 1942, when the first troops were arriving in the ETO; and a major general in December, 1942, a month after the North African landings.

Invasion-Barge Strike Off

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10 (UP)—Seventeen thousand union employees at the Cramp Shipbuilding Co. yard here voted yesterday to call off a four-day strike which halted production of invasion barges. The stoppage began when painters demanded a pay boost after they were given paint spray guns instead of brushes.

U.S. Now Has 3 Airfields Within 300 Mi. of Rabaul

NEW YORK, Jan. 10—U.S. forces now have three airfields within 300 miles of Rabaul and Kavieng, it was disclosed yesterday by a Navy spokesman in a report from Guadalcanal. Bases are in operation for fighters and bombers at Tokorina and Piva, on Bougainville, and on Treasury Island (south of Bougainville) for bombers.

When an airstrip taken from the Japanese at Cape Gloucester on New Britain Island is restored to use, an additional bomber field only 275 miles from Rabaul will be available.

17 Pct of Berlin Razed, Study of Photos Shows

In the six major attacks on Berlin from Nov. 18 to Dec. 21, the RAF destroyed 17 per cent of the buildings in the areas fully or more than 50 per cent built up, the Air Ministry revealed yesterday after a final study of aerial photographs.

The Tiergarten district, center of the government offices, was shown to be one of the areas most severely damaged with 60 per cent of the buildings destroyed. The photographs also disclosed considerable damage to 98 identified industrial buildings and a large number of small unidentified works.

First buildings to be repaired, photos showed, were Hitler's Chancellery and Goebbels' private residence.

Heavy Damage To Kiel Is Bared By Photographs

Week's Assaults by U.S. Planes Strew Ruin on Important Targets

Heavy damage to German shipyards and aircraft plants in the American heavy bomber assault across France and the northwestern Reich last Wednesday was shown yesterday in reconnaissance photographs.

The photos, studied in conjunction with scores of reports from neutral sources in the first few hours after last week's three big attacks, supported indications that Kiel, prime German port and shipbuilding center, has been heavily battered by a bomb tonnage beginning to approach the 10,000-ton figure which put Hamburg out of commission as a port last summer.

Fires started by incendiaries, coupled with the blast of heavy bombs, left "carpets" of devastation across the submarine yards and industrial areas of Kiel, according to an official report. Full assessment of the damage was impossible as the PRU planes flew over Kiel because large fires were still burning, it was reported.

Direct Hits on U-boat Yards

The main railway line, the station and the Germania Werft U-boat yards took direct hits, and later were swept by fires, the photos showed. Other fires blazed through parts of the built-up industrial area back from the docks.

Other PRU sorties brought back photos of the Bauer and Schaurte Werke at Neuss, in the Ruhr Valley, where the factories turning out a large portion of the high-grade nuts and bolts used in the German war machine were bombed by a group of Fortresses looking for "targets of opportunity" after their assigned target had been blanketed in cloud.

The photos showed direct hits on the plant, 14 other hits on near-by buildings, a heavy concentration of bombs across the southern funnel end of the freight yards and direct hits on the premises of the International Harvester Co. and the F. Schoen paper factory.

On the same day task forces of U.S. bombers cut deep into southwest France, nearly 1,000 miles from Kiel, and bat-

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ETO Officer Up for Re-Election As a Louisiana State Senator

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION, Jan. 10—Congress may ponder a procedure to enable GIs overseas to vote in this year's election, but with 1/Lt. William J. Todd, Chemical Warfare officer here, the question is: How will the folks back home vote next week?

Eight days hence the state primaries are scheduled in Louisiana, and Lt. Todd will be up for re-election as state Democratic Senator from Oakdale and vicinity. The friends who have conducted his campaign wrote that the situation was "well in hand."

It took a letter with over 19 endorse-



1/Lt. Wm. J. Todd

Stockholm Hears Hitler Ousted Marshal as His 'Goat' in Russia; Red Units Reach Sarny in Poland

Arms Raised—Nazi Peace Sign to Reds

Two Soviet Armies Near Link-Up in Dnieper Bend



German soldiers, chilled through from the cold Russian winter, make their way through deep snow to give themselves up to Russian soldiers in trenches.

Unconfirmed reports that Marshal Von Manstein has been fired by Hitler as a result of the German collapse in the Ukraine circulated in Stockholm yesterday as two Russian armies, pouring west and southwest toward Poland and Rumania, reached the Nazi railway center of Sarny, 35 miles inside Poland, outflanked the Ukraine rail junction of Vinnitsa and tightened a giant pincers inside the Dnieper Bend.

The Stockholm Aftontidningen, quoting private informants, said that Von Manstein was seen in civilian clothes in Vienna Jan. 2, bearing out rumors that he had been relieved as Ukraine commander after a dispute with the Fuehrer.

American newsmen in the Swedish capital, relaying the reports to London, said confirmation of the report was impossible, and cautioned that it should be treated with reserve. Aftontidningen said Marshal Von Rundstedt, hitherto in command of the invasion coast, was rumored as Von Manstein's successor.

Moscow, meanwhile, described the battle as developing into a "massacre," and even Berlin permitted foreign correspondents there to describe the situation as chaotic.

Junction of Armies Near

Smyla, from which good railroads lead south to Odessa and west to the Odessa-Lwow line at Mogilev-Podolski, became the focal point of the fighting in the Dnieper Bend as the Russians' First Ukrainian Army moved south from the Belaya Tserkov area to a junction with the Second Ukrainian Army driving westward from Kirovograd.

The two were less than 70 miles apart, threatening not only to encircle the Germans holding Smyla and fighting to keep its two railroads open but also imperiling the principal feeder railway into the Dnieper Bend. Loss of Novo Ukrainka, 45 miles southwest of Kirovograd, toward which the Second Army was driving from Ivanovka, 25 miles northeast, would force the Germans in the southern Ukraine to fall back upon the loop railway from Odessa into Rumania.

In the west, the bulk of the Red Army in that sector made rapid strides toward Sarny's big railway center, and Berlin radio admitted that some units already had reached the town. Sarny, on the Kiev-Warsaw railway, is a junction of lines from Leningrad, Warsaw, Riga and Vilna. Through it runs a line connecting the Warsaw-Minsk railway in the north with the Kiev-Warsaw line in the south. Its capture, the Russians have pointed out, would force the Germans' railroad front back a hundred miles.

German-controlled Paris radio, revealing that three Russian columns had struck at Sarny, from the east, southeast and south, said that Soviet troops west of Novograd Volynski had turned north to support the drive in Poland.

Other Soviet forces pushing west from

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Captain, General Given Awards for Part in 2 Air Raids

A FORTRESS WING HQ, Jan. 10—A captain who won two Distinguished Flying Crosses on one raid and a brigadier general who won the Silver Star for his part in smashing the German fighter plane factory at Anklam received their awards today.

Capt. Raymond E. Brooks, of Connelville, Pa., combat wing navigator who led the successful raid on Bremen last Oct. 8, received his second Oak Leaf Cluster to the DFC for "extraordinary achievement" on the Bremen raid. That same mission was his 25th, which also won him a DFC.

Brig. Gen. Robert F. Travis, of Savannah, Ga., combat wing commander, received his Silver Star from Brig. Gen. Robert Williams, of Albany, Tex., for "gallantry in action" as commander of the air task force which smashed the Focke Wulfe factory at Anklam, deep in Germany, last Oct. 9.

Return to U.S. After 2 Years Excludes ETO, Except Airmen

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—The War Department has adopted a troops rotation policy which should assure by the middle of 1944 that all soldiers in the Alaska and Caribbean areas with two years overseas service will be returned to the United States, Sen. Robert Reynolds, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, disclosed yesterday.

At the present time, the North Carolina senator said, conditions do not warrant the rotation of troops in the European Theater, except air crews. He added that "as the situation changes in the ETO, the system will be put into effect."

"Up to the present time men in this theater—other than those in air crews—have not been subject to combat fatigue and stress, and climatic conditions don't necessitate a change. Therefore, no system has been established. As the situation changes the system will be put into effect."

He said rotation of air crews overseas in all theaters is established and "functioning satisfactorily."

In the North African theater, a "limited number of men with over 18 months' overseas service" will be returned monthly under the system, Reynolds said.

In the South and Southwest Pacific, he said, "it is anticipated that the present difficulties of returning men from these theaters will be overcome by spring in 1944 and that the system will be put into effect."

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Mustering-Out Pay Bill Is Up

Various Proposals Before House, Including Senate Plan, Legion Program

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—The House Military Affairs Committee, with its chairman, Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky.), will meet tomorrow to take final action on mustering-out pay for soldiers.

Various bills are up for consideration, but it is the consensus of informed sources that the one chosen will provide \$300 top mustering-out pay exclusive of bonuses and pay adjustments.

The Senate already has passed a bill providing up to \$500 for 18 months' or more service overseas. This bill now is being considered by Way's committee.

Another far-reaching program has been sponsored by the American Legion and laid before Congress by a bipartisan group of Senate and House members.

The Legion's proposal, in many ways similar to the Senate-approved measure, calls for:

1—Demobilization pay of \$500 for those who have served overseas 18 months, \$400 for 12 to 18 months, \$300 for six to 12 months, \$200 for three to six months and \$100 under three months.

2—Unemployment compensation credit double the amount that veterans would have received in civilian work in the period of their military service.

3—Education allowances of \$50 monthly for single and \$75 for married veterans, plus all educational expenses in established colleges and universities up to four years.

4—Payment of federal aid to states planning to lend veterans home-building funds at low-interest rates.

5—Designation of the Veterans' Administration as "a vital war agency" with priority for materials and equipment second only to the War and Navy

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Infantry Teams Battle Tonight at Rainbow Club

DePaul, Iowa, Warriors Top Nation's Fives

Dartmouth Headed for 7th Straight Ivy League Title

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)—Basketball fans still have a few unbeaten teams to cheer for, but the interest is shifting to the assorted conference races in a flurry of pre-examination action.

Although there are others with spotless records, the most impressive strings in the country are DePaul's 12 straight, Camp Grant's ten straight and Iowa's six.

Illinois' losses to Wisconsin and Michigan after beating Wisconsin in the Big Ten opener last Monday night mildly surprised the conference in which North-western, Iowa and Purdue are the early leaders.

Penn In Running
Dartmouth beat Columbia, 51-40, for its fourth triumph in the Ivy League to retain undisputed possession of first place in its quest for a seventh consecutive loop title.

Oklahoma, Iowa State and Missouri lead the Big Six with Iowa State having victories over Kansas State and Nebraska, while the Sooners and Tigers have won one each.

Arkansas and Rice, with two victories each, and Texas with one, pace the Southwest Conference at the end of the opening week. Biggest surprise so far was Rice's 54-34 victory over Southern Methodist.

Tarheels Open Up
North Carolina's 43-37 win over Davidson is the only Southern Conference game to date, while Washington, Oregon State and UCLA have been showing to advantage in the early Pacific Coast action.

Among the independents, in addition to DePaul and Camp Grant, Norfolk's two teams, the Naval Training Station and the Naval Air Station, stand out along with Kentucky, Great Lakes, Oklahoma Aggies, Iowa Seahawks, Gonzaga, Canisius, St. John's, Akron, Muhlenberg, Temple, Bucknell, Albright and Colgate.

Little Milligan in the south country gives promise of future giant-killing deeds.

Among the recent eyebrow lifters was the size of Great Lakes' rout of Western Michigan. St. John's solved completely the fire engine tactics of Rhode Island State, whose 91-point per game average took a severe drop Saturday when the Brooklyn Indians, sparked by Wade Duym and Hy Gotkin, held them to 48, while St. John's rolled in 58.

Juniorita upset West Virginia, 47-45, and Gonzaga lost to Whitman Saturday after beating the same club Friday.

Norfolk Squads Strong
The Norfolk Training Station Sailors beat Bainbridge Naval by two points, adding to the interest in the clash between the two Norfolk teams tonight.

With examinations approaching, the action won't be so plentiful in the next couple of weeks. Madison Square Garden's last double-header until Feb. 8 comes off Wednesday night when IU plays West Virginia and those great New York rivals, City College and Brooklyn, tangle.

Here are the conference standings for the Big Ten:

	W	L	OP.	Pts.	Pct.
Northwestern	2	0	117	85	1.000
Purdue	2	0	132	70	1.000
Iowa	2	0	74	63	1.000
Michigan	1	1	99	102	.500
Illinois	1	1	128	138	.333
Wisconsin	1	2	124	133	.333
Indiana	0	1	43	62	.000
Chicago	0	1	26	70	.000
Minnesota	0	2	63	74	.000
Ohio State	0	0	0	0	.000

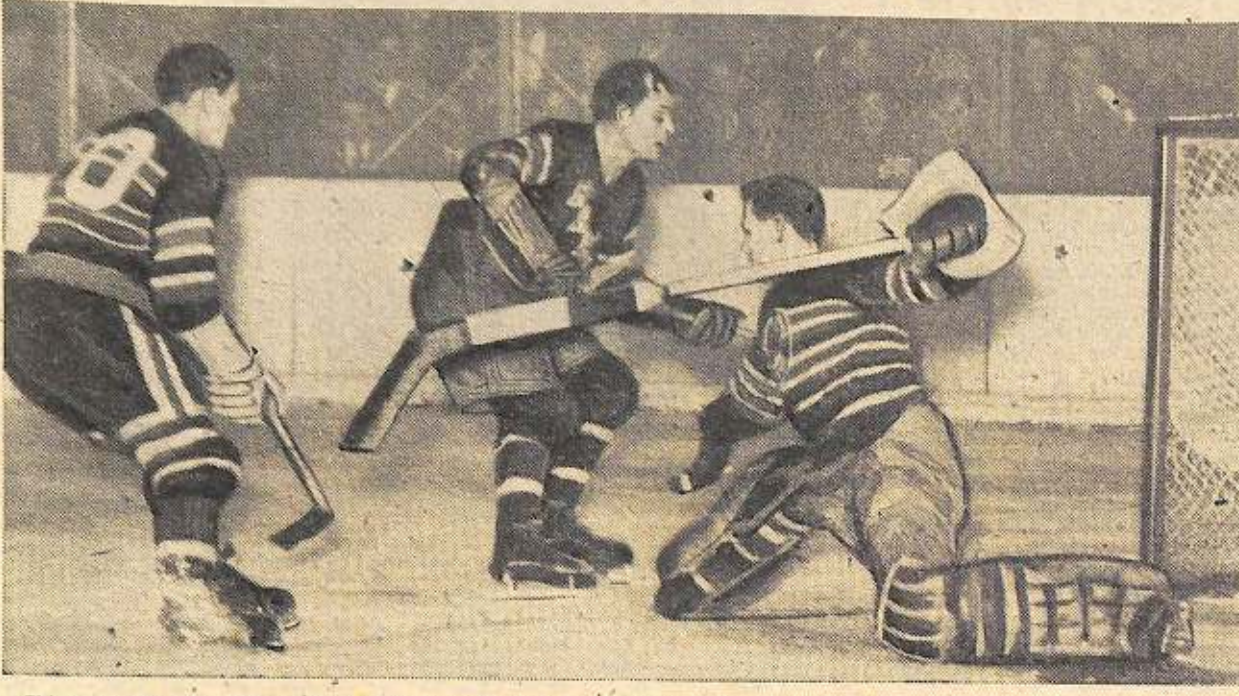
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LOST
OVERCOAT. Someone took mine by mistake on New Year's Day at the Hans Crescent Club, London. My name and serial number are on it. Please return to Information Desk at Hans Crescent Club, or to Louis Kuder, ASN 34097133.

FOUND
MUSETTE Bag, which I took, mistaking it for my own, from back of a command car which gave me a lift between Stamford and Wandford Dec. 28—Sgt. William Richardson, ASN 13092947.

Something Rare—Rangers Win a Game



Chicago Goalie Hec Highton (right) fails to stop the puck for a second period score on the Ranger side by Bryan Hextall (center) as Bill Mosienko of the Black Hawks slips in too late. The Rangers beat out their Midwestern opponents, 7-6, on the Madison Square Garden ice.

Stubborn Rangers Fail Again As Canadiens Triumph, 6-5

NEW YORK, Jan. 10—The high-flying Montreal Canadiens outlasted a surprisingly tough bunch of New York Rangers in Madison Square Garden last night to beat the New Yorkers, 6-5.

Murph Chamberlain, Elmer Lach and Ray Getliffe gave the Canucks a 3-0 margin in the opening period, but Dutch Hiller made it 3-1 near the close of that stanza with the first of three goals.

Getliffe made up for that tally in the second with his second score, but goals by Hiller and Bryan Hextall cut the margin to 4-3. Just before the period ended, Chamberlain went in again giving Montreal a 5-3 advantage going into the last frame.

Hiller notched his third score in the final stanza, but Jerry Hefferman again kept Montreal ahead with a goal although Fernand Gauthier added the last Ranger tally in the closing minutes.

Red Wings Edge Black Hawks, 4-2

DETROIT, Jan. 10—Defenseman Harold Jackson's 60-foot goal with assists from Don Grosso and Syd Howe broke a 2-2 deadlock in the final period and paved the way for the Detroit Red Wings to clip the Chicago Black Hawks here last night, 4-2, and take over fourth place in the National Hockey League.

The Wings' other goal came shortly after when Howe drove the puck over Goalie Mike Karakas, who had fallen to make the save.

Doug Bentley racked up both Chicago scores with assists from Billy Mosienko and Clint Smith. Bentley's second tally came two minutes after the third period started and gave the Hawks a temporary lead.

Murray Armstrong, recently released from the Canadian Army, set up the Wings' other two goals, passing to Mud Bruneteau for the first and to Carl Liscombe for the second.

Defenseman Flash Hollett, recently obtained by the Wings in a trade with the Boston Bruins, played his first game for Detroit.

Prestbury Linksmen Clip Hans Crescent Team, 3 1/2-2 1/2

The ARC Hans Crescent Club golfers, playing their first match of 1944 on Sunday afternoon, lost to the Prestbury ARC linksmen by the odd match, 3 1/2-2 1/2. The match was played on the West Wilts Golf Club course, Warminster.

Members of the winning squad were: Sgt. John Swezer, Harrisburg, Pa.; Cpl. Robert Winterstrom, Minneapolis, Minn.; Sgt. Pete Uzelac, Moline, Ill.; Cpl. Claude Bascun, Charlotte, N.C.; Pte. James Shield, Brockton, Mass.; T/4 Joe Fider, Moline, Ill.; Pvt. Harold Williams, Leesburg, Pa.; T/5 Robert Roman, East Moline, Ill.; Sgt. Gail Roberts, Moline, Ill.; Willie Harrison, ARC, and Bill Smith, ARC.

Hockey League Standings

W	L	T	Pts.	W	L	T	Pts.		
Montreal	20	2	3	43	Detroit	9	11	4	22
Toronto	14	11	2	30	Chicago	10	15	0	20
Boston	12	10	4	28	New York	4	20	1	9

Li'l Abner



Bulla, Dodson Tied in Open

Card 210; Wood, Nelson Have 211; Three-Way Deadlock for 3rd

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10—Johnny Bulla, Atlanta commercial airline pilot, shot his third consecutive round of 70 here yesterday to move into a tie for first place with Leonard Dodson, of Kansas City, Mo., at the 54-hole mark in the \$12,500 Los Angeles Open with a total score of 210.

Sammy Byrd, former big league ballplayer, blew up with a 75 and fell to a third place tie with Olin Dutra and Jug McSpaden with a total of 212.

Craig Wood, New York pro, fired the best round of the day, a four sub-par 69, to tie with Byron Nelson, Toledo, Ohio, pro for second place.

Dodson needed only a par on the last two holes to take first place, but blew up and tied with Bulla.

Jimmy Hines, of Great Neck, N.Y., and George Fazio, of Pine Valley, N.J., tied at 213.

Low amateur is Johnny Dawson, of Los Angeles, with 217, followed by Los Angeles city fireman Bruce McCormick with 219.

Two Cage Leaders Toppled In CBS Loop Competition

Only one of last week's three CBS cage league leaders still holds its lead today. The — MP Corkeys remain undefeated to lead the CBS League, but the Redskins finally sunk the Navy to take over the top spot in the Marble Arch loop, and the — Engineer Hiyacks have taken over first place in the Mayfair circuit.

The Corkeys racked up an easy, 20-5, victory over the — Engineer Sissies last week, the Corkeys' seventh start without a loss. Ace center Harold Heath again put on a one-man offense to net 14 of the Corkeys' 20-point total. The Engineers were unable to display a consistent offense, hooping only two field goals in the first half and a gift shot the second.

Still crowding the league leaders are the — MP Shortnoters, who kept their record at six wins against one loss, drubbing the AACS Redshirts, 30-19. The Shortnoters were on top of the AACS by ten points the first half with Sgt. Peter J. Monfre, of Milwaukee, Wis., Pte Phocian Rhoads, of South Bend, Ind., and Cpl. William J. Stewart, of Hammond, Ind., sparking the attack with three goals each.

The Shortnoters made it two wins for the week with a 30-22 victory over the Columbia Hilltoppers.

In the Marble Arch League, the Redskins beat the Navy Rangers, 21-7, to take over the number one position. Pat Delia again sparked the Redskin attack with a ten-point total. High man for the Navy was Y 2/C Leon J. Cabes, of New Orleans, with two field goals.

The AG Pencillpushers forfeited to the Base Censor Shorties and the Casual quintet, sparked by Mackwith's ten points, downed the Engineers Sad Sacks, 24-10.

The Engineer Hiyaks came out on top of the Mayfair League in a week of stiffening competition. Late starters, the Engineers now have seven straight wins without a loss to top the second place Railway Treetoppers. The HQ Company quintet, ex-league leaders, have slipped to fourth place with the Engineer Snafoos handing them their third loss in nine starts, 28-24. The Engineers' mainstay, Letendre, made it a close game all the way, hooping five goals and a free throw.

The second place Railway Treetoppers kept up a full head of steam with a 27-18 triumph over the ATC. White of the Treetoppers netted five goals and three free throws to lead the scoring for the squad. High scorer was the ATC's Cohen with 14 of his team's 18.

Eagles Matched With Unbeaten Division Squad

Schnappauf and Spontak Favored; Webber Has Tough Opponent

By Mark E. Senigo
Stars and Stripes' Sports Editor

The Rainbow Corner fights fans, treated to a knockout party last week, will have their second chance within a month to see the unbeaten — Infantry Division fighters in action tonight.

And unless the veterans, who last year annexed the somewhat mythical ETO team championship, are in better form than they were a month ago when they could get no better than a 4-4 tie with a combination Air Depot-Replacement Depot aggregation, they are apt to take their first setback. For tonight they are matched with the Screaming Eagles, another Infantry division team that boasts, among other records, the Fort Bragg, N.C., team title and a Golden Glove team title.

Copped Six of Eight

At the Fort Bragg bouts, the Eagles walked off with five of the eight bouts, while they annexed six of eight Golden Glove titles.

As the program shapes up now, it will be a ten-bout card. Still in doubt is the bout between Pfc Don Webber, 126-pound ETO featherweight champion from Roanoke, Va., and Pfc John McIntosh, of New York, also 126. If McIntosh is able to make the trip Webber will be up against the toughest opponent he has met yet in the ETO. McIntosh not only won his bouts at Fort Bragg and in the Southern Golden Gloves, but went on to the New York Glove tourney, where he won through in the finals. This will be his first scrap in this theater.

Strong in Welter Class

The Eagles probably will find the going hardest in the welterweight bracket where the champs have three bruising hitters in Pvt. Charlie Schnappauf, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Cpl. George Spontak, of Pittsburgh, and Pfc John Shikoluk, of Whitehouse, N.J.

Best of the three is Schnappauf, a lightning hitter whose encounters with Dick Shinn have shown that he can take it through all of three rounds. Shinn outpointed Schnappauf on Nov. 30—Charlie's first setback in five appearances. That decision was reversed two weeks later when Schnappauf cleverly outmaneuvered the San Francisco Korean. Schnappauf, at 143, will tackle Sgt. Ted Kaus, also 143, of Dunkirk, N.Y.

Spontak, co-holder with Schnappauf of the division title, hasn't been beaten in five starts at Rainbow. His man is Pvt. Glen Ferguson, of Kokomo, Ind. Both weigh 147.

Beating Drum for Kippens

The Eagles are beating the drum for Shikoluk's opponent, Pfc Hewitt Kippens, Brunswick, Ga., boy who, along with McIntosh and Sgt. John Flores, light heavy from Houston, Tex., is rated the class of the squad. Shikoluk has had two matches at the Corner, winning one on a TKO and dropping a close one to classy Pvt. Dick Menchaka.

This team match also will give the fans their first flyweight bout of the second Rainbow Corner season when Pvt. Sal Scurto, of Baltimore, takes on Pvt. Al McEuen, of Phoenix, Ariz. Scurto has not fought here since his surprise performance into the ETO championships last June when he came out of nowhere to gain the final round only to drop a close decision to Pvt. Eddie LaBorde for the title. Both Scurto and McEuen are 114-pounders.

Here is the lineup for the other bouts: Pfc Lynwood Craighhead, Roanoke, Va., 128, vs. Pvt. Louis Martinez, Los Angeles, 128.

Pfc James Grantham, Pulaski, Va., 160, vs. Pfc Ralph Pontano, Brooklyn, 160.

Pvt. Garner Buttram, Baltimore, 158, vs. Pvt. Stan Marchinski, Hartford, Conn., 160.

Cpl. Dom Codispoti, Jenners, Pa., 165, vs. Pvt. Glen Reed, Akron, Ohio, 187.

Sgt. John Flores, Houston, Texas, 165, vs. Pvt. Mike Denski, Philadelphia, 165.

By Al Capp



Japs End Suicide Blows on Yanks In New Britain

Tanks, Artillery Reinforce Marines Pushing East Of Cape Gloucester

ALLIED HQ, New Guinea, Jan. 10—After more than a week of desperate counter-attacks, Japanese efforts to push Marines back from Cape Gloucester have died down after a series of suicidal attacks which cost the enemy nearly 4,000 killed since New Britain was invaded.

Only major Jap pressure came south of Cape Gloucester airfield, where they are stubbornly defending rocky peaks that thrust up out of the jungle.

Both U.S. tank and artillery reinforcements have been brought up to hold the U.S. positions in the Borgen Bay area, where Marines have been pushing eastward toward Rabaul.

In New Guinea, the Japs are believed to be rushing men and equipment under cover of dark to stem the U.S.-Aussie attacks on their stricken lines on the north coast.

Jap Barges Are Sunk

Several barges and troops were sunk by Fifth Air Force planes, but it is believed that only a few barges have been detected so far.

Solomon-based U.S. fighters engaged a large force of enemy planes at Cape St. George, New Ireland, and shot down ten planes. Two more probably were destroyed.

Planes Make 18th Raid On Jap Marshall Base

PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 10 (AP)—U.S. airmen made their 18th raid on Japanese installations on Mill Atoll in the Marshalls, according to Adm. Chester Nimitz communique today.

Adm. Nimitz said that Seventh Air Force dive-bombers, escorted by Navy fighters, bombed Mill on Friday, but although the Japanese have the air base there was no interception.

Enemy planes returned the visit that evening with an attack against U.S. installations at Tarawa, but caused no damage, Adm. Nimitz added.

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tered the airdrome facilities of the SNCA aircraft factory at Bordeaux-Merignac with hits on workshops, hangars, administrative buildings and dispersed airplanes.

The Tours-Parcay-Meslay airfield also was heavily damaged, according to reconnaissance, with several large fires still burning when the PRU planes were over the target.

Highlights of a new crop of stories from neutral Sweden and Switzerland arising out of last week's three major raids was a report in a Stockholm newspaper that 45,000 workers in Berlin were missing, either as casualties or because they had fled the city and the RAF's night attacks.

The newspaper also said that the Berlin raids had left more than 400,000 workers in the capital unemployed, but that 120,000 of them had been shifted to new work sites.

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effect to return those men to the U.S." Reynolds said the rotation problem had been given constant study by the General Staff but he pointed out the many difficulties to overcome.

He said the difficulties were: "New theaters of operations are anticipated; replacements must be shipped to cover attrition; supplies, equipment and munitions must be given priority in shipments; shipping itself is a problem and seasoned troops can not be withdrawn in the midst of operations unless fresh troops are available to replace them."

AFN Radio Program

- 1402 kc On Your Dial 1420 kc
- 213.9m 211.3m
- Tuesday, Jan. 11
- 1100—GI Five.
- 1115—Personal Album.
- 1130—Happy Norman's Ranch House.
- 1200—Joe Loss and his Orchestra (BBC).
- 1230—Music We Love.
- 1255—Quiet Moment.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Barracks Bag.
- 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—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
- 1930—Boxing Bout—from the Rainbow Corner, with Sgt. Marry Smith and Pfc Keith Jameson.
- 2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A., presented by The Stars and Stripes.
- 2010—Fred Watine Program.
- 2025—Human Interest in Books.
- 2030—Contented Hour.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2110—Music in Three-quarter Time.
- 2125—Juno Battle—A BBC dramatization of heroic incidents of this war.
- 2135—Duffy's Tavern.
- 2200—Downbeat.
- 2225—Final Edition.
- 2230—Sign off until 1100 hours Wednesday, Jan. 12.

WACs Love It Overseas, Says the Boss

Col. Hobby Insists Even OCS at Home Is No Attraction

WACs in the ETO don't want to go home—not even to become officers—Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, WAC director, said in London yesterday, following her arrival on an inspection tour of WAC establishments in England. She began her tour by inspecting barracks where WACs working in London are quartered.

"We are having trouble filling the officer-candidate school quotas in all foreign theaters," the WAC director said at a press conference, "because the girls don't want to go back home to OCS unless they are given a guarantee that they will be reassigned overseas after they are commissioned."

"They have a full sense of doing a necessary and important job where they are close to the war," the 39-year-old WAC chief said.

Denies Plan for Invasion Follow-Up

Col. Hobby denied that she was in the theater to make any plans for moving WAC detachments forward close behind any invasion force.

"In Africa and Sicily, when front lines were reasonably secure, WACs went in and I would assume that the same thing would work here. That is entirely in the hands of a theater commander."

Additional WACs will arrive in this theater steadily, Col. Hobby revealed. The additional WACs will continue to free men for assignment with combat units.

Asked if enlisted men with ratings as clerks might be transferred to combat units as privates, Col. Hobby said that was something a WAC director would not



In an ETO mess hall, Col. Hobby talks with Pvt. Francis Pherico, of Albany, N.Y., and S/Sgt. Ann E. Gossler, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

know. However, a high Army officer who was with Col. Hobby at the press conference offered the opinion that the men would be transferred in grade.

A WAC recruiting campaign in the States has brought the present enlistment rates up to a level they had not reached since February, 1943, Col. Hobby revealed, and the present WAC strength is 63,000.

It was estimated that they were doing 240 different types of jobs. Of the total WAC figure, 1,170 American service women are in the ETO.

Col. Hobby, the only woman to hold that rank, was sworn in as WAC director in May, 1942. Before her appointment she was with the War Department's public-relations section. Since 1938 she has been executive vice-president of the Houston (Tex.) Post. She also has served as parliamentarian in the Texas House of Representatives and is author of a book Mr. Chairman, a textbook on parliamentary law. She is married and has two children. Her husband, William P. Hobby, is editor of the Houston Post.

'Lost Battalion' of Americans In the ETO Really Finds Itself

By Tom Hoge

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

AN INFANTRY DIVISION HQ, Jan. 10—The story of a "lost battalion" which for six days wandered over a desolate stretch of the English countryside, simulating behind-the-lines activity, destroying enemy communications and evading retaliatory raids, was told here today.

In a test of the American soldier's ability to shift for himself if cut off from his main body of troops, the battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Arthur Sheppe, of Staunton, Va., was cut up into platoons and even squads.

So successful was this "lost battalion" experiment that adoption of the plan as a regular part of the division's invasion training program was urged.

A truck which sought them out once a day and tossed them canned rations was their only contact with their home camp. Unshaven, covered with dirt, the men, as they cooked their food on barren hills, were on the alert for tear gas and smoke-bomb attacks by the outfit's mobile intelligence unit.

Receiving practical experience in the tactics used so successfully in Russia and the Balkans, the men made daring raids on designated objectives to disrupt "enemy" communications and "smash" vital installations.

It was hard work, lonely work, executed so well that observation officers expressed great satisfaction. And the men:

"You get tired," Cpl. Milton Fink, of Pittsburgh, said, "but you don't mind it somehow. The problems give every man a chance to use his brains for a change, and that's what's good about it."

"The boys showed they had an ample amount of initiative," said Col. Sheppe. "The countryside was awfully easy to get lost in, simulating or no simulating. The fog is so thick that you have to grope your way along and every hill looks identical so that you could wander around in circles for hours without realizing it."

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Departments to carry out hospital construction program.

6—"Adequate provision" by Veterans' Administration for the physical welfare and financial aid to all wounded, diseased or otherwise handicapped veterans before their discharge from the service.

Chairman John E. Rankin (D-Mass.), of the House Veterans' Legislation Committee, one of the Congressional sponsors, said a prime objective of the bill was to "remedy chaotic conditions and bureaucratic red tape under which divided authority and responsibility victimized discharged veterans of this war."

Raft and Troupe, Still 'AWOL,' Go Out on ETO Trip

George Raft, June Clyde, Louise Allbritton and Bob Bain, the American stage and screen stars who arrived in London Thursday, are scheduled to make their ETO debut today at American Army hospitals in eastern England.

They're still waiting for a final cable from the War Department telling them where they're bound for—they arrived in Britain without travel orders through a misunderstanding, and may be destined for another theater—but in the meantime they want to get to work.

Communists to Change Name

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)—The National Committee of the Communist Party announced yesterday that the party had decided to change its name. Earl Browder, general secretary of the party, has asked the public to submit new names.

Devers in New Post; Lauds Men of ETO in Farewell Note

A farewell message from Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers to personnel of the European Theater of Operations, including a special tribute to Air Force men for their blows at Germany and praise for other troops preparing for the invasion, was released by Army headquarters last night, following the announcement that Gen. Devers had assumed his new duties as commanding general of American forces in the Mediterranean theater. The message follows:

"In relinquishing command of this theater, which it has been my duty and privilege to have held for the past eight months, I wish to express to you my

gratitude for the job each of you has done and to say that I am proud of you.

"Those of you who have been striking Germany from the air shall never be forgotten. Your individual deeds of heroism and the part you have played together in this war shall be enshrined forever in the hearts of our people.

"Most of you, however, have been engaged in the arduous task of administration, planning and preparation. You have done your job faithfully and well and in keeping with the highest traditions of our army. You can be justly proud.

"We shall go forward together and, in companionship with our great Allies, shall gain the final victory. "Good luck to you all."

NEWS FROM HOME Expert Wants A Public-Works Jobs Program

Declares Work Must Be Provided for Millions in Transitional Period

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Jan. 10—A proposal that the United States take immediate steps to create a vast public-works program to help absorb some 15,000,000 men and women in the "transitional" months after the war was advanced by Donald H. Davenport, of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Davenport told the National Research Council yesterday that, along with the flood of returning servicemen, even under the most favorable conditions, manufacturing jobs would fall from a 17,000,000 peak to a possible 13,000,000.

"The magnitude of the resulting unemployment," Davenport said, "will depend partly upon the timing of peace. If it should take a year or two more to knock out Japan after we have beaten Germany, a good deal of reconversion might occur during the war, thus easing the post-war transitional difficulties."

Fishing Strike Breaks Up

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 10—The first break in a two-month-old strike that has tied up the fishing fleets of New Bedford, Boston and New York came when six dragnets put out to sea from here. Twenty more boats were reported ready to sail. New Bedford fishermen broke away from the striking AFL Atlantic Fishermen's Union, which had ordered fleets to remain in port in protest over what it said, was too low a ceiling price on certain kinds of fish.

Radium Thief Seized

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 10—Army intelligence officers announced the arrest of James C. Burke, 34, of Salt Lake City, and quoted him as confessing the theft of 13 vials of deadly radium powder from Hill Field. They said Burke told of carrying the stolen radium to Salt Lake City on a crowded bus, thus making it possible "that Burke and others who came in contact with him will be permanently if not fatally harmed."

Tony Martin Transferred

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 10—Singer Tony Martin, who was to have graduated from the Army Air Forces' Officer Candidate School here Saturday, was suddenly transferred to Seymour Johnson Field at Goldsboro, N.C., an unidentified USAF spokesman announced, according to International News Service. He said that Martin's name had been dropped from the graduation list.

Isolated by Heavy Snows

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Me., Jan. 10—An 18-inch snowfall virtually isolated this coastal town and the adjacent villages of Boothbay and Southport. Boothbay Harbor's 5,000 residents had only a telephone to link them with the outside world. An unidentified woman was dead in Southport, but the hearse sent for her body was abandoned in the heavy drifts.

Extra Police for Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Jan. 10—Additional police squads were ordered to patrol Baltimore streets at night after two men had been shot to death, four others wounded and five others robbed in a 24-hour period.

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Kiev were within 15 miles of Shepetovka, on the Berdichev-Brest Litovsk rail line. Fierce Russian attacks here were described by Axis radios.

The Red Army drive towards Vinnitsa, the Bug River and the last great rail artery before Rumania, the Odessa-Lwow line, made good progress with the capture of Buki, 90 miles southeast of Vinnitsa. This advance thus outflanked that rail junction and moved the Soviet line at that point within 60 miles of the Bug.

Berlin meanwhile told of a Russian attempt to close off the Dnieper Bend by a landing from the Black Sea 40 miles east of Odessa. Nine Russian landing craft attempted to put troops ashore here at noon Saturday, the German radio said, but "minor German naval units beat off the attackers without loss to themselves."

Terry and the Pirates



By Milton Caniff