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Ankara Bid To Bulgaria Is Rumored

Trying to Get Nazi Puppet Out of War, Cairo Hears; Unrest Continues

Turkey has undertaken to try and persuade Bulgaria to quit the Axis and sue for peace with Britain, the United States, Greece and Yugoslavia, according to reports from Cairo which reached New York last night.

These reports quoted Menemen-joglu, Turkish foreign minister, as having stated that an Ankara bid to get Bulgaria out of the war could be Turkey's first big contribution "toward war victory."

A rumor in Ankara yesterday said, meanwhile, that a Bulgarian commission soon would arrive in Turkey to seek that country's aid in extricating Bulgaria from her alliance with Germany.

Peace Demands in Sofia

Scattered reports and rumors of Balkan unrest continued to pop up in neutral capitals yesterday. Among them was one which said that Algiers radio stated that the Bulgarian opposition party had presented the government in Sofia with an ultimatum to either take Bulgaria out of the war or resign.

In Moscow, it was announced officially that a Soviet military mission was to be sent to Yugoslavia to obtain information regarding activities of Tito's partisan forces. This announcement paralleled one in Cairo by the Yugoslav government in exile which refused recognition of the Free Yugoslav government set up by Tito.

Paratroops in Bulgaria?

There were mounting indications that Hitler was acting to protect a wavering hold on his satellites. One report said that several thousand paratroops had been landed in Bulgaria and the Aegean islands; another said that two Bulgarian army divisions had deserted to Tito's partisans in the last month.

Berlin radio, quoting Istanbul reports, said that Sarajoglu, the Turkish Premier, would make a statement on the political situation today.

Schools, Plants Closed by 'Flu'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (UP)—An epidemic of influenza was spreading throughout the U.S. today, closing schools and forcing factories to work with depleted staffs.

More than 100,000 were ill in Washington alone. Government health experts predicted the epidemic would extend for the next few days, after which the peak would be reached and the number of cases start to fall.

In some areas half the schoolchildren were kept away through 'flu and some factories had one-third of their staff on the sick list.

Philadelphia authorities requested cancellation of all public meetings in an effort to stop the spread of infection.

Flu Epidemic in Italy

ITALIAN FRONTIER, Dec. 14 (UP)—A flu epidemic, spreading rapidly in German-controlled northern Italy, already has taken thousands of Italian lives, reports reaching the frontier said today.

Hundreds of thousands of bombed-out men and women live in the open in temperatures running from five to eight degrees below freezing point. They lack adequate medical equipment and proper food, making them easy victims.

Romance in United States Leads to ETO Marriage

Sgt. Cecil J. Lawrence and Pvt. Betty Faye Jones, both of Oak Park, Ill., who became engaged 15 months ago before Lawrence came to the ETO, were married yesterday at St. George's church, Hanover Sq., London.

The bride was attended by Pvt. Betty Horne, of Waukesha, Wis., and Pfc Carol Stoffel, of Billings, Mont., and was given in marriage by 1/Lt. Caralee V. Hicks, of Rochester, N.Y. S/Sgt. Louis J. Rubessa, of Falmouth, Mass., was best man.

Deanna Wins Divorce

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 14 (UP)—Deanna Durbin was granted a divorce today from Lt. Vaughan Paul, 27, former film director, whom she married in April, 1941.

Fire Damages War Plant

BITTENDORF, Iowa, Dec. 14—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed two building roofs at the Ordnance Steel Foundry plant here.

Flak Suit Will Be Topped Off By New Shell-Defying Tin Hat



Brig. Gen. Malcolm C. Grow, top left, designer of protective equipment for combat fliers, and Brig. Gen. Leon Johnson look over the modified flak vest and the new helmet worn by S/Sgt. Ambrous T. Hansen, Liberator gunner from Dallas, Tex. S/Sgt. Joseph Covone, right, of Philadelphia, shows what the two-pound manganese steel-lined helmet looks like when worn over a flight helmet.

Latest Protective Device For Fliers Is Unveiled By Brig. Gen. Grow

By Charles F. Kiley

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

New steel-lined flak helmets, easier to fit and more comfortable than the tin hats now in use, soon will be issued to ETO air force combat crews.

This was revealed yesterday by Brig. Gen. Malcolm C. Grow, air force surgeon and designer of the protective flak suit, who worked out the new helmet in collaboration with Leonard Baratt, representative of the Wilkinson Sword Co., Ltd., British manufacturers of the flak suits and helmets.

The new headgear consists of five bands of overlapping manganese steel covered with leather and lined with chamois. The helmets weigh two and three pounds, the two-pounder constructed for tail, ball and top turret gunners and the three-pounder for other crewmen with more head space in bomber noses, cockpits, radio rooms and waists.

According to Gen. Grow, manufacturers in both England and America are producing the new helmets. Several have been used in combat for experimental purposes and were heartily approved by those who wore them.

The helmets were displayed publicly for the first time yesterday on a visit to



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

the Wilkinson Sword plant by American airmen, including Ploesti raider Brig. Gen. Leon Johnson. The fliers addressed more than 1,000 workers, mostly women.

Two of the speakers were S/Sgts. Earl Crawford, of Franklin, Pa., and Joseph Covone, of Philadelphia, Liberator gunners who told how flak suits saved their lives in recent raids. Crawford said he came back unharmed from Emden Nov. 11 after his flak suit had been hit several times with shrapnel. Covone credited the suit with saving him on the Nov. 5 attack on Gelsenkirchen.

Other visitors were Maj. William B. Taylor, of Tampa, Fla.; 1/Lts. Della Brown, of Roy, Utah, and John K. Winchester, of Clayton, N.M.; 2/Lt. Gerald G. Gile, of Quincy, Ill., and S/Sgts. Paul Kittle, of Norton, W. Va., and Ambrous T. Hansen, of Dallas, Tex.

New Rule Allows Troops To Run for Public Office

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—Rulings by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Secretary of Navy Frank Knox that servicemen may run for public office spurred the campaign to nominate Gen. Douglas MacArthur on the Republican Presidential ticket.

The rulings pointed out that while a man in the armed forces could not engage in a campaign while on active duty, his supporters could nominate him.

Gen. Patton and His Staff In Surprise Visit to Cairo

CAIRO, Dec. 14 (AP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton suddenly appeared in Cairo today with various members of his staff. The reason for his visit was not explained.

Gen. Patton's appearance here comes at a time when there has been discussion on solidifying the Mediterranean and Middle East commands. The Persian Gulf area has been separated from the Middle East command and made into a command of its own.

New Nazi Chief in Belgium

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 14 (AP)—Gen. Falkenhausen is resigning as commander-in-chief of German occupation forces in Belgium and will be succeeded by Gen. Richard Jaungklaus, an intimate friend of Gestapo chief Himmler, the Stockholm Social Demokraten said today in a dispatch from Brussels.

Sun Queen Derailed

WOODBINE, Ga., Dec. 14—One man was killed and a score injured, many of them soldiers from Fort Jackson, S.C., when the Sun Queen, crack Miami-bound passenger train, was derailed five miles south of this city.

Cherkassy Captured By Reds; Big Winter Offensive May Be On

OWI Makes Sure Torch Of Freedom Can Be Lit

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—As a gesture to keep the hope of liberation alive in the Philippines, the Office of War Information is preparing 200,000 match folders for distribution in the islands.

The folders, which were requested by Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur, will have a picture of the general on one side and the crossed flags of the United States and the Philippines on the other.

OWI refused to discuss plans for the folders, but it was expected they would be dropped on the islands from bombers.

Soviets Get Control Of Large Network Of Railways

Red Army forces struck their first blow and attained their first success yesterday in what may be the initial move in a great winter offensive by capturing Cherkassy, important German stronghold on the west bank of the Dnieper between Kremenchug and Kiev.

Capture of the city of 50,000 was announced by Josef Stalin in a special order of the day in Moscow a few hours after Berlin admitted it had been evacuated by German troops.

With Cherkassy in their hands, the Russians thus have regained their hold on a vitally important network of rail and road communications in the area.

Kirovograd's Fall Believed Near

Seizure of Kirovograd, key rail and road junction in the Dnieper Bend, also appeared imminent. Further advances by the Russians in this sector were announced yesterday. German units were dislodged from a number of strong-points, and Kirovograd itself was under fire of heavy Russian artillery.

Fierce fighting continued on the approaches to Krivoi Rog and around Nikolop, last great enemy bases within the Dnieper Bend, and there was speculation in Moscow that a drive across the lower Dnieper toward Kherson might be near.

Such a move, if successful, would pour large Red Army forces into the vast area within the river bulge far to the rear of German positions in the Krivoi Rog and Nikolop sectors.

Supporting the belief that the Russian winter offensive either had been launched or was imminent was more good news from the Kiev salient, where the Soviets made further progress yesterday in their drive to retake localities from which they have been driven recently by Von Manstein's panzer counter-offensive.

Nazi Drive a Failure

The German drive was considered in Moscow to have failed completely, and, significantly enough, German reports on fighting near Malin, west of Kiev, were limited to claims of mopping-up operations.

Berlin admitted that a new Soviet offensive had punched a number of holes in German lines in the Nevel area of White Russia.

Soviet artillery, which has earned the admiration of the world in the last year's battles, again paved the way for the fall of Cherkassy. The Germans had built powerful fortifications in and near the city, but the artillery preparation was so successful that when the Russian infantry stormed into the town it encountered no opposition in several sectors.

Fierce street fighting ensued in most places, however, and some enemy tanks appeared. After suffering heavy losses in men and tanks the Germans withdrew to the southeast.

Belgian, French Guerrillas To Share Food and Arms

BARCELONA, Dec. 14—Representatives of 20,000 Belgian guerrilla fighters in the Ardennes and eastern Belgium have agreed to aid French prisoners escaping from Germany and to share arms captured in the area in exchange for supplies of food and clothing from French liberation forces in northern France.

Thirty representatives of the guerrilla forces on both sides of the frontier worked out details of the agreement during a meeting in the Ardennes forests. The Belgian "white brigade" represented at the meeting holds large quantities of machine-guns, Belgian army rifles and munitions in various hideouts in the Ardennes.

Vote for Overseas Soldiers In 1944 Asked by Wallace

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—Vice-President Henry A. Wallace asked Congress to pass legislation giving servicemen overseas a ballot in next year's Presidential election.

"They are entitled to help choose those who will be our public servants after the war is won," he said.

Reno Divorces Invalidated

ALBANY, N.Y., Dec. 14—The New York Supreme Court ruled yesterday that Reno divorces were not valid in New York if residence in Nevada had been established merely to obtain a decree.

Fighters Crack Distance Mark On Escort Raid

Protect Heavies in Assault Deep in Reich; 9 Planes Lost in Monday Attacks

American fighter escorts established a new distance record in accompanying Fortresses and Liberators on Monday's attacks in northwest Germany, making their deepest penetration into Germany so far, Eighth Air Force headquarters announced yesterday.

While the Forts and Libs were striking their fourth blow of the month, B26 Marauders, accompanied by RAF, Dominion and Allied fighters, attacked the important Schiphol airfield near Amsterdam.

From the day's operations five heavy bombers, two medium bombers and two fighters are missing. The heavy bombers accounted for 14 enemy fighters, and a Ju88 was shared by two American fighter pilots, Lt. Robert L. Buttke, of Sacramento, Cal., and Lt. James W. Hiner, of Los Angeles, Cal.

Mosquitoes Keep Up Assault

The 15 enemy fighters destroyed brings the bag so far this month to around 175 victims, on the basis of Air Force communiqués.

There was no let-up in sight for the German defenses, for Mosquitoes of the RAF returned for the fourth straight night, to bomb targets in western Germany.

A warning against over-optimism because of the low bomber losses has been issued by Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, commanding the Eighth AAF Bomber command.

"The attacks were planned to take advantage of weather conditions which greatly favored the bombers and hampered the enemy fighters. The low loss figure should not be interpreted as an indication of Luftwaffe weakness."

While fighter opposition Monday was not severe, the flak was as heavy as any yet encountered in this theater, a number of crews reported. According to S/Sgt. John N. Lindberg, of Conway, Ark., ball turret gunner on the Fortress Goering's Nightmare, the flak was so heavy "you could get out and dance on it."

2/Lt. Joe E. Gunn, of Pecos, Kan., pilot of the Fortress Mary Ellen, said, "We got more flak holes in our plane today than on all our other missions put

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Special Films Planned For Soldier Yule Fetes

Eight prints of the 20th Century-Fox Technicolor film, "The Gang's All Here," with Benny Goodman and his orchestra, Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda and James Ellison, will be released in the ETO next week for Christmas celebrations, the cinema section of SOS Special Service Division announced yesterday.

One print will be provided for each base section, Special Service section, Air Force headquarters and the Navy.

Other films being distributed this week for the Christmas queues include "We've Never Been Licked," with Noah Beery Jr.; "Flesh and Fantasy," with Charles Boyer and Barbara Stanwyck; and "True to Life," with Mary Martin and Franchot Tone.

Pilot Nurses Riddled B17 Home After Eight of Crew Bail Out

AN RAF STATION, Dec. 14—A pilot and a bombardier, alone in a crippled Fortress, after eight members of their crew had bailed out over enemy territory, decided to gamble on getting their ship back to England on two engines. They won—by an emergency landing on this field near the coast—and astounded the commanding officer with their tale.

The bombardier, 2/Lt. Robert C. Fitzgerald, of Chestnut Hill, Mass., had just shouted "Bombs away!" when the ship, Penny's Thunderhead, was staggered by flak. Two engines were knocked out, one of them caught fire, and the nose and bomb bay door were hit. Three German fighters began to close in for the kill. The pilot, 2/Lt. Richard H. Kaufman,

of Antigo, Wis., wasn't able to bring the ship under control and ordered his crew to bail out.

Just as Fitzgerald was about to follow his eight crewmates, he heard Kaufman yelling to him. "The fire's out in number three engine! It's started to freeze already." Fitzgerald stepped back from the hatch. The German fighters peeled off and left, evidently thinking that the whole crew had bailed out and the Fort was sailing along on automatic control.

Kaufman and Fitzgerald made a quick agreement. Although their ship had lost about 10,000 feet and was sinking rapidly, they determined they'd gamble their ship back to England on two engines. They made it.

Combat School Pulls Few Punches

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Hash Marks

'Tis being rumored that fishermen have discovered a new breed of fish in wartime waters—the *spalmon*—pew!

Signs of the Times. An ETO vet who has received a box of Tetley's tea balls and a jar of sugar cubes for Christmas would like to meet a WAC who has a lemon.

Cause For Divorce? A Chicago woman, asking to call it quits, complained that her husband, a murder-story fan,



took up most of her evenings making her lie on the floor as the "corpse" while he tried to reconstruct the crime.

Next time you feel like cussing your mess sergeant, read this: In Manchukuo, the Jap-controlled radio announced that "delicious bread and biscuits" can now be made from 60 per cent flour and 40 per cent superior Manchukuo dirt.

And speaking of the Japs, we understand that a lot of their radio communications on the activity of the Jap navy are broadcast from a station named (appropriately enough) *Hinking!*

GI Philosophy. When a soldier breaks a date, it's usually because he has to; when a girl breaks a date, it's usually because she has two.

Conversation between two Wacs: "I don't intend to marry until I'm thirty." "Not me, honey, I don't intend to be thirty until I'm married."

This want ad, appeared in a Columbia (S.C.) paper where the housing shortage is very acute. "Big Chief Staff Sergeant and working squaw want furnished three-room tepee. No papoose, plenty wumpum and references. Very unusual Indians—no dancing, no war paint."

Shades of Prohibition Days: There's a GI over here named Pvt. Joe Scalise, who is a dead ringer for Al Capone. And



Joe has a lot of fun putting on a "tough guy" act. The gag that gets the best laughs is this one: Joe gets in a line at a Red Cross snack bar. When he gets up to the innocent-looking little gal behind the counter, he leans over, puts his hand up to his mouth and leers, "How many cases of coke do you get?" The girl looks a little puzzled, then stammers, "About 50, I guess." Scalise looks around furtively, then says menacingly, "The boss says from now on you take a hundred," and slips away.

J. C. W.

Yank and Tommy Are Toughened Up Together

Gunfire cracked. Sloshing through an icy swamp, British Tommies—rifles held high—scrambled into a muddy bomb crater as HE charges exploded around them. Then, lunging forward, their leader reached a roll of barbed wire and threw himself belly down on it, letting the others clamber across on his back. . . .

"Battle inoculation" is what this is called in the British War Office School of Infantry, and it's part of a rigorous training program probably as near the real thing as any instruction in the United Nations.

"Battle leadership and discipline can best be brought out in soldiers under the clamor of battle sounds and realistic combat experience, which calls for an offensive spirit, eliminates uncertainty and brings out latent abilities to command," according to the Director of Infantry at the British War Office. And thereby hangs a war story about a school which since shortly after Dunkirk has been turning out soldiers toughened for battle.

Anglo-American Enrollees

Only British soldiers—and a few Americans—who have completed preliminary courses of tactical instruction are admitted to this "finishing" school, which is supervised by the Director of Military Training, under the Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Hence, enrollees get down immediately to learning the end toward which the training is directed: That "sweat saves blood and brains save sweat and blood."

A lively ingredient of the training, based on tried principles of the Army manuals, is the use of live ammunition. Instructors have found that the crack of a bullet near a man's ears puts an "added zest" in his work.

Also, it accustoms him to flying bullets, so that he will remain calm when the time comes in battle to locate enemy fire, make use of cover and solve the important problems of fire and movement, the coordination of covering fire, and estimation of ammunition expenditure and replenishment.

To produce the desired effect, expert



U.S. Army personnel are training along with the British at a "live ammunition" school in the ETO. At the top, trainees advance through a boggy terrain. Directly above a British Tommy gives a Yank a light during a break.

snipers from vantage points on the flanks and to rear of the trainees fire rifles above their heads; they simulate mortar fire and shelling with "69" grenades (encased in bakelite), and gun-cotton charges are fired electrically or by fuse.

One of the most exciting parts of the training course occurs when enrollees meet a "German" platoon. They engage him in mock battles, study his organization, tactics and weapons. With Tommy guns they clear out a house where Nazi dummies dart suddenly from the floor, ceiling and walls. In this way they develop a "suspicious alertness" toward the enemy.

A Common Doctrine

Because of the emphasis on infiltration tactics as displayed in this war, where small groups must display a maximum of initiative, the soldiers are taught the need for having a common doctrine. This means studying each movement and operation of battle and determining a plan for meeting any contingency under the best possible conditions.

When each man learns—and knows—what his part is in the plan of battle—what he is supposed to do to help defeat the enemy—then the men have a common doctrine.

In the school there are five tactical wings, including Mortar, a Carrier and an Armored Fighting Vehicles Wing. A tactical wing for senior captains and officers of higher grade offers a course which trains company commanders in battalion technique. However, all students participate in field training, including village fighting, night operations, tactical handling of weapons, action against paratroopers, tank destruction, use of equipment, etc.

Tactical Training

They learn the intimate part of light machine-guns, anti-tank guns, 25-pounders and mortar smoke play in platoon assaults. They learn the importance of winning the "firepower fight" to tactical success, and study frontal attacks and flanking movements.

Field work is supplemented by lectures on new fighting methods developed in actual combat on distant war fronts.

Speaking of the rigorous physical part of the program, which is similar to that in other such battle schools in Australia, India, Egypt and Canada, instructors say it imbues the men with a vigorous, aggressive spirit. Above all, it gives them a desire to pit their skill against the enemy, whom they feel competent to beat.

Battle Photographer Regrets Nazi Fleet's Refusal to Fight

A battle photographer who accompanied the U.S. Navy task force on its daring diversionary sweeps off the coast of Norway last summer related yesterday the devices used by the Anglo-American fleet in its vain attempt to lure the German navy out of its hideout in Norwegian waters.

Aboard an American battleship in the tremendous task force was Richard Elliott, of Elmhurst, L.I., N.Y., a photographer's mate first class.

"Tell-tale smoke screens were laid," Elliott said. "A dummy invasion convoy sailed parallel to the task force within 87 miles of Bergen, and the radios were wide open to let the Jerries know we were around."

The German fleet, however, refused to venture out to sea to engage the Allies.

After several days of "maneuvering and putting back to port," the task force finally headed for the open sea. Elliott thought the fleet was bound for Iceland until over the loud speaker system came the announcement:

"We are coming into enemy territory." Elliott was collecting his gear, awaiting contact with the enemy, when general quarters was sounded. "All men man your battle stations."

"I grabbed my stuff and went up to my station on the signal bridge, immediately behind the five-inch turrets," Elliott re-

lated. "Men were hurrying up ladders and through passageways all over the ship. Hatches were secured. Now the maneuvers of the past days were secondary. This was the real thing."

For more than two hours the task force cruised in the northern waters, looking for trouble. But all it encountered was a German plane.

Elliott observed a complete letdown in the crew. The men had been keyed up for a sock and slam match and they were disappointed.

"The force began the return trip. En route the order was given to lay down the smoke screen in an attempt to bring the Nazi fleet out. It made no difference."



PRIVATE BREGER



"Boy, is'nt it dead around here! Wish somethin' interestin' would turn up!"

The Comparison

Two critical dates, Armistice Day, Nov. 11, and Dec. 10, when World War II had lasted longer than World War I, gave German commentators an excuse for trying to convince their war weary people that conditions in Germany in 1943 in no way resemble conditions in Germany which forced their leaders in 1918 to ask for peace at any price. But their harangues and long-winded arguments lack the ring of truth. A few comparisons show why:

In 1943, as in 1918, the German army, after many earlier victories, finds itself being steadily driven back on one main front where a victorious and superior army fights against weakening German forces.

In 1918 beside the main front there were two secondary fronts, in Italy and the Balkans, secondary in point of the numbers engaged and owing to the scene of operations being so placed and in such a type of country that forces could not be employed to obtain final decisive results. In 1943 the same situation is being repeated, and curiously enough in the same countries.

In 1918 the Germans were not free from internal troubles in the occupied countries. In 1943 the volume of resistance is tremendous and has a large material and immense moral effect on the weakening of Germany's position.

In 1943, as in 1918, one of Germany's main hopes, the U-boat campaign, has finally been shattered. In both cases the German surface ships had been rendered harmless. In both 1918 and 1943 the German air forces had long declined from the peak of power.

Both in 1918 and 1943 the German leaders were unable to hide the fact of their declining strength from neutral countries, and in 1918 and again in 1943 the German soldier for the first time knew the German army was beaten. In 1918 Ludendorff knew his army might crack at any moment and so requested an immediate armistice to prevent a debacle.

Nothing is more certain than that the same situation will arise again before long, for, in addition this time there are the devastating air raids that strike at the very heart of Germany.

But this time it will be "Unconditional Surrender," and even future generations will know that Germany was defeated beyond shadow of a doubt.

'Hardship Tests'

GIs with an armored division have recently been undergoing "hardship tests." These consisted of 24 hours of the same physical exertion a soldier could expect in battle, with a minimum of food and drink, and no sleep.

A reconnaissance platoon set the "record" by marching 32 miles, setting up a defense point, digging foxholes and gun emplacements, and repelling a make-believe enemy—all in 24 hours on one cup of dehydrated bouillon. This test reminds us a bit of the ritual our Indians were required to undergo prior to acceptance into a tribe as fully fledged warriors in the days of the "Wild West." In other words, the idea is not a new one for it was practised even by the "gentle knights" and by warriors who preceded them.

Today we have commando training, battle schools, booby-trap training, amphibious exercises, route marches and combat problems fired with live ammunition, and all designed to harden the soldier for the real thing and give him the feel of battle.

To the uninitiated some of this training may seem unnecessarily cruel or even brutal; but war is cruel and brutal and to face battle men must be trained and hard. Those who fail in preliminary tests must be weeded out or they will fail at a crucial moment later when it may prove fatal not only to themselves, but also to those depending on them.

One cup of soup may be a meager ration, but in the midst of battle it will seem like the height of luxury; for the hardness of a hardship depends on the point of view, and that depends on your background of training.

Award to Stagg Wins Wide Approval

Little, Pop Warner Laud 'Coach of Year' Choice

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Coaches from both coasts have chimed in with hearty approval of Amos Alonzo Stagg's selection as the New York World-Telegram's coach of the year.

The 81-year-old mentor, whose College of the Pacific team lost during the regular season only to Southern California and Saturday's charity game to March Field, with characteristic modesty passed the honor accorded him along to the boys who played on his team.

"I was fortunate in having an awfully nice lot of fellows to work with," Stagg said. "They had to learn a new system and they learned it quickly. The boys were skilful enough so that they did not have to go through a hard grind of constant heavy practice. I let them fool around quite a bit and it was a lot of fun for all of us."

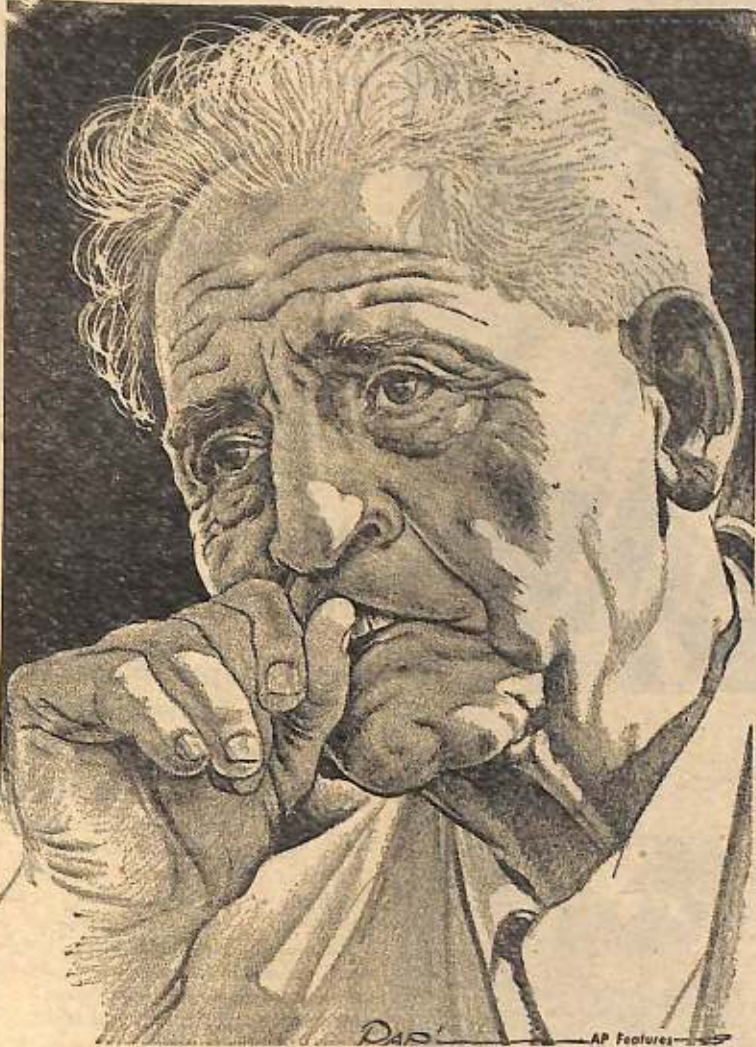
One defeat in Stagg's 54th season of coaching is peculiarly enough a tainted one for Southern California, who won out by a 7-0 score. It is tainted because Pacific scored twice and lost the touchdowns when officials ruled an out-of-bounds step on one touchdown and a clipping penalty on the other.

Had No Beef

An erroneous report was circulated after the game that Stagg had asked for a replay intimating that USC had not really beaten Pacific because officials erred. Stagg never made such a statement, saying only that he did not see the clipping penalty and remarking that some of the Pacific players thought there was no clip. Moving pictures revealed definite clipping and Stagg was content to accept defeat.

Lou Little, Columbia University coach and associated with Stagg on the Coaches Rules Committee, paid high praise. "Imagine an 81-year-old coach doing the job he did this year," Little said; "It all proves that during the lean years at Chicago University, where the alumni were yelling for Mr. Stagg's scalp, that he wasn't slipping but Chicago University was."

"Now that he comes back and is given material that puts him on an even basis with other coaches, it shows he never lost his coaching skill. I guess maybe Clark



Shaughnessy was added proof of Mr. Stagg's position at Chicago. Clark never could do much at Chicago, but as soon as he got to Stanford he did a good job."

Glenn "Pop" Warner, nationally famous exponent of the Warner wingback system, now retired, said, "Stagg's selection was very good. I was glad to see him get some material this year worthy of his ability."

Stagg's wife, who has kept a scrapbook on her famous husband since 1884, must be quite thrilled at the prospect of pasting up stories and the scroll on Stagg's

selection as a fitting climax to the 59th year of clipping.

When asked by reporters for whom he voted in the coaches poll which saw him win by a large margin, the aged coach said, "I am glad to receive an honor, although I have never voted in a coaches poll. I never have voted because I have not felt qualified to do so."

Russ Newland, of San Francisco's Associated Press office, epitomized everyone's sentiments when he said, "It's an admirable choice. Stagg is Mr. Football himself."

Garden Twin Bill Will Open Tenth Season of Basketball

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Tonight opens the tenth season since New York sports writer Ned Irish was struck with the idea that more people would like to see good college basketball than small college gyms could accommodate. He brought local teams from Brooklyn, The Bronx and Queens to play on the big floor at Madison Square Garden and then brought teams from all over the country here to play local talent.

Fans enthusiastically thronged the Garden and college basketball became accepted as part of the big-time winter sports schedule in New York along with hockey and boxing. Strange rivalries sprang from Irish's idea. One of the biggest games on the annual Garden schedule is Notre Dame vs. New York University. Other series which were well on the way to becoming annual classics until war interfered were St. John's of Brooklyn against Colorado, Long Island University against Duquesne and NYU against Kentucky.

Intersectional basketball of this type tended to clear the air on different rule interpretations. Western teams came here and were horrified when officials called fouls for procedure readily accepted in the West.

New styles of play were swapped by invaders and hosts. Hank Luisetti and the Stanford team visited New York and caused a sensation with one-handed popshots. Easterners indulged more frequently in the long-shot play of Westerners, and discarded somewhat the cut-and-shoot system.

Eyes popped out at Rhode Island State's crashing offense while paying absolutely no attention to defense. State has another high scoring outfit, having scored over 100 points in three games this season.

Another sensational performer who went from the Garden to gain fame in another field is Lou Boudreau, well known to basketball fans before he ever stepped on a big league diamond. The Cleveland Indian shortstop and manager visited the Garden with the Illinois basketball team and ran wild against St. John's several years ago.

City College plays Oklahoma Aggies tonight and Long Island University plays Brigham Young, the same combinations to open last season.

Rangers Lose Chuck Scherza

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Chuck Scherza, 18-year-old left wing of the New York Rangers, has been lost to the team for at least two months as the result of an accident Monday night when he skated against the left goal post during the game with the Bruins, puncturing his right lung and fracturing his eighth rib.

Scherza lay unconscious on the ice for several minutes while Dr. Vincent Nardillo, club physician, and Trainer Harry Westerby worked on him. Finally, Scherza was revived and skated off the ice helped by his team mates.

Nobody touched Scherza on the play. He swung at the puck, fell and the momentum of skating carried him with crushing force into the post.

Dan Parker Raps Criticism Of Athletes Rejected by Army

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Dan Parker, sports editor of the New York Daily Mirror, in commenting on the hue and cry raised whenever apparently able-bodied athletes are rejected for military service and returned to the ballfield, asserts that sports is furnishing its just share of heroes in this war.

Parker says that fame throws an unwarranted spotlight on 4-F ballplayers, while ordinary civilians are not subjected to wide criticism when rejected for bad eyes, punctured eardrums, etc.

Parker ridicules the idea that athletes are treated as exceptions in draft rules: "The impression exists in certain quarters that the tinsel heroes of sport can and do have their eardrums punctured or arches lowered by specialists in providing causes for exemption from military service."

"On the same page of a recent newspaper which told of a fighter being turned down because of a punctured eardrum and a football player, once rejected for being too big for the Army, being called up for another examination were two head-

Infantry Welter Evens Up With Korean at Rainbow

Day Regains National Bowling Championship

CHICAGO, Dec. 14—Ned Day, of West Allis, Wis., is the new national individual match game bowling champion, having annexed the crown after more than a week of grueling competition. His victory restored him to the throne he held for four straight years until Connie Schroeder, of Madison, Wis., beat him last year.

Day topped 13,371 pins while winning 47 games in 64 plays. His triumph was worth \$2,000. Paul Krumske, of Chicago, started in fourth place in the final night's competition and finished second. Rudy Pugel, of Milwaukee, was third and Buddy Bomar, of Chicago, fourth.

Crowd Howls for Rematch After Exciting Feature; Kozak Is Beaten

An ETO ring rivalry that took only two weeks to develop into McLarnin-Petrolle proportions stands all even between 21-year-old Dick Shinn, clever Korean welterweight from the Eighth Air Force, and Charley Schnappauf, 26, southpaw jumping jack and hard-hitter from the infantry.

Beaten for the first time in his two years overseas by Shinn two weeks ago, Schnappauf came back at Rainbow Corner last night and hammered out a clean cut decision in a return match that packed the club 30 minutes before the first bout went off.

As soon as the scrap was over the crowd howled for a "rubber" match, which probably will be made in a month.

Makes Korean Come In

Schnappauf, a Scranton (Pa.) campaigner who led a host of infantry division boxers on the card, squared the rivalry by making Shinn fight his style. The infantry favorite made Dick come in to him, then whip-lashed his head and body with stinging lefts.

Shinn, a San Francisco amateur, buckled under a left to the body and right to the temple in the second, but came back to give and take in several exchanges. Mindful of Shinn's dangerous right that put him on the floor twice in the first meeting, Schnappauf nevertheless showed a willingness to slug it out in the third.

The action-packed card got off to a fast start with a first-class upset when big Vince Kozak, previously unbeaten ETO heavyweight champ, was outpointed by Cpl. Harold Raskin, Air Force entry from Chicago. Kozak, MP from Hazleton, Pa., showed only flashes of the form that swept him to the title last season. Raskin kept Kozak's timing off with a weaving style and sharp jabs. He also outslugged the MP in several exchanges. Raskin's win avenged a setback he suffered against Kozak in the ETO tourney last spring.

The second contest featured two hard-hitting welterweights. Sgt. Louis Bodish, 145-pounder from Copley, Pa., outdistanced Pvt. Blanchard Parker, of Chicago, 149. Parker came out fast in the opening stanza and seemed to be on his way to a knockout. But Bodish soon opened up and gave double for everything he took.

A Kayo in 20 Seconds

Little Pfc Herbie Williams, Eighth Air Force Service Command titleholder from New Orleans, chalked up one of the fastest kayoes in Rainbow Corner history when he was awarded a TKO over Pvt. Lynwood Craighead, of Roanoke, Va., Division lightweight, in 20 seconds. Craighead didn't even have time to throw a punch.

Slugging Pvt. Johnny Robinson, Kansas City (Kan.), middleweight, hammered out a close victory over Pvt. George Reado, Seattle, 149-pounder. The decision brought boos from the fans. Roby had things his own way through most of the first round, but Reado came back hard in the second and third. It was Robinson's sixth victory in eight appearances.

In the lightweight feature, Pvt. Lafayette Drummond, of St. Louis, outslugged Pvt. Chester Mareinkiewicz, division champion from Kaultpoint, Pa. It was Drummond's third straight in five trips.

A second short-distance fight was a lightheavy affair between two 170 pounders, with Sgt. Carl Dalio, of Houston, Tex., taking Pvt. Norris Fleetwood, of New York, in one minute 52 seconds of the second. Dalio's heavy attack to Fleetwood's head in the first paid dividends when he smashed Fleetwood to the ropes, causing blood to flow from his nose and mouth. At that point Fleetwood's second threw in the towel.

Other results: Pvt. Michael Finnerty, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 133, defeated Pfc Tony Ditato, Washington, 135. Cpl. Tommy Carbonaro, Brooklyn, 164, defeated Pvt. Gus Lapses, Hartford, Conn., 165.

Betzel Named to Boss Montreal Royals Nine

BROOKLYN, Dec. 14—Bruno Betzel, veteran minor league manager and former major league player, has been signed as manager of the Montreal Royals of the International League. Betzel replaces Fresco Thompson, who, according to Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, will be given another post in the Brooklyn farm organization.

Thompson's work was very satisfactory, Rickey said, but the Dodger boss believes he will serve the organization better in the new post which will be announced shortly.

Daly, Gianoni Pace Ordnance

A GENERAL DEPOT, Dec. 14—Led by T/Sgt. Guido Gianoni, of Erie, Pa., and Sgt. Jerry Daly, of Hollis, N.Y., the Ordnance Base Depot Pinwheels defeated the QM Service Blackbirds, 28-21, in the opening game of the Special Service basketball league here. Daly scored 12 points, Gianoni ten.

Williams Scores 41st Straight

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14—Ike Williams, sensational Trenton, N.J., lightweight, scored his 41st straight victory last night, beating Mayor Padlo, of Philadelphia. Padlo, at 134, enjoyed a nine-pound advantage.

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OVERCOAT—Someone took mine and left his by mistake at the Cambridge Red Cross on Dec. 6. GI flashlight and gloves were in my pocket. The other coat has "F. H. E. 0364" stenciled on it. Will re-exchange via Help Wanted. Pfc William R. Rouse.

Found SILVER Identity Disc bearing ASN: 32821474 with inscription "True Love Bierce."—Write inscription "Identity Disc," care of Help Wanted.

FOUNTAIN Pen.—I borrowed a pen from an officer while in the London Finance Office; if officer while in the London Finance Office; if he will contact me I will gladly return it.—Lt. Donald P. Anderson, care of Help Wanted.



Eighth Pierces Nazi Defences Tanks Repulsed

Germans Fight Furiously To Stem Monty's Drive; Fifth's Front Quiet

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Dec. 14 (AP)—Indian troops attacking in the center of the Eighth Army front have crashed through the German defenses to take a number of prisoners, while Canadians along the Adriatic coast have hurled back Nazi armored attacks, dispatches from the front said today.

Activity on the Fifth Army front was confined to artillery duels and patrols, particularly in the Liri Valley.

Nazi prisoners said the German Tenth Army suffered heavy losses in recent mountain fighting against British and American troops.

The main ground fighting took place on the Eighth Army front, where the Germans made a furious attempt to hold Gen. Montgomery's offensive, which is proceeding methodically toward the strategic road junction of Ortona.

British guns knocked out a number of German tanks trying to break through in counter-attacks.

Bad weather limited activity on the Fifth Army front. One attempt by strong German patrols to pierce American lines northwest of Filignano was frustrated, however, by artillery and mortar fire.

South of Mignano, Americans strengthened their positions and gained a little ground in the Liri valley area. The valley is now dominated by Allied artillery.

The lull on the Fifth Army front was to be expected following the fall of Mount Maggiore and Mount Camino. Before further large-scale activities, positions must be consolidated, and forces regrouped.

Will Tell U.S. Of ETO Needs

The four U.S. war plant workers who have toured American military installations in the United Kingdom for the last month will take back to America a message from Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, given in the form of remarks made at an interview after their tour was completed.

"The equipment we are getting is outstanding, but we need a terrific amount more of it," Gen. Devers told them.

The visitors informed Gen. Devers that for the first time they realized how many supplies are needed to keep an army in the field, let alone for launching a new front, and that they had learned why the army makes modifications even after equipment is on the assembly line—something people in the States must have explained to them.

The workers are Joseph Smith, steamfitter, Detroit; Stanley Ceizyk, aircraft engineer, North Hollywood, Cal.; Hugh T. Mahoney, steelworker, Bethlehem, Pa.; and Otto O. Butler, chemical employee, East St. Louis, Ill. They will be accompanied to the U.S. by four British war plant workers who will visit American industries.

Raids - - -

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together. It seemed like everyone got hit by flak, but we didn't see anybody go down."

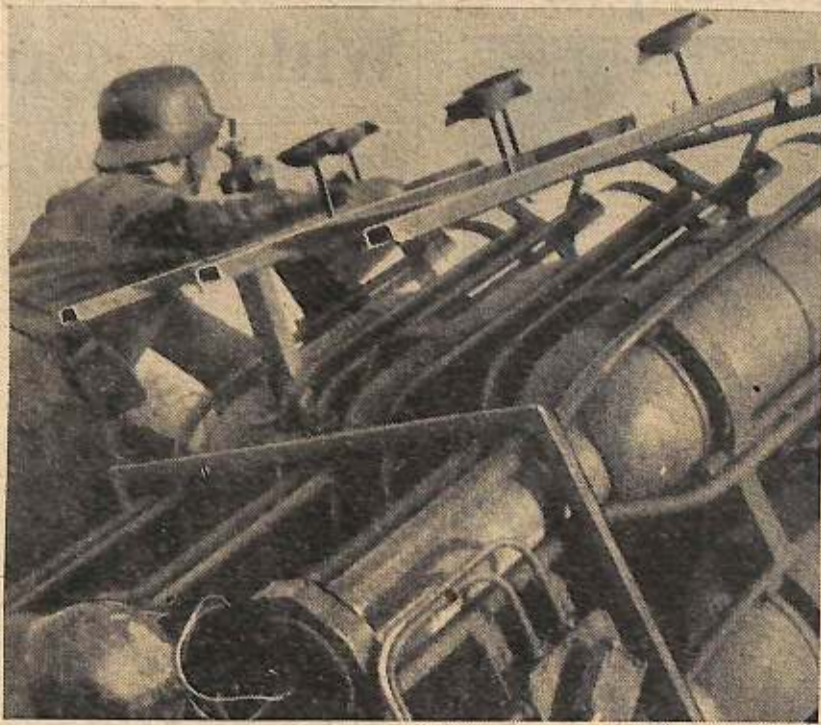
T/Sgt. Arthur P. Christen, of Merced, Cal., top turret gunner on the Fortress Short Stride IV, said it was the most intense flak he had seen in 23 missions, and S/Sgt. James Gifford, of Terry, Mont., engineer-gunner on the Marauder Cactus Kid, said the flak was so thick it was like a curtain of red and black smoke.

At least two men who took part in the day's activities had reason to thank their lucky stars for their flak suits. 2/Lt. Walter Kingman, of Topeka, Kan., copilot of the Liberator Miss Liberty, came back from the mission displaying a piece of flak which had smashed through his window and struck his chest.

AFN Radio Program

- 1402 kc. On Your Dial 1420 kc.
213.9m. 211.3m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 15
- 1100—GI Jive
 - 1115—Hymns from Home.
 - 1130—South American Way.
 - 1200—Yank Swing Session.
 - 1230—BBC Scottish.
 - 1300—World News (BBC).
 - 1310—Barracks Beat—A grab-bag of entertainment.
 - 1400—Sign off until 1745 hours.
 - 1745—Program Resume—Spotlight on Jack Teagarden.
 - 1800—World News (BBC).
 - 1810—What Do You Know, Joe?
 - 1820—GI Supper Club.
 - 1900—"Seven O'Clock Sports."
 - 1905—Carnival of Music.
 - 1910—Lone Ranger—Hi O Silver Away.
 - 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 Is the Army.
 - 2030—Kay Kyser's Kollege of Musical Knowledge.
 - 2100—World News (BBC).
 - 2110—Melody Roundup—Western Music.
 - 2125—Marching On (BBC), Dramatized News of the Week.
 - 2155—Fibber McGee and Molly.
 - 2225—Final Edition.
 - 2230—Sign off until 1100 hours Thursday, Dec. 16.

Is This Hitler's 'Secret Weapon?'



Here, in the first pictures to reach London from enemy sources, is Germany's new rocket gun, a "secret weapon" which fires six rockets in succession. Top: One gunner sights while another connects the last detonator. Below: The first rocket leaves with a blinding flash. Swiss dispatches, quoting Berne diplomatic sources, said yesterday the Nazis have begun assembling rocket guns on the Channel coast—great weapons firing 12-ton shells of great length with a practical range of 40 miles.



Yanks Who Helped Village Smashed by A Fort Are Lauded

A group of MPs who, after a Flying Fortress crashed last week at Deenethorpe, Northhamptonshire, helped evacuate villagers to safety before the plane's cargo of bombs exploded, was praised yesterday in a letter to the provost marshal written by Col. Harold W. Bowman, of Washington, commanding officer of a heavy bombardment squadron.

Mentioning Sgt. John Rilko, of Niagara Falls, S/Sgt. William B. Knoll, of El Dorado, Kan., and Sgt. Arnold B. Reasoner, of Englewood, Col., the letter also commended the MPs for helping rescue injured crew members from the plane.

Deenethorpe villagers expressed gratitude for the work of both MPs and Lt. Col. A. Clayton Scott, of Seattle, executive officer of an Eighth Air Force station, who had bedding material and food—including oranges—distributed to 100 villagers within half an hour after the explosion, which shattered village homes.

"Now that we know no lives were lost," a village constable said, "we'd almost go through it again for another shipment of oranges. We haven't seen one in years."

Consolidated Mess Opens For London Area Officers

The consolidated officers' mess in Grosvenor House, London, was opened yesterday to all Army, Navy and civilian personnel entitled to officers' mess privileges. This mess will accommodate about 1,000 persons at one sitting, and is run on cafeteria style.

Breakfast on weekdays is to be from 7 to 9 AM, and on Sundays from 7.30 to 9.30. Lunch and dinner, both weekdays and Sundays, will be from 11.30 to 2 PM and from 5.30 to 8, respectively. Breakfast will cost 1s. 6d. and lunch and dinner 2s. each.

With the opening of this new mess the \$1.25 per day for subsistence which officers in the London area have been collecting ceases.

The mess is operated by three officers, a dietician from the Army Nurse Corps, and six enlisted men, plus about 200 civilian workers. Mess officer is Capt. Walter Stansbury, of Goldsboro, N.C., assisted by 1/Lt. Lawrence Caldwell, of Savannah, Ga.; 2/Lt. Lloyd Underhill, of Mansfield, Ohio, and 2/Lt. Ethel Boelts, ANC, from Archer, Nebraska, dietician.

Shot for Helping Allies

Nine Belgians and two Frenchmen have been shot in Brussels for helping Allied airmen to escape from the Germans, Algiers radio said.

Terry and the Pirates



The GIs Hope This Row Will Finish in a Bust-Up

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 14—The National Safety Council and the movie industry—the latter supported by male admirers of undraped feminine beauty—are marshalling their forces in a dispute on whether Paulette Goddard will hide her curves with protective clothing in a forthcoming picture.

Since the shapely brunette star will portray a welder, the Safety Council argues she should set an example for women war workers and discard glamorous gowns for practical clothes.

From a deluge of reports from Army posts, however, it seems Miss Goddard's fans in the service just want her to discard her clothes.

Offensive Soon In Pacific-Knox

Men, Equipment on Hand To Do Complete Job, Secretary Says

An imminent all-out offensive in the Pacific was hinted at by Secretary Knox in Washington yesterday as Pearl Harbor dispatches told of new air blows against the Japanese in the Marshalls and the Solomons.

"The preliminaries are over," the Navy Secretary said, "and we are getting ready to drive home some hard blows. We now have the equipment and trained men to do a complete job."

Knox said that what had seemed "only nibbling" served to decimate the enemy's air and surface strength progressively and the Japanese "contributed to that by sending out small task forces which were regularly overwhelmed."

Gen. MacArthur's communique announced that the Australians, by pushing a two-mile advance north along the coast of Huon peninsula in New Guinea, had driven nearly 12 miles beyond Finschafen.

Adm. Nimitz reported that Liberators of the Seventh Air Force dumped 50 tons of bombs Saturday on a Japanese cargo ship and shore installations at Imeiji Island in the Marshalls. None of the American fliers was even wounded. The Solomons air force made 175 sorties the same day.

14th Air Force Bombs Hankow

CHUNGKING, Dec. 14 (AP)—Fourteenth Air Force Liberators bombed Hankow airbase in night attacks Saturday and Sunday, while others raided railway yards at Hanoi, Indo-China, in daylight on Sunday, Gen. Stilwell's headquarters disclosed today.

'Hollywood Canteen'

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 14—"Hollywood Canteen," a record of the movie industry's war activities, is being produced by Warner Brothers. Stars are Bette Davis and John Garfield.

Couples' Club Open in London

American soldiers with wives in Britain now have a place provided for them to stay when on leave in London, following the opening last night of the new Toc H Services club for Allied married couples at Clarendon House, 20 Queensberry Place, South Kensington, S.W.7. The formal opening was made by the Countess of Clarendon.

Until now, a serviceman coming to London on furlough to meet his wife, or the servicewoman with precious leave to spend with her civilian husband, have had to take their chance of obtaining accommodations at hotels already overflowing.

The club has sleeping accommodations for 50 persons and a lounge, library, music room, reading and writing rooms and a chapel. Facilities are provided for washing and ironing, and bed and breakfast may be obtained for two people for five shillings. Guests are required to show identity cards.

The club, open 24 hours a day, is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sowers, who have been supervising the Toc H club in York.

Diet Chief Calls Food Ration In ETO Tops Among Armies

Food provided for soldiers in this theater is superior to that served in any other theater, and superior to that received by any other army in the world, a report published in Washington and now being circulated in the Quartermaster Corps disclosed.

Col. Paul E. Howe, chief of the Nutrition Branch of the Medical Division of the Surgeon General's Office, author of the report, wrote that "the general plan of rationing adopted for the ETO is fundamentally sound and superior to any ration in use in other theaters or armies."

Criticisms contained in the report, concerning the preparation and service of food generally, indicate that mess personnel are not uniformly trained in the satisfactory preparation of dehydrated foods, and that the preparation of food is often begun and completed too long before it is served, with consequent loss of nutritive value and acceptability.

"The problems of feeding in the Air Force," the report said, "including the need for vitamin concentrates, were discussed with the Air Surgeon and his nutrition officer."

"Air Force personnel engaged in operational flights present a special problem which involves the lack of desire to eat. This is a psychological as well as a nutritional problem. Its correction is difficult and calls for superior mess operation to provide attractive meals which will include the foods needed to supply the necessary nutrients, and the attainment of a casual attitude toward operational flights.

"The former is easier to attain than the latter. The failure to consume sufficient calories to maintain weight is fully as detrimental to health as a deficit in vitamins and cannot be corrected by supplying vitamin concentrates. The timely provision of food at odd hours is being met by having separate messes for operational personnel."

It is also stated that cafeterias provided for officers in London provide special problems as there is a possibility that officers will not select satisfactory dietaries. This possibility is obviated to some extent, Col. Howe reports, by supplying balanced dishes.

NEWS FROM HOME '44 Agriculture Goals to Meet Nation's Needs

Plans Call for 4% Increase In Food Production, Jones Reveals

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Food Administrator Marvin Jones, revealing plans for an unprecedented food production drive, told the House Appropriations Committee today there would be no serious food shortage if 1944 goals were achieved.

Speaking in support of a measure to finance the importing of farm workers and the recruiting of domestic help to assist in planting and harvesting crops, Jones said plans call for a four per cent boost in food production next year.

He asserted laborers would have to be brought in to help replace the 4,000,000 workers who had left the farms since 1940. At least 288,000 workers would be needed for next year's bumper crop, he estimated.

Mother, Daughter Get Divorce

WASHINGTON, Ind., Dec. 14—It was a case of like mother like daughter with Mrs. Thelma K. Woodall and 14-year-old Ruth Olive Tomey. Circuit Judge F. E. Gilkison granted a divorce to the girl on charges that her sailor husband, Delbert E. Tomey, 22, had treated her cruelly. She said they were married more than a year ago, but had lived together only three months. Mrs. Woodall won a divorce in the same court the day before her daughter's decree was granted. Mrs. Woodall divorced Clarence R. Woodall and was given custody of their seven children, including Ruth Olive.

Boy 15 Murder Suspect

GREENVILLE, Mich., Dec. 14—Prosecutor M. R. Bolt revealed today that 17-year-old Patricia Winters, at first believed killed accidentally in an auto fire, may have been murdered. He said a 15-year-old boy who admitted having been intimate with the girl had been placed under technical arrest.

Manville's 8th Backs Out

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y., Dec. 14—Tommy Manville today confirmed rumors he had planned to be married for the eighth time in Reno on Christmas, but he said that the girl had changed her mind. He refused to identify her on the grounds that she would not want publicity.

Stirling Suit Dismissed

BALTIMORE, Dec. 14—An alimony suit which Mrs. Adelaide E. Stirling brought against her husband, Rear Adm. Yates Stirling, was dismissed yesterday on the grounds that Adm. Yates lives in New York and can not be sued in Baltimore.

Shot Explodes Gas Tank

LIBERTY, N.Y., Dec. 14—Five persons were injured, a two-story building was wrecked and five neighboring structures were damaged by an explosion when an unidentified man fired a hunting rifle bullet through a tank of gas.

\$50 a Month Urged For Student Soldiers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—Discharged servicemen who wish to continue their education after the war would receive \$50 a month in addition to their tuition fees under plans recommended to the Senate education committee yesterday by Maj. Gen. Frederick H. Osborne.

Gen. Osborne, director of the Army's Morale Division and head of a committee named by President Roosevelt to develop a post-war education plan, said servicemen with wives would be allowed an additional \$25 a month, and any serviceman could borrow \$100 a month from the government.

The allowances were called "stingy" by Sen. Claude Pepper (D.-Fla.).

Melvyn Douglas Sees Film Future for Drafted Actors

BOMBAY, Dec. 14 (AP)—Capt. Melvyn Douglas said in an interview today that actors called up for service would not become Hollywood's "forgotten men" after the war.

Douglas, who enlisted in the Army two years ago as a private, is "in transit" to a position which he thinks may be related to Army entertainment.

By Milton Caniff

