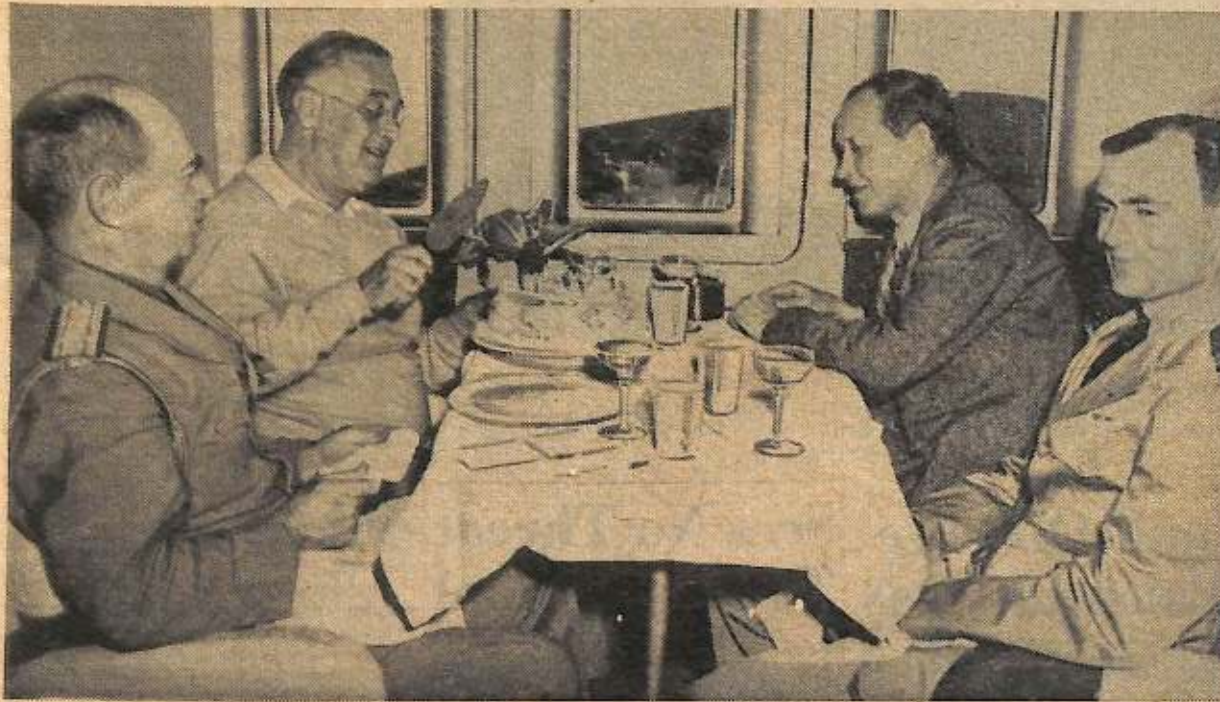


FDR Celebrates Birthday Above the Ocean



Associated Press Photo

Strictly informal was the President's attire for his 61st birthday party aboard a big plane bound for Miami from Trinidad. The President is about to cut his cake for Adm. William D. Leahy, chief of staff to the commander-in-chief, Harry Hopkins, and Lt. Howard M. Cone Jr., who was captain of the plane.

8th Army Still 60 Miles From The Mareth Line

Rommel's Force Retreats Into Tunisia, 6 German Transports Downed

By the United Press

The Eighth Army is still some 60 miles from the Mareth Line, but front line troops are in contact with Rommel's forces withdrawing towards Ben Gardane, 15 miles across the border into Tunisia. On other sectors, there has been only patrol activity.

The land lull continues in Tunisia, and it is now known that the British raid last week was only a small-scale affair. However, Allied planes have been keeping up their attacks on both North African Fronts, Naples, Sicily, and the Axis airport at El Aouina, south of Tunis.

A successful attack has also been made on a formation of 50 German troop-carrying planes flying north-east from Tunisia.

Six German transport planes were shot down, three of them by four U.S. Mitchell bombers and the other three by escorting Lightnings.

Marauders Spatter Axis

The raid on El Aouina airport was carried out by Marauder bombers which came in in two waves, blasting Nazi planes on the ground and sending down numbers of bombs on to one concentration of aircraft alone.

During the raid Messerschmitt fighters came up to intercept the attackers, who had to fight a 30-minute running engagement, during which they sent down four Messerschmitts.

In addition to attacks on airports, Allied planes have been harassing Axis land forces and two truck columns, each of about 65 vehicles, were gunned south-east of Faid.

Another group of fighters reported the destruction of lorries in the same area.

Germans' Talk 'Frantic'—FDR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—"The Nazis must be frantic indeed if they believe that they can devise any propaganda which would turn the British, American and Chinese governments and peoples against Russia, or Russia against the rest of us."

That is President Roosevelt's opinion, expressed in a broadcast, on the Nazis' latest propaganda campaign, designed to spread fear of Russian domination of Europe.

The overwhelming courage and endurance of the Russian people, plus the genius with which their armies had been directed and led by Premier Stalin and their military commanders, spoke for themselves, the President said.

The Axis propagandists were trying all their old tricks to divide the United Nations, the President said, and this was the final effort of the Axis to turn one nation against another in the vain hope they might settle with one or two at a time.

Nazis Hurling New Weapons Into Battle to Hold Tunisia

WITH U.S. FORCES, Central Tunisian Front, Feb. 14 (AP)—The Germans are throwing lavish quantities of their newest weapons into North Africa to re-equip Rommel's panzer divisions and gain control of the vital mountain chain known as the Grand Dorsal, which dominates the coastal plains of eastern Tunisia—last stronghold of the Axis on this continent.

German units recently engaged on the central Tunisian front, tentatively identified as part of Rommel's famed panzer division, are outfitted with new tanks and guns shipped by way of Italy to replace equipment lost to the British Eighth Army in Libya and Tripolitania.

'Trust in Soviet Vital to Peace'

'Highest Respect for Their Honesty,' Says Former Envoy to Russia

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (AP)—Mutual understanding and trust between the Soviet Union and all the United Nations is vital, not only to victory but to peace, declared Joseph E. Davies, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia, in an address to an audience attending the 11th Metropolitan Victory rally in Washington, which was broadcast throughout America.

"There are many matters upon which I disagree with the great leaders of the Soviet Union, but I do not hesitate to say that I have the highest respect for their honesty, courage and devotion to what they think is right," Davies said.

'True in Effort'

"From my experience with them and upon the record of past performance I do not hesitate to say that, in my opinion, among all the United Nations not one will be found more staunch or true in their effort to project, maintain and protect that great and noble enterprise of establishing a peaceful, decent and free world after the war than will the great people of the Soviet Union."

Davies asserted that steps should be taken so that peace could not again be smashed by "aggressor, bandit nations." "We must organize peace," he declared, adding that it was "one problem that came first and must be solved. Unless it is solved we will again have broken faith with our heroic dead," he said.

Wants Committee to Plan Economics After the War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Declaring that Congress had the final responsibility for post-war policies, whatever plans were made in other quarters, Sen. George of Georgia has drafted a resolution calling for the creation of a Senate investigating committee to study future economic policies.

Senator George, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, told journalists that his chief objective was to see that Congress assumed its full responsibility for shaping the economic policies of the country after the war.

George's action was widely interpreted as a move to counter efforts by some executive agencies to draft post-war economic plans which have not met with favor in some congressional quarters.

75mm. Anti-Tank

The Tunisian fighting brought United States forces against some new German weapons for the first time. Notable among them have been the 75mm. anti-tank gun which some American officers declared fully as destructive and as deadly as the 88mm. which shattered many British tanks in Libya last year.

Of extremely high velocity and resultant low trajectory, the new 75's fire led U.S. armored forces for a time to confuse it with the 88.

Farther north British artillery bagged two new German Mark VI tanks. These monsters are estimated to weigh from 42 to 62 tons and carry as their main armament an 88mm gun, plus smaller subsidiary weapons. Their frontal armor plate is ten inches thick, but they are more vulnerable on the sides.

Latest MEs in Action

The Luftwaffe also is sending its latest and best Messerschmitt 109 and Focke-Wulf 190 fighters into the determined effort to thwart any possible Allied efforts to end the Tunisian campaign early in the spring and convert the present battleground into a jumping-off place for an assault against Europe.

The German 210mm. mortars, capable of lobbing bomb-like shells 4,000 yards, are being employed in defending some mountain heights which the Nazis recently captured on the central front.

Bonds Are Prizes in Economy Idea Contest for SOS Troops

An "Economy Idea Contest," with war bonds and letters of commendation from the Commanding General of SOS as prizes, has been announced by Headquarters, Services of Supply. The contest will be open to enlisted personnel and all civilian employees of all SOS units, activities and installations in the European Theater of Operations.

Competitors will write essays embodying ideas for economy, conservation and salvage of materials of war. Entries will not be longer than both sides of a single 10 1/2 by 8 inch sheet of paper.

First prize for American soldiers is a \$100 bond, for British civilians, a £15 and a £5 bond. Second prize for soldiers is a \$50 bond, second for civilians a £10 bond. Third prize is a \$25 bond for soldiers, a £5 bond for civilians.

Letters of commendation from Maj. Gen. J. C. H. Lee will be awarded the next seven winners in each group.

Topics for the contest include:—Gasoline and oil, rubber, clothing, paper, fuel (heat, water, light, &c.), motor transport, personal equipment, organizational equipment, personnel, metal (all

Soviets Take Rostov, Cut Off Huge Force; Voroshilovgrad Falls

Arnold Makes Dates—In Berlin and Tokyo

BOMBAY, Feb. 14 (AP)—Lt. Gen. H. H. Arnold, U.S. Army Air Force Chief, following the recent Allied strategy conference, said, "I believe that the Axis air forces are now on the decline."

In jovial mood, following the wind-up of his conference with Gen. Wavell, Gen. Arnold told USAAF officers: "I have an appointment in Berlin a year from today. I will meet you six months afterwards in Tokyo."

Lorient Afire After Double Raid by RAF 1,000 Tons of Explosives Leave Nazi Submarine Base Burning

Incendiaries and more than 1,000 tons of bombs were dropped by the attackers. In two smashing raids, little more than an hour apart, four-engined RAF bombers left Lorient, Nazi U-boat base on the west coast of France, in flames Saturday night.

The repeatedly bombed Bay of Biscay port, which can shelter some 30 submarines at any one time, was hit by the first wave of Stirlings, Halifaxes and Lancasters in bright moonlight about 8.15 PM.

Early arrivals set fires in the dockyards visible to the oncoming second group of raiders 160 miles away.

Eight bombers were reported missing from the attack, which continued the battering directed at Hitler's U-boat bases and in which USAAF bombers have played daylight role.

Weather Perfect

Smoke climbed to 15,000 feet above the flaming docks, RAF pilots reported after the raid. Weather was "perfect" for the job.

The Air Ministry News Service said that the west side of the River Blavet, which helps to form the harbor, was the immediate target.

Bombs also were dropped on western Germany over the weekend, while fighters and light and medium bombers were over France, Holland and the German border, smashing at communications and transport.

Four enemy fighters were destroyed Saturday in daylight sweeps for the loss of six RAF fighters.

German intruder planes caused damage and casualties in sorties against southern English coastal towns Saturday.

Invasion Craft Launched

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14—Six tank-landing ships of a new type designed for invasion purposes were launched at the Navy yard here last week, making a total of 12 in the last three months.

Other Russian Units Fight in Outskirts Of Kharkov

The capture of the city of Rostov, at the northeastern tip of the Sea of Azov, where the Don River flows in, was announced in a special communique issued in Moscow last night.

Fall of the city climaxed the Russian offensive in the Caucasus and doomed a large number of enemy troops scattered along the edge of the sea to the south, where the Russians have driven other wedges to cut off their escape. It also increased by a large degree the threat to the huge Nazi force in the Donetz Basin just north, which is gradually being encircled by Red Army forces driving south from Krasnoarmeisk.

This danger to the Germans also was increased by the capture of the city of Voroshilovgrad, also announced in the special communique. Voroshilovgrad, on the Donetz River, had been partially encircled for many days. Its fate was sealed Friday with the capture of Voroshilovsk, 35 miles to the southwest, by one Russian force, while another swept far beyond the big industrial city to the north.

Kharkov Almost Circled

Kharkov, Hitler's greatest base in the south of Russia, was almost ringed by Russian forces. The five Russian columns now converging on the city through sweeping blizzards moved into position after two sensational breaks through the strongly fortified German lines.

They were made in the same way that the Reds have scored other successes—one north of the city and the other south. The northern column fought its way across the Kharkov-Kursk railway, occupied Zolochov on the new line to Briansk, and then cut southwards. The southern column, striking from Kupyansk and Izum, occupied Chuguyev and cut north to take Rogan, only seven miles south of Kharkov.

After the occupation of Rogan, the Germans threw in strong armored forces and Russian tanks rumbled in to fight a bitter tank battle, which the Germans lost.

Clearing a number of settlements and villages, the Russians pushed on and were last reported to be nearing the outskirts of Kharkov itself. Similar positions are likely by this time to have been taken up by the other four columns.

Nazis Admit Reverses

German radio admitted the pressure on Kharkov was strong. "We were wrong when we asserted yesterday that the Russian offensive was slackening," said the official German military spokesman. It was the first time a German official spokesman had made such an admission.

"In fact, the Russians have launched most terrific concentrated attacks in the region of Kharkov," he added.

"Liquidation of our Caucasus flank is continuing according to plan," was another admission made by the Berlin spokesman.

He also confirmed that Schlüsselburg, the key fortress on Lake Ladoga, was taken by the Russians four weeks ago, and added that the Russians have advanced ten miles since they broke through and relieved the siege of Leningrad.

Naples, Crotona Bombed Again by U.S. Liberators

CAIRO, Feb. 14 (AP)—U.S. Liberators yesterday attacked both Naples and Crotona in daylight, a U.S. communique disclosed tonight.

Results of the Naples bombing could not be observed because of clouds, but at Crotona bombs were seen to burst on barracks and warehouses. Large fires were started. All the planes returned safely.

More Canadian Troops Arrive at British Port

Another contingent of Canadian troops has arrived safely at a British port.

They included reinforcements for the infantry, artillery, service corps, engineers, armored corps and medical corps. With them came air and ground crew personnel of the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Royal Canadian Navy.

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Four Miles Behind the Enemy, Yanks Go Barefoot to Safety

Heroism of U.S. Troops Described in Dispatches From Africa Front; Officer Amputates Leg, Carries Man from Gun-Raked Field

WITH U.S. FORCES, Tunisian Front, Feb. 14 (AP)—A half dozen United States soldiers who refused to give up even when bottled up four miles behind the enemy lines spent the night hiking barefooted through Italian outposts and tank parks and next day led a party with a ten-ton wrecker back on to the battlefield to recover nine abandoned vehicles.

Led by Lt. Harry Thomas Schultz, of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, a scouting detachment in two jeeps drove along the foothills near Sened, penetrating deep among Italian positions until machine-gun fire began raking the open ground they were crossing. They abandoned the jeeps and sought cover.

The sun was setting when Pvt. William Pruitt, of Philadelphia, spotted the Italians slipping down from the foothills to surround them.

Pulled Off Our Shoes

"There was only one thing to do and we did it," Lt. Schultz explained. "We pulled off our shoes and socks and sneaked right past them up the hill as they were coming down. We spent the rest of the night sneaking past their outposts.

"Once during the night we crept right into the middle of their motor park, but didn't know it until we were right in among the tanks. We sneaked right out again without disturbing them."

At 4 AM, ten hours after the barefoot party began their hazardous night journey, they reached an American outpost.

In addition to Schultz and Pruitt, those who escaped were Cpl. Raymond Roxbury, of Ozone Park, Long Island, N.Y.; Pfc L. M. Cudahey, of the Bronx, New York; Pfc Grady W. Barnett, of Houston, Miss.; and Pfc Arthur L. Bruen, of Ludlow, Ky.

Commended by Colonel

A reconnaissance unit commander, Lt. Col. Charles J. Hoy, of Nogales, Ariz., who once worked in Washington as a Senate page and later studied for West Point entrance, credited the Schultz group with "giving confidence by showing them the situation is never so bad that good fighting men give up."

Col. Hoy, who had walked and crawled five miles, much of it under machine-gun fire, back to the American lines when his reconnaissance outfit was compelled to withdraw, asserted the example of the Schultz party was largely responsible for a daring exploit the following day when the unit boldly returned and recovered its vehicles.

Supported only by machine-gun fire from escorting half-track vehicles, a big wrecker truck with a crane drove boldly out onto a field commanded by Italian mortars and guns. With M/Sgt. Cecil Gibson, of Elizabethtown, Ky., a veteran of 14 years in the army, at the wheel, the wrecker towed off nine disabled machines.

"I guess the Italians didn't know what the wrecker was or they might have come out after us," Col. Hoy explained later. "Maybe they feared it was some new-fangled kind of tank."

'Greenhorn' Drives Tank Out of Fire

WITH U.S. FORCES, Tunisian Front, Feb. 14 (AP)—Frederick T. Price, of Leavenworth, Kan., had never even been inside a tank in his life—but that failed to prevent him from dashing across a field through heavy enemy machine-gun fire and driving an abandoned American medium tank back to his own lines.

Price was serving in a reconnaissance unit in the battle for Sened last week, when German dive-bombers swept down on advance American forces and the crew of a tank ran to safety in nearby slit trenches.

When the bombers finished their deadly work, Italian machine-guns began to rake the field, but Price, a former coal miner and later a Civilian Conservation Corps worker, hated to see a good piece of fighting machinery left to the enemy.

"I ran across the field, but hardly even knew how to get into the tank," he explained to superior officers who commended him highly.

"It was a good thing the engine had been left running, because I wouldn't have known how to get it started. I just drove it back over the hill."

"Then what?" asked the commander. Price replied with a grin: "I gave it back to the tank outfit and told them I didn't have any more time to fool with it."

Amputates Leg, Carries Man to Safety

WITH U.S. FORCES, Tunisian Front, Feb. 14 (AP)—Fighting in the first real battle he'd ever seen, Lt. Walton Goodwin, of Richmond, Va., safely directed the abandonment of his wrecked tank, amputated a wounded man's leg with a pocket-knife, then carried the man on his back across a battlefield commanded by enemy machine-guns.

Even the Germans respect such courage. Their machine-guns ceased firing long enough for him to carry his burden to safety.

Lt. Goodwin's platoon of light tanks were leading reconnaissance well ahead of other U.S. units in last week's battle for Sened when two were knocked out by

First Football Used in Britain



Pvt. Erving Grosch, of Milwaukee (right), presents Capt. W. W. Wakefield, former Rugby captain at Cambridge University, with the first American football U.S. soldiers kicked on British soil. Pvt. Riley Cohn, also of Milwaukee, watches.

Yanks Observe Valentine Day

First Football Kicked Here Given to English Rugby Star

The first football kicked by a GI toe in the British Isles was the American Army's Valentine gift to British Rugby players yesterday.

During a Valentine Day party at the English Speaking Union in London, Pvt. Erv Grosch, of Milwaukee, Wis., captain of the Hale team which beat the Yarvard 11 in Northern Ireland last November, handed the ball to Capt. W. W. Wakefield, British M.P. and international Rugby star.

Throughout the British Isles, Yanks celebrated the traditional day of hearts and flowers without many of the usual trimmings, but with dances and shows at Red Cross clubs.

The English Speaking Union also provided a floorshow called "Kaki Kabaret," presented by Pvt. Sammy Cohen and an all-soldier cast. Songs and impersonations were done by Pvt. Jack Perrino and Sgt. Ken Taube, both of New York City, and Sgt. Frank Monarch, of Schenectady, N.Y.

A dance for the GIs and their British girl friends followed with music by Frank Rossato and his London Base Command band.

Mrs. A. V. Alexander, wife of the First Lord of the British Admiralty, was hostess at the party.

At the Rainbow club, Cpl. James Talbot, of Williamsburg, Ohio, was the lucky man who pinned a corsage of orchids on Ellen Drew, of Hollywood, while the rest of the soldiers in the club shoved pencil and paper at the actress trying to get her autograph.

Yanks Help to Clear Wreckage After Raid

American soldiers helped clear away the debris in an English Home Counties town near their station after a German raid.

The commanding officer of the station offered his services to the local ARP authorities and within a short time the soldiers were helping the rescue squad locate and dig out victims of the raid who had been buried in the wreckage when the bombs hit.

"The efforts of the American soldiers will long be remembered by our townspeople," said a local authority. "They were beyond all praise."

Sees No Threat To Guadalcanal

Gen. Vandergrift Says Japs Discouraged, Will Not Try to Retake It

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14—Maj. Gen. Alexander A. Vandergrift, who commanded the Marines on Guadalcanal, said the initial invasion was such a surprise that no Americans were lost, and the ultimate conquest of the island was so complete the Japanese probably would not attempt to take it.

The Marine commander said in a speech here the Naval force under Rear Adm. Daniel J. Callaghan and Rear Adm. Norman Scott, both of whom died in the sea battle off Guadalcanal last November, attacked a Japanese force twice its size with brilliant results.

Gen. Vandergrift said they killed or caused to be drowned over 30,000 Japanese, and knocked out nine transports. One escaped at night, but was sunk within 15 minutes the next morning by bombers and naval gun fire.

"After this, the Japanese kind of lost interest in sending any more men down there," he added.

Gen. Vandergrift said that because of the surprise element, U.S. casualties were lighter than expected. Badly wounded were always removed within 10 to 12 hours.

"Guadalcanal is now an ideal air base and has been for some three or four months," the Marine commander reported.

60,000 Tons of Supplies Reach North Africa Ports

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Feb. 14 (AP)—The North African Economic Board announced today that 60,000 tons of supplies for civilian consumption had reached North Africa from Britain and America.

The shipments, evenly divided between Britain and the United States, included 730 tons of sugar, 20,000 tons of flour, 7,000 tons of milk, 300 tons of tea, 600 tons of coffee, 650 tons of margarine, 2,800 tons of potatoes, 700 tons of canned foods, 500 tons of cheese, 2,600 tons of soap, 270 tons of matches, 900 tons of clothing, 60 tons of shoes and 2,900 tons of copper sulphate for spraying vines.

Free Movies at Hans Crescent

Free movies are scheduled at the American Red Cross Hans Crescent club tonight.

50 Japs Killed For Each Captive In Last Battle

6,066 Enemy Troops Killed In Last Guadalcanal Fight, Navy Says

Over 50 Japs were killed for every Jap taken prisoner during the last four weeks of the U.S. campaign on Guadalcanal.

This is revealed in a Navy Department communique tonight which states that 6,066 Japs were killed during this period, but that only 127 were taken prisoner.

The total of enemy killed since the U.S. landings on the island last year is nearly 15,000, while another 20,000 are estimated to have been killed while attempting to land.

In Northern New Guinea, the Japs have suffered another set-back, the Australians pushing them back towards Mubo after an unsuccessful attempt to reach the Allied airport at Wau.

Jap Marines in Guinea

A group of 60 Jap marines, forming part of the enemy's rearguard, was ambushed near Wandumi, nine miles north-east of Wau. Thirty-two of them were killed and the rest were dispersed.

This news, given in the latest communique from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Australia, reveals for the first time that Jap marines are fighting in this area.

Previously, only Jap soldiers and a number of engineers had been reported.

Meanwhile, widespread patrol activity is continuing throughout the whole area, although no major engagements are taking place.

Allied planes have been supporting the Australian ground troops, and Havoc light bombers have attacked trails and Jap positions around Mubo.

Single Jap Raider

In the northwestern sector of Dutch New Guinea, a single enemy float plane "dropped two bombs on Tozap." At Fuiloro, Timor, Allied long-range fighters strafed the airport and town areas.

At Rabaul, New Britain, a heavy bomber unit harassed the area for more than three hours, starting large fires.

Finschafen, New Guinea, was attacked by long-range fighters, which executed a strafing sweep along the coast. Extensive fires were started at Madang and Finschafen and a hangar at Madang was burned and destroyed.

Barges on the beach and buildings were strafed and burned. Large fires were still burning at Finschafen five hours after the attack.

Red Cross Club At Chelmsford

CHELMSFORD, Feb. 14—The American Red Cross' newest club in the British Isles is nearing completion here and plans are under way to open the hostel formally within a month.

Red Cross officials have taken over the Saracen's Head hotel, which is being remodeled to provide sleeping, eating and recreation facilities for American servicemen on leave.

Verbon Gay will be director of the club, which is to house six dormitories of six beds each, a lounge, dining room and kitchen, a reception and booking office, reading and writing rooms and shower baths.

Gay's staff will consist of a British manageress, an American Red Cross worker who will act as program director, and paid and volunteer workers.

At the opening ceremony it is planned to have the Mayor of Chelmsford, Councillor Sidney C. Taylor, present the keys of the club to an American soldier who will unlock the front door, according to Gay.

Contest - - -

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not later than Mar. 15 in order to be entitled to final judging.

From the entries selected by the base section commanders, SOS Headquarters will select the ones judged to be worthy of classification as winners. The winners will be announced as soon as the judging is completed and a letter of commendation will be awarded to each. Photographs of the winners will be published in The Stars and Stripes. The commanding officers of winners will be awarded letters of commendation for their part in stimulating economy thinking.

The British Government has been stressing "Salvage Saves Shipping Space" for some time, and notable results have been achieved, it was said. A few examples of conservation cited by the British Government:

One half-pint of petrol saved per vehicle per day throughout the year would mean the Merchant Navy would make eight voyages less per year, or would move an armored division 14,000 miles.

One half-slice of bread saved by everyone each day throughout the year would allow shipping space for 10,000 25-ton tanks.

One half-pound of anything saved would mean that 5,400 seamen would be spared six voyages each year.

Doctors Experiment to Make Sea Water Safe For Drinking

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (UP)—The lives of many shipwrecked sailors who are reduced to drinking sea water and going without food for great lengths of time, may be saved as the result of experiments now being carried out in New York.

Doctors are trying to ascertain the degree to which sea water is fatal to the thirsty man and are hoping to work out the proportion to which sea water can safely be mixed with fresh water in order to make short rations last.

Simultaneously, they are conducting experiments and tests with food tablets.

The first tests were carried out on volunteers who gradually had sea water added to their fresh water until they were finally drinking three glasses of sea water daily. The tests showed that their lives were endangered if they continued to drink it.

They were then fed normally until they

had recovered and then they went on a complete fast with one glass of fresh water daily for a week. In that week they lost an average of 16 pounds.

Then the sailors' belief that immersion in sea water helps to relieve the thirst was tried. The men then tried spending two hours per day in a tank full of sea water. The doctors decided, however, that the effect was psychological rather than by absorption through the skin.

Other "human guinea-pigs" underwent an eight-day fast wherein they drank the sea water mixture and one tablet of special food daily.

The experiments are continuing, and the doctor in charge, in a tribute to the volunteers, said:

"They are ideal subjects, because of their intelligence and their conscientious cooperation."

Receives Silver Star For Heroism at Oran

WITH U.S. FORCES, Central Tunisian Front, Feb. 14 (AP)—Credited with saving the lives of many men under his command when their boat, entering the harbor at Oran, was attacked by enemy cruisers and shore batteries, Maj. William L. Wells, Vermillion, S.D., of an armored force unit, was awarded the Silver Star today for courageous leadership.

Although their boat was set on fire, and hostile machine-gun fire raked the deck of the ship, Maj. Wells remained on deck, coolly directing the troops abandoning the ship.

German anti-tank fire. Goodwin's own tank hit a mine and was wrecked.

Goodwin used smoke grenades to hide his crew's movements from enemy gunners, then remained behind attempting to cover their flight with a tommy-gun as they ran to a nearby scout car. They barely reached the car when it was struck by a German mortar shell and two of the men were killed. A third managed to crawl 20 yards with his leg nearly severed.

Lt. Goodwin managed to crawl through a rain of fire to the wounded man. He decided the shattered leg must be amputated before the man was removed from the field. A shouted order brought quick response, and Sgt. Alfred A. St. Germaine, a full-blooded Sioux Indian from Cincinnati, Ohio, ignored enemy bullets to run across the field with a knife.

From a first aid kit, Lt. Goodwin administered morphine, applied sulfanilamide to the wound and amputated the leg. Then he shouldered the wounded man, and started to run for cover. Suddenly the German guns fell silent and withheld their fire until he crossed the brow of the hill and was out of range.

A few minutes later Lt. Donald F. Aishon, of Ashville, N.C., volunteered to creep to the blasted scout car. Finding the men there dead, he returned with their identification tags and then, ignoring constant enemy fire, drove to the scene in a jeep and returned with one of the bodies.

There actually were tears in the eyes of several members of the platoon when their commanding colonel told them that Lt. Goodwin was being replaced. But a moment later they were happy, for the colonel added: "It's all right. He's going to command your company."

Lt. Goodwin, 31-year-old former track supervisor for the Southern Railway, was graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1934.

Col. Blakeney Addresses British-American Group

Col. James L. Blakeney, senior chaplain in the ETO, last night addressed a British and American audience in London on the text—"Abraham Lincoln, a great citizen, a great Christian."

"The greatest fruit of Christianity in the life of Lincoln was his unparalleled kindness," the chaplain from Little Rock, Ark., said.

Col. Blakeney spoke at the "American Night" service in the Methodist Central Hall Church.

After a morning service, members of the church placed a wreath at the base of Lincoln's statue in Parliament Square.

Washington Club Guests Arrange Own Fun Tonight

Tonight is open house at the American Red Cross Washington club. Guests arrange their own entertainment.

Tuesday night there is a dance with the RAF Grosvenor House Swing Band from 7 to 10 PM, and a floor show with soldier talent.

Turko-Russian Accord Expected

ANKARA, Feb. 14 (AP)—Rumors were circulated in high diplomatic quarters here today on the possibility of a Turko-Russian declaration over the weekend. They said it would announce that Turkey and Russia had come to a full understanding on post-war problems, and interests involving the Dardanelles Straits and the Balkans.

Zero Captured Intact

A U.S. AIR BASE, India, Feb. 14 (AP)—A Japanese Zero fighter, captured intact in China, has arrived at this base en route to the United States. Only one other has been captured since the war began, it is said. That was in the Aleutians and it was immediately taken for study by the U.S. Navy. Now the Army has one, too.

Ground School Shows Airmen Combat Tricks

Training Devices Simulate Conditions of Aerial Dogfights

AN AIR FORCE TRAINING DEPOT, England, Feb. 14—Without leaving the ground, U.S. bomber training crews in Great Britain are learning all the tricks of aerial warfare. The din of roaring motors, bursting ack-ack and crack of enemy fighter cannon are reproduced so these American airmen will be able to make cool decisions in action.

Navigators, bombardiers and gunners watch enemy targets unfold in moving pictures just as they would appear during operational flights.

Handling "electric eye" guns like those in shooting galleries at home, these men learn to set their sights on weaving, diving fighters which appear as targets on the screen. Intricate machines reproduce anything a bomber crew might encounter in blasting submarine pens, landing in fog, navigating by wireless.

"In many ways it's better than actual experience," says 1st Lt. Neil M. Ritchie, of Bloomsburg, Pa., one of the instructors. "With our gadgets we can simulate a situation a navigator or pilot may encounter only once but needs to know when he faces it."

Right Move Instinctive

"Our boys go through it until the proper action is instinctive. In combat, a flying man makes mistakes because he doesn't know any better, and the price he may pay for the lesson is his life. So we fake experience, and the man knows what to do when the time comes."

It costs too much to learn by doing as old-timers did in the last war, according to Maj. John P. Dwyer, of Clarion, Pa., commander of the training program.

"Precious time and lives of men and fabulously expensive equipment are wasted when rookies become veterans through actual operations," he declared.

Trainers in the school are men of extensive experience in bombing operations. They include, besides the commander, 1st Lt. Lemuel F. Wright, Hamilton, Ala.; M/Sgt. James B. Dill, Tampa, Fla.; Sgt. Paul H. Biery, Allentown, Pa.; and Pvt. William F. Mooney, Chicago.

The most fascinating part of this training consists of various devices, gadgets and intricate machines which reproduce in structures firmly moored to the ground anything a bomber crew may encounter.

British and U.S. Pool Ideas

Some of this equipment was loaned by the British, some evolved by American airmen and scientists. Ideas are pooled and machines combined to produce the equipment.

In the "grope room," radio operators and navigators work together charting courses, pin-pointing positions and directing the pilot. They work through intercom, because the roar of motors drowns ordinary conversation. They must maintain contact with ground stations, make calculations based on compass and radio bearings, figure wind drift and what to do about it.

There's the oddly shaped building where you can sit in the nose of a "bomber" vibrating with the thunder of powerful motors and see the landscape sliding past 20,000 feet below. Machine-guns add to the din, and suddenly an ack-ack battery goes into action. The guns flash on the ground, tracers stream up and the shells burst in blinding patterns.

The student bombardier squinting through the sight sees an Axis harbor; he sights on the submarine pens and squeezes the release.

Looks Like 20,000 Feet

"Good shot," says 1st Lt. Wright. "Don't let the flak confuse you. Now let's try it again. Blowing up the ocean right next to the pens isn't good enough."

Sgt. Dill, a trained bombardier, holds up a small landscape slide. "We put this in here," he says, "pull a few handles and the ground rolls along under the bomb-sight. The funny thing is, it really looks like the ground does from 20,000 feet."

An RAF airman is in charge of the devices in a concrete hut shaped like an observatory. He pushes a button and the dome-shaped ceiling disappears in darkness. A few more clicks and a large patch of sky appears suddenly, and in it specks turn rapidly into diving aircraft.

The student must identify them, aim his machine-gun and get his enemies.

"When the new planes arrive from the ferry service," Lt. Ritchie says, "we'll have crews waiting for them."

"Later, over Germany, our students get the 'cum laude' tacked on to their certificates."

Texan in RAF Bags Ju88 in First Combat

Pilot Officer J. C. White, 23-year-old Dallas, Tex., Beaufighter pilot serving in the RAF Coastal Command, shot a German Ju88 into the sea in his first combat, and two of his comrades accounted for two more of the enemy in a 58-minute dogfight during anti-submarine patrol over the Bay of Biscay.

It was White's third operational flight and his first combat with the enemy. Squadron Leader David Cartridge, Bristol, England, and a 46-year-old Polish fighter bagged the other two Junkers.

White, an experienced flier in civilian life, was employed at a Dallas aircraft firm before he came to Britain.

American in Canadian Army Drives the King

A CANADIAN TANK UNIT, England, Feb. 14—Trooper F. C. Cunningham, of Nashville, Tenn., a volunteer in the Canadian Army, drove the gun-carrier in which King George VI rode on his inspection tour of this unit.

After the inspection, his pals asked Cunningham what the King was like.

"He is a very good guy," Cunningham said, "and he speaks very good English. He speaks to everybody, too."

Navy Develops New Containers

Easier to Unload, They Can be Used Later In Other Ways

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—Navy Department officials announced today establishment of a special organization to develop new containers and packaging methods for speedier delivery of a greater volume of goods to the armed forces, based on experiences in Iceland, the Solomons and North Africa.

Absence of docking facilities in most war theaters, plus the need for the extremely hasty unloading, usually at night, necessitates throwing boxes of supplies overboard and floating or carrying them ashore. Ordinary wooden and cardboard cartons could not withstand the fall. Others would not float.

Navy specialists and manufacturers have developed "V board" which permits construction of boxes which will stand rough handling. Also size and weight have been reduced so that marines or soldiers can carry them ashore.

The Navy also has developed dual purpose products. A gasoline container later can serve as a water container or be filled with sand and used as a building block, providing excellent protection against weather and bomb splinters.

Wooden platforms used in unloading supplies now are designed for additional use as floors and walls for temporary shelters at advance bases.

'Man Bites Dog' At Troop Show

AN ARMY HOSPITAL, Northern Ireland, Feb. 14—It was "MAN BITES DOG" when Bebe Daniels, Ann Dvorak, Freddie Morgan and their touring show played here.

The performers threw vegetables at the audience, although it was all in fun.

Before their performance, the stars announced they would award "Mystery Prizes" for the loudest singing during a community sing of the crowd.

When the audience sounded out, the stars began tossing vegetables, chickens and beer to the singers. There was a mad scramble for the prizes.

Another feature of the program was "Truth and Consequences," familiar American household game. Soldiers participated in the game and as "Consequences" had to do a number of amazing feats, including a fan dance. Those suffering "penalties" were S/Sgt. Harold Drewett, Winfield, La.; Sgt. J. C. Carroll, Frederika, Iowa; Pfc Frank Pribyl, Elysean, Minn.; Pvt. Henry Crofoot, Houston, Tex.; and Pvt. Walter Sperling, Lehr, N.D.

Former Sergeant at ETO Headquarters Gets Bars

SPECIAL TO THE STARS AND STRIPES
FORT BENNING, GA., Feb. 14—James E. Schad, of Hartford, Wis., formerly a technical sergeant at Headquarters, ETOUSA, has been commissioned a second lieutenant after completing successfully the OCS course at the Infantry school here.

Schad enlisted in the Army July 27, 1937, and served with the 61st Coast Artillery (AA), Fort Sheridan, Ill., and Headquarters, Second Army, Memphis, Tenn., before going overseas.

Chief Petty Officers at 'Derry Run Own' Most Exclusive Club

LONDON, DERRY, N.I., Feb. 14—It's one of the most exclusive clubs in the British Isles and, if you don't believe it, try to get in without a U.S. Navy chief petty officer as your host.

The CPO club on the Navy's repair base here has been in operation for six months under a charter granted by the commanding officer to all chiefs permanently attached to the base.

Housed in a Nissen hut, the club has been improved week by week until now it contains a bar over which are served beer and soft drinks, a dance floor, a nearby juke box, tables and amusement devices.

From the 33 charter members, ten of whom still are stationed here, the club has grown to 61 members, 11 of them Marines. The rates of the chiefs include

He Makes Certain They Fly



1st Lt. Joseph Lowe, of Parsons, Kan., clambers into a U.S. fighter plane for a test flight.

If It Has Wings and Engine, Test Pilot Lowe Will Fly It

A USAAF AIR DEPOT, Northern Ireland, Feb. 14—If it has wings, an engine and a fairly reasonable facsimile of a landing gear, Joe Lowe will fly it, and with pleasure.

Lowe is the 22-year-old Army test pilot at this repair and assembly base, and he's flown everything from giant Flying Fortresses to fleet P38s, which he likes to send rocketing through the sky just for the hellvitt.

A 1st lieutenant with two years of service behind him, Lowe comes from Parsons, Kan., where he used to stooge around in trainers and do a bit of instructing on the side.

His daily stint of testing may include maiden flights in Brewster dive-bombers, a Curtiss P40 which has just had his landing gear checked, a newly-uncrated P38 which is scheduled for front-line combat duty or a B17 which has had some modifications made.

His brother pilots who drop in at the

depot now and then to say "hello" and find out if he's still alive, call him "a crazy flier" and "a madman at the controls," but you can see the admiration in their eyes when they mention his exploits.

This blonde, short, eager pilot has had a few crackups, most of them due to landing gear trouble. He recalls piling an Oxford trainer into a mountainside in dirty weather and returning to flying after a month in the hospital. He may also mention a 6,000-foot spin in a new fighter. Or the time the landing gear stuck on a new Brewster and he had to put it down on its belly.

After 1,200 hours in cockpits, 700 of them testing new or repaired ships, Lowe still can't get enough of the air. If there isn't a bomber or a fighter around, he'll take up one of the "Maytag Messerschmitts"—Piper Cubs—which are based here and float around in the sky for a while.

Lowe says a ride in a "Maytag" is as good as a day off.

Md., Va., Troops Get Home Movie

—TH DIVISION BASE, England, Feb. 14—Men from Maryland and Virginia who are stationed here will receive personal greetings from their families, wives and sweethearts when they see the film "From Back Home," soon to be shown by the Special Service Section.

The film, lasting 36 minutes, was made by the Baltimore News Post and Sunday American. It includes scenes of the Navy-Yale football game in Baltimore Stadium, the Riggs Handicap in which Riverland beat Whirlaway at Pimlico, the launching of a ship in Baltimore, a message from Maryland's Gov. Herbert O'Connor and greetings from hundreds of mothers, fathers, wives and sweethearts of men serving overseas.

Private Served With Russians

By James R. Cleary

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent
A U.S. HOSPITAL, Northern Ireland, Feb. 14—An American infantryman who at 15 was a volunteer for the Russian Army of World War I spends most of his time these days reading the news of Soviet victories as he recovers in this hospital from a fractured leg.

He is Pvt. Samuel Feldman, of Chicago, a native of Kiev, Russia.

Feldman volunteered for duty with the Russian Army in World War I but he was only 15 years old then, and his duties were limited to clerical work. The war ended before he realized his ambition—that of becoming a commissar in the Red Army.

After the war he went to America with his mother and brother. The family settled in Philadelphia, moved to Milwaukee and then to Chicago, where on May 18, 1942, Feldman was inducted into the U.S. Army.

Feldman has relatives in Russia who are serving with the Red Army but he has not heard from them since the start of World War II. He has appealed to the Red Cross in an effort to contact his relatives.

Feldman, incidentally, has collected more than \$50 from his friends for Mrs. Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund.

DFM Awarded Floridian

Flt/Sgt. James S. Holland, a Floridian who volunteered in the RCAF, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal for conspicuous gallantry in bombing operations in the Middle East, it was announced in London.

RAF Plays at Dance Tonight

There will be dancing to the RAF Swing Band tonight from 7 to 10 PM at the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner.

Fort Flew Back From 13th Raid On Broken Wing

Unmarked in 12 Missions, 'Serenader' Fought FWs Over Germany

A USAAF BOMBER STATION, England, Feb. 14—Lt. Shaffer's B17, "Sunrise Serenader," came back from 12 raids without a patch to mar her sleek metal walls, and the crew began to refer to her as "Little Magic."

The second U.S. raid on Germany was her 13th trip.

The formation was only ten minutes inside Germany when the fighter planes struck. Ignoring their own flak they continued the attack through the run on the target.

On the way out "Sunrise Serenader" cut her speed to stay with two other Forts which had fallen back to protect a ship making it home on three engines.

Seven FWs Attacked

"We were over the North Sea and I was just beginning to relax after what I thought was the last fighter attack," said Shaffer, a 1st lieutenant from Decatur, Ill., "when I saw seven FWs coming in."

"Here one comes at 2 o'clock, Bill, get him!" I told my turret gunner, T/Sgt. W. F. Clendenen," Shaffer continued. "Bill started shooting at 150 yards and the FW190 burst into flames."

"I saw another FW coming in at us from 10.30 o'clock level, and he had us in his sights. Seven or eight of his 20mm. cannon shells burst about 50 yards in front of our ship, and the next thing I felt was a sudden jolt as if a tail surface was shot away."

Shell Hit Wing

"However, it wasn't the tail surface. It was a direct hit by a cannon shell into the leading edge of the wing between the Number 3 and 4 engines. All Number 4 engine controls were shot away and shell fragments cut oil lines to both of the starboard engines. When Number 4 stopped, we started falling back out of formation and were in the same predicament that the other Fortress was that we were trying to protect."

"I shoved the super-chargers all the way forward, feathered the Number 4 engine, and got back into formation. The FW that had hit us came into the guns of the left waist gunner, S/Sgt. H. W. Armstrong, who gave him a good burst and saw him fall into a vertical dive, streaming smoke. That was the third we accounted for, as the top turret gunner, T/Sgt. A. G. Nates, earlier had shot up a Ju88.

Just Reached a 'Drome'

"Just before we reached the English coast the oil pressure in Number 3 engine dropped and it went out, leaving only numbers 1 and 2 on the port side still working; but we found a 'drome'."

"We hit the tarmac at about 150 miles an hour. I had to tramp on the brakes to keep from going off the other end of the runway. We couldn't taxi with the two starboard engines gone, so we got out to count the holes."

"The starboard wing had a queer bend to it. The cannon shell that struck it had torn through the main beam and it was just about to fall off."

Other crew members of "Sunrise Serenader" were Lt. W. D. Greenawald, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Lt. A. D. Reitz, Waltham, Mass.; Lt. J. W. Bennett, Phoenix, Ariz.; Sgt. T. M. Lowler, Sgt. L. Berring, Los Angeles, and S/Sgt. Lee C. Gordon, San Fernando, Cal.

Clendenen is from Troy, Iowa; Armstrong from Boardstown, Ill., and Nates from Elgin, Ill.

Second Descendant Found of Washington's Family

Another descendant of the George Washington family has been located here to take part in the broadcast to America on the Washington's birthday program, Feb. 22.

Sgt. Richard S. Worth, of Lexington, Ky., with the finance department of the 4th Bomb Group, reports that Washington's wife and step-child were way-back relations of his.

Sgt. Worth recalls that his mother used to tell him of the visits she made to Mount Vernon to see her cousins when she was a girl.

Lt. John Washington Logan, of Schenectady, N.Y., was the first to answer the call The Stars and Stripes made for Washington family descendants.

Navy Lieutenant Engaged To Marry English Driver

The engagement of Marjorie Clements, 22, one of the dozen English girls who drive for the U.S. Navy in London, to Lt. (jg) Henry Dolstra, USNR, 24, attached to the Navy's technical section, was announced yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Clements, parents of the bride-to-be.

The couple will be married Apr. 17 in London.

Dolstra, whose home is at 109 E. Whitmore St., Wilmar, Cal., has been on active service with the Navy since May, 1941, and has been stationed in London since last May.

Miss Clements started driving for the Navy in August, 1941. Previously she was a Civil Defense ambulance driver.

Mostyn Club Dance Class

The American Red Cross Mostyn Club has dancing classes tonight at 8.30 PM.

40 Soldiers Battle for Division Ring Championships

8 Titles Open To Survivors of 6-Week Meet

Heavyweight Class Should Furnish Fans Plenty Of Real Action

By Charles F. Kiley
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

AT A DIVISION BASE, England, Feb. 14—Big news of the week here surrounds the finals of the division's boxing tournament which will be staged Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights (Feb. 18, 19, 20), with 40 soldier ringmen swinging for championships in eight weight classes, from bantamweight to heavyweight.

Survivors in a field of 900 khaki-clad leather pushers who entered the tournament six weeks ago, the 40 finalists represent Infantry regiments, Field Artillery and the Special Units on this post.

Favorites are numerous and many a note will change hands during the inter-regimental battles of the biggest ring tourney staged in the ETO to date.

The heavyweights should furnish enough action to open a third front by themselves.

An Ernie SchAAF

Pvt. Vincent Kozak, of Hazleton, Pa., a blond giant with the physique of Ernie SchAAF, established himself as a strong contender for heavyweight laurels last Friday by putting the lights out on T/5 Walter Ploski, of Union City, Conn., in 49 seconds, during the finals of the Special Units' eliminations.

Challenging Kozak are Sgt. Bill Dirks, a rugged entry from Cumberland, Md., Pvt. Mike Donahue, a rock-jawed Irishman with a potent left hook from Philadelphia, Pa., and rangy Cpl. Bob McDonald, of St. Louis, Mo. The light heavyweights are going to be watched too. Pfc Bob Kelly, of Norfolk, Va., and Cpl. Chester Marcinkiewicz, of Kulpmont, Pa., are favored, but they can expect trouble from Pvt. Mike Denski, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Pvt. Joe Alenciewicz, of Jersey City, N.J.

What may develop into the best fights in the finals are those to be fought for the lightweight crown. S/Sgt. Joe Abbato, Baltimore, Md.; Pfc Joe Abboud, Omaha, Neb.; Cpl. Bob Tippett, Indian Head, Md., and Pvt. George Berrelli, Bristol, Pa., are the contenders.

Unable to Answer Bell

Highlight of the Special Units' final eliminations Friday was Kozak's sensational knockout victory. However, he had to share the spotlight with two other key winners.

First Sgt. Hyman Silverman, of Norfolk, Va., continued his knockout string by stopping Pfc James Bogert, of Paterson, N.J., in two rounds in the 155-pound class. Bogert was willing, but in no condition to answer the bell for the third round.

Pvt. Morris Singer, of Baltimore, established himself as a leading entry for middleweight honors by halting T/Sgt. Alex McLain, of West Newton, Pa., in the second chapter. The bout ended as both boys landed rights to the jaw. Singer survived, but McLain went down and out.

The summaries:

- 120-pound class—Cpl. Salvatore Scurto, Baltimore, Md., outpointed Cpl. Howard Bond, Akron, Ohio.
- 126-pound class—Pvt. Arthur Tufano, Jersey City, N.J., won by default from Pvt. Robert Timms, Baltimore, Md.
- 135-pound class—Pfc Joe Abboud, Omaha, Neb., outpointed T/5 Andrew Bernardi, Milford, Mass.
- 145-pound class—T/5 Claude Kehler, Locust Dale, Pa., outpointed Pvt. William Hinton, Northfield, Vt.
- 155-pound class—First Sgt. Hyman Silverman, Norfolk, Va., stopped Pfc James Bogert, Paterson, N.J. (Bogert unable to answer bell for third).
- 165-pound class—Pvt. Morris Singer, Baltimore, Md., stopped T/Sgt. Alex McLain, West Newton, Pa., in 49 seconds of second round.
- 175-pound class—Cpl. Chester Marcinkiewicz, Kulpmont, Pa., outpointed T/4 Charles Rochester, Charlotte, N.C. (extra round).
- Heavyweight class—Pvt. Vincent Kozak, Hazleton, Pa., stopped T/5 Walter Ploski, Union City, Conn., 49 seconds of first round.

Winning Rifle Team Gets Week Furlough

—TH DIVISION BASE, England, Feb. 14—Winners of the division's '03 rifle marksmanship tournament, 15 members of the Battery "C," —th Field Artillery team, will be rewarded with seven-day furloughs.

The team consisted of Sgt. John C. Kropp, South Williamsport, Pa.; Sgt. Osco W. Hoga, Fries, Va.; Sgt. Howard F. Warner, Baltimore, Md.; Sgt. Andrew A. Solli, Ellicott City, Md.; Cpl. Billie R. Collins, Fort Worth, Tex.; Cpl. Michael B. Gwizdak, Carrollton, Pa.; Cpl. Gail A. Pilkington, Niota, Ill.; T/5 James B. Willey, Federalsburg, Md.; Pfc Joseph M. Lewis, Skylesville, Md.; Pfc Joseph E. Hayes, Brantmore, Pa.; Pfc John E. Hodge, Catasauqua, Pa.; Pfc Frank L. Virotti, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pfc Sylvester J. Mentzer, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Pvt. Wilbur O. Favre, Waveland, Miss.

American Loop Adopts Play Offs

NEW YORK, Feb. 14—The American Hockey League has adopted the play-off system whereby the club finishing last during the regular season will be excluded. The first and second teams will play a four-out-of-seven series, the winner advancing to the finals against the survivor of an elimination game among the last four clubs.

Finalist Goes Through His Paces



Stars and Stripes Photo
Batting his way to the division finals, Pfc Joe Abboud, of Omaha, Neb., had plenty of tough opposition. Here Abboud (left) is mixing it up with T/5 Andrew Bernardi, of Milford, Mass., in the Special Units semi-final of the 135-pound class.

Dixon First In Hunter Mile

Outlasts Mitchell's Spurt At Finish to Win In 4:11.8

BOSTON, Feb. 14—Frank Dixon, New York University freshman, startled a sell-out crowd of 13,000 at the annual Boston Athletic Association indoor track and field meet by beating the favorite, Earl Mitchell, Indiana, and Gil Dodds, local marvel, in the featured Hunter Mile event in four minutes 11 and eight-tenths seconds.

Dixon's victory was the meet's only real upset. Herbert Thompson, Jersey City, N.J., dethroned Pvt. Barney Ewell in the 50-yard sprint in the blanket finish time of five and four-tenths seconds, but the result wasn't startling, since Thompson placed strongly in the Millrose games at New York last week. Ed Connwell, NYU freshman, was second and Ewell third.

Hugh Short, Georgetown junior, who was voted the outstanding performer in the Millrose meet, emphasized his supremacy in the 600 with a photo-finish over Charlie Beecham, Iowa Preflight, winner the last three years. The time was a full second and six-tenths off Short's world indoor record, equalling the one minute ten and two-tenths of last week.

Dodds Falters

Dixon, lanky, smooth-striding, 19-year-old, may become the first great Negro miler. Though he ran a brilliant race last night, he had a hand from Lady Luck when Mitchell's late burst came too late.

Dodds, national indoor and outdoor 1,500-meter champ, set the first lap pace, then Mitchell, conqueror of Dodds and Dixon last week, led for the three. Dodds battled to the fore just before the start of the second half-mile and held a five-yard margin from the seventh to the tenth laps.

Dixon took over from there and led Dodds first by five then by ten yards. Starting the last lap, Dixon, exuding power, as he flowed over the boards, looked to be a cinch winner, but suddenly Mitchell passed Dodds and lit out after the Negro. Around the last turn, 30 yards from home, the Hoosier went up on his toes with a terrific surge and almost collared Dixon at the tape, passing him a yard beyond. Dodds was tied up badly, finishing fourth behind Don Burnham, of Dartmouth, ten yards behind Mitchell.

Notre Dame Quintet Drops Violets, 74-43

NEW YORK, Feb. 14—The powerful Notre Dame Quintet humbled once-beaten New York University 74-43 in one of the best beatings the Violets have ever received.

The visitors couldn't gain an advantage until Forward Ray Kuka broke a 22—all tie with five minutes remaining in the first half. Johnny Niemiera and Bob Rensberger then sparked the Irish assault which resulted in a 37-28 half-time margin.

The Irish continued the rout in the second period, completely out-passing and out-dribbling the bewildered Violets. Irish reserve forward Frank Curran was high scorer with 21 points.

Another Pep-Wright Bout

NEW YORK, Feb. 14—Another Willie Pep-Chalky Wright bout is in the making. Promoter Mike Jacobs is trying to match them for a return bout, if possible. Pep outpointed Wright in 15 rounds last November in a Madison Square Garden card that drew a \$71,000 gate.

Co. F Dribblers Win Court Title

Kasinak Leads Infantry Team to Division Title, 34-22

—TH DIVISION BASE, England, Feb. 14—The basketball championship of this division today was in the proud possession of Company F, —th Infantry.

The newly-crowned titleholders yesterday climaxed their drive through 90 teams in the tournament by defeating Anti-Tank Co., —th Infantry, 34-22, in the championship final.

A crowd of 800 saw the Anti-Tankers take a 10-8 lead in the first quarter as Cpl. Bob Cleer, husky center from Bridgeport, West Va., pumped five field goals through the nets to account for Anti-Tank's ten points.

Cpl. Paul Kasinak, of Bridgeport, Conn., F Company's point-scoring leader throughout the tourney, led a comeback that put his team in front at the half, 19-16.

The box score:

F Co.				Anti-Tank Co.			
F	G	P	P	F	G	P	P
Hankinson, f	2	0	4	Trevey, f	1	0	2
Cesca, f	3	0	6	Webber, f	0	0	0
Kasinak, c	6	1	13	Cleer, c	8	0	16
Grimes, g	2	0	2	Parker, g	2	0	4
Endress, g	3	1	7	Sandler, g	0	0	0
				Lamaglio, g	0	0	0
Totals 16 2 34				Totals 11 0 22			

Scoring Winning Point Doesn't Excite Him

—TH DIVISION BASE, England, Feb. 14—Proof that excitement ran high in the division's basketball tournament concluded here yesterday, was given in a game to decide an Infantry regiment's championship.

The score was tied, 22-22, between F and L Companies with 15 seconds to play. Sgt. J. H. Robinette, of Cumberland, Md., was awarded a foul try for F Company. He nervously approached the penalty line, stared at the basket for a few moments, sent the ball through the net for the point that won the game and fainted.

Nation's Basketball Results

Friday's Games

- Connecticut 46, New Hampshire 37.
- Penn. Military 49, Westchester 36.
- LIU 55, Lawrence Tech. 45.
- Niagara 75, Albany State Teachers 40.
- Villanova 62, Siena 36.
- Hamilton 36, Buffalo 27.
- George Washington 55, Washington and Lee 33.
- Pennsylvania 58, Columbia 55.
- Georgetown 52, Fordham 49.
- Colby 58, Bowdoin 36.
- Washington 57, Camp Pickett 53.
- Mississippi State 54, Mississippi 43.
- Randolph-Macon 52, American University 51.
- Presbyterian 79, Daniel Field 56.
- Citadel 46, Newberry 38.
- LSU 59, Tulane 57.
- Norfolk Naval 40, Duquesne 19.
- North Carolina 50, Davidson 27.
- Presbyterian 53, High Point 41.
- North Carolina State 42, Wake Forest 37.
- Pittsburgh (Kan.) 51, St. Benedict's 32.
- Kansas Wesleyan 96, College of Emporia 29.
- Missouri 55, South Dakota 44.
- Gustavus Adolphus 44, St. Marys (Minn.) 34.
- Cornell 40, Coe 33.
- Nebraska Wesleyan 33, Midland 25.
- Washington (St. Louis) 42, Oklahoma A and M 24.
- Drake 51, Tulsa 29.
- DePaul 49, Earlham 54.
- Western Michigan 68, Alma 53.
- Kalamazoo 44, Hillsdale 26.
- Griener 48, Monmouth 42.
- Western Reserve 55, Cincinnati 52.
- Central (Mo.) 32, William Jewell 31.
- Baldwin Wallace 69, Ashland 42.
- Oklahoma Aggies 40, Olath Naval Air Station 36.
- Oakosh Teachers 37, Stevens Point Teachers 32.
- Southwestern Kansas 70, Emporia State 55.
- Platteville Teachers 35, Whitew Teachers 25.
- Tris State 40, Huntington 38.
- St. Josephs (Ind.) 57, Valparaiso 47.
- Baylor 34, Camp Atterbury 33.
- North Illinois Teachers 56, Elmhurst 36.
- York 84, Hastings 53.
- Dubuque 37, Beuna Vista 29.
- Maryville Teachers 49, Schooleys 44.
- Macalester 47, Augsburg 41.

Weekly Sports Quiz

If you think you know all the answers in sports, here's a chance to match your wits with the record books. Here are five questions, the answers of which will appear in tomorrow's Stars and Stripes.

The questions are some of those asked by Fred Corcoran, former PGA tournament manager, on his tour of Red Cross hostels in the British Isles.

- Is it possible for a team to make six base hits in one inning and not score?
- What baseball player sold for the most money?
- What heavyweight championship bout was decided on a foul?
- What pitcher holds the strike-out record for one World Series game?
- What boxer drew the most million-dollar gates?

Sailors Provide Own Recreation

Athletics, Music Play Big Part in 'Derry Program

By Paul Lange
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDONDERRY, N.I., Feb. 14—Recreation for everyone might well be the motto of the program being sponsored at the U.S. Naval Base here by Lt. S. W. Kauffman, of Amherst, Mass.

Besides organizing the various sports, Lt. Kauffman is kept busy booking films for picture shows, arranging boxing smokers, lining up ENSA shows and what have you.

Lt. Kauffman has four assistants in his department. Matt Hahn, Y3C, of Trenton, N.J., assists in the athletic programs. Hahn is a good athlete himself. He joined the Navy for four years so that he could save enough money to go to College. The day following the outbreak of war his year was up. Now he feels he is too old to go to school. However, Lt. Kauffman hopes to encourage him to continue his efforts toward a degree in physical education when the war is over.

Leslie M. Gordon, Y3C, of Irvington, N.J., takes care of much of the entertainment. When Gordon heard Lt. Kauffman was leaving the Naval Training Station at Norfolk, Va., he requested to come overseas with him. The request was granted. Gordon is now busy organizing a glee club. A talented vocalist, he studied voice for three years at the American Institute of Fine Arts. Prior to enlistment in the Navy, Gordon spent some time supervising Soap Box Derbies in the metropolitan areas of New York and New Jersey.

When the conscription lottery was held, Gordon's number, 158, was the first to be called. He joined the Navy the same day as an apprentice seaman. At the Naval Training Station at Norfolk he was in charge of smokers where he met and became friends with Fred Apostoli, Bob Feller, Sam Snead and Phil Rizzuto.

In charge of the instrumental and vocal department of the recreational program is Pvt. Harold (Hal) Durnell, USMC, of Miami, Fla. Durnell, a guitar specialist, played with two nationally-known orchestras, Jimmy Dorsey and Ted Lewis. He arranged vocals for the Andrew Sisters and the Pickin Sisters. For several years Durnell was featured with the "Four Aces" over the NBC hookup.

George S. Ames, Y2C, of Syracuse, N.Y., has charge of the publicity. Ames is editor of the Derry-Nob News, the weekly newspaper published at the base.

Slugging Mark Shows Batter's True Value

High Batting Average Not as Important, Scribe Says

By H. G. Salsinger
Detroit News Sports Writer

DETROIT, Feb. 14—Ted Williams stepped out of baseball into the Navy last fall, leaving a record that may be unduplicated for years. Williams not only led the American League in every phase of attack, but the National League also. The pity is that he never will receive official recognition for all his achievements.

Here are the figures on the offensive leaders in both the Leagues, giving the American loop first: batting—Williams .356, Lombardi .330; slugging—Williams .648, Mize .521; bases per hit—Williams 1.92, Mize 1.71; total bases—Williams 338, Slaughter 292; home runs—Williams 36, Ott 30; runs batted in—Williams 137, Mize 110; runs scored—Williams 145, Ott 109.

Not since the hey-days of Babe Ruth has a player outclassed the major leagues in offense as Williams did last season.

The two most important items of those listed above are the slugging and the bases per hit, but the record books won't include either. For reasons unknown, the American League does not keep slugging averages, though the National League does. Neither league records average bases per hit.

.250 Hitter Often More Valuable

The American still insists on attaching chief value to batting averages and runs batted in, though it does not take much argument to prove that slugging and bases per hit averages are more important.

A .250 hitter is often more valuable than a .300 hitter. A batter's value depends on the timeliness of his hits, not on the total number. Numerous players with imposing batting averages hit freely when the score is loose and the bases empty, but they don't give the pitchers any trouble with the tying and winning runs on base.

Runs batted in records aren't a true gauge either. They depend too much on a player's position in the batting order and who bats ahead of him. The clean-up man obviously has more opportunities to drive in runs than the man batting sixth—and the sixth man has more of a chance than the lead off man. The clean-up man on one team may have more chances than the clean-up man on another team.

The timeliest hitter well may be down in the runs batted in records if he is in a lineup with weak hitters. He'll have to hit home runs to bat himself around the bases.

Keller and Laabs Examples

The most prized batters are the long distance clutch hitters, the boys who are always a threat when the tying and winning runs are on the bases. Their value is estimated by the slugging and bases per hit averages.

Rogers Hornsby asked one day, "What good are those one-base knockers. When three of those guys get a safe hit, you get one run. Give me a guy who can slap that ball against the outfield walls. Those are the kind that win ball games." Two of the most potent American League batters last season were Charlie Keller, of the New York Yankees, who finished 16th in batting with an average of .292, and Chet Laabs, of the St. Louis Browns, 37th in the averages with a .275. Keller was second in slugging with an average of .513, Laabs fourth with .498. Keller had an average of 1.75 bases per hit, ranking third. Laabs was second with an average of 1.78.

Neither batting nor runs driven in records offer satisfactory guides to a player's value since it does not show how many runners were left on base. Though an absolutely true yardstick for measuring batting ability does not exist, slugging averages and average bases per hit are the best available guide.

Playoffs in N. Ireland Cage Tourney Announced

BELFAST, Feb. 14—The following are pairings for the playoffs of the Red Cross basketball tournament here.

Tonight the Amertex first team, which is on top of the standings, will be pitted against the Wonders, an Infantry quintet. Tomorrow the Wonders will tackle the Pill Rollers, a medic five. Monday, Feb. 22, will conclude the round-robin playoff with Amertex first team and Pill Rollers tangling.

Just a week ago the Amertex defeated the Pill Rollers, 72-15. Under the system followed during the season's play, the first three teams on top at the end were to play a round-robin tournament to decide the championship.

Top-Notch Amateurs on Rainbow Club Ring Show

Army Trainees Barred From Varsity Teams

Director Explains They Won't Have Time To Participate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—Col. Herman Beukema told the press here that the Army's new specialized student training program, of which he is the director, will be so intensive that participating students will have no time for intercollegiate athletics. The ruling affects nearly 200 colleges in which the Army is expected to train from 100 to 300 students in each.

The War Manpower Commission has announced that there are 271 colleges in which the Army and Navy's advanced courses are given, and has published long lists of others eligible to give elementary courses. The navy, which is planning to use some 100 colleges, is expected to state its position soon concerning intercollegiate athletics for trainees.

Beukema's announcement received varied reactions from college athletic officials. Asa Bushnell, executive director of the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (the Ivy League), expressed disappointment. Maj. John L. Griffith, Big Ten commissioner, Lou Little, Columbia's football mentor, and Frank Thomas, coach at Alabama, insisted that college football, though hurt by the ruling, would survive.

Expect 150,000 Next Year

Griffith said, "I'm sure we'll always find 11 boys in every school who want to play football." Manhattan College (New York) and Boston University have joined Harvard in expressing complete willingness to conform, gladly giving intercollegiate up completely if necessary in favor of intramural competition.

The Army program is expected to turn out 50,000 this year, 150,000 next year, of which 70,000 will be aviation cadets and 30,000 from the ranks studying meteorology, electronics, &c., and 37,000 WAACs. The trainees, including many selected immediately after basic training, will spend weekly 25 hours in classrooms and laboratories, five hours in military training and additional hours studying. One hour of intramural physical training is allotted daily.

2 Repair Fives Win Cage Tilts

By Wade Barton

Stars and Stripes Special Correspondent
AN AIR DEPOT GROUP, Feb. 14—In the first of the four league games played in the second round of this station's cage tournament, the shooting of Sgt. Lloyd Brooks, of Inavale, Neb., and Sgt. Joe Sealey, of Houston, Texas, proved enough to give the H Repair team a 36-23 victory over I Repair. Pfc William Buchanan, of Red Bank, N.J., kept the losers well in the game with some brilliant floor work until the last quarter.

The second game was never close, with Team C, Headquarters, going into an early lead and coasting to a 25-8 victory with Team C, Supply.

The third game was the closest of the night with three field goals in the last three minutes giving Team D, Supply, a 20-12 win over Team C, Headquarters. The first quarter ended 4-4, the half 8-8, and the third quarter 12-10. Pfc Ellsworth Schaefer, of Bellevue, Ohio, was outstanding for the winners, while Pfc Harry Shepherd, Cincinnati, five foot four inch forward of the losers, scored ten points and also turned in an excellent floor game.

Led by former All-State Mississippi Junior College center, Pfc Hubert Christian, of Tupelo, Miss., Team E, Repair, won over Team E, Headquarters, 40-19. S/Sgt. Harold Rosen, of Brooklyn, showed an accurate eye for the basket during the first half to trail by only three points. However, the height of the winners along with five lay-up goals by Pvt. Sheldon Hollopeter, of Medina, Ohio, in the last half proved to be too much.

The box scores:

H Repair		I Repair	
G	F	G	F
Wilson, rf	3 0 6	Neal, lf	1 0 2
Kout, c	0 0 0	Jackson, rf	0 0 0
Mathias, lg	0 0 0	Fulton, c	2 1 9
Brooks, rg	7 0 14	Bryte, lg	0 0 0
Johnston, c	2 1 5	Buchanan, rg	3 2 8
Totals	17 2 36	Totals	10 3 23

C Hdqts.		C Supply	
G	F	G	F
Larkin, lf	4 0 8	Hosly, lf	3 0 6
Sennett, rf	0 0 0	Reed, rf	0 0 0
Wells, c	1 0 2	McCurdy, c	0 0 0
McGraw, lg	2 1 7	Schmeidl, lg	0 0 0
Flasella, rg	2 1 7	Herzog, rg	0 0 0
Kindrick, rf	2 0 4		
Totals	12 1 25	Totals	6 0 12

D Supply		E Hdqts.	
G	F	G	F
Milto, lf	1 0 4	Guirdge, lf	1 0 2
Moore, rf	2 0 2	Shepherd, rf	5 0 10
Scott, c	0 0 0	Badger, c	0 0 0
Linn, lg	2 0 4	Whiteside, lg	0 0 0
Schaefer, rg	4 0 8	Walters, rg	0 0 0
Totals	9 2 20	Totals	6 0 12

E Repair		F Hdqts.	
G	F	G	F
Hollopeter, lf	7 0 14	Elmore, lf	0 0 0
Wilkinson, rf	3 0 6	Rosen, rf	5 1 11
Christian, c	6 1 13	Potter, c	3 1 7
Creech, lg	0 0 0	Segner, lg	0 1 1
Evlitzer, rg	3 1 7	Hein, rg	0 0 0
Komisarsz, lf	0 0 0	Philip, lf	0 0 0
Totals	19 2 40	Totals	8 3 19

Swooping to the Attack—Ski Troops in Action



Ski troopers of Uncle Sam's army furnish a thrilling picture of flying action as they swoop to the attack on their "boards" during mid-winter maneuvers of mountain troops in the Colorado Rockies.

Boycoff Is Modest Giant

Garden Record Holder Started Cage Career In Brooklyn

NEW YORK, Feb. 14—Harry Boycoff, towering St. Johns (Brooklyn) center, doesn't want to set any more records. "I just can't stand it," says Harry. "I just couldn't take another beating from Coach Joe Lapchick and my team mates."

Harry set an all-time Garden scoring record last Monday with 45 points against St. Josephs of Philadelphia on 18 field goals and nine free throws. Harry, rubbing the back of his neck ruefully, went on, "When I left the game after the last basket, Lapchick was so excited he punched me in the neck and the other guys mauled the life out of me. I thought I'd collapse."

He insists that he does not deserve credit for the records. "You can't shoot if you don't get the ball. My team mates just kept handing it to me. I was lucky. It could happen to anybody."

Too Easy to Score

However, those who saw the game observed that Harry's team mates had plenty of chances to score. In fact, it didn't appear that anybody concentrated on feeding the ball to Harry.

Boycoff, six feet nine inches and well proportioned, is quiet, likeable and gentle like so many big men. He is a lower East sider, the son of Russian immigrants. He didn't have a chance to play any sport until he went to Jefferson High School in Brooklyn. There he learned basketball and began a fast friendship with a team mate, Hy Gotkin, five foot six inch half pint. Hy steered Harry to St. Johns—and Hy plays sub forward. It was he who directed the team's strategy in the closing moments of Harry's spree. According to Gotkin, "This big lug didn't want to set the record. He had 31 points—one short of the old record—and he asked Lapchick to take him out. He said it was too easy scoring because the St. Josephs fellows were so small. He said he didn't like to tower over them. Can you beat that?"

Canadiens Clip Wings, Near Fourth Place

MONTREAL, Feb. 14—The Montreal Canadiens moved within a single point of fourth place in the National Hockey League by defeating the Detroit Red Wings, 5-2, here last night.

The Wings kept the game close until the third period. Then, trying to overcome a one-goal deficit, they threw five men on the ice and the Canadiens got two more goals on breakaways.

The loss prevented the second-place Wings from diminishing the Boston Bruins' six-point lead.

Augie Galan in 4-A

NEW YORK, Feb. 14—Brooklyn Dodger officials have learned that Augie Galan has been rejected by the Army after a physical examination, and classified 4-A because of old knee and elbow injuries.

Best Skiers in the World Are In Uncle Sam's Ski Troops

CAMP HALE, Col., Feb. 14—The best skiers in the world are enrolled here at this mountain training center, according to S/Sgt. Charles Hanks, and "we are ski and mountain troopers, and that means that we are ready to go into action where there is plenty of snow and lots of mountains. I think that you can guess what that means."

Hanks described this camp, which is situated in the Colorado Rocky Mountains at an elevation of 9,300 feet, as the highest U.S. Army training camp. "All of our infantrymen are expert skiers, but they are trained to fight in any kind of mountainous country at any time of the year. Then there are others who travel expertly on snowshoes. Of course we use the American jeep, famous throughout the world for its ability to get soldiers to the fighting fronts in a hurry. But we also have dog sleds, toboggans and pack artillery which is transported by mules to the mountain heights where the withering fire can be poured on the enemy below. Then there are some amazing snow tractors that will surprise our enemies."

"Our ski-troopers camp for days at a time at altitudes of 13,000 feet, spending their nights in howling blizzards. But that does not bother them as they are trained for just those things and have the equipment to face the cold, snow and wind of the high mountains. Skiers from all over the world have gathered here to prepare for war against the Axis. There's a complete outfit of Norwegians. Others come from Austria, Sweden and Finland."

Wearing their white uniforms, which blend with the snow, the ski-troopers are trained to glide silently and swiftly down the mountain sides on the trapped enemy troops below while other mountain troops blast the enemy with heavier weapons.

Army Finding New Boxers

CHICAGO, Feb. 14—World heavyweight champion Joe Louis predicts that there will be a post-war boxing boom, but he does not see any threat yet to his own title.

Louis has been devoting about three and a half hours daily instructing boxers at Fort Riley, Kansas. He took a team of six fighters to the Golden Gloves tournament in Kansas City. Two of his proteges, welterweight Tony Ancona and Willis Applegate, light heavyweight, have reached the tournament finals.

Joe says, "The Army boxing program is being expanded continually and we are finding surprisingly good boys. Fellows who never thought they could box are getting real good. A number of them will turn pro when the war is over, stirring up a big interest in boxing throughout the nation."

Louis' own post-war plans depend on a multitude of uncertainties. "I try hard not to give thought to whether I'll fight again after the war. Then if things turn out that I don't, I won't be so disappointed. Regardless of whether I fight again, I hope to keep my connection with boxing as a manager or trainer. After all, that's the thing I know best."

Enlisted in Naval Reserve

Eventually Ford reached the United States. He got jobs and earned his way through Mercersburg Academy. There, under Coach Johnny Miller, he first specialized in the crawl. Last year, as a schoolboy senior, he won the national 220-yard free style from Yale's defending champ, Captain Howie Johnson. It was his first important title. Two months later he entered Yale, where he became a protegee of Bob Kiphuth, one of the world's foremost swimming coaches.

Kiphuth changed Ford's stroke slightly with the result that Ford swam the 100 in 50 and seven-tenths seconds on Jan. 30. It was three-tenths second under Weismuller's record which had been equalled by only three other swimmers. Kiphuth insists that if Ford adjusts himself to the idea, he can clip two full seconds off the old record. He expects Ford to break his own record before the season is over.

Alan enlisted in the Navy-I reserve course, is majoring in mechanical engineering, hoping eventually to specialize in aeronautics.

Golden Glover, Southern Champ On Fight Card

LaBorde Among Five of Last Week's Winners To Return

By Mark E. Senigo
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Two top-notch amateur champions will be the standout attractions on the 11-bout Stars and Stripes fight card at the Rainbow Corner tomorrow night.

Winner of the Pittsburgh Golden Gloves welterweight title for three years in a row, Pvt. William Garrett, 145, of Pittsburgh, may show the Corner fans some of the classiest fist-throwing to be seen in the ring since the start of the bouts even weeks ago.

Right at Garrett's heels in class is Pvt. William Bradshaw, of Fredericksburg, Va. Bradshaw was Southern States Amateur champion in 1940. He will weigh in at 180.

Five winners will be back from last week's show. Pfc Edward LaBorde, of Gretna, La., 114, will be seeking his third straight victory. Two weeks ago he took the measure of Pvt. Toni Deri and last week he came through with another decision over Cpl. Frank Barbieri.

Another Beau Jack

A quick kayo artist with power packed in each hand, Pvt. Rand Daviss, of Grand Rapids, Mich., 142, scored a technical knockout in the first round of his fight last week. He was a semi-finalist in the Grand Rapids Golden Gloves. Stanton Griffis, Madison Square Garden chairman, termed him a Beau Jack in the making.

Pvt. Glen McCormick, of Richmond, Mo., 160, is also seeking his third straight victory. He took a decision last week and a TKO two weeks ago.

A specialist in fancy footwork and a fighter who can really take punishment, 1st/Sgt. John Wooten, of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, 147, last week provided the crowd with the best bout of the evening when he won a close decision over New York Golden Glove semi-finalist, Pvt. Willie Mariner. Wooten will be back tomorrow, seeking his second straight.

Another sleeper artist, Pvt. Charles Abbodanzer, of Mulford, Mass., 135, last week scored a technical kayo in the first round over T/Sgt. Frank Mendoza.

Wooten and Abbodanzer have been coached by Pvt. Joe Mandel, former welterweight champion of Europe. Two more of Mandel's boys will be on the card. They are Pvt. Sal Fiore, of Brooklyn, N.Y., 158, and Pfc James Isbestor. Fiore was scheduled to fight last week, but his opponent failed to show up. He has had nine fights as an amateur and recently won a four-round decision over a British Army fighter at Liverpool. Isbestor fought at the Liverpool show, losing his fight on a decision after he gave away 12 pounds.

Three Favorites Back

Three boxers whose former appearances in the ring have tagged them as popular favorites will come back after a week's rest. Pvt. Frank Missella, of Cleveland, 134, has two decisions and one TKO to his credit in three Stars and Stripes appearances. Heavyweight Pvt. Billy McHale, Philadelphia, 187, has had a draw and a decision. Former Detroit Golden Glover Pvt. John Venezia, of Detroit, lost his first tilt, then came through with a decision and a technical kayo.

Three other new faces will be on the program. Pvt. Leslie Smith, Madison, Wis., 170, has had 12 fights as an amateur as has Pfc William Ciffo, Woosocket, R.I., 158. Pvt. John Flanagan, 166, has been in a few Golden Glove competitions though he has never held a title.

Six novices round out the card. They are: Pvt. Joseph Gallagher, Linden, N.J., 158; Pvt. William Lesler, Cleveland, 126; Cpl. Alvah Payne, Eldorado, Ark., 147; Cpl. Fred Byers, West Milton, Pa., 162; Pvt. Ray Fussner, Atlantic City, N.J., 126, and Pvt. John Robinson, Kansas City, Kansas.

Table Tennis Tourney Won by Trunk, 3-1

SOS HEADQUARTERS, Feb. 14—The second table tennis tournament of the American Red Cross Club here was won by T/Sgt. Kenneth F. Trunk, of Chicago, who triumphed over T/5 David Yunker, of Newark, N.J., beating him three games to one, 21-15, 21-14, 18-21, 21-16. Trunk displayed an almost impenetrable defense which withstood Yunker's smashing drives.

In the first and second games Trunk kept well ahead of his opponent and was never in danger. The third game was an even match with Yunker eking out a victory by a three point margin. Trunk sailed through the final to take the title.

The defending champion, Pfc Samuel Horowitz, of Passaic, N.J., was upset early in the tournament, losing closely fought games. He will have a chance to regain his title in the next tournament, which will get under way soon.



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Hash Marks

Here's more news about Max, the famous para-trooping pooch who made nine successful parachute jumps only to get knocked off his pins by a truck. Max, ready to leave the hospital, has been promoted to master sergeant and also sports a wound stripe.

The English language—as she is spoke over here—is still wreaking havoc with American songs. As most of you know by



now, the British persist in saying "Zed" for the letter "Z." This has transformed that popular ballad "I've Got a Gal In Kalamazoo (zoo zoo zoo zoo, &c.)" into "I've Got a Gal In KalamaZED (oh, oh, oh, oh)."

A Camp Swift, Texas, soldier, went to the post office, bought a penny postal card, scratched out the printed stamp, wrote FREE in the corner, penned his message and mailed the card. Sounds like a company clerk to us.

The Stevens brothers, Julius and Robert, of Altoona, Penn., know how to get their money's worth out of a V-mail letter. Serving overseas with a field artillery unit as a S/Sgt. and Cpl. respectively, they sent their mother a Yuletide V-graph decorated and signed by officers and enlisted men of the company. Their mother returned it so they could see how their art looked in miniature. Then the Stevens brothers mailed it back to Altoona so it could be retained as a souvenir. Gross mileage: 11,000 miles, and three trips across the "big drink." That's just about how far we think a letter for us travels coming just one way from the States.

We lost our notes on this one so we can't supply the necessary names, but a private serving over here received a Yuletide parcel this week, carefully labeled "DO NOT OPEN UNTIL CHRISTMAS." The conscientious lad wired home, "Would like to comply with your request, but damn if I can wait 322 days."

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Convoy to the Top of the World

Navy Gunners Guard Munitions Bound For Russia

By Tom Bernard
Stars and Stripes Navy Editor

LONDONDERRY, N.I., Feb. 14—There are a score or more sailors temporarily stationed here who are waiting anxiously for their ship to come in.

Any ship will do, as long as it carries a four-inch dual purpose gun, or a .20-mm. Oerlikon, or a brace of .50 caliber machine-guns just for their personal use.

These men, all of them young and most of them mild and pacific in outward appearance, have been bombed and torpedoed, shelled and shipwrecked from the White Sea to the Caribbean as U.S. Navy armed guardsmen aboard merchant vessels carrying war materials to the battlefronts of the world.

Barney Malloy, of 867 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y., although only 21 years old, is the veteran of the lot. War for him started that fateful Dec. 7 when the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor and when, as a radioman, second class, he operated the emergency radio equipment after a bomb had knocked out the midships generator on the battleship USS Pennsylvania.

"The Pennsy's guns were the first to open fire and they fought through both attacks," Malloy said. Four other radiomen, his shipmates, were killed when the bomb hit. Barney stayed aboard ship for five days, helping to repair the damage wrought by the Japs.

When he joined the armed guard pool in New York, Barney was assigned to a 10,000-ton freighter carrying munitions and tanks headed for—although he didn't know it then—Archangel, Russia, over the most precarious supply route of the war.

Jerry Crossed 'Em Up
Early in September, the convoy—a large one—left the British Isles for the north.

"We thought the trip wouldn't be too bad. Hell, we had some ack-ack ships and more than a dozen destroyers as an escort," said Malloy.

Barney's belief held true for the first few days after they sailed from their last friendly port, then the Germans set to work. One morning two freighters went down, victims of U-boat attack. Then low-level bombers roared in at 10 A.M. Shortly after noon, the sky clouded with waves of Ju88s, followed by two flights of torpedo planes.

The torpedo planes returned at dusk. For nine straight days Malloy and his shipmates, the sailors aboard other merchant ships and the escort ships fought off attacks by all kinds of German planes.

"We did fairly well," Malloy admits. "Our gun shot down one torpedo plane, while two more were credited to our ship." His freighter was undamaged except for a few strafings which killed one armed guardsman.

The crew looked forward to Archangel. Boy! they thought. Liberty at last! They got their liberty, but the first night in town there were two enemy air raids,



Waiting for another ship at a port in the British Isles, Barney Malloy, left, and Judson Dukes count up the Soviet banknotes and war bonds they brought back from a convoy to the Arctic.

and the American sailors were pressed into service to fight incendiary fires.

The return voyage turned out to be just as hazardous. Battered by storms, the freighter strayed from the convoy in a heavy fog, went aground for four days, was subjected to three dive-bombing attacks, fought off an enemy sub which surfaced in a snowstorm, and finally sighted new escort vessels which brought it to a friendly port.

Malloy is here at the U.S. Navy base awaiting assignment to another freighter because he "went on a toot when we landed at a British port, took a train to Scotland to celebrate New Year's, and returned to the ship after it was gone."

Seaman Ted Lewis, 28, of Caryville, Fla., knows what it's like to float around in a lifeboat on an open sea after a battle with German U-boats. Lewis shoved off from New York last June on a 10,000-tonner bound for India.

"Two tin fish hit our ship two weeks out of port. She sank in seven minutes but we saved all but five of the crew," said Lewis. Another freighter picked up the survivors the following morning, but this ship also was attacked and sunk that night.

Wasn't Enough Room

"We thought the ship was going to sink immediately, but she stayed afloat for three and a half hours," Lewis said. "We cut away the lifeboats as soon as she was hit, so when we took to the water there wasn't enough room for all hands on the two lifeboats we had left."

The captain, one of the mates, and the gun crew lieutenant went down with the ship, he said.

"There were 44 in our boat, so many we couldn't use the oars," Lewis said, adding that the survivors were picked up by patrol boats later and taken into Trinidad.

Judson Dukes, 21-year-old radioman striker, of Wrens, Ga., huddled in a warm corner of his Nissen hut as he told of his Russian convoy experiences.

With holds and decks packed with tanks, trucks, steel pipe and food, the 7,500-ton merchantman on which Dukes was serving set out in a medium-sized convoy with a powerful escort of destroyers and cruisers.

"The Germans held off for several days, when they attacked with a small force of torpedo planes," Dukes related, adding that two small attacks were made the next day but that there was no enemy action on the two following days.

Convoy losses started when planes sunk one ship.

Near Archangel Dukes' freighter went aground in a fog on a small island just off the coast of Russia. The crew couldn't get the ship afloat and their fuel and water supply was dwindling.

"Most of the crew went ashore and lived on the beach for ten days until a Russian ship finally arrived, took off our deck cargo and pulled us out to sea."

Nazis Bombed Port

The freighter limped into port under its own power, where the crew lived for days while German raiders bombed and fired the city.

On the return voyage, Dukes' ship was lost in a snowstorm, got back in another convoy, and finally was picked up by a British destroyer and a corvette which brought them into port.

Seaman first class Martin E. Adams, of Hillyer, Ky., manned a four-inch gun on a new Liberty ship in a September convoy which caught hell from the Germans. Eleven days out of port torpedoes from planes struck the ship amidships and damaged it so badly that the crew scrambled overboard to an escort vessel. The freighter later was sunk by an Allied destroyer.

The convoy was subjected to five straight days of attack by submarines and planes. Several of the freighters went down in one action when a wave of 42 planes swept in with torpedoes and bombs. U-boats accounted for other damage.

"We saw at least 40 German planes shot down, anyhow," said Adams.

Fight Talk

Germany is learning that two can play at the game of "straining the nerves of a nation." First Churchill gave the Nazis a bad evening, and next President Roosevelt with his "Fight Talk" to the American people made a report on the Casablanca conference that was not designed to lull Doctor Goebbels and his Nazi pals into a calm and untroubled sleep.

The President's address was eloquent in its declaration of the purposes for which we are fighting and stirring in its appeal for mutual confidence on the part of each of the United Nations.

It was no idle boast when he said our immediate objective was to drive our enemies into the sea at Tunisia. His promise that beyond that lay plans for actual invasion of the continent, to be followed by hard and unrelenting pressure until victory was won, is assurance of a "Second Front" in Europe during 1943. His statement that "it is our determination to fight this war through to a finish, to the day when United Nations forces march through the streets of Berlin, Rome and Tokyo," should answer the question of the acceptance by America of "stalemate peace proposals."

Karsnoarmeisk

Karsnoarmeisk is now in Russian hands. To the layman this may not sound important; but to the military mind it is vital. Karsnoarmeisk is a key point in the Donetz Basin railroad net. Its possession by the Red Army means Nazi forces have only one rail line they can use to supply or evacuate troops and war material from a vast area that includes Sialino and Taganrog, and latest Soviet communiques indicate that its fall has forced the Germans to retire rapidly from the great cities of Rostov and Voroshilovgrad.

Every private in the rear ranks knows that a modern air force can raise havoc with traffic on a single line rail system, and with the road net in the Donetz poor at best and now suffering from war and the effects of winter weather, the German Army's problem of supply has been struck another shattering blow with the loss of Karsnoarmeisk.

Soviet war communiques also indicate the Russian drive into the Donetz is continuing with the last open rail line to Germany in danger of severance, for Stalino, through which the one open line passes, is itself in danger of capture. Its fall would seal the fate of German troops still in "The Basin" for the winter retreat of an army of a quarter of a million men from this latest Russian Trap would be next to impossible.

Safe in the Brig

Readers Digest, recently published A.W.O.L. Excuse Number One. Now that this gem has been used we feel at liberty to circulate it widely, and while we do not recommend the technique demonstrated by this genius, still any excuse in a pinch is better than none. So here it is... in letter form as received by the executive officer on one of our large warships.

Subject: Overleave. Reason For.

"I received ten days leave to visit my brother who lives on a farm in Arkansas. On September 11, my brother's barn burned down, all except the brick silo, the top of which was damaged by a bolt of lightning which started the fire.

"On September 12, my brother decided to repair the silo. To help him I rigged a barrel hoist to the top of the silo so that bricks could be hoisted to a platform we had erected up there.

"After the work was done, there were a lot of bricks left over. I filled the barrel, then climbed down the ladder and untied the line to let the barrel down. However, the barrel was heavier than I was and when it started down, I started up.

"By the time I thought of letting go, I was so far up that it was safer to hang on. Halfway up, the barrel hit me on the shoulder pretty hard; but I hung on, as my division officer told me always to do when holding a line. I was going pretty fast at the top, and bumped my head hard.

"When the barrel hit the ground the bottom fell out of it, letting all the bricks out. I was then heavier than the barrel and started down again. As the barrel passed me it hit me on the other shoulder. I must have landed pretty hard on the pile of bricks because I lost my presence of mind and let go of the line, upon which the barrel came down pretty fast and hit me on top of the head. The Doctor wouldn't let me start back to the ship until September 17, which made me two days overleave, which I don't think is too much under the circumstances."

PRIVATE BREGER



He decided to start training for jungle marches!

ARMY POETS

Letters

My buddy reads his letters to me, and say, he sure can write! I have to sit and chew my pen and even then The way it reads when I get through I know it's pretty sad As far as composition goes; the grammar, too, is bad. But talk about... gee, he can sling the ink to beat the band, And picture everything he's seen a way that sure is grand.

I got him to write a note to my gal and, golly, it was fine! I copied it and signed my name, but, all the same, It didn't seem to please her, for she wrote in her reply She'd read it several times and it didn't sound like I Was sayin' exactly what I meant, and was I feelin' good; I'm kind of glad she took it so... in fact, I hoped she would. Melvin Ryder, S. & S., '18.

From Here to There

From here to there, from me to you This letter goes today, To tell you that you're missed my dear, Since you have sailed away,

To tell you things are not the same When you're away from me To let you know I think of you Wherever you may be.

From here to there, from me to you, I'll send you all the news, And if you'll read between the lines You'll see how I need you.

I'm sending all my love along And heaps of kisses too, I wish that I could come myself From here to be with you. Lena to Dan.

A Gunner's Vow

I wished to be a pilot And you along with me. But if we all were pilots Where would the air force be? It takes guts to be a gunner, To sit out in the tail, When the Focke Wulf boys are coming And the slugs begin to wail. The pilot's just a chauffeur, It's his job to fly the plane; But it's WE who do the fighting, Though we may not get the fame. If we all must be gunners Then let us make this bet: We'll be the best damn gunners That have left this station yet. Anonymous.

NEWS FROM HOME

12,000 to Enter Armed Forces Daily in 1943

New Figure Revealed as FDR, Military Chiefs Map Offensives

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—Twelve thousand men a day will go into the U.S. armed forces this year. The figure, previously a closely guarded secret, was revealed last night by Paul V. McNutt, director of manpower, and Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service. At this rate, 4,380,000 men would be called in the year.

No man between the ages of 18 and 38 can be deferred, regardless of dependents, unless his work is essential or he is irreplaceable.

President Roosevelt conferred with his military and naval chiefs, presumably regarding aspects of the plan to invade Europe and smash Japan. Attending were Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff; Adm. Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the U.S. Navy; and Adm. William D. Leahy, the President's personal chief of staff.

U.S.-Born Airman Heads Cadets

An American-born RAF officer has taken over command of the British Air Training Corps, central command. He is Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Burnett, KCB, CBE, DSO, who was born at Brown's Valley, Minn., in 1882. He was educated in England, has served in South and West Africa, the Middle East, Palestine, Iraq.

Willow Run Production

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—The vast government-owned and Ford-operated Willow Run bomber plant was "operating at only a small fraction of its ultimate potential," but might reach peak production within a year, the Office of War Information reported today.

Women Help Build Subs

GROTON, Conn., Feb. 14—The first 100 women employed by the Submarine Construction Company have proved so efficient that 3,000 more are expected to be hired in the next few months.

"We're using the husky, robust women on heavy work and the small, wiry ones as welders," William Jones, personnel

Vacationers from KP Do It Anyway—to Eat

COLUMBUS, Ga., Feb. 14—Some men from the infantry, on pass from such things as drill and KP, went into a restaurant here and ordered French fried potatoes.

"I can't fill your order," said the waitress. "We haven't anyone to peel them."

"What are we waiting for?" the soldiers said, and using their KP experience to good advantage peeled their own spuds.

manager at the plant, said. Other women, many of them wives of submarine officers and seamen, are working as ship fitters, chippers, drillers, electricians, painters, machinists, pipe fitters and sheet metal workers.

Combined Copper Committee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—U.S., Britain and Canada have created a "combined copper committee" to provide for the interchange of information regarding supplies and production of copper.

Efforts Teamed In Plane Output

U.S. Is Concentrating On Some Types, Britain On Others

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Col. John J. Llewellyn, chairman of the British Supply Council, told the American Society of Newspaper Editors yesterday that America and Britain were teaming their efforts on all fronts, and that last year the United States out-produced Britain in transport planes and training planes, light bombers and heavy bombers, but in the field of medium bombers and pursuit planes England was ahead.

In addition to winning the war, Col. Llewellyn envisaged close co-operation between Britain and America as of major importance in shaping the post-war world.

He lauded the work of Russia's armies and said he hoped "in a short while" to see U.S. and British action in Europe.

U.S. May Pay Maternity Bills For Wives of Men in Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—Congress is now considering appropriating \$1,200,000 for maternity and infant care for enlisted men's wives' children.

The bill, on which the House appropriations committee held a hearing Feb. 11, may be reported to the House within two or three weeks. It provides that funds would be administered through state health agencies under direction of the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor. Physicians' fees, obstetrical care, hospital and nursing services and infants' medical costs would be paid in full.

Since last summer, 26 states and Hawaii have instituted maternity care programs using funds available to them under the Social Security Act for medical services. Now many states are running out of funds. Unless help is forthcoming, they will be forced to curtail or abolish these services. The money requested would provide aid for the rest of the fiscal year, until July 1, 1943.

State-wide programs are now in operation in Arkansas, Connecticut, Hawaii,

Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont and Wyoming. Limited programs in the vicinity of camps are in operation in Alabama, California, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, South Carolina, Washington and Wisconsin.

Those state programs have helped 3,000 wives of service men to obtain maternity care by doctors of their own choice. State health departments said medical as well as hospitalization bills were estimated to cost \$80 per mother.

Internationalism in GOP

CHICAGO, Feb. 14—A Post-War Policy Association has been formed within the Republican Party to foster international mindedness and full realization of America's post-war international responsibilities.

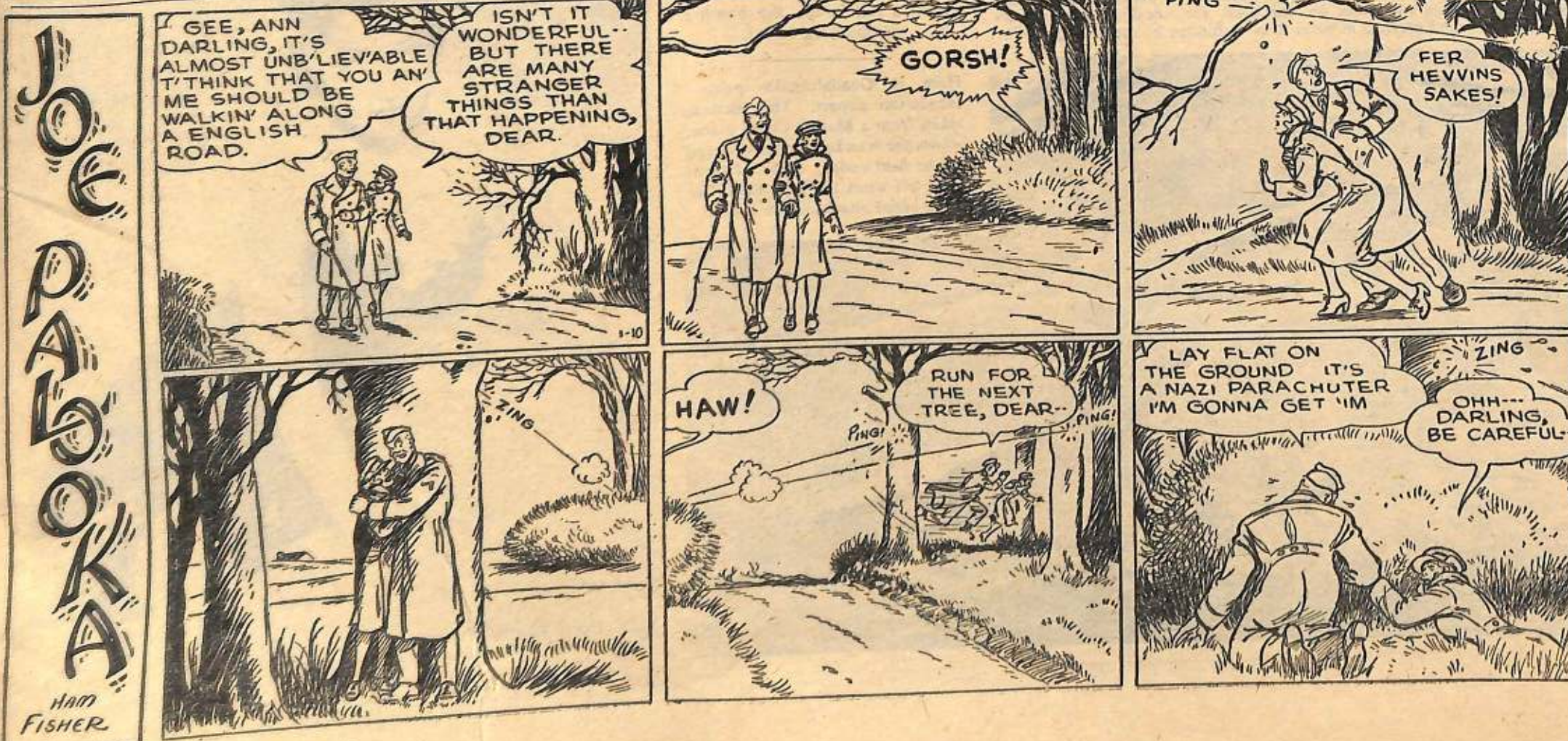
The Republican Party is obliged to develop leadership and a positive program to cope with post-war problems, Deneen A. Watson, 38-year-old lawyer who heads the group, said.



"Heads he's mine—tails he's yours!"



"Okay, Toki, let's show them the stuff we're made of!"



No Glamour on Guadalcanal

Guadalcanal—the most important island in the South Pacific Solomon Islands—today is completely in American hands. Last week Maj. Gen. Alexander Patch, U.S. commander on Guadalcanal, announced that the Japanese 17th Army had been defeated and no vestige of any Japs remained on the island. For nearly seven months U.S. Marines and Army men fought the Japs in the hot, damp swamps, through dense tropical



jungles and over rugged razor-back mountains. The island is all

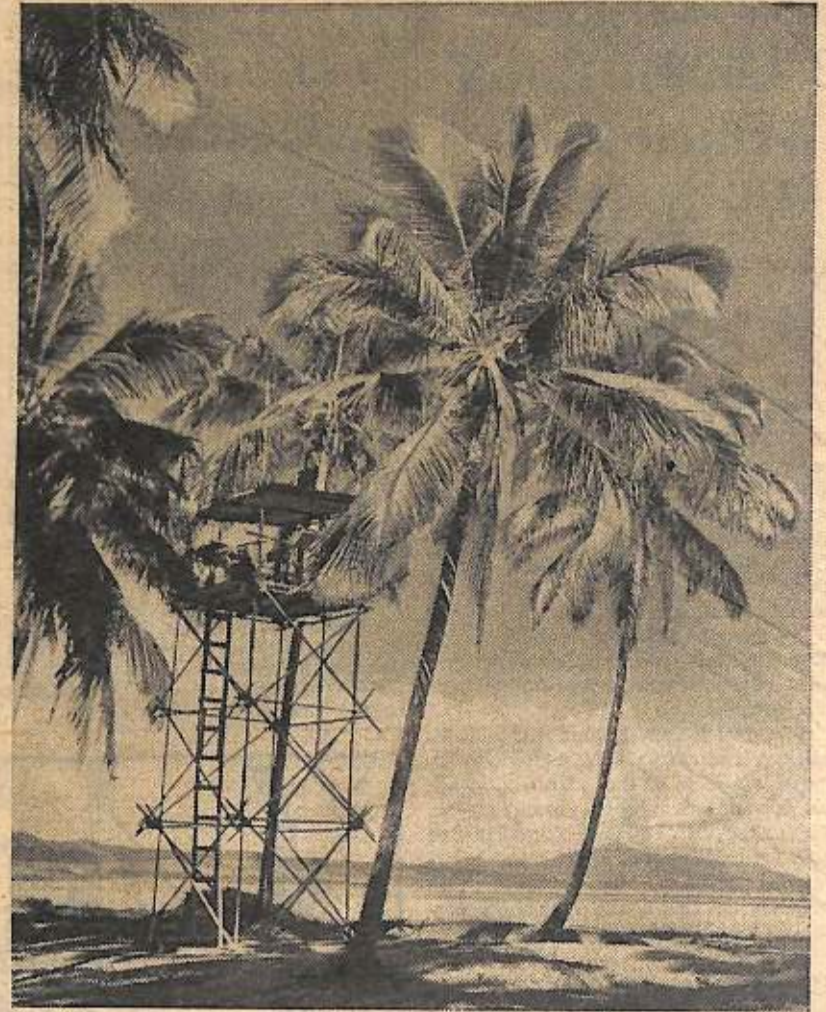
important to the Allies because, in one small area, its terrain is suitable for a landing field. On northern Guadalcanal is a Jap-built airfield, now called Henderson airport, where most of the American forces were concentrated after they invaded the island and captured the airport last August. Today Allied planes harass the Japs from Henderson field. On the northeast coast is an anchorage that can accommodate a major battle fleet. There are no roads on Guadalcanal.



Keystone Photo
A Leatherneck wears his souvenirs, a captured Jap sword and canteen. With him are three native constabulary warriors who have given the American forces every aid because of the bad treatment they received at the hands of the Japs during the early Jap occupation.



Keystone Photo
Even the generals on the island look like the privates. Here, Brig. Gen. John Sebree (left) of the Marines, dressed in herringbone twill fatigue clothes, converses with his aide near the Jap lines.



Keystone Photo
Coconut palms shield one of the many observation posts on the Guadalcanal (British mandate island) which the Army and the Marines use to keep tab on enemy activities.



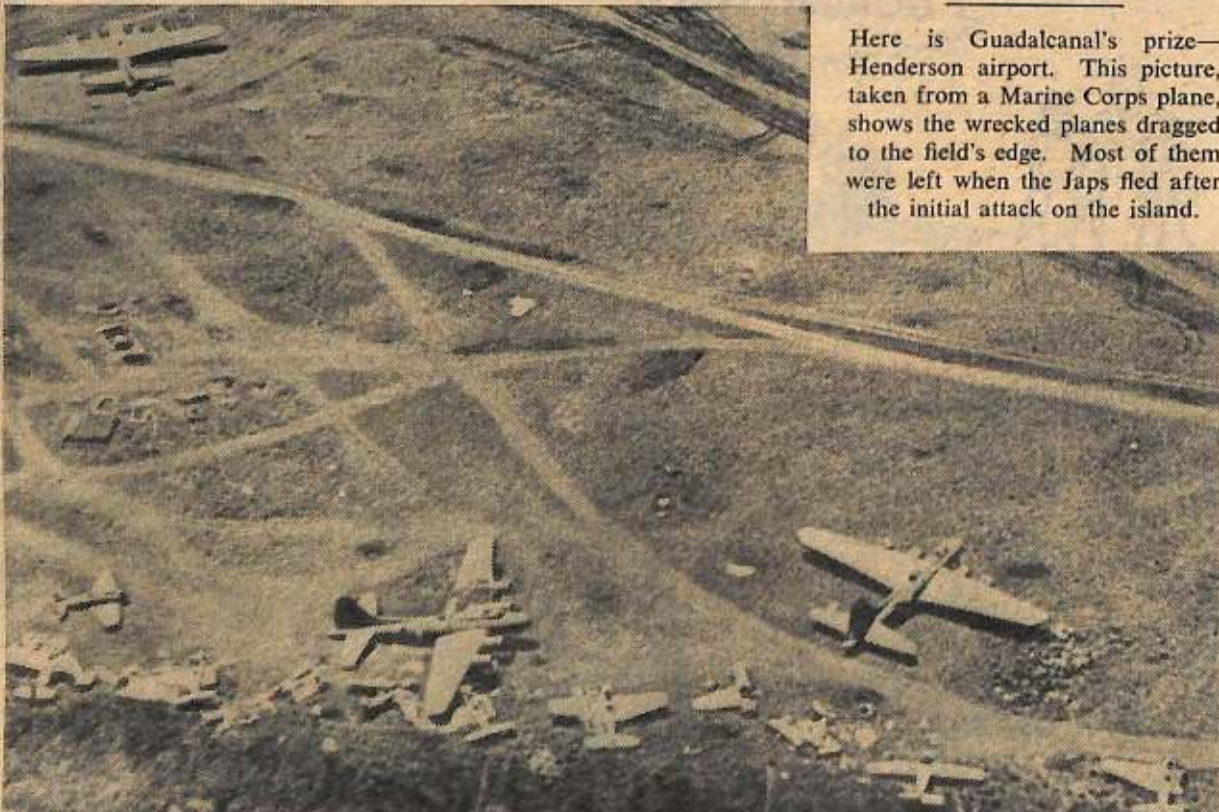
Associated Press Photo
Down a danger trail hacked out of the Guadalcanal jungle, troops loaded in a peep proceed cautiously on the alert for sneaking Jap snipers frequently found perched in palm trees or hidden by the undergrowth.



Keystone Photo
This U.S. Marine dressed, or undressed, native style tries his luck at fish spearing in an island stream during a lull in the Jap hunting season on the island.



U.S. Navy Photo
A wounded marine is carried aboard a landing barge on the beach of Guadalcanal. He was transferred to a waiting transport and rushed from the battle area. Often, in serious cases, wounded are carried in air transports to bases 2,000 miles away within 24 hours after the injury. Malaria is a common disease among American troops on the island.



Here is Guadalcanal's prize—Henderson airport. This picture, taken from a Marine Corps plane, shows the wrecked planes dragged to the field's edge. Most of them were left when the Japs fled after the initial attack on the island.



No! Dotty Lamour doesn't look like the native girls on Guadalcanal. There are only 100 native white people on the island. She just looks this way in her new picture, "They've Got Me Covered."