

Nazis Shove U.S. Troops Back at Faid

Tank Forces Overwhelm Artillery, Threaten Troops at Gafsa

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Feb. 15 (AP)—Rommel hurled armor against the American positions west of Faid Pass, breaking through about 20 miles and endangering Gafsa, held by U.S. forces.

Overwhelming American artillery positions guarding the westward exit of the pass, German tanks, possibly 50 in number, branched out northwest and southwest after the initial attack.

American anchor positions at Gafsa were obviously in danger of being cut off by the German spearhead of the Panzer division, and it was assumed Gafsa might soon be evacuated.

Stukas Strike Hard

From dawn to dusk American Twelfth air force light bombers and fighters swept over enemy troop concentrations, gun positions and motor convoys, strafing them heavily in an attempt to weaken their thrust against the Allied line.

Stukas, however, played an important role in Rommel's initial success, hitting hard at American ground forces.

An American force at Sidi Bou Zid suffered heavily yesterday morning, and was last reported moving back in a southwesterly direction.

Another German armored smash cut the road between Sidi Bou Zid and Gafsa and proceeded in a northwesterly direction. Presumably to link up with the columns rolling towards Sbeitla, which the Americans obviously must attempt to hold at all costs.

Attack Expected

A high Allied officer said that Rommel's attack was expected, for he was known to be concentrating armor around Faid, and it was strategically necessary for him to gain more room to maneuver from the coast.

The officer said it was doubtful if Rommel would develop a major battle, for he could hardly afford the losses in men and equipment that this would entail, particularly when the British Eighth Army was coming up from the southern Tunisian border.

Rommel's advance tanks were within 15 miles of Sbeitla at 6 o'clock last night, when the last report was received at Allied Force Headquarters, having showed his line forward about 20 miles.

A very small British element was known to have been in the area of the German attack.

Planes to the Rescue

Rallying in support of the American troops, the U.S. Twelfth Air Force Douglas light bombers, Spitfires and Airacobras strafed the enemy almost endlessly.

Spitfires and Airacobras forced a formation of Me109s and FW190s to jettison their bombs behind the German lines, then went on to escort the Douglas, which bombed 100 troop-carrying trucks south of Sidi Bou Zed.

This column of troop trucks had previously been strafed by Airacobras and Spitfires and was at a standstill. Seven vehicles were destroyed by strafing, and the bombers put an undetermined number out of action.

North of Faid American fighters strafed 100 troops, a number of trucks and four machine-gun emplacements. A Nazi tank concentration on the Faid Pass was splattered with bombs from Douglas.

Difficult Terrain

The German ground push was staged in a sector most difficult for the Allies to supply from Mediterranean bases, for all men and equipment must move hundreds of miles across difficult mountain roads to reach the front.

From Gafsa, however, the Allies have been on a vital springboard for a quick attack towards the Axis, one good north-south coastal road near Sfax.

Should Rommel consolidate his Sunday gains, he would, in effect, turn the Allied line into right angle with the south Allied flank in a difficult weakened state.

Malta Gas Was So Low Planes Were Not Taxied

MALTA, Feb. 15 (UP)—There was a time last year when Malta's gasoline supplies were so low that British Spitfire pilots were not allowed to taxi their planes out to the runways or back to the hangars again when they returned. Every ounce of gasoline was needed to keep them in the air.

"But today there is plenty and we are running the war to suit ourselves," said Wing-Commander Peter Hanks, DSO, DFC, who commands one of the Spitfire squadrons on the island.

Hitler No Longer Signs Orders for Wehrmacht

In the last two weeks, all important German army orders have been signed by the High Command instead of Hitler, indicating the Fuehrer no longer is actively directing the Wehrmacht, a usually reliable foreign source discloses, according to The Associated Press.

Hitler still retains the title of commander-in-chief and an announcement of a change is unlikely, "but it looks like the General now is making the decisions, not Hitler."

"This leads to the belief that Hitler either has been presented with an ultimatum by the Generals, who bluntly pointed out his military blunders, or the Fuehrer has suffered one of his hysterical fits and now is in ill health as a result of Russian reverses," said the source.

Enemy Frantic In Effort to Halt Russian Drives

Try to Fix Defense Line After Fall of Rostov, Voroshilovgrad

MOSCOW, Feb. 15 (AP)—Driven from deep Donbas positions west of Rostov and Voroshilovgrad, the Germans tried desperately today to form a line to hold off the powerful Red Army push.

Following up the most sensational single day's offensive in the history of this war, the Russians pounded the perplexed Germans from the north of Kursk to the last remaining German positions on the Black Sea coast.

They wedged deeply into broken Axis fortifications over a wide front, and continued the assault in the direction of Kharkov.

In the region of Grugiev the Russians made further progress. Latest reports from this sector had the Red Army seven miles from the Ukrainian industrial capital.

Ordered to Die

Pravda, which gave the first details of the Rostov-Voroshilovgrad battles, said that their ferocity increased when Hitler ordered powerfully equipped reserves and tank forces to die rather than retreat from Rostov. Hitler ordered his generals to defend the city to the last.

Many areas surrounding Rostov were the scene of bloody battles which were carried from yard to yard and house to house.

Cossacks attacked the city from the southwest and took hundreds of German prisoners.

In Rostov itself Soviet infantry met fierce resistance. Pravda said the Germans directed streams of machine-gun and automatic rifle fire from yards and from behind walls, trees, roof tops and attics.

Hourly the battle became sharper. The (Continued on page 4)

Maj. Gen. Eaker Appointed To Head Eighth Air Force

Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, an Army aviator for 25 of his 47 years, has assumed command of the Eighth Air Force in the European Theater of Operations. He has been acting commanding general of air forces in the ETO since Dec. 1, in the absence of Maj. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, air officer for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in the North African Theater.

Commanding General of Eighth Air Force Bomber Command since Feb. 22, 1942, Gen. Eaker has played a prime role in the development of American bombing strength in the British Isles and in the raids against occupied France and Germany.

Gen. Eaker has won the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Silver Star and decorations from the Chilean, Peruvian and Venezuelan Governments.

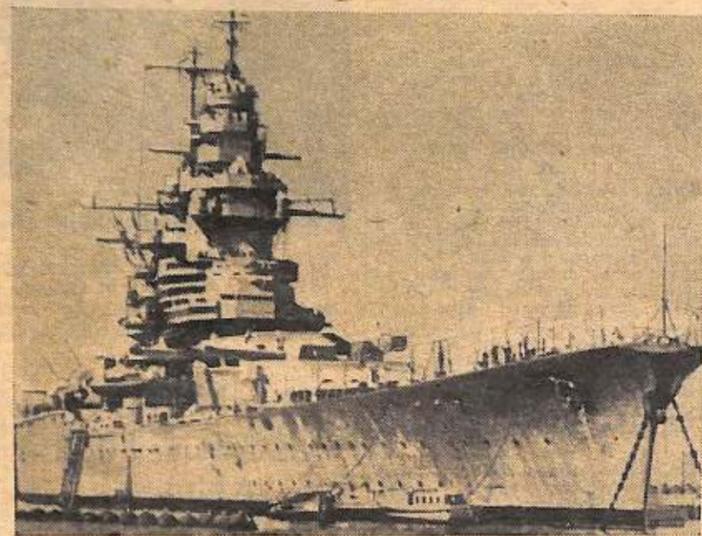
The Silver Star was awarded him for his part in the first American heavy bomber attack on Europe, at Rouen, last Aug. 17.

As one of the pilots of the "Question Mark," which set an airplane endurance record in January, 1929, he was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the DFC which he won during the Pan-American flights of 1926 and 1927.

Membership in the Caterpillar came to Gen. Eaker while flight-testing an airplane at Bolling Field, Va., when he had

French Warships Join Allies; Richelieu and Other Vessels Arrive in U.S. to Be Repaired

Battleship Richelieu Safe in New York



This is the French battleship Richelieu, one of the French warships which arrived at American ports last week to join the fight against the Axis after nearly two years' inactivity.

All Units Not in Nazi Hands Will Aid Fight on Axis

NEW YORK, Feb. 15—A number of ships of the French fleet have arrived in United States ports to be repaired and then join the Allied naval force in its fight against the Axis, it was revealed today.

One of the warships was the 35,000-ton Richelieu, damaged by the British Navy at Dakar in 1940 in an effort to keep it out of Axis hands. Appearing in fighting trim, though needing repairs from the 1940 engagement, it sailed into New York Harbor last Thursday, but security prevented news of its arrival from being released earlier.

Arrival of the vessels—"a very important contingent"—was announced today by Adm. Raymond Fenard, head of the French Naval Mission to the United States. They were all vessels under Gen. Henri Giraud's jurisdiction and did not include Fighting French units.

Others to Join Allies

All French warships not in German hands, whether at Alexandria, Martinique or elsewhere, will fight with the Allies as soon as they can, Adm. Fenard declared. The aircraft-carrier Bearn, at present at Martinique, probably will go also to the United States for refitting, he revealed.

The crews, particularly the men at Alexandria, are "anxious to get going," the admiral asserted.

"After more than two years of enforced inaction they are anxious to take up the fight once again against our common enemy," he said. "They will soon join their comrades of the French Navy, who, since last December, have taken their places with the British and American navies and are doing their share in keeping open the sea lanes to the North African front."

"We are sure all the warships based on Toulon are finished," said Adm. Fenard. "The scuttling at Toulon was prepared even from the time of the armistice with Germany."

Big Threat to U-boats

Their addition to the United Nations' fighting force will be a tremendous advantage in the fight against the U-boats, the biggest single problem now facing the United States and Great Britain.

Most of the vessels are to undergo repairs at various Atlantic coast yards. Some, however, already have been fixed up and are at sea. The destroyers Fantasque and Terrible, for instance, accompanied the Richelieu across, then left New York for an undisclosed destination. The 7,600-ton cruiser Montcalm is at Philadelphia.

The Richelieu slid into New York harbor Thursday, crippled but far from impotent, after dodging a pack of submarines and riding out the toughest gale many of her crew ever had experienced. The trip from Dakar, where she and the Montcalm and other vessels had been moored, took three weeks, Adm. Fenard disclosed.

U.S. and French destroyers escorted the Richelieu all the way across.

Transfer of the Richelieu officially to the Allied naval forces ends a year and a half of fear that the mighty warship might fall into Axis hands.

"The French crews are glad to be fighting by the side of the United Nations," the admiral said. "The vessels will be used to keep the sea lanes to Africa open."

"The ships will fight anywhere under (Continued on page 4)

Extension of Social Security For Forces Is Recommended

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Extension of Social Security coverage to members of the Armed Forces, as well as to millions of others at present outside the program, will be recommended soon by the Social Security Board.

Informed sources reported that the adoption of this recommendation, plus other board suggestions for an expansion of the program to provide hospital treatment and cash benefits for disabled workers, might eliminate the need for special veterans' legislation like that which followed the last war.

Several bills proposing the extension of social security coverage to members of the fighting services are pending in Congress; but there has been slight pressure for speedy adoption because the men are at present in the services, and their dependents are protected in many ways by laws enacted for veterans of previous wars.

These laws, among other things, provide for payments to dependents in case of death and to the soldiers themselves for disability incurred in line of duty.

But it should be noted that benefits given veterans of the last war for disability in ways not connected with military service have not so far been extended to cover those of the present war.

The present status under social security (Continued on page 4)

Libs and RAF Strike Dunkirk

Forces Team Up First Time to Raid Port Two Hours Apart

American and RAF bombers smashed at Dunkirk, just across the English Channel, in daylight yesterday.

Just two hours after Boston bombers of the RAF had pummeled the historic Nazi-held port on the French coast, nearly opposite Dover, Liberators of the Eighth Air Force attacked "with good results," Headquarters, ETOUSA, reported in a communique issued jointly with the British Air Ministry.

RAF, Dominions and Allied fighters covered the bombers and destroyed ten enemy fighters without loss. Two Liberators are reported missing.

First Dual Raid

It was the first time the two air forces had teamed up in such a bombing operation—first the RAF, then the U.S. force.

The raid was made in what the communique described as "excellent visibility," and pilots reported "much wreckage" seen before smoke from bomb explosions drifted over the docks and shipping which were the target.

The daylight air blows against the Nazis came after a double night attack by RAF heavy bombers on Cologne in Germany and Milan and Spezia in Italy, where large fires were started. The night's operations cost 11 aircraft, Bomber Command reported.

The joint communique stated that "towards the end of the attack by the Liberators, smoke from bomb hits made observation of results difficult, but much wreckage was seen."

There was no announcement as to how many enemy fighters were shot down by the bombers.

The RAF's raids against Milan and Cologne Sunday night comprised the (Continued on page 4)

Speed Deferment for Fathers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—The house military committee speeded action today on legislation granting draft deferment to men with dependents, after selective service and manpower officials had served notice on the radio and in the press that most of the 12,000 men inducted daily in 1943 would be fathers.



Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker

to bale out after the ship refused to come out of a spin.

Born April 13, 1896, in Field Creek, Tex., Gen. Eaker served as an Infantryman in 1917 and qualified as a pilot in 1918.

They Battle Unseen Foe in the Skies

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Hash Marks

A second lieutenant stationed in the south Pacific wrote his family that he had been promoted and added that it was so hot that he hadn't worn a shirt or blouse for weeks. His sister sent him a set of first lieutenant silver bars—neatly mounted on adhesive tape.

The navy is pretty resourceful, too. Several hundred midshipmen were left standing in formation outside Hayden



Planetarium while their commanding officer conferred indoors. Some small boys started pelting the midshipmen with snowballs, the middies sustaining several direct hits. Just as the navy appeared on the verge of a serious loss, an officer emerged from the building, sized up the situation, ordered "Left face, fire at will!"—the foe retired in disorder.

Presence of mind and a Boy Scout hat saved his automobile for Russell Smith of Oklahoma City. Two men stopped Smith on the highway and said, "We'll have to take your car, buddy." Smith switched on his dashlight and radio and barked into the loud speaker, "Calling all cars, calling all cars! Reporting a robbery at 37th street and Classen avenue." "Wow," shouted one thug, "this guy's a highway patrolman." Both men fled without discovering that the radio was a receiving set and the official looking hat on Smith's head meant that he was a Scoutmaster.

You've heard of guys talking their way into a job, but Ralph Dangelo, of Newark, N.J., went a step further—he had his jaw broken so he could get in the Marines. When he was ten years old he broke his jaw; it was badly set and this caused him to fail his Marine exam. So he had it rebroken and reset.

Mothers are like that! Mrs. S. L. Wilson, of Kansas City, has attended a theater four times attempting to see her son, Pvt. Melvin Melvin Wilson, in newsteel shots of the action on Guadalcanal. Her husband, a doctor, accompanies her each time, ready with restoratives as Mrs. Wilson always faints just before her son appears on the screen. Said the determined Mrs. Wilson: "Things just seem to go black when I think I am about to see him, but I'll see him yet."

An unhappy man is Philip David Kofsky of Los Angeles. Kofsky pleaded guilty to wearing an army officer's uniform



illegally. He told federal officers that he wore it so he could leave home nights to play poker with the boys. "My wife thought I was going to drill," he explained.

J. C. W.



In the decompression chamber Sgt. Harold Lichty, of New York; Maj. J. F. Tilden, of Olathe, Col., and Maj. J. L. Anderson, of Orlando, Fla., watch the behaviour of Capt. R. B. Zerbie, of Tremont, Pa., who is acting as the "guinea pig" without his oxygen mask under conditions approximating those at 15,000 feet. At the controls, Lt. Richard Trockman, of Evensville, Ind., peers through the port.

Airmen Need Oxygen To Survive High Altitudes

By Andrew A. Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

AN AIR TRAINING DEPOT, England, Feb. 15—Twenty thousand feet and more above the green of the English countryside, up where the cold begins, American and British flight surgeons today are carrying on their own warfare against an enemy swifter and quieter—and every bit as deadly as the Luftwaffe itself.

That enemy is the "thin" air of high altitudes; the air whose chemical makeup is deficient in the vital oxygen which keeps men alive.

After you pass 10,000 feet—and that's just about tree-top level for today's aerial warfare—the oxygen content of the air you breathe begins to get lower. So you switch to bottles of oxygen, breathed through a mask.

But let anything happen to that artificial oxygen supply, once you're up where the cold begins and the horizon is the ends of the earth, and you die, or at best become unconscious and unable to handle your plane.

Fight to Conquer Air

Air is rare at that height; and lack of oxygen and the comparatively low pressure at which what air there is enters the lungs, does queer things to a man. Combating that problem is one of the major headaches of the Air Force Medical Corps.

Research at Randolph Field has brought improvements, but equipment such as pressure suits and pressure cabins are impracticable in fighting planes because of their vulnerability.

Here, USAAF flight surgeons are still trying to find out what happens to a

man at great heights. They are sure of one thing: A pilot and his crew must be made aware of the dangers that exist for them at those altitudes. Some of them are hard to convince.

Changing from their main oxygen supply to their "walk-around" bottle of oxygen, they have discovered that they can take several breaths of air at any height with no apparent ill-effects. This confidence is dangerous.

The Provisional Medical Field Service School of the Eighth Air Force here in England are now using a mobile pressure chamber in which high altitude conditions can be simulated to convince combat crews that a lack of oxygen does impair their efficiency.

The chamber originally was used by the RAF. It is mounted on a vehicle that can go anywhere a one-ton army truck can go, and the plan is to take it to every U.S. station in England.

The decompression chamber itself was built from an old boiler. It seats three men on each side, is lined with paper-board, and is fully equipped with a communications system and of course oxygen equipment.

Operator Keeps Check

At one end there is a small port-like window through which the man operating the decompression controls can watch the guinea pigs and give them directions over the phone system.

When the crews go through the one-hour test in the chamber, they won't go as "high" or stay "up" as long as they have in actual flight, but for the first time they can concentrate their full attentions on the oxygen problem without having to worry about flying the plane or dodging FW 190s.

In a typical test in the chamber flight surgeon Lt. Richard J. Trockman, Evensville, Ind., might be at the controls.

He seats the six men inside and makes sure the door is firmly closed, sealing the chamber. Back at the port he looks in at the men and starts the decompression machine.

"You are going up at the rate of 5,000 feet per minute," he explains. "You won't notice anything for a while."

In a short time he speaks to the men again.

"OK. All but No. 3 man on the right, put on your oxygen masks and set your indicator at 12,000 feet. Regulations call for all fliers to use oxygen at 10,000 feet, and the indicator should read up to 5,000 feet above your actual altitude."

The No. 3 man is going to be the guinea pig for the experiment. Lt. Trockman instructs the others to watch the man without the oxygen supply, closely.

Pressure Affects Ears

As pressure in the chamber is decreased, the men's ears begin to cluck as the pressure inside the inner ear becomes adjusted to the lower pressure more slowly than the rapidly decreasing pressure outside. The mucus of a headcold will stop up the passages, hindering the process of equalization of pressure inside and out.

This greater pressure inside causes the eardrums to bulge and, in extreme cases, rupture. In other cases the mucus is forced down the Eustachian tube (connecting nose and middle ear), lodges there and causes infection.

If a flier is troubled with sinus infections his forehead may begin to pain as the pressure in the clogged sinus passages remains the same while the pressure outside decreases, causing an outward pressure in the passages.

Lt. Trockman continues: "Notice No. 3's nails. Blue underneath, aren't they? He looks a little pale. He is beginning to suffer from anoxia, the name given to lack of oxygen in the system."

"He is beginning to feel a little numb, but supremely happy—or maybe he is getting irritated about something."

"Sounds like a cheap drunk," some-one comments over the inter-com.

"Exactly," the flight surgeon outside explains. "The symptoms of anoxia are often similar to those caused by too much alcohol."

"I think I look all right," says the No. 3 man confidently, beginning to feel light hearted and cocky.

"How much is four times 13?" Lt. Trockman asks him.

"That's easy," the patient replies without a moment's hesitation, "Four times 13, is 74."

It is one of the first symptoms of anoxia. The victim begins to feel as though he could lick his weight in hand grenades.

He Needed Oxygen

One story is told of a pilot who lost his oxygen connection while flying in formation. He stuck with the formation for some time, but soon he began to wander all over the sky. He called other planes in the formation over the inter-com and bawled their pilots out for crossing in front of him. Actually they were having all they could do to stay out of his way.

Even when he got back on the ground, that pilot couldn't believe that he hadn't been doing a superb job of formation flying. Lack of oxygen had affected vital nerve centers. His control was poor, his reactions slow, and his ability for self-criticism absolutely non-existent.

In the chamber, the man without the mask is asked to perform several little jobs. Lt. Trockman may ask him to shuffle a pack of cards, tie his shoe lace, or write his name several times. Invariably he stumbles through these things. In his own mind he thinks he is doing a grade A job. His name never looked better to him on paper, he likes the way he ties his shoe lace, and thinks he shuffles cards like a Culbertson.

The flight surgeons tell a story of one test pilot who climbed to a high altitude without oxygen and took notes of his observation while he was up there.

When the pilot came down he couldn't find his notes. He had a pocket full of papers with doodlings on them but he was sure that he had taken accurate and complete notes. Obviously what he thought had been beautiful notes while he suffered from anoxia, were useless scratches on paper.

Eyesight is Affected

In the test chamber Lt. Trockman has the "guinea pig" put on the oxygen mask before the danger point is reached.

"Note the almost immediate change in the color of No. 3. His complexion improves, things look brighter to him. One of the first things that is affected by the lack of oxygen is the eyesight."

The RAF regulation is oxygen from the ground up on night raids, because it is the parts of the eye that provide good night vision which are particularly affected.

A decompression chamber designed at Randolph Field is also in England and will be used along with experiments in the RAF chamber.

The other problems of high altitudes are the "bends," the affliction usually associated with deep-sea divers. The bends, or aero-embolisms, are caused by the nitrogen and other gas bubbles which come out of solution in the blood as pressure increases, just as the carbon-dioxide comes out of solution in gingerale when the pressure is released with a bottle opener.

This problem is mainly one for fighter plane pilots, not for the medium altitude bombers. It is not a serious problem until a man reaches 35,000 feet.

In both these problems the mobile pressure chamber will be a help from the point of scientific observation, and more important, it will thoroughly acquaint the men who fly at high altitudes with their own problems, and in that way help them to overcome them.

GI You Can Join

The American Legion on November 20, 1942 secured a congressional amendment to their charter, making World War II veterans eligible to Legion membership. This amendment reads as follows:

"That no person shall be a member of this corporation unless he served in the naval or military services of the United States between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918; or between December 7, 1941 and the cessation of hostilities as fixed by the United States government, all dates inclusive; or who, being citizens of the United States at time of enlistment, served in the military or naval services of any of the governments associated with the United States during either of said World wars; provided that such persons shall have an honorable discharge or separation from such service, or shall continue to serve honorably after the date of cessation of such hostilities, as determined herein."

This means that you, Mr. GI Joe, are now eligible for membership in the American Legion as well as in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

So conventions here we come . . . and won't it be fun having the WACKS in the same organization . . . boy . . . Oh . . . Boy.

So Sorry

The precariousness of Japan's supply line to her newly conquered island outposts in the South Pacific and the wretchedness of the Japanese soldier's life on the island front is emphasized in a letter found on the body of a Japanese soldier killed fighting in East China.

The letter, which was written by a Japanese war correspondent from a naval base in the South Pacific, says that Japanese ships carrying war material and troops to the South Seas are regularly bombed by American aircraft and shipments "often fail to reach their destination." American air superiority has forced the Japanese to carry out all landing and unloading operations under cover of darkness.

Once ashore on the islands the Japanese soldier is forced to subsist on cold and often on raw food for days at a time. They are ordered not to light cooking fires for fear of revealing their position to American aircraft. How great that fear is, and how great the reason for it is told in the letter, which says: "Soldiers stationed in the thick jungle where day and night are indistinguishable, now know it is nightfall when the drone of American planes overhead ceases. They are able to distinguish, and shudder at, the sound of a Grumman Wildcat's motor!"

As the Japs would say it—speaking one to the other, O kino-doku sama . . . so sorry for you.

Watch Your Manners

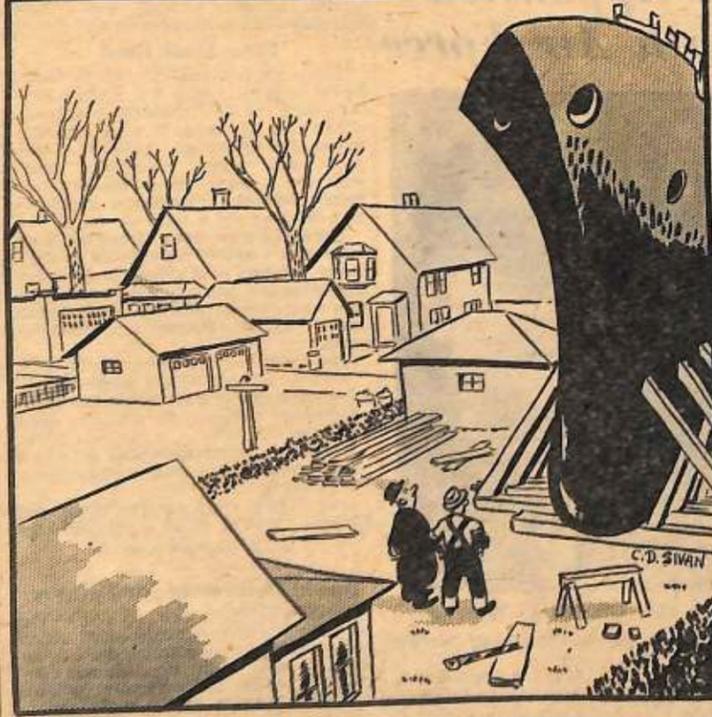
"One of the arts a soldier in this war has to learn is how to get on with 'queer' people. The adjective is not used disparagingly. If the ways of the Chinese, the Guadalcanal head-hunters, the East Indians, the French, the Egyptians, the Eskimos or the British seem strange to us . . . how can we suppose our ways seem to them?" asks the New York Times in a recent editorial.

With this line of reasoning we agree, and in turn suggest that we make every effort to adjust ourselves to the local situation . . . to adopt, at times, local customs.

Instructions have gone out on how to behave in foreign parts. Englishmen regard their pubs as clubs . . . not as beer joints, and conduct within English pubs should be on the English standard. The Moors prefer not to have soldiers make eyes at their wives and daughters; they do not understand flirtation. A Chinaman doesn't like to be slapped on the back, and a Chinese girl is insulted if you try to hold her hands.

In spite of all the instructions in the world there will be occasional misunderstandings; but the point is to regard them, when they occur, as in the family and between friends. Be generous in your forgiveness.

Those of us in the army have the advantage of learning first about local customs from a book. If, in addition, we learn to live with other people without "looking down on them," the rest of America may be able to learn this lesson from us when we return home. Then on the basis of respect, one race for another, we will be able to build a lasting peace, remembering always that we cannot build a better world on contempt, criticism, mistrust or open hatred.



"Remember that modern mechanix speed boat I started last summer?"

Wooten Meets Venezia on Tonight's Ring Card

Ford Betters World Mark In Back Stroke

Clips 50-Yard Record While Swimming Medley Leg

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 15—Alan Ford, Yale's amazing record-breaker, swam the 100-yard back stroke leg on the Yale 300-yard medley relay team which lowered the American record by one-tenth of a second here Saturday. Vandeweghe, Hough and Vanoss of Princeton held the old mark of two minutes, 51 and eight-tenths.

Ford's own time of 58 and six-tenths seconds was only nine-tenths seconds over Adolph Kiefer's listed world record. En route Ford bettered by three-tenths seconds Vandeweghe's 50-yard back stroke world mark of 27 and two-tenths seconds and tied Kiefer's 75-yard world mark of 42 and three-tenths seconds.

Team mates Davidge and MacFadden swam the other medley legs: Davidge did the 100-yard breast stroke in one minute, two and four-tenths seconds, and MacFadden swam the 100-yard free style in 50 and eight-tenths seconds.

Earlier in the meet Ford swam the first 100-yard leg on the Yale 400-yard free style relay team which broke the world record. Ford's own time of 50 and six-tenths seconds lowered his own world mark by one-tenth of a second. The times of the other free stylers were: Baribault, 52; Lyons, 52 and three-tenths; MacFadden, 51.

Amertex Jolted By Nightsticks

BELFAST, Feb. 15—Those unpredictable Nightsticks staged their second straight upset in less than a week when they handed the previously unbeaten Amertex, technician quintet, recently crowned champions of North Ireland, a 28-21 drubbing in the ladder tournament play at the Red Cross club here.

In a non-league game last week, the Nightsticks, composed of MPs, turned the tables on the favored Creevagh Eagles, leading Navy club at Londonderry.

Cpl. John Kurinsky, of Bridgeport, Conn., was largely responsible for the Nightsticks' victory. The former Connecticut pro performer dropped nine field goals through the hoop. After Pfc Jim Leonard, of Chicago, broke the 12-all tie at the start of the second half, Kurinsky took command of the situation and pushed his teammates to victory.

The Amertex sorely missed the services of Jack Lippert, of Los Angeles, former USC star, and Bill Hall, also of Los Angeles, who were unable to play, both reportedly being ill from tetanus shots. Lippert usually averages 15 to 18 points per game.

The defeat was the first for the Amertex since they organized their club last November. The Nightsticks now replace the Amertex at the head of the ladder.

NEWS FROM HOME

Army, Navy Make 500 Flights Each Week Over the Atlantic

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15 (UP)—United States Army and Navy air transport commands are averaging 500 transatlantic flights a week, said Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, the last war ace and civil air expert, in a speech in Philadelphia yesterday. "And more are being added all the time," he said.

Why U.S. Must Work Longer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—The War Manpower Commission has made it plain that the aim of the new 48-hour minimum work week was to free more workers for war production, and indicated lenience for establishments where a longer work week would not achieve the purpose. The minimum applies in 32 specific war-production centers.

The War Manpower Commission said that overtime pay for work in excess of 40 hours would not be required for many workers who were not covered by wage and hour law or labor contracts.

15-Year-Old Army Veteran

NEW YORK, Feb. 15—Johnny Maras, of Milwaukee, who was discharged from the army as a sergeant when officials discovered he was only 15, visited here to see the premiere of "The Immortal Sergeant."

He talked about his army days as though he was a grizzled veteran, telling of the kick he used to get out of giving orders to men much older than himself.

"I had to take my stripes off once and lick a 19-year-old who said I was trying to act important," he remarked.

He is going to return home and go to school until he's 17, then he's going to join the marines.

U.S. Guard Against Inflation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—The Federal Reserve Board called for con-

Sports Quiz Answers

If you laid it on the line yesterday in trying to answer the five questions of the weekly sports quiz, here is where you collect—maybe.

1—Yes, a team can make six hits in an inning and not score. First two men single, both thrown out stealing. Next three men single, filling bases. Sixth man hits line drive, hitting the base runner. Batter is credited with a hit, runner is automatically out.

2—Joe Cronin was sold for the most money—by the Senators to the Red Sox for \$250,000.

3—Howard Ehmke of the Athletics holds the strikeout record for one World Series game, 19 against the Cubs in 1929.

4—Max Schmeling won the heavy-weight championship of the world from Jack Sharkey on a foul in the fourth round, 1930.

5—Jack Dempsey drew the most million dollar gates—five.

Repair, Supply Fives in Front

Headquarters' Team Also Wins in Air Depot League Tilts

By Wade Barton

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent
AN AIR DEPOT GROUP, Feb. 15—The Air Depot Group league here continued with three of the best games played to date. The first game found two undefeated quintets playing a hard game. Team A, Headquarters, finally defeated Team C, Repair, 46-33.

The Repair team took command of the game with the tip off, thanks to brilliant passwork by Pvt. Richard Cooper, of Eaton, Ohio, and Pfc Thomas Massalis, of Newark, Ohio, ably assisted by the long shots by Pvt. Frank Parker, of Westlake, Ohio. They led 11-6 at the quarter, 20-18 at the half. With Sgt. Ray Zimmerman, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Pfc Donald Samsal, of Lima, Ohio, taking over the ball hawking duties under the baskets, the game soon changed in the second half with Headquarters opening the lead, hitting from all angles to win handily.

Pfc Sam Rozeman, of Tiffin, Ohio, and Sgt. Harry Karpis, of Chicago, led Team A, Supply, to 31-23 victory over Team A, Repair, after a game that was in doubt until the last few minutes when Rozeman made two lay up shots. M/Sgt. John Diehr, of Columbus, Ohio, sparked a last quarter rally, but it was in vain.

The third game started slowly without a score for the first five minutes. Team D, Repair, won from Team B, Supply, 50-19. Pvt. Cleo Pederson, of Conception Junc., Mo., of the winners and Pvt. Bob Watson, of Princeton, Ind., of the losers, were outstanding with their work under the baskets.

certed action by the government and full cooperation by the public to control "inflationary pressures" resulting from heavy war expenditures.

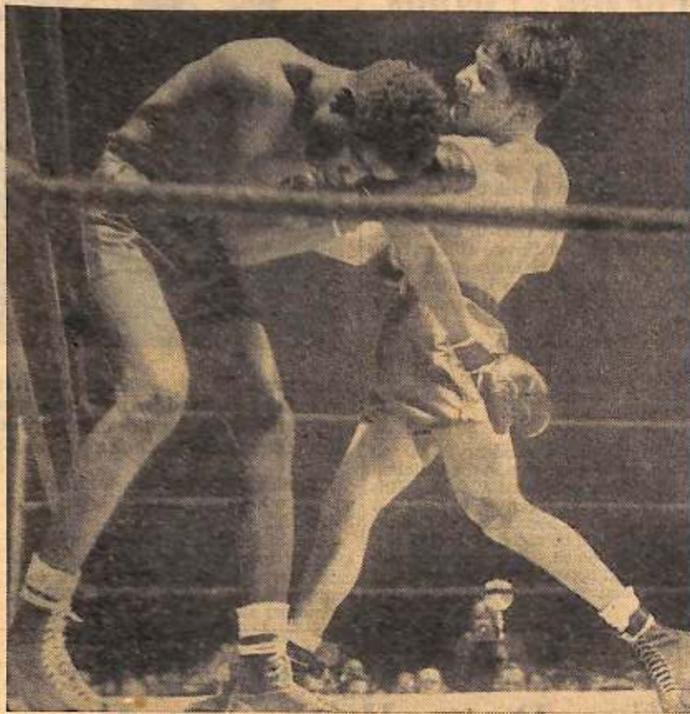
The board advocated wider public buying of Government securities, and the enactment of tax legislation to siphon off at least \$16,000,000,000 in taxes or savings, or both, as recommended by President Roosevelt.

WLB Refuses Wage Increase

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—The War Labor Board has refused to grant a general wage increase to the employees of four large packing companies, and declared that it was "duty bound to stabilize wages at the September 15, 1942, level."

The War Labor Board decision could be interpreted as presaging a firm government policy of wage stabilization in the intensifying battle against inflation.

One in the Breadbasket



Keystone Photo

Doing this to a sergeant yet?—Sgt. Jackie (Cleveland) Wilson doubles up in a ring corner at Madison Square Garden as Jacob LaMotta bangs him in the breadbasket. La Motta, of New York, won the bout on decision.

Basketball Results

- Muhlenberg 46, Gettysburg 34.
- Union 67, RPI 26.
- Clarkson 50, Ithaca 46.
- Amherst 28, Wesleyan 27.
- Alfred 47, Hartwick 37.
- Worcester 45, Coast Guard Academy 29.
- St. Anselm 66, Clark 65.
- Rhode Island 57, Northeastern 47.
- Albright 69, Franklin Marshall 36.
- St. Johns 62, Temple 40.
- La Salle 51, Scranton 38.
- Army 46, Rutgers 44.
- Maine 40, Connecticut 38.
- Coast Guard 53, Vermont 52.
- West Virginia 69, Waynesburg 50.
- Oberlin 53, Hamilton 30.
- St. Vincent 53, Carnegie Tech 30.
- Clemson 42, South Carolina 40.
- Western Maryland 38, Dickinson 34.
- William and Mary 55, VPI 25.
- Monmouth 57, Cornell College 49.
- Hamline 35, St. Thomas 24.
- Lawrence 44, Carleton 27.
- Wittenberg 56, Mount Union 45.
- Kansas 56, Nebraska 24.
- Superior Teachers 54, Eau Claire Teachers 53.
- Detroit 39, Marquette 31.
- St. Ambrose 61, Buena Vista 52.
- Augustana 57, Iowa Preflight 46.
- Rockhurst 48, Baker 38.
- Kent State 56, Muskingum 54.
- Augsburg 57, St. Johns 36.
- Wichita 74, Friends 22.
- Fort Sheridan 52, Camp Grant 39.
- Bradley 83, Illinois College 45.
- Central 32, William Jewell 22.
- Crichton 65, Tulsa 36.
- Minot Teachers 41, Dickinson Teachers 34.
- DePaul 44, Western Kentucky Teachers 32.
- Southeast Missouri Teachers 32, Maryville 30.
- Montana State 61, North Dakota State 39.
- South Dakota State 45, North Dakota 33.
- Northwestern 52, Iowa 31.
- Kansas State Teachers 35, Washburn 25.
- Miami 58, Western Reserve 38.
- Michigan Normal 36, Wayne 34.
- Ohio Wesleyan 57, Ball State 54.
- Clarion 33, Penn 31.
- Baylor 50, Texas Christian 41.
- Texas 48, Arkansas 35.
- Rice 53, Southern Methodist 33.
- Brigham Young 47, Utah 45.
- Washington State 53, Washington 49.
- Oregon 50, Oregon State 35.
- Colorado College 43, Colorado Mines 42.
- Wyoming 65, Colorado State 40.
- Stanford 56, Coast Guard 55.
- San Jose State 62, Nevada 39.
- California 36, St. Marys 35.

Pill Rollers Sink Corsairs In Close Game, 32-31

LONDONDERRY, N.I., Feb. 15—The Pill Rollers, medics' basketball team from Belfast, reversed last week's game and emerged on top with 32-31, over the USNOB Corsairs to make it one game apiece for the series.

With five minutes remaining in the last half, the Navy quintet held a comfortable 31-24 lead until Cpl. Wilbur Strauss, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, Pfc Frank Pridbyl, of Elysian, Minn., and Cpl. Harlan Epland, of Waterloo, Iowa, dropped four successive baskets through the net in the next three minutes.

With a minute remaining, the Navy drew a foul shot, but Red Lyons, F2C, of Lowell, Mass., missed the basket and handed the game to the visitors, who drew into the back court and froze the ball from further scoring.

LaMotta Gains New Prestige

Middleweight Has Victories Over Robinson And Wilson

NEW YORK, Feb. 15—Jake LaMotta, the Bronx 160-pounder, unquestionably has become a middleweight threat. A couple of weeks ago Jake licked California Jackie Wilson. A week ago Friday he trimmed another outstanding welterweight, Harlem's ball-of-fire, Ray "Sugar" Robinson.

A 16-pound weight advantage in both fights shouldn't detract much from LaMotta's prestige, since both his victims were speedier and harder hitters. Jake couldn't find much difference between Wilson and Robinson, and won't predict the result of their ten-rounder at Madison Square Garden on Feb. 19. "Perhaps Robinson is faster," he remarked, "but Wilson takes a punch better."

Jake says he never faced a fighter who tried so hard for a kayo as Robinson did in the tenth round. "Way ahead in the early rounds, Sugar gradually succumbed to LaMotta's awkward crowding, lunging style. In the eighth Jake knocked him on to the ring apron with a left hook and a right cross. The bell saved Ray at the nine count. In the last two rounds Ray came back, throwing the best punches he had. "They were pretty good," LaMotta explained, "but I kept moving in. He couldn't keep it up. I backed him up against the ropes and that's how it ended."

Several bouts are being considered for LaMotta. A return engagement with Robinson is doubtful, since Sugar is planning to enter the Army on March 2. Promoter Mike Jacobs is considering a bout with Puerto Rican Middleweight Joe Basora, who gained a draw and a victory in two fights with LaMotta last year.

Wings Down Canadiens, Gain on Boston Bruins

DETROIT, Feb. 15—Carl Liscombe's goal with four minutes to play gave the Detroit Red Wings a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Canadiens enabling them to gain two points on the League-leading Boston Bruins, who lost to the Chicago Black Hawks.

The Black Hawks, playing at Chicago, retained their record of having lost only two home games, beating the Bruins 3-2. The Bruins gained a two-goal lead in the first period, but the Hawks won when Rookie Wingy Johnston netted two goals within 34 seconds of each other in the closing minutes.

McHale Fights Bill Bradshaw, Southern Champ

Rand Daviss Tangles With Golden Glove Titlist; Missella Back

By Mark E. Senigo
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Four standout favorites of previous Stars and Stripes ring shows will have their hands—and perhaps their faces—full on tonight's card at the Rainbow Corner.

Two past winners will meet in what should be one of the top bouts of the evening. Last week 1st Sgt. John H. Wooten, of Roanoke Rapids, N.C., showed the crowd that he is both a slugger and a boxer, exhibiting some of the best form to be seen at the weekly fistic shows. This week he will be pitted against Pvt. John Venezia, of Detroit. Venezia has two wins and one loss in the book. After his initial appearance the former Michigan Golden Glover made a comeback, taking a decision in his second scrap and scoring a TKO in the third. Both Venezia and Wooten will weigh in at 147.

Missella Seeking First Kayo

Heavyweight Pvt. Billy McHale, of Philadelphia, 187, also may bunk smack into trouble in the person of Pvt. William Bradshaw, of Fredericksburg, W. Va., 180. McHale has taken a draw and a decision victory, but Bradshaw, Southern States amateur champion in 1940, will show McHale more class than he has yet seen in the Rainbow Corner ring.

After a week's absence, Pvt. Frank Missella, of Cleveland, 134, will be out again for his first knockout. In all three of his previous appearances he has been seeking a kill, but the nearest he got was a first-round technical kayo over S/Sgt. Ed Bossard. His opponent tonight will be Pvt. Charles Abbotanz, of Milford, Mass., 135, a TKO winner last week.

The best fight of the evening may develop when Pvt. Rand Daviss, of Grand Rapids, Mich., 142, goes up against Pvt. William Garrett, of Pittsburgh, 145. Garrett was three-time Golden Glove welterweight king in Pittsburgh. Daviss came through with a quick, one-round TKO in his bout last week, showing such good form that Stanton Griffis, chairman of Madison Square Garden, called him a Beau Jack in the making.

Two Novice Bouts

A newcomer, Cpl. Henry Krofke, of Cleveland, 160, has had five fights as an amateur, and will need all that experience when he trades punches with Pvt. Glen McCormick, of Richmond, Mo., 160. McCormick has already taken two Stars and Stripes decisions, and Krofke may have trouble stopping him from taking his third.

A fancy-dan with his dukes, Pvt. Sal Fiore, of Brooklyn, N.Y., 158, was impressive in winning his bout at a fight show at Liverpool two weeks ago. He will meet Pfc William Ciffo, of Woonsocket, R.I., 158, veteran of 12 ring encounters.

Finishing off the program are three bouts featuring unknown quantities. Pvt. Leslie Smith, Madison, Wis., 170, has had 12 fights. His opponent will be Pvt. John Flanagan, 166-pound Golden Glover. Two novice bouts round out the show. In the first, Pvt. Joseph Gallagher, of Linden, N.J., 158, will mix it up with Cpl. Fred Byers, of West Milton, Pa., 162. The second will pit Cpl. Alvah Payne, of Eldorado, Ark., 147, and Pvt. John Robinson, of Kansas City, Mo., 150.

Officials for the fights remain the same: referee—Maj. Richards Vidmer; judges—Lt. Herbert "Baby" Stribling and Capt. Edward Corcoran; timekeeper—Col. Theodore Arter; attending physician—Capt. John Cocke.

Louis in 'This Is The Army'

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15—The Army public relations office has announced that Sgt. Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, will appear in the screen version of Irving Berlin's "This Is The Army." Louis will bunk with the other soldiers attached to the show at the Warner Brothers' studio.



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DFC Awarded Two U.S. Fighter Pilot Leaders

Four Oak Leaf Clusters, Four Air Medals Among Awards

Distinguished Flying Crosses for the leaders of two USAAF fighter squadrons flying against the Luftwaffe from bases in Britain are among awards announced today by Headquarters, Eighth Air Force. Four Oak Leaf Clusters and four Air Medals also were among the list of awards.

Col. Dean, who was one of the first American fighter pilots to set a plane down on an African airfield during the invasion of North Africa, and Maj. McNickle were cited in their awards for "achievements in leading their squadrons successfully through violent combat with heavy enemy forces."

Both officers previously had won other decorations.

Three Win Clusters

Oak Leaf Clusters to Air Medals won previously were awarded three fighter pilots for meritorious achievement in the destruction of enemy fighter planes and during combat missions against the enemy.

Two Clusters were awarded Maj. Oscar H. Coen, of 1007 North Marion St., Carbondale, Ill. Other Cluster winners are 1st Lt. Stanley M. M. Anderson, of 7926 West Beach Drive, Washington, and 2nd Lt. Robert A. Boock, of 1925 South State St., Springfield, Ill.

Four fighter pilots won the Air Medal for the first time. They were 1st Lt. LeRoy Gover, 616 Cedar St., San Carlos, Cal.; 1st Lt. Carl H. Miley, 22724 Auburn Ave., Toledo, Ohio; 2nd Lt. George E. Mirsch, 7741 South Morgan St., Chicago, and 2nd Lt. Glenn J. Smart, Sedan, Kan.

Bebe Daniels Interviews Soldiers for Radio Show

BELFAST, Feb. 15—Bebe Daniels, who is appearing at British and American army camps in Northern Ireland with Ann Dvorak and Freddy Morgan, interrupted her tour to record interviews with enlisted men of the U.S. Army for The Stars and Stripes in Britain program, weekly BBC radio show which is relayed to the United States.

Men to appear on the first interview were Cpl. James O. Armstrong, of Gibsland, La.; Pfc Peter Ferrall, of Washington, Pa., and Pvt. Henry Crowfoot, of LaPorte, Tex.

Miss Daniels plans three such interviews during her visit in Northern Ireland.

'Quiz Capers' Program Staged at Belfast Club

BELFAST, Feb. 15—"Quiz Capers," a 90-minute variety show, was staged by soldiers and their girl friends at the American Red Cross club as part of a Valentine's party.

M/Sgt. Ralph B. Portnor, of Indianapolis, Ind., donned professor's cap, gown, and robe to act as master of ceremonies. He was assisted by Sgt. Tom Wyatt, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Cpl. Askell Wolfe, of New York.

Prizes included cigarettes, candy, and chewing gum.

Juke Box Dance Today At Rainbow Corner Club

There will be informal dancing to the juke box in the basement of the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner this afternoon from 3 to 5.30 PM.

Tomorrow night, soldiers get a chance to win cigarettes and candy if they can answer the questions on the quiz program which starts at 8.15 PM. At 8.45, a variety show is scheduled.

Scouts Plan Organization

The American Service Scouts' Club will be organized to-morrow night at 7 PM, when U.S. soldiers, British chief scouts and British scout officials meet in Lord Baden-Powell's Den at Imperial Headquarters. Sir Percy Everett, Deputy chief scout of the British Empire, will be present at the formal induction of the members.

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of members of the armed forces is as follows: Those whose former occupations were outside the program, such as farmers and lawyers, get no benefits. Those who worked in "covered" employment are no different than civilians who were thrown out of work.

The latter group should not write off their payments for social security as a total loss. Most states have provided that the soldiers will have, upon discharge from service, the same right to unemployment compensation that they would have had if they had lost their jobs instead of entering the armed forces.

Further details are expected to be disclosed when the Social Security Board makes its report, expected shortly.

Yanks Help Three More Orphans

Donations Up Fund For Blitz Victims To £13,730

Three groups of Americans in the British Isles have contributed an additional £284 3s. to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund for the sponsorship of three more blitzed British children.

Enlisted personnel of a base post office turned an even £100 over to Capt. Fred W. Jordan, Special Service Officer, who forwarded the money to the fund along with the request that a girl, color of hair and eyes unimportant, be assigned to the unit.

S/Sgt. Robert J. French, of Rotterdam Junction, N.Y., and Sgt. John J. Kallay, of Detroit, Mich., started the fund and acted as collection agents until the entire £100 was obtained.

Company "B" of an Engineer battalion raised the necessary £100 all by itself, while other men in the battalion contributed an additional £25 3s. This was forwarded to the fund by 2nd Lt. Burnell C. Stevens, Special Service Officer, who asked that it be added to the £55 16s. already contributed. The company will sponsor a girl between five and eight, and they ask that she be permitted to visit the unit.



Another £100 for a war orphan is turned over to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund by men of a base post office. Capt. Fred W. Jordan holds the check for the money collected by S/Sgt. Robert J. French, of Rotterdam Junction, N.Y., left, and Sgt. John J. Kallay, of Detroit, Mich.

"Further donations are forthcoming, so please keep our account open," said Stevens.

Men of headquarters company of a USAAF bombardment group sent in a check for £59, which brings their total contribution to the necessary £100 for sponsoring an orphan. 1st Lt. Frank J. Riordan Jr., who sent the check, just asked for details as to the selection of the child and added that the contributions will continue.

These contributions increased the total amount contributed to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund to £13,730 18s. 5d.

Two WAAC Officers Arrive For Duty With Air Force

By Bryce Burke
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Two WAAC officers assigned to duty in the ETO, one of them the mother of two sons in the Air Corps, have arrived in the British Isles and have been attached to Bomber Command of the USAAF.

The new arrivals, Capt. Zelma F. Hanson, of Los Angeles, Cal., and 2nd Lt. Dorothy L. Swart, of Elsa, Tex., have been assigned to telephonic work in the Air Corps, but they could not say what type of work they would do.

"We are very pleased to be here," Capt. Hanson said. "We were told we would see nothing but fog, but we saw the sun yesterday and again today."

Capt. Hanson, a government worker before entering the women's service, said she was close to the defense program in civilian life and "thought I might as well be in the Army." Lt. Swart, a secretary, said all her friends had gone into the services, and "I had a desire to go too."

Both came here from Daytona Beach, Fla., where a new WAAC training center is being built.

Capt. Hanson and her son by a previous marriage, Richard Holmes, 18, were sworn into the Army at the same time, the first time a mother and son have been inducted together. Richard is a private serving overseas with the Air Force. Another son, Robert Holmes, 22, is an aviation machinist's mate at a Naval Air Base in California.

Lt. Swart, whose parents live on a farm near Oakley, Kan., has a brother in the Air Corps.

Capt. Hanson said the WAACS are being inducted at the rate of about 1,000 a week and that before the end of the first year of the organization 25,000 are expected to be enrolled.

The training, she said, is divided into four categories: administration, cooks and bakers, motor transport, and basics. The basics are given only fundamental training in Army procedure and drill.

These are the first members of the organization to be assigned definitely to work in this theatre. The original five officers to arrive here since have been transferred to North Africa.

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second "double" in a row. Saturday night, four-engined British bombers struck Lorient in two separate attacks, leaving the Nazi U-boat base in flames.

Spezia, the Italian naval base which was raided at the same time as Milan, is one of Italy's prime submarine building centers, with the Odero-Terni yards and other U-boat docks and ways located there.

Meanwhile, revised estimates from a Swedish source of the damage done by the Mosquito daylight raid on Copenhagen indicated that work at the Burmeister-Wains Diesel engine plant there may not be resumed for as long as eight or ten months due to bomb damage. Eleven direct hits were reported on the plant, principal Diesel producer for the U-boat fleets.

French Fleet Arrives in U.S.

Richelieu and Other Ships Join Allied Fight Against Axis

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the French flag, although I presume it would be best for us to fight near our own bases," he added.

The voyage began on Jan. 30 and the first four days were uneventful. But at the half-way mark the battleship began sharp, evasive tactics after U-boats were detected ahead. The direct course was resumed 36 hours later without sighting a single submarine.

A storm struck the ship later and hundreds of tons of water crashed across the bow and damaged the forecastle. The great ship, operating with three of her four propellers, banged and shuddered in tumultuous seas for 24 hours, but she rode through the ordeal without material harm.

Has Eight 15-Inchers

The Richelieu, completed in January, 1939, carries a crew of 1,670 men and mounts eight 15-inch guns, 15 six-inch guns, twelve 37-mm. AA and 24 13-mm. AA as well as four aircraft.

The cruiser Montcalm carries a complement of 540 and mounts nine six-inch guns, eight 3.5-inch AA and eight 13-mm. AA, she also has four 21.7-inch torpedo tubes. She was built in 1935.

The Fantasque was completed in March, 1934, and the Terrible was completed in November, 1933. Each has a tonnage of 2,569, carries 220 men and is armed with five 5.5-inch guns, four 13-mm. AA, four depth-charge throwers and nine 21.7-inch torpedo tubes. On its trial run, the Terrible reached the record speed of 42.25 knots. The Fantasque exceeds 43 knots.

Five Billions in Planes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP)—The U.S. produced \$5,000,000,000 worth of airplanes, aircraft engines and propellers last year, the aeronautical chamber of commerce reports in Washington today. This year's output is estimated at \$12,000,000,000.

GI 'Circuswater' Provides Vitamin C for U.S. Troops

SOS HEADQUARTERS, England, Feb. 15—The best way to prepare lemonade "circuswater" from the lemon crystals included in every unit's rations, according to Lt. Col. Wendell H. Griffith, of the Division of Preventive Medicine, one of the army's experts on nutrition, follows:

For 100 men, dissolve two 11-ounce cans of the lemon crystals in ten gallons of water. Add one gallon of syrup prepared by dissolving 12 lbs. of sugar in

one gallon of hot water. The taste may be varied by additions of fruit, jam, or any of the unused juices of canned fruits.

Col. Griffith explains that the lemon drink is an important source of ascorbic acid (vitamin C) and is a necessary substitute for fresh citrus fruits.

Any other suggestions? Anybody got a favorite concoction or menu that you think some of the other cooks might win friends with? Send them in and The Stars and Stripes will pass the word.

Blondie

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

by Chic Young



Forts, Libs Jolt Rabaul, Biggest Bombing So Far

50 Tons of Explosives, Incendiaries Dumped On Jap Base

ALLIED HQ, Australia, Feb. 15 (AP)—In the greatest mass bomber raid carried out by the Allies in this theater of war more than 30 heavy bombers Sunday rained upwards of 50 tons of explosives and 3,500 incendiary bombs on the Japanese naval and air base at Rabaul.

Four waves of Flying Fortresses and Liberators attacked the city and harbor for more than two hours, starting huge and numerous fires, and apparently hitting and damaging two ships.

One American pilot reported: "The Japanese have been rebuilding Rabaul since our bombers first burnt the city down months ago, and at present Rabaul is heavily fortified."

"Rabaul is a regular Malta in respect of searchlight concentrations and ack-ack positions. During the night of Feb. 14-15 our troops conducted offensive operations in the same directions as before."

Burma Bases Hard Hit

In Burma Allied fighters and bombers have carried out new heavy attacks on Jap bases, including an advanced enemy HQ in the upper Chindwin area, but no further reports of land fighting have been received.

On Saturday night a force of American fighters, armed with light and fragmentation bombs, hit at Japanese works in Lonkin, Northern Burma.

Many hits were reported on buildings used by the enemy as headquarters and for storage.

Reconnaissance the following day reported that ten out of 12 enemy barracks at one place had been destroyed by fire. The smoke from other fires was still rising.

WITH U.S. FLEET, South Pacific, Jan. 15 (AP)—The U.S. Pacific Fleet, which the Japanese repeatedly declared had been reduced to impotence, figured in the final phase of the conquest of Guadalcanal by simply appearing in great strength. The Jap navy refused battle.

The enemy fleet was out in force, and after finding out what they were up against they withdrew instead of reinforcing Guadalcanal.

The Japanese apparently refused to send their fleet south of their New Britain Shortland Island zone of Protection, north of Guadalcanal.

Hans Crescent Mascot Visits Rainbow Club

Hans, the wandering mascot of the American Red Cross Hans Crescent club, strolled into the Rainbow Corner the other morning and spent half the day getting acquainted with the staff.

Hans was fed and delivered back to the Hans Crescent club by taxi in style.

Russia - - -

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Russians threw in more men, storming the city's streets, houses and other buildings. Gradually the Germans were driven from several blocks.

While this struggle was going on inside the city, Cossacks hit Rostov from the southwest. The dispatch said that hundreds of Germans lost their lives against slashing sabres and automatic rifles.

'Won't Leave Rostov'

One of the first sights which greeted the eyes of the Red Army men as they charged down the main street—a fine modern thoroughfare which runs through the heart of Rostov from east to west—was a poster put up by the Germans. It stated: "Do not believe rumors. We will not leave Rostov."

Pavda said corpses of hundreds of Germans littered the streets, yards and alleys.

Many buildings and houses were destroyed. Some were still burning, but the population, which has seen the city change hands four times, joyously welcomed the Russian fighters.

North of Rostov the German groups are in a serious predicament, both southwest of Voroshilovgrad and in the vicinity of Likhaya.

Likhaya is 48 miles southeast of Voroshilovgrad. Here the Russians took a large settlement and drove hard into the Germans.

New Menace to Nazis

The Axis troops in this sector are in danger of getting their way westward cut off by the Russians, who are plunging on from Voroshilovgrad. The exit southward is now impossible with the fall of Rostov.

Southwest of Voroshilovgrad the Germans run the danger of being caught from the west by General Vatutin's units.

In the region of Kharkov the Russians have tightened their already strong semicircle about the Ukrainian city. In the area of Chugiev they tore into heavy German reinforcements, including veteran stormtroopers reported to have just arrived from France.