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Hash Marks

We see by the papers that Mussolini gave Goering a sword for a birthday present this week. You're slipping, Benito, a knife in the back would have been much more appropriate.

It was a hot time in the old town last night for Paul Weekley of Sioux City, Iowa. An itching foot awakened Paul,



who rubbed one foot against the other. His feet began feeling hot and Paul tossed off the covers and found his bed aflame. Extinguishing the blaze, Paul went back to sleep. He reawakened later with itching feet which he rubbed together. Flames broke out in bedclothes again. Paul blamed new quilt and new blanket plus friction of rubbing feet together.

Fancy meeting you! In 1917 in the Argonne, Cpl. Thomas Reeves, of Aberdeen, Md., was out on reconnaissance duty. He ran across a Sgt. Theodore Phalen, of Sheboygan, Wis., who was serving with an artillery unit. Two months ago T/Sgt. Reeves reported to Major Theodore Phalen, and is now working for him in the Theatrical and Cinema Division, Special Service.

Despite protests from many citizens of Redbank, N.J., Police Commissioner Leighton insisted that a list of alleged blackout violators be read at open meeting of borough council. First name on the list was Commissioner Leighton. List discontinued.

Jimmie Fidler, Hollywood Columnist, says William DeMarest, who's frequently mistaken for actor Lynn Overman, was standing outside a theater when kids besieged him for autographs. Realizing the kids thought he was Overman, Bill obligingly signed Overman's name, but misspelled it "Oberman." One of the brighter kids shouted, "Hey, Mr. Overman, you're spelling your name wrong." Another kid whispered, "Pipedown, don't you know actors are ignorant. Why make him feel bad."

With more men going into the armed forces each day, this remark made by one cutie to her girl friend pretty well sums



up the situation, "Dearie, my new boy friend is wonderful—4F with a B card and a C note."

A Pittsburgh executive, told to report to his draft board, returned to his desk the next day saying, "I'm classified 5-B—baldness, bifocals, baywindow, bow-legs and bunions."

PRIVATE BREGER



"He wants to ride in front. He's getting carsick back here!"

'Non-Existent' Unit Base for Strays



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

American soldiers wounded in the Tunisia fighting don't have to worry about finding their units when they get out of hospital if they can get to a special troops outfit which, without T O or technical right to existence, has set itself up to help the GI "strays."

Section Without 'TO' Helps Convalescing Soldiers

By Ralph G. Martin

North Africa Bureau

A U.S. BASE, Tunisia, Jan. 15—Technically speaking, the section this story is about doesn't exist. It has no T O, it isn't prescribed for in the regulations and it's unlike any other outfit this man's army ever saw. Its self-made job is to care for the army's "strays," the men without a unit.

This section, part of a special troops unit assigned to handle the limited needs of a particular Army group on a temporary basis, is caring for all the strays and GI waifs who, separated from their units in battle and from injuries, have no place to go.

Such things could only happen in a war of slashing movement, where a soldier may be a prisoner of war one day, behind his own lines the next, and lost from both tomorrow.

Easy to Get Lost

Getting lost here is almost inevitable at times, and it's the reason behind the impromptu, no-rule-book creation of this unit. About three weeks ago, close to blackout time, a staff sergeant and two corporals who had been wounded in the early stages of the Tunisian campaign were discharged from a hospital, not knowing where to go next. After wandering around awhile, they moseyed into a major's office in an old German consulate building.

"Where do we go from here?" was their question. A major didn't know, but sent them

to headquarters of the special troops unit. The unit didn't know either. However, it was late and the men were tired and hungry. They got a hot meal and a bed. Next morning, before the special troops officers could decide what to do with the sergeant and corporals, six more soldiers strayed in. Within five days—how, nobody knows—this casual unit of originally one officer and one first sergeant had 50 lost soldiers on its hands.

The special troops colonel and his executive officer, Capt. John E. Kieffer, Buffalo, N.Y., sat down and talked it over. There were no army regulations to cover this; no orders. Furthermore, the unit was a temporary one administering to the needs of other outfits, including a parachute battalion, a smoke-generating company, surgical combat teams and a boat-maintenance company, and hardly had room or T O for unofficial recruits.

The ordinary army answer would be "Pass the buck." But they decided not to play this war that way. As Capt. Kieffer put it: "Somebody had to do something, and there wasn't anybody around, so we rolled up our sleeves, crossed our fingers and stuck our necks out."

First of all they drafted the ready and waiting 50 guests and gave them specific jobs. Every day the "guests" visited every hospital in the area searching for wounded soldiers who had just been brought in. When they found one, they identified him, asked what clothing and equipment he needed—even what kind of cigarettes.

Then the U.S. Army's visiting "strays" left.

The guys in hospital had filled out questionnaires before. They no more expected anything to come of all this than they expected Hedy Lamarr to drive into the ward à la Lady Godiva on a bicycle.

So when the former waifs and strays returned, the patients' faces lit up like Christmas trees. Here were the shoes, the shirts, the ties, the equipment. And the smokes. And the GIs who brought

them in got as much kick out of the proceedings as did the beneficiaries.

As the thing worked out, soldiers who were dismissed from the hospital a few weeks later went to this same casual unit and took up similar temporary jobs, checking wards and bringing in what new wounded men might need. The unit is still working that way.

Physical condition of these casuals is as varied as the outfits they come from.

Most of them have been shot; some have been hit by shrapnel, bayoneted, run over by a tank, shell-shocked. The shell-shocked ones have to be closely watched because some suffer from amnesia. One went AWOL for four days and didn't even know it.

These and others in serious condition are sent back to base hospitals as soon as possible.

It's No Rest Home

But this outfit isn't a rest home. Every man has some job or responsibility, however small. It's all part of a rehabilitation process to help the soldier get going again as soon as possible.

This week 40 men, originally "strays," returned to their units at the front.

The casual unit even supplies transportation. Planes, jeeps, trucks, trains, or whatever is available. Messengers and truck drivers going to and from front line outfits stop for a meal, pick up any soldiers ready to go up the line, and proceed.

On Christmas Day, two soldiers went back to their unit in a C-47 loaded with 50 quarts of ice cream, cartons of cigarettes, candy, soap and even some Scotch.

And, this being an Allied front, the service isn't limited to Americans. The unit has handled a large number of British enlisted men and officers. They even took care of a Norwegian sailor.

The motto is: "Anybody who comes in here, regardless of who he is or where he's from, can have anything we've got if he really needs it." It works.

Well Done . . . Laffey

The hulk of the destroyer Laffey now rests quietly under the sea off the Solomon Islands; but in her last fight she left a wake of glory that will shine forever in the annals of American naval history.

To the New York Times we are indebted for the story of her last battle. Briefly the action was as follows: "Racing bow on the little vessel met everything the enemy had, a cruiser, a battleship, and many lighter craft. She went down from an explosion in her own magazines."

The record tells a story of heroic sacrifice. The Laffey couldn't hope to run the gauntlet of heavy Japanese ships through which she led our squadron of destroyers the night of Nov. 12th; but her headlong attack helped win victory for our fleet.

Her first victim was an enemy cruiser. Her broadside left it smoking and silent. Then ghostlike the bulk of a battleship loomed ahead. The Laffey let her have a salvo of torpedoes, two of which struck home. Then she cut across the bow of the battleship with only a ten foot margin to spare, blowing the big ship's bridge away with her five-inch shells. The two ships were so close together the huge enemy craft couldn't depress her big guns sufficiently to open fire.

The Laffey sped beyond range; but found herself between two Japanese battleships and surrounded by enemy destroyers. She engaged a pair of these, leaving one out of action and afire; but receiving a torpedo from the other. Three of the Laffey's guns were still working, so she continued the fight and sank an enemy ship with her last gun in action. Then with all her guns silent she lay helpless and flaming in the midst of the Japanese fleet. A salvo from fourteen-inch guns of a battleship straddled and swamped her; but she continued to burn. Her commander got the survivors of his crew into liferafts. He himself was on board when she blew up.

Perhaps no destroyer ever fought against such unequal odds or left heavier wounds on the enemy. Certainly none ever fought to her death more gallantly.

German Transport

The importance of the American railroad net in the face of unprecedented wartime problems is accentuated when it is contrasted with the transportation situation in Germany.

Hitler, according to Allan A. Michie, in a recent article in The Reader's Digest, made the gigantic miscalculation before the war of neglecting the railroads on the assumption that gasoline engines and super-highways would take their place. The result was that his railroads were not as well equipped in 1938 as they were in 1913 and hence today, as in 1918, constitute "the Achilles heel of the German war machine."

Some observers such as Mr. Michie are of the opinion that another long Russian winter, added to increasing damage from Allied Air Force raids, might cause the whole German transportation system to "buckle." That the situation is already a serious one can be gleaned from a study of recent Nazi requisitions. They have taken the best rolling stock from every occupied country, and have left those countries, which must also be supplied and defended against an Allied thrust, with railway facilities that only through courtesy can be called a transportation system.

Work To Win Plan

American industry is making good use of management-labor committees. Some 1,600 plants now have such committees and they are helping to increase war production.

An off-shoot of this program is a war workers' suggestion system. Suggestions average 1,500 monthly and 30 per cent. of them deal with practical shop hints or production shortcuts. By the middle of last month, suggestions totalled 12,547, including 5,212 of a mechanical nature. In all 1,117 have been put into effect and 734 more are still under consideration.

By helping to develop the skill and perfect the techniques of a vast manpower the "work-to-win" plan makes a real contribution both to the war effort and to better relations between labor and management in America.

British Guerrilla Patrols Hack Through Jungle No Man's Land

By Toby Wiant

Associated Press War Correspondent

WITH BRITISH FORCES IN INDIA. Near the Burma Border, Jan. 15—Small parties of British soldiers are risking their lives in daring forays deep into Burma to obtain information of the enemy's activities, and to convince the Burmese that the Japs are interested only in squeezing whatever they can from them.

The soldiers operate as guerrillas. They travel light, so they can go swiftly over mountains, through jungles and along the rivers. They do not even carry blankets, in spite of the penetrating dampness, and sometimes live for days on nothing more than biscuits and water.

They plunge through twisted jungle where no man has ever been before, cross dangerous rivers, slip at night into strange and often hostile villages, and tackle Jap patrols by which they are frequently outnumbered.

Rouse Japs from Bed

I talked to a tough captain who had been on a five-week trip far into Burma. He got malaria after he returned to his base, but he was anxious to be off again as soon as possible. Volunteering for the work, he marched and rowed for scores of miles with a few other guerrilla scouts to reach the areas to be investigated. Most traveling was at night because large Japanese patrols were active. Neither

the captain nor the others had ever been in that part of Burma before, but they made their way to a village where Japanese agents were known to be hiding.

The patrol dragged the Japs from their beds and learned from them many things the Japs would rather have kept secret. The patrol then plunged into the jungle again before the Japs' sympathizers were awake.

Enemy Shuns Fight

The guerrillas heard there was a large Japanese patrol in the neighborhood and spent three days trying to make contact with the enemy, but the Japs steered clear, although they outnumbered the British.

Word that the British were about flashed from village to village and the patrol had to move fast to keep ahead of the news.

The captain said he had met hundreds of Burmese loyal to the United Nations, and had converted many others who were fed up with the Japs' unfulfilled promises and were cooperating only under threat that their houses would be burned and families slaughtered.

The guerrillas were almost exhausted before they started for home, but managed to keep going, mainly "on their nerves."

The captain said six men once rowed for two hours upstream before they discovered, when day dawned, that they had gone only a few yards—so they got out and cut their way through the jungle.

### Pro Grid Attendance Was Over a Million

CHICAGO, Jan. 15—Elmer Layden, commissioner of the National Professional Football League, says that the attendance figures for 1942 show that the season was an unusual success.

Though the attendance at League games declined slightly, the total attendance soared over the million mark, including over half a million at 14 charity games and preseason exhibition.

### Longhorn Five Tops Southwest

### Basketeers Take Up Where Eleven Left Off; Arkansas Next

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 15—Southwest Conference basketball has taken up where the Conference football left off—and that's not just phrase making. Not only do the topsy-turvy results mirror the football season, but again Texas University seems to be the top dog.

The pre-season prophets rated Arkansas and Texas Christian co-favorites with Rice a distinct dark horse. The Razorbacks still look good, but the Horned Frogs have run into trouble already, while the Owls have been beaten in their only two conference starts.

The Texas Longhorns, however, rule the range. First they beat Rice by 19 points then Baylor by seven. Lanky Longhorn Center Johnny Hargis netted 20 points in each of these games. But Wednesday Southern Methodist held the Longhorns to a 41-37 edge. Perhaps they're slowing down, but even so, they're still bound to be fast company the remainder of the season.

The tumultuous Texas Aggies jarred Texas Christian, 53-26, in their second Conference start. The Aggies five ironmen played the entire contest, and with scintillating passing had no trouble whipping the defense-minded Frogs.

The Conference standings:

	W	L
Texas .. .. .	3	0
Arkansas .. .. .	2	1
Texas Christian .. .. .	2	1
Texas A and M .. .. .	1	2
Baylor .. .. .	1	2
Rice .. .. .	0	3
Southern Methodist .. .. .	0	3

### Gallerneau in Marines

CHICAGO, Jan. 15—Hugh Gallerneau, former Stanford and Chicago Bear halfback, has enlisted in the Marines and has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the combat service.

### Production Goals and, Nelson Says

Briggs, a Marine. They met in San Diego three months ago. Briggs was an actor in Hollywood for a while, but did not meet Miss Rogers until after he had enlisted.

The paper quoted Ginger Rogers as saying "he is everything I ever dreamed of, about six feet two inches, with brown hair and brown eyes."

Ginger Rogers, who is 31, has been married twice before, once to Lew Ayres, from whom she was granted a divorce in 1936 on desertion charges.

### Girl Accuses Errol Flynn

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15 (AP)—Gazing squarely and severely at film star Errol Flynn, 17-year-old Betty Hansen told a jury yesterday he undressed her and was intimate with her in a bed room following dinner party Sept. 27.

The blonde schoolgirl, from Lincoln, Neb., denied she was screen-struck and had pursued Errol Flynn in the hope of obtaining a part in a film. "The only ambition I have is to fly," she said.

As Flynn left court he was besieged by a crowd of women. One kissed his hand. Another snatched the handkerchief with which he was wiping his brow and begged him to autograph it for her. Albums, handkerchiefs and pieces of paper were thrust at Flynn for signatures.

### Wallace Beats GI Wrestler

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15—At the George Door Canteen Vice President Harry Wallace, former Adair County, Iowa, farm boy, bested a big soldier in a wrestling contest—without removing his coat. The soldier left without giving his name.

### Puck Catcher for the Rangers



Keystone Photo

Although the New York Rangers are still in the National Hockey League cellar, Goalie Jim Franks has been giving them good protection in the nets. The Rangers' ranks have been riddled by sickness and the draft, but Frankie is always in there catching.

### Basketball Results

- Providence 49, Yale 37.
- Columbia 29, Army 23.
- Gettysburg 39, Navy 37.
- Fort Meade 42, Kutztown Teachers 37.
- Williams 43, Massachusetts State 41.
- Amherst 63, American International 34.
- Middlebury 39, Albany State Teachers 36.
- Brown 58, MIT 39.
- Aberdeen Proving Ground 54, LaSalle 40.
- Swarthmore 38, Johns Hopkins 12.
- Newark 66, Wagner 53.
- St. Johns 63, Fordham 47.
- Cathedral 61, New York Aggies 39.
- Western Maryland 37, Loyola 34.
- Connecticut 51, New Hampshire 40.
- Dartmouth 46, Seton Hall 40.
- Shippensburg Teachers 56, Chambersburg Engineering 34.
- Norfolk Naval Air Station 40, Appalachian Teachers 36.
- Catawba 66, Guilford 29.
- Norfolk Naval Training 60, Duke 53.
- VMI 43, Virginia Tech 33.
- George Washington 47, North Car. Preflight 45.
- Minnesota 46, Michigan State 32.
- Moorhead Teachers 38, Concordia 29.
- Carbondale Teachers 41, Illinois Normal 30.
- Iowa State Naval 49, Mason City 39.
- Illinois Wesleyan 47, Illinois College 44.
- Navy Pier 33, Chicago Teachers 25.
- Fort Sheridan 50, Chicago Naval Training 49.
- Warburg 32, Western Union 29.
- Rockhurst 37, Kansas State 24.
- Indiana State Teachers 59, East Ill. Teachers 48.
- Kent State 42, Hiram 37.
- Baldwin Wallace 38, John Carroll 33.
- Defiance 104, Bluffton 39.
- Kansas 36, Oklahoma Angles 29.
- Loyola 39, Western Michigan College 38.
- Baylor 66, Texas A and M 58.
- North Texas Teachers 53, Howard Palne 50.
- Texas 41, Southern Methodist 37.
- South West Texas 56, Stephens 41.
- Idaho 39, Lewiston State Normal 36.
- Oregon 34, Idaho 31.
- Washington 49, Harlem Globe Trotters 30.

### Red Cross Ping Pong Tournament Started

A RED CROSS CLUB, England, Jan. 15—T/4 William L. Tetlow, Cincinnati, Ohio, defeated T/5 John R. Gray, Baltimore, Md., three games out of four, in the opening match of a ping pong tournament here.

Defending champion of the meet is Pvt. Sam Harowitz, Passaic, N.J., who is favored to retain the title he won two months ago. T/Sgt. Kenneth F. Trunk, Chicago, a mean paddle expert, is listed as a "dark horse."

### Soviets to Hold Sports

MOSCOW, Jan. 15 (AP)—Moscow radio, quoting a Tass message, said that for the first time since the outbreak of war championship contests in skating, skiing, swimming, chess and other sports would take place in the Soviet Union this year. The meeting for the skating championship will be held in February.

### Durocher Draft Seen Imminent

### Lippy, Now 3A, May Be 1A; Camilli or Shotten Seen As Successor

NEW YORK, Jan. 15—Leo "Lippy" Durocher, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has been called by his St. Louis draft board for a preliminary physical examination, according to an announcement made here by Branch Rickey, president of the Dodgers. Thus Durocher may become the first major league manager to be drafted for service in this war.

Durocher, 38, is classified as 3A, but his wife is a fashion designer and has an independent income. Though the manpower in Durocher's St. Louis draft board district is unknown here, the opinion is that Durocher is about to be reclassified 1A and given an induction notice.

Asked if he had anyone in mind to succeed Lippy if he is drafted, Rickey replied, "I won't open the book on the managerial question until something happens. Then I may move fast." Local speculation mentions Burt Shotten, Cleveland coach, or Dolph Camilli, Brooklyn first baseman, as managerial possibilities.

### Fordham Holds Boycoff, But Redmen Win, 63-47

NEW YORK, Jan. 15—The Redmen of St. John's matched strides with unbeaten New York University in the battle for the metropolitan basketball honors, whipping a good Fordham five, 63-47.

The Rams, though at a terrific height disadvantage, succeeded in slowing down St. John's great center, Harry Boycoff, holding him to 11 points. But the concentration on Boycoff left other openings. With Captain Andy Levane, who scored 17 points himself, feeding perfect passes, Larry Baxter, right forward, took top scoring honors with 22 points.

### Mal Stevens in Navy

NEW YORK, Jan. 15—Dr. Mal Stevens, former head football coach at Yale and New York Universities, has been sworn into the U.S. Navy Medical Corps as a lieutenant commander. Dr. Stevens took the oath from Lt. Gordon Brown, student manager of one of the Yale football teams coached by Stevens.

### Loefer Shooting Again

CAMP DAVIS, N.C., Jan. 15—Max Loefer, former Fordham University basketball star, is now shooting for his gold bars at the OCS school here. As key man on the Ram five, Loefer ranked high in national scoring honors before his enlistment in the Army.

### Weekly Fights To Be Filmed Tuesday Night

### News Reel Cameramen To Cover Bouts; New Ring Set Up

American servicemen who have been throwing the leather at each other in the weekly Stars and Stripes fight cards held on Tuesday nights at the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner are to have a bigger audience this next Tuesday than the usual crowd which packs the hall every week. Paramount News will be there to make news reel shots of the fighters which will be sent back to America and shown throughout the U.S.

Just completed in time for this filming is the new ring in the Rainbow Hall where the fights are held. Previously the bouts have been held in the same ring as that which Wally May has been using for his daily training sessions at the Corner.

The new ring will be the regulation size, bigger than the training ring now in use. The smaller ring will be set aside exclusively for training purposes.

New equipment ordered for May's training sessions include sun lamps which will be installed some time next week. The lamps will be available to the men who work out with May at the Rainbow Corner.

These training periods are open to all servicemen who want to avail themselves of May's tutelage. Men stationed in London may come in whenever they find the time. Men in on furlough may drop in for a workout on the bag or a few friendly rounds of sparring.

In time these facilities will be expanded to include a handball court and a general recreational program.

### Detroit Routs Rangers, 4-1

NEW YORK, Jan. 15—Flashing a daring, wide-open attack, the Detroit Red Wings routed the injury ridden New York Rangers here last night, 4-1.

Only the sensational net-minding of Rangers' Goalie Jimmy Franks, who blocked at least a dozen shots that seemed sure goals, saved the Rangers from the season's worst defeat.

The entire proceeds of the game were donated to the Red Cross.

### Canadiens Trounce Hawks, 5-1

MONTREAL, Jan. 15—The Montreal Canadiens swamped the Chicago Black Hawks, 5-1, and came within breathing distance of the fourth place Hawks in the National Hockey League standings.

Big gun for the Canadiens was Rookie Alex Smart, loaned by their Quebec amateur farm club. Smart banged in three goals and assisted in another.

### Fencing, Archery, Chess Sponsored by Red Cross

A RED CROSS CLUB, England, Jan. 15—Director George J. Weir Jr., New York City, believes his club is the most "sport-minded" of any in England.

Ping-pong, chess and checker tournaments are now in full swing. A fencing class has been started by Phil Slinker, Des Moines, Iowa, program director. An archery course is to be set up soon. Before long a boxing arena will be erected. Fifteen to 20 men have shown active interest in the ring sport.

### Phillie Outfielder in Army

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 15—Eddie Freed, 23, slated for a regular outfield berth with the Philadelphia Phillies this year, has been inducted into the Army here. Freed played with the Phils the last month of the 1942 season after being recalled from the Trenton, N.J., club of the Interstate League.

### News on the Air

News is broadcast on both the Home and Forces programs at 7 AM, 8 AM, 1 PM, 6 PM and 9 PM. An additional broadcast is on the Home Service at Midnight. Sports news from America is presented by The Stars and Stripes on the Forces at 7 PM every day.



# Allies Assault Jap Bases On Guinea Coast

## Enemy Forces Trapped At Sanananda Are Being Wiped Out

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIA, Jan. 15 (AP)—Japanese forces in New Guinea suffered heavily when Allied forces made a new big attack on the Japs at Mubo, 18 miles south of the enemy base of Salamaua, and more than 100 miles along the coast northwest of the Sanananda salient.

Jap forces trapped at Sanananda are being slowly exterminated as Australian and American troops wipe out encircled strong points.

The communique described the new assault "as a successful foray" against the enemy. One hundred and sixteen dead have been counted on the battlefield today.

At Lae our medium bombers, with fighter escort, attacked enemy supply dumps along the shore, bombs fell in the target area, starting fuel fires, but the enemy made no attempt at intercepting.

### Bombers Sweep Coast

An Allied heavy bomber attacked the area of Salamaua, while our attack planes made a close sweep of the coast, bombing and strafing enemy localities at Labu and Sagen Bay to the southeast.

Allied long-range fighters attacked the aerodrome at Fuiloro, in Timor, strafing aircraft, AA positions and personnel shelters, while medium bombers attacked and machine-gunned enemy positions at Laga.

An Allied heavy bomber unit attacked and strafed the town area of Madang, New Guinea.

### Pressure on Japs in Burma

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, India, Jan. 15 (UP)—British forces in Burma are maintaining their pressure on the Jap forces in the Rathedaung area in western Burma, and RAF bombers continue to strike at many points behind the Jap lines.

Speaking of this pressure, Field Marshal Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief, India, said: "The Japs are certainly feeling the pressure on this and other fronts."

Pointing out that the present fighting on the Burma front was being waged in one of the most difficult terrains, he added: "You have seen for yourself the difficulty we have with transport to the south. We are forced to rely on sampans for supplies and ammunition. We have even considered using elephants."

Field Marshal Wavell said, however, that the battle was giving our men splendid training in jungle warfare, and the cleaning up of the Arakan Peninsula would have a great effect on morale in eastern India.

### New Canadian Contingent Arrives in Great Britain

The second large contingent of Canadians to arrive in three weeks, numbered by Canadian Military Headquarters in the British Isles after an uneventful crossing.

The replacements include air force, infantry, artillery and engineering units, as well as armored corps, army service corps, medical, dental, ordnance and forestry personnel.

## Russia - - -

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Russians continued to advance after a particularly heavy tank battle into which the Germans threw exceptionally heavy forces. The force of the German attack temporarily pushed back the Russians, but they regained their ground, leaving 800 German dead on the field and smashing 19 German tanks.

On yet another sector the Germans were thrown out of one of their strongholds, a well-fortified inhabited locality.

Fighting yesterday brought new successes to the four Russian columns advancing parallel with and along the Rostov-Baku line. Several more places were recaptured and fairly heavy losses inflicted on the German forces left to try and slow down the Soviet pace.

The southernmost column is driving across the hills and rivers towards Cherkessk. The second column is advancing along the railway line itself towards Nevominsk. The third is advancing directly west across the steppes from Zhuravoskose, with a fourth making for Blagodarnoye and the railway to Divnoye.

Two battalions of German infantry and tommy-gunners, supported by tanks and armored cars, were thrown into new counter-attacks during the last 24 hours on the front southwest of Veliki Luki. After fierce fighting, the Russians forced the Germans back, killing 500 and destroying several tanks.

On another sector of the same front the Russians captured several defense points and 350 prisoners.

Inside Stalingrad the Russians are speeding up the gait at which they are clearing the Germans from dugouts, pill-boxes and streets. Some 56 enemy dug-outs were smashed last night.

# Master Sergeant Totes 17 Stripes

## Saved the Whole Company— He Shot the Mess Sergeant

There are 17 stripes (six rank, three last war, eight service) on the good left arm of M/Sgt. James V. Hendrix, and the ribbon of the Silver Star and others for campaigns on his chest, and he's seen a lot of action and a lot of service. He walked into the Washington Club yesterday and indicated a willingness to tell how he won the Star.

"I got it for savin' a whole company in France," Hendrix said with a dead pan.

"Saved the whole damn company. Shot the mess sergeant." Which ought to give you an inkling that you'll have to serve a few more days in the Army to get ahead of "Spike" Hendrix, as he's known in GI circles from Canton, Ohio, to Canton, China, and back by the Southern Pacific route. He's 52 years old.

"I was in the Mexican War in 1914," he said, "under 'Black Jack' Pershing. There was a guy. I saw him again in France in '18; went there after the Mexican scrap was over." Action?

"Well, sonny, I don't think I was exactly missin' when they put on a few of them shows. Lessee—there was the Aisne defensive, the Aisne-Marne offensive and the Champagne-Marne. Then there was the St. Mihiel drive and the Argonne. That was all in that war."

### Top Kick at End of War

Spike came out a top-kick. There were a few months in Coblenz, with the Army of Occupation until 1919, "but that," he apologized, "was a picnic."

He returned to the States and relaxed until 1922. Then he went to the Philippines.

China saw him for three years and Hawaii for three more before he returned to American possessions, and then it was only to Alaska. In 1940 he was called to Fort Lewis, Wash., to study aviation ordnance.

"I came out of there a master sergeant."

One question—would M/Sgt. Hendrix remain in the army after this war?

His answer was that of the tenderest yardbird, No. A dreamy look came to Spike Hendrix's eye.

"I never really had a home town to brag about, see, so I



Associated Press Photo

M/Sgt. James V. Hendrix has 17 stripes: six for rank, three for fighting in France, and eight service stripes, each representing three years.

adopted me one. It's called Quartz Sibe, Arizona. . . . Yep . . . got a little minin' claim there and I'm gonna work it up to somethin', maybe. . . . (The Silver Star? That old-varmint hi-graded us out of that story.)

## 21 Airmen Get Purple Heart

### Six Officers and 15 Enlisted Men Are Decorated for Wounds in Action

Six officers and 15 enlisted men of the U.S. Army Air Force, European Theater of Operations, have been awarded the Purple Heart "for wounds received in action," it was announced yesterday at Eighth Air Force Headquarters.

Among those receiving the award is 1st Lt. Robert P. Riordan, Flying Fortress pilot from El Paso, Tex., who on several occasions, with members of his crew seriously wounded, successfully brought his crippled ship to a safe landing on a friendly field.

The following men receive the award: Capt. Joseph A. Yuravich, 121 N. Main St., Ansonia, Conn.; 1st Lt. Robert D. Shaw, Walla Walla, Wash.; 1st Lt. Robert P. Riordan, 1004 Park Road, El Paso, Tex.; 1st Lt. Hugh J. Toland, 1115 Budge St., Philadelphia, Pa.; 1st Lt. Edward P. Maliszewski, 1347 Bedford Road, Grosse Point, Mich.; 2nd Lt. Wilbert M. Smith, Rhineland, Wis.; Tech. Sgt. Thomas B. Cottrell, 1808 Howars St., Jackson, Miss.; Tech. Sgt. Herschel Y. Quarles Jr., Wiggins, Miss.; Tech. Sgt. John T. Frishholz, 532 1/2 South Berendo St., Los Angeles, Cal.; Tech. Sgt. Harry D. Harrelson, 3818 Avondale Ave., Arbor Terrace, Mo.; S/Sgt. Richard E. Shumard, 1262 Sinclair Ave., Steubenville, Ohio; S/Sgt. Chester L. Moran, Route No. 1 Biloxi, Miss.; S/Sgt. William E. Howard, RFD No. 1, New Boston, Mich.; S/Sgt. Oron O. Howard, Box 22, Evadale, Tex.; S/Sgt. Benjamin Gordon, 1109 Rockland St., Philadelphia, Pa.; S/Sgt. Leonard H. O'Brien, 78 Maverick St., Dedham, Mass.; Sgt. Roddy L. Wise, 1917 Jouroldman St., Knoxville, Tenn.; Sgt. Stephen G. Krucher, 5 West Morland Road, Merrick, Long Island; Sgt. Royce J. London, RFD 1, Sand Springs, Okla.; S/Sgt. Orval E. Le Cuyer, Route 2, Santa Cruz, Cal.; Sgt. Harold F. Lightbown, 34 Circle Road, Winthrop, Mass.

### Dances at Manchester Club

MANCHESTER, Jan. 15—Regular dances on Friday nights, from 7.30 to 10.30 PM, are scheduled for U.S. servicemen at the American Red Cross Club here. An open house with a movie, followed by tea and dancing, will be held Sunday.

## Purple Heart Arrives But Hero is in Bath

A U.S. HOSPITAL, England, Jan. 15—While Lt. Edgar B. Mallin, Philadelphia, Pa., who is recovering from wounds received in Africa, was taking a bath here, an officer arrived at the hospital to give him a Purple Heart medal for heroism.

He solved the emergency by having the medal presented temporarily to a nurse.

Lt. Mallin was in the lead tank of a platoon which attacked a mass of French 75s. He received a leg wound while firing a gun in one of the tanks. In civil life he was a chemical engineer.

## British to Erect Plaque to Flier

WALTHAMSTOW, Jan. 15—A memorial to 2nd Lt. Harvey D. Johnson, Westville, N.J., fighter pilot, who crashed to death on a deserted football field here last November after guiding his flaming plane away from civilian homes, will be dedicated Sunday.

Grateful householders of the district over which the plane caught fire have donated a plaque to be placed on the spot where Johnson crashed.

British and American air officers and civic officials are expected to attend along with residents of the district.

Johnson received the DFC posthumously for saving civilian lives at the cost of his own.

## Special Services Outfit Schedules Revue Jan. 28

A SPECIAL SERVICES UNIT, England, Jan. 15—A benefit variety show entitled "You'll Remember" will be presented here Jan. 28. Proceeds of the show will be turned over to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

Producers and directors of the show are Cpl. Leon Rozene, Bridgeport, Conn., and Pvt. Lou Ferraro, Teaneck, N.J.

The show will feature a musical revue of the years from 1620 to 1943. Narrator will be Pvt. S. S. Lauterpacht, Brooklyn, N.Y. Sgt. Arvis J. Mason, Princeton, Ind., is in charge of costumes and make-up.

## OCS Teachers To Be Students

### Pick Assistant Instructors To Be Candidates As Reward for Work

U.S. OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL, England, Jan. 15—Three enlisted men who have been serving as assistant instructors at the U.S. Army Overseas Officer Candidate School here have been selected to attend the school themselves as a reward for outstanding work, it was announced today by SOS Headquarters.

They are: T/4 Norris M. Nevils, Charleston, S.C.; T/5 Michael Kolesar, Farrell, Pa., and Pvt. Floyd A. Nelson, Litchfield, Minn.

The three men on Jan. 28 will start taking training similar to that which they've been giving. Pvt. Nelson will "enter" the school as a corporal, and the others will go in grade.

When Maj. Gen. J. C. H. Lee, commanding SOS, visited the school recently he picked out the three men for their efficiency. He suggested to Col. W. G. Layman, C.O. of the school, that they might be considered for commissions.

"I've already got them in mind," Col. Layman said. Approval of his recommendation has just been received. Nevils is a gas instructor; he used to be a swimming and diving instructor at Miami Beach, Fla., and friend of Johnny Weissmuller. Cpl. Kolesar, former clerk, is a weapons instructor at the school.

## British Navy, Fleet Planes Destroy 339 Axis Aircraft

Despite greatly reduced enemy aerial activity in 1942, 339 Axis planes were destroyed by the British Fleet Air Arm and the anti-aircraft fire of the Royal and merchant navies, the Admiralty revealed yesterday. A further 268 enemy aircraft were damaged, of which at least 84 are considered to have been probably destroyed.

These figures do not include all enemy aircraft shot down by guns of the ships in the North African operations, on which complete data is not available.

### Ersatz Gas and Rubber

Twelve new factories for the production of synthetic gasoline and rubber were established in Germany in 1942, says Swiss radio, quoting a Berlin dispatch.

## Blondie

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



by Chic Young

# 3-Month Bond Sales in ETO Top \$1,000,000

## Soldiers Buy \$1,315,088 In September, October And November

SOS HEADQUARTERS, England, Jan. 15—War Savings Bonds worth more than \$1,000,000 were purchased by U.S. Army personnel in the European Theater of Operations during September, October and November, according to figures just released by Col. J. H. Fulton, bond officer for the ETO.

The approximate amount for the three-month period was \$1,315,088, representing purchases made through class A pay reservations and cash payments.

Figures for December purchases are not yet available, Col. Fulton said.

November was the peak month, when purchases nearly reached \$750,000 more than total purchases for September and October. Approximately \$405,989 was spent for bonds through pay reservations and \$305,000 in cash payments.

The ETO bond officer pointed out that the heavy purchase of bonds during November was the result of enlisted men and officers buying them as Christmas presents.

### Pay Reservation Increases

"There have been numerous increases in pay reservations," Col. Fulton stated. "When soldiers were in the States they usually only had small amounts taken out of their pay, such as \$1.25, \$2.50, \$3.75 per month. Since getting over here, they have found they can't spend their money so easily, so they have boosted monthly payments. Now many boys are buying one or more bonds each month."

Col. Fulton cautioned soldiers not to get dissatisfied when they learn the bonds they purchased several months ago have not yet reached home.

"Soldiers must realize the job that confronts the War Department," he explained. "It was unprepared to handle the tremendous amount of work involved when the drive was started among U.S. forces. A new system has been set up in the States whereby servicemen may now purchase bonds outright from the finance officer, through class A pay agents, at the pay table, thus eliminating all the paper work involved in making class A pay reservations. The new system will enable the War Department to concentrate entirely on pay reservations and cash payments made outside the continental limits of the United States, thus speeding the mailing of bonds to their intended destinations."

## Vice Adm. Wilson Retires; Deputy Fleet Commander

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP)—Vice Adm. Russell Wilson has been retired from the post of deputy commander-in-chief of the U.S. Fleet and assigned to duty as a member of the Joint Strategic Survey Committee, an agency operating under joint Army and Navy chiefs of staff.

This change was one of several in which officers have been placed on the retired list but continued on active duty as a result of special physical examinations on their fitness to stand the strain of maritime service both at sea and on shore.

## Senate to Air Protests On Flynn Appointment

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today unanimously ordered public hearings, beginning next week, on protests against President Roosevelt's nomination of Edward J. Flynn as Minister to Australia.

The chairman, Sen. Tom Connally, said the hearing would be conducted by the full committee of 23 members.

Flynn on Monday will submit to the Democratic National Committee his resignation as its chairman.

## Nazi Air Officer Tells Of Difficulties Ahead

Maj. Blei, German military commentator, speaking over German radio last night, said the "future difficulties of the task before the German air force" could not be underrated, but German leadership was "much too sober" to do this. Advantages of the German air force were obvious and the future war in the air was "viewed with confidence."

Although the German air force was heavily engaged in the east it was still able to meet its tasks in the west and over Africa, Blei declared.

### Any Electrical Engineers?

Members of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, London, are anxious to offer their private hospitality to American electrical engineers and to place the facilities of the Institution at their disposal. The Institution covers the whole field of power and communication engineering and regular meetings are held both in London and at local centers in various parts of Britain. It was suggested that any U.S. engineer interested come to one of the meetings, or write the Secretary: Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C.2.