

## Soviets Open New Attack In Far North

### Offensive Aimed to Push Germans Back from Murmansk Base

By the United Press  
Russian forces pushing forward over the frozen wastes of the Arctic in a new offensive have reached a point about seven and a half miles from Petsamo, a village on the Finnish-Russian frontier at the extreme northern part of the front, and are now shelling the town, according to reports reaching Stockholm.

This new Red offensive is apparently aimed at pushing the Germans further back in this area to give more protection to convoys bound for the Russian port of Murmansk.

Russian patrols are said to be advancing occasionally as far as the Arctic highway, the Germans' only supply line to the Arctic front.

Truck drivers who drive along this 300-mile route are armed with guns and hand grenades, and north of Rovaneimi is a poster warning all travelers on the highway to beware of Russian patrols operating behind the German lines.

### 50 Miles from Smolensk

Meanwhile, on the central sector the Russians are now little more than 50 miles from Smolensk itself. Two columns are aiming at a junction just north of Yartsevo after one had cut the important Nikitinka-Durovo branch line at Igoreyskaya.

The Germans here are hurriedly putting up defense fortifications in Smolensk, but these seem to present no great obstacle to the Russians.

The Germans, on the other hand, are fighting two armies. The second is made up of hordes of Russian guerrillas in their rear, left there since the Germans advanced in 1941, who have been waiting for the present situation. They have begun large-scale attacks on the German communications in the forests of the Smolensk region.

Bridges are being blown up and trains derailed behind the German lines. In the past few days alone nine German trains with troops and supplies for the front have been wrecked in this area.

### Germans Mass in Donetz

On the northern Donetz front the Germans are massing their forces for what appears to be a huge breakthrough attempt, but Berlin also admits that the Russians are attacking. At no point have the Germans been able to push their forces across the river.

Both sides are attacking—the Germans to try and gain a foothold on the southern bank for offensive purposes, the Russians to improve their positions on the southern bank for defensive purposes.

Attack after attack was launched by strong German tank and motorized infantry forces at the approaches to one town, but each was pushed back. This town bars the way to one crossing of the river at the bend south of Kharkov.

The Germans are using special mobile units here which range up and down the front delivering sharp attacks at various points. They cover as much as 60 miles a day and often reappear for a second time at the original point of attack.

The Russians are meeting this with mobile anti-tank units which race to meet the German units, giving the Russians time to regroup.

The Russians have cut another important railway line on the central Russian front, announced Moscow radio.

It runs from Vyazma to Zamoznaya, on the way to Briansk, and had been used by the Germans for extensive troop moves north and south, the radio added.

General Heinke, commander of the German SS-troops at Kharkov, has been killed, according to a broadcast from Leningrad.

## Kaiser Heads Brewster To Step Up Production

NEW YORK, Mar. 17 (UP)—Henry J. Kaiser, whose merchant shipping yards have beaten all production records, took over his second aircraft plant in 10 days yesterday when he became chairman of the board of the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation with the approval of the U.S. Navy Department. He will actually be working for the government, since he has announced he will receive no salary. "My interest is solely for getting production," Kaiser said.

Ten days ago Kaiser purchased all the stock of Fleetwings, Inc., of Bristol, Pa., and took control of two factories employing 5,000. The Brewster firm, which holds unfulfilled government orders worth \$275,000,000, builds such well-known planes as the Brewster Buffalo and the Brewster Bermuda, both used in the Fleet Air Arm.

## Fortresses Dig Their Trademarks in Lorient



With Lorient sub pens enveloped in smoke, Flying Fortresses of the Eighth Air Force pass back over the target area on the way home after the Mar. 6 raid on the German U-boat base.

## Allies Hammer African Lines

### Germans Say Final Attack On Rommel's Positions Has Started

By the Associated Press  
A mighty allied air striking force has blasted another Axis convoy in the Sicilian Straits, plastered airfields near Gabes and pounded Rommel's dug-in positions on the Mareth Line, dispatches from North Africa said last night.

Flying Fortresses scored direct hits on at least three of six or seven motor barges carrying supplies to Rommel's forces from Europe and saw flames shoot up 300 feet from the stricken vessels. Lightnings provided fighter cover for the Fortresses.

RAF Bisleys bombed the landing ground near Gabes and dropped high explosives along the connecting road and perimeter tracks. Between Gabes and Sfax the railway which brings equipment south for the Mareth defences was damaged by the Bisleys' bombs.

### 'Attack Begun'—Berlin

It was possible that the air and land attacks were the opening phase of an all-out assault on the German positions behind the Mareth Line. A DNB (German news agency) report broadcast last night said the attack had already begun.

"The scale of the fighting cannot be judged by reports so far available," DNB said, "but Berlin military quarters believe this is a major attack."

In the area near Medjez El Bab in northern Tunisia British patrols inflicted casualties on the enemy with raids during stormy weather.

German artillery attempted to hamper Gen. Montgomery's concentration of (Continued on page 4)

## De Gaulle Will Confer With Giraud In Africa

Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Fighting French, will leave shortly for Algiers to confer with Gen. Henri Giraud on the union of all Frenchmen fighting against the Axis.

The decision to meet with the North African leader followed Giraud's speech on Sunday, in which he disavowed the armistice between France and Germany, reaffirmed the validity of the French Republic, and advocated the end of racial discrimination in North Africa.

## RAF Bombs Germans' Locomotive Shops At Paderborn

Flames swept the great locomotive repair shops at Paderborn, near Munster, Germany, yesterday in the wake of a daylight raid by Mosquito bombers of the RAF, continuing the concerted Allied aerial offensive against the Axis.

RAF pilots, who flew 800 miles, 500 of it over Germany and its occupied countries, to complete the mission, reported their bombs landed squarely on the target, and that fires broke out which sent smoke billowing 3,000 to 4,000 feet in the air.

Reaching the city about 4.30 PM, just as the day-shift workers were going home, the Mosquitos attacked from rooftop levels, the Air Ministry said. Apparently the attack caught the Germans napping, for there was almost no anti-aircraft fire, it was said.

Reconnaissance planes, visiting the scenes of earlier raids, reported that punishing blows had been struck at Essen in the raid of Mar. 12.

"Great destruction was done in the northern section of the works," pilots said. Fires were still burning, 18 hours after the last bomb had been dropped. A locomotive shop was described as "burned out," and other areas of the great 800-acre works, which had escaped damage in earlier raids, were hit.

## Cartier's Rebels Face Showdown

### French Officers Map Plan To Lead Volunteers to Base in Alps

French guerrillas, entrenched in the mountains near the Swiss border, were facing a showdown yesterday in their desperate revolt against Vichy's Nazi-inspired orders to appear for labor conscription.

Reports sifted into London from a dozen sources, contradicting each other as to exactly what was happening in the wooded mountain valleys where an estimated 15,000 to 17,000 Frenchmen have gathered under command of Gen. Armand Cartier.

A report to The Times from a correspondent on the Swiss-French frontier said it was "highly improbable" that any number of them had surrendered.

The Associated Press, however, was informed that the main body had been led out of the surrounded area, through secret passes, and had dispersed.

The Times story said Gen. Cartier had assembled three former colonels of the French Army and 40 to 50 former majors (Continued on page 4)

## 105's, 'Priests,' Proven in Battle, Strut Stuff on Training Field

By Charles W. White  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. ARMY BASE, England, Mar. 17—"The Priest," latest 105mm. howitzer mounted on a heavy tank base, lobbed live shells over the hills here yesterday as crack U.S. tank-buster crews demonstrated what their pets can do. They teamed up with 75mm. half-track guns to work out a complete attack scheme.

It was of the 105mm. gun-howitzer on full track that a U.S. tankman, fresh from Tunisian fighting, brought back the phrase: "When you hit any German tank with one of those babies, you won't see nobody coming out!"

Anybody who saw this show could tell why. Operating in coordinated lateral pairs, the 105s made perfect hits on targets 1,200 to 1,400 yards away, over a horizon of rolling hills and out of view of all the gunners. Efforts here were more toward precision aiming at simulated mortar targets, but a heavy tank they worked

out on a few days before showed what happens under such fire.

Result: smoking iron junk.

Crews of half-track 75s also scored hits, racing in and out of action under a plan that represented battle conditions. Officially it was a demonstration of "mobile artillery in direct support of the attacking echelon." It was really a test of coordination between trained "OP" or outpost observers, relay men and tank gun crews, who, working in cold weather and wearing helmets, coveralls, gas masks and webbing, still managed to get the yellow-nosed projectiles in and out in amazingly quick time.

Service workers camouflaged in a grove behind the guns supported the action.

Advance "OP" men, Lt. Lionel Pelicani, New Jersey, and Pvt. Frank Ruggiero, New York City, telephoned observations back to Lt. Isidor Goldstrom, of Baltimore, executive officer at (Continued on page 4)

## Knox Tells Of Big Jap Sea Losses

### 33% of Cargo Ships Sunk; Only Five of 15,000 On Convoy Saved

The Japanese merchant fleet has lost an estimated 1,857,000 gross tons, or about one-third of its entire pre-war tonnage, Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, disclosed in New York yesterday.

Simultaneously Elmer Davis, director of the Office of War Information, told a Press conference in Washington that only five Japanese out of 15,000 escaped death or capture in the Battle of the Bismarck Sea on Mar. 2, when 22 Japanese warships and other vessels were destroyed by Allied air might. About 100 Japanese escaped death from drowning and sharks and reached the shore, but of this handful only five escaped, Davis said.

Recent Japanese broadcasts which declared the U.S. Navy suffered heavy losses in the Southwest Pacific were declared false by Davis, who added: "Every one of our naval losses has been announced, and by no stretch of the imagination can they be called serious."

### Jap Convoy 'Vanishes'

At Allied headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, meanwhile, Gen. MacArthur celebrated the first anniversary of his arrival on Australian soil by announcing that another Japanese convoy, much smaller than the one destroyed in the Bismarck Sea encounter, had vanished after concerted attacks by Allied bombers.

The convoy, composed of three troopships, was attacked by medium bombers Monday north of the Aru Islands. Yesterday Hudsons and Beaufighters searching for the group failed to find any trace of the ships. A headquarters spokesman said there was a possibility all three sank, though no debris was sighted.

The Navy Department's daily communique in Washington told of still another success—the sinking by American submarines of four Japanese ships in the Southwest Pacific, a destroyer, a large cargo vessel, a large transport and a medium-sized cargo ship.

The Navy also announced that the Americans had raided Japanese installations at Kiska, Alaska, six times on Monday, but the results were not observed.

### Some Losses Replaced

Col. Knox, making a St. Patrick's Day speech to the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in New York, said that at the beginning of the war Washington estimated Japan's merchant tonnage at 6,369,000, and that estimated losses up to Mar. 1 were 1,857,000 tons, or almost one-third of her entire merchant fleet.

"Perhaps half of this has been replaced by seizure of foreign vessels in Asiatic waters, new building and salvage, but the total tonnage available to Japan today is probably 14 per cent less than that with which Japan set out to establish her grandiose, greater east Asia prosperity sphere, and, as I say, we have just begun to fight. More warships, more planes, more submarines are going out to join the hunt."

Col. Knox said it was no secret the purpose of the U.S. was to destroy the Jap navy.

"A nation that uses a fleet like a bully using a club, to intimidate and subdue weaker powers, must not possess one if we are to have the enduring peace in the world for which we and our allies are paying such a frightful price in blood and treasure. But, though the omens are good, the journey to victory has just begun."

"In the Atlantic we are confronted with a menace of formidable proportions. We have vast areas of the world to reconquer, but thanks to the mighty exertions of Russia, Britain, China and our country, we have reached the point where the conduct of this struggle will be, from now on, of our own choosing. The initiative is ours. The Axis is on the defensive from this time forward to its utter defeat."

## Beaverbrook Believes Attack on Europe Near

Lord Beaverbrook, long an agitator for an Allied blow at Europe to aid Russia, said yesterday he believed a second front is not far off.

Speaking in the House of Lords, Beaverbrook did not disclose grounds for his belief, but was apparently satisfied, for the first time, that his demand for such action was being met in the secrecy of government councils.

Replying for the Government, Lord Cranborne renewed assurances that the "question of a second front is equally in the minds" of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and other military leaders.



# 'Roof Over Britain' Beat the Blitz

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## Hash Marks

With the flowers blooming in Piccadilly and everything, we are reminded of that poignant phrase that some sage once uttered, "In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns . . . to what he has been thinking about all winter anyway."

Overheard in Hyde Park as we strolled behind a soldier boy and his lady fair—



"Let's get married or something honey." Snapped the sweet young thing. "We'll get married or nothing." (Sorry, but this is the only way we can get fan mail.)

You've probably read this somewhere before, but wotthehell, we've got to fill this column somehow. A crowd of Nazis arrived at the Pearly Gates and clamored to get in. "Who are you?" asked St. Peter. "We're the 50 Nazi aviators shot down by the RAF today," came the reply. "Sorry," said St. Peter, "but the official Berlin communique says only two Nazis were shot down today. Two of you can come in temporarily; the other 48 know where they can go."

Major David J. Reina, of Seattle, now overseas, considers Mar. 6 his lucky day. On that date in 1938 he was married. On Mar. 6, 1943, he received his promotion from the rank of captain to his present grade.

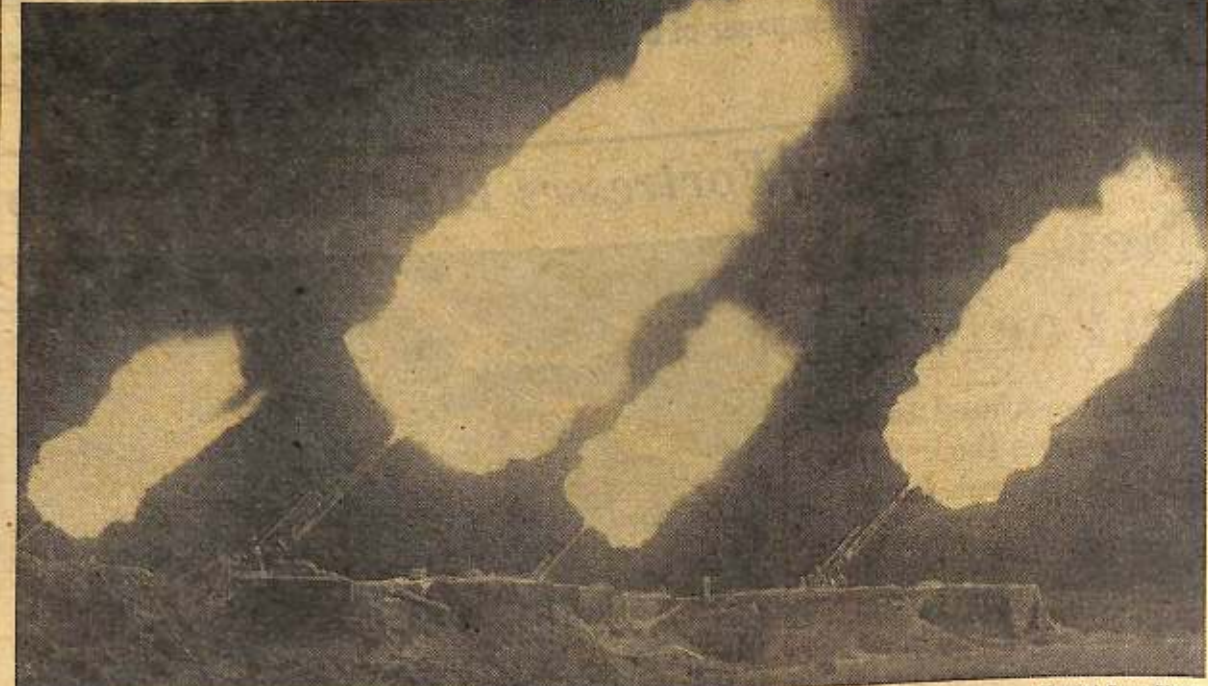
Speaking of shoes (and the S & S frequently does), it took a special order from Algiers officials before a French shoe company in Oran could make a pair of shoes for Sgt. Mervyn Brun. It took three weeks to make the pair, and it costs Uncle Sam 40 bucks to make Brun happy. His shoe size is 14D.

On one major's desk somewhere in N. Africa is a sign he put there which reads, "They call me Swish." The story is that as soon as the air-raid siren sounds, the major is the first to swish the hell out of there and dive into a foxhole.

Cpl. Spam, our office boy, swears this happened to him during his first leave in



England. He headed for a swanky restaurant after months on a mess hall diet. He was just getting going good when the waiter stepped up and said: "May I help you with that soup, sir?" "What do you mean, help me?" said Spam in righteous indignation. "I don't need any help." "Beg pardon, sir," replied the waiter, "from the sound I thought you might wish to be dragged ashore."  
 J. C. W.



This striking picture shows part of the defense known as the "roof over Britain." At an isolated post along the east coast of Britain, anti-aircraft guns send their salvos into the night against the enemy.

## The Story of Britain's Defenses Against Bombs

"Roof Over Britain," 88-page official story of Britain's anti-aircraft defenses; published at ninepence per copy by His Majesty's Stationery Office.

The functions of anti-aircraft defense primarily are less understood by other branches of the service than any single arm.

"Roof Over Britain," while designed primarily to tell the general public about the defenses which beat off the Luftwaffe's blitz, tells a story soldiers everywhere ought to know.

It's the story of team work between light and heavy anti-aircraft units, balloon barrage, searchlights, the Royal Observer Corps, fighter plane defense, signals and ordnance.

Over Britain, when the Luftwaffe sailed in to administer what easily might have been the finishing blow, they thatched together a roof of steel and high explosive that kept the storm out, beat back the best the Nazis could put in the air, and set a model for ack-ack defenses all over the world.

**No Easy Job**  
 It isn't easy to shoot down a plane with anti-aircraft fire. Take a hypothetical target, moving in for its bombing run at anything up to 300 mph. The plane may be so high that it takes 20 or 30 seconds for an ack-ack shell to reach it. That means that the gun must be laid a corresponding distance ahead; which involves, of course, a pre-calculation on setting the fuse, on adjusting height and angle of fire; all this done instantaneously and continuously, since an ack-ack barrage

to be effective must keep the shrapnel bursting up there all the time, never giving the enemy a chance to get set for his bombing run.

As a matter of fact, the book points out, as much as shooting down enemy raiders it is the function of ack-ack to drive them away from a clear run at their bombing targets, to spoil their aim, make the pilot take evasive action so that his bombardier never gets a chance to set his sights.

Roughly speaking, a tabulation by the Air Ministry and the Ministry of Home Security shows during the first two years of war about 600 planes were shot down over this country by AA fire. During the same period, fighters destroyed 3,900. Thus, ack-ack gets one for every six the fighters get.

But the figures don't tell the whole story.

### How Ack-Ack Works

The book cites instance after instance in which ack-ack has spotted raiders out of effective range and has thrown up a dozen or so shells to burst as near as possible on the raider's course, thus singling him out for the attention of the fighters.

Again, ack-ack may wing a raider, cripple him as he flies out of range or shoot up his controls so that he can't maneuver. Limping for home, the raider is passed on to the searchlights or the observers by the ack-ack, and in turn on to the fighters, who finish him off.

The book doesn't touch on Britain's newest defenses, the rocket guns which have contributed to the effectiveness of the barrage which greets German raiders and which has beat back every attack on London this year with comparatively minor losses by bombs and heavy damage to the raiders. But it does go back to the beginning of the roof over Britain.

It was a pretty patchy roof at the time.

In 1932 there was one regular brigade of ack-ack and one searchlight battalion. Three years later, with the world political outlook less favorable, a start was made to rebuild the air defenses with about 5,000 regulars (who had to spend half their time running camps for the Territorials, British opposite number to the American National Guard). By 1936 there were two divisions, and in 1938 five. A year later there were seven and the AA Corps became a command.

When the war began, many of the ack-ack gunners and searchlight men were recruits. How well they stood up to a simultaneous lesson in firing their guns and being blasted by enemy bombs is told in chapters devoted to chronicling individual stories of the battle to beat back the bombers.

The book discloses two interesting stories, previously not generally known. One, the story of Rudolf Hess' capture; the other, of the ack-ack men who go on raids with Allied bombers to study German defenses.

### Work with RAF

Ack-ack officers, especially selected for their ability in reconnaissance, have flown with the RAF's bombers over Europe, acting as front gunners and meanwhile checking and plotting Nazi AA sites and tactics. Their reports as to density of fire, types of fire and disposition of defenses are passed on to Bomber Command for use in charting the course of future missions over enemy territory. The scientists who work continuously to improve our own AA defenses likewise get copies of the reports for study, checking them for new types of German weapons and the effect of German fire on RAF planes.

As a result of their studies, Britain's main heavy AA defenses are 4.5, firing a shell of more than 50 pounds to a height of eight miles in 50 seconds, and the 3.7, with almost the same ceiling, but a faster rate of fire with a smaller shell. There are also a few three-inch guns which belch high explosive or shrapnel into the air every three seconds.

Chief light AA weapon is the Bofors, with the flared muzzle, which fires up to 120 two-pound shells a minute to a height of 6,000 feet. The shells burst on impact.

Lewis guns, mounted in pairs or more, and the famed Oerlikon, whose stream of

20mm. shells has hosed down many a dive-bomber, complete the main armament.

But while the book deals primarily with the men—and the women—on the gun sites, it also tells the story of the others who built the roof.

They are the Royal Observer Corps, who day in and out man lonely positions along Britain's ramparts, checking friendly and enemy aircraft alike, passing their information to a center which sets in motion fighter, ack-ack, searchlight and balloon defenses; the balloon crews of men and WAAFs who have kept their ungainly silver barrage aloft though bombed and machine-gunned; the Royal Corps of Signals, which has laid the communications lines (without which all the elements of the defense lose much of their power) through bursting bombs and fire; the Royal Ordnance Corps, which, when the outbreak of war caught the country without firing pins for the guns it had, rescued a discarded lathe and manufactured firing pins on the spot; the searchlight battalions who have picked out foe for blasting and friend to be guided home.

### 'Inside' of Hess Capture

The other story is the "inside" of the capture of Hess, who fled to England two years ago.

It tells how observers picked up the flight of Hess' Me 110, charted it, alerted gun crews as it neared Glasgow at 5,000 feet. The men at one site watched as the plane circled, then heard the engines die away. For a moment it looked as if they were to be dive-bombed, but a parachute blossomed beside the plane, which crashed 250 yards away.

AA signalmen and others followed the parachutist's course to a farm house. A ploughman appeared at the door.

"Are you looking for a parachutist?" he asked. "Well, he's inside now, arrived about half a minute ago."

In an armchair in the cottage sat their man. He threw out his hands to show they were empty and exclaimed:

"Ah! British soldiers. No guns. No bombs."

He said his name was "Alfred Horn," and that he had a message for the Duke of Hamilton, whom he said he had met at the Olympic Games in Berlin. A soldier asked if "Horn" would go back to Germany if he had the chance. The answer was a violent "No! No-no-no!"

Meanwhile, police, firemen, AFS, Home Guards, soldiers, RAF men and civilians had flocked to the scene.

One gunner had an idea he recognized the prisoner's face. Recent newspapers were scanned until they found a photograph of Rudolf Hess.

"That's him. I'm sure it's him," the gunner said, pointing to the picture of Hitler's deputy.

Everyone present laughed, except a troop officer.

He turned to the RAF officer who at the moment was doing the interrogating.

"You know, sir," he said, "I believe this is Rudolf Hess. I've seen him in Germany and I recognize him as Hess."

"Don't be a fool," the other retorted, and everyone laughed again, and laughed and laughed.

Nonetheless, it was Rudolf Hess.



### The Strateguys

A simple plan to win the war  
 Would be to mobilize a corps  
 With armchair critics in command  
 And fireside fusiliers at hand,  
 To move the pins about the maps  
 And thus surround the wily Japs.  
 With blueprint blitzes they'd destroy  
 The Wop and Nazi . . . Atta boy!  
 Thus would these Pundits sweep the board  
 The pen being mightier than the sword.

Dunscombe Allen.

## Future Planning

In a recent editorial the New York Herald Tribune said: It is said to be purely by coincidence that at the moment of Mr. Anthony Eden's arrival in this country there should mature a bi-partisan project in the Senate to record that body as "advising" that this country take the initiative in infusing reality into the concept of the United Nations. If so, the coincidence was a singularly happy one.

Whatever the specific purposes of Mr. Eden's mission may be, it can hardly fail to focus a lively interest upon the fundamentals of American foreign policy and our relations with our great allies, both during the war and thereafter. And there are few who would not recognize the wisdom of at least associating the Senate which wields so great a constitutional power in foreign affairs with the broad outlines of foreign policy while they are in the process of being developed. It was with this in mind that the idea was advanced some time ago of securing a resolution formally committing Congress to the Atlantic Charter.

The Senate resolution now proposed represents an altogether sounder course. The present resolution is carefully worded. It refrains from discussing details, it simply defines a few broad lines of policy, which are hardly more than a recognition of the inescapable facts of the situation in which the nation finds itself. It envisages converting the United Nations from the verbal expression, which is about all they now are, into an actuality capable of accomplishing the minimum of temporarily administering occupied territories, providing for relief, working out some practicable peace system and supplying it with the force necessary to make it effective.

It is difficult to believe that there is any significant body of American opinion which is not ready for at least that much. But it would be of the utmost practical value, both to ourselves and to our allies, to have this general policy authoritatively stated by the representative body which will ultimately share the responsibility for its application.

## A Toast to Ackie

Next time you feel like complaining a bit about your own hard lot or more particularly when you feel like kicking about the war effort of one of our Allies, we want you to think of Ackie, a veteran miner who hails from Rotherham, Yorkshire, Northern England.

Walter H. Ackroyd (Ackie for short) is 56 years old, a widower and a miner with only one leg. The other leg was amputated when he was a sergeant in the last war.

But this veteran knows the score. During World War I he learned the hard way, how important it is to have supplies on hand to meet the demands of battle, and supplies from England are manufactured and transported only if coal is available in tremendous quantities.

So Ackie has gone back to the pits, refusing a soft job, for at heart he is a miner and knows the importance of coal in the production battle. Early each morning he descends a half mile to the pit bottom and picks his way on crutches to his haulage engine where he is able to move 500 tons of coal during his shift.

He does his job despite the handicap of crutches for he can't wear an artificial limb. His old amputation did not heal properly. The pain he still suffers is terrible at times; but he carries on. He has never missed a shift.

In occupied Europe Hitler's puppets force men, women and children to work long hours each day on pain of death. Ackie, who has lived in the shadow of death for years, cheerfully works for a cause he knows is just and smiles at death. Such a man is living proof that Hitler cannot win and that we cannot fail if we follow his courageous example.



"Hum, Mice again, eh?"



# Giants' Hitting Lacks Punch Of '42 Nine

## Pitching Staff Won't Have Schumacher; Witek At Second

By Ken Smith

New York Daily Mirror Sports Writer  
NEW YORK, Mar. 17—With Babe Young in the Coast Guard and Johnny Mize and Harry Danning 1-A as the Spring training starts, the New York Giants do not have the wallop they packed last year when they lambasted more home runs than any team in the majors.

But they are still a banging ball club. Ott won't have any guys hanging around who can't hit. Slugging Babe Barna gets first whack at first base if Mize goes, provided a late deal for another first sacker is not made. Mickey Witek, the most improved Giant last season, is at the keystone spot. He's a real good hitter. Captain Billy Jurges is back at shortstop and Sid Gordon, sturdy little clouter, is considered the best bet at third base.

### Melton Has Had Rest

The outfield may contain Buster Maynard in left field, Howard Moss, formerly of Columbus, in center field, and Manager Mel himself in right field. The outfield reserves are Vic Bradford and Hank Lieber, who's health is the only question mark.

Gus Mancuso, Ray Berres and Hugh Poland—'42 Jersey City catcher—will handle the backstopping.

Hal Schumacher, backbone of the pitching staff for the last five years, has gone into the Navy and Bob Carpenter, blue ribbon farm specimen, into the Army. Left are the old meal ticket, Carl Hubbell, Bill Lohrman, Harry Feldman, Ace Adams and Cliff Melton, the most brilliant on the staff, who has had seven months of rest after an arm operation.

### Bartell Played 90 Games

The most important staff additions are: Ray Coombs, leading twirler in the International League last year; Bill Sayles, formerly of Louisville; Ken Trinkle, up from Baltimore, and Bill Voiselle, who was with Oklahoma City. Also trailing are John Wittig, Rube Fischer, Hugh East and Sal Maglie, Jersey City farmhands.

Ready to plug the infield gaps are the veteran Dick Bartell, Joe Orenco and Connie Ryan. Lee Handley, agile third baseman who formerly was with the Pirates, will undoubtedly start if he is fully recovered from an automobile accident he suffered two years ago.

Daredevil Dick Bartell sputters, "Every year they list me as a utility man, but after the season you usually find that I played about as often as the regulars." He was in 90 games last year.

### Tarheels Swim Champs

CHAPEL HILL, N.C., Mar. 17—North Carolina, Southern Conference swimming champion, defeated Georgia Tech, Southeastern Conference champion, 44-31, in a duel meet, thereby winning the unofficial swimming championship of the South.

## NEWS FROM HOME

# Every Soldier Must Have Job Mass. Gov. Tells Employers

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Mar. 17—Gov. Leverett Saltonstall told the Western Massachusetts Employers' Association at a meeting here that industry must make plans now to assure jobs for all returning soldiers.

"All soldiers," he said, "will want for themselves what they have been fighting for."

"Opportunity to own their homes and to raise and educate their children. To do this," Gov. Saltonstall said, "they must have jobs. The Government can, and must, take up the slack, but a primary objective must be a plan for the creation of jobs in private industry when American factories and farms return to a peace-time basis."

### New York Earthquake

JAMESTOWN, N.Y., Mar. 17—Two distinct earthquake shocks were recorded here yesterday, shaking crockery, rattling windows and setting pictures swinging. There was no serious damage from the tremors, which were noticed as far in the Middle West and as far north as Ontario.

### Alert In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 17 (AP)—A red or final air raid warning was flashed here shortly before 2 P.M. local time, yesterday, and Col. Henry Beal, public relations officer of the Southern California Defense Command, said that an unidentified air target had been reported. The all-clear sounded about ten minutes later.

### Camera Solves Camouflage

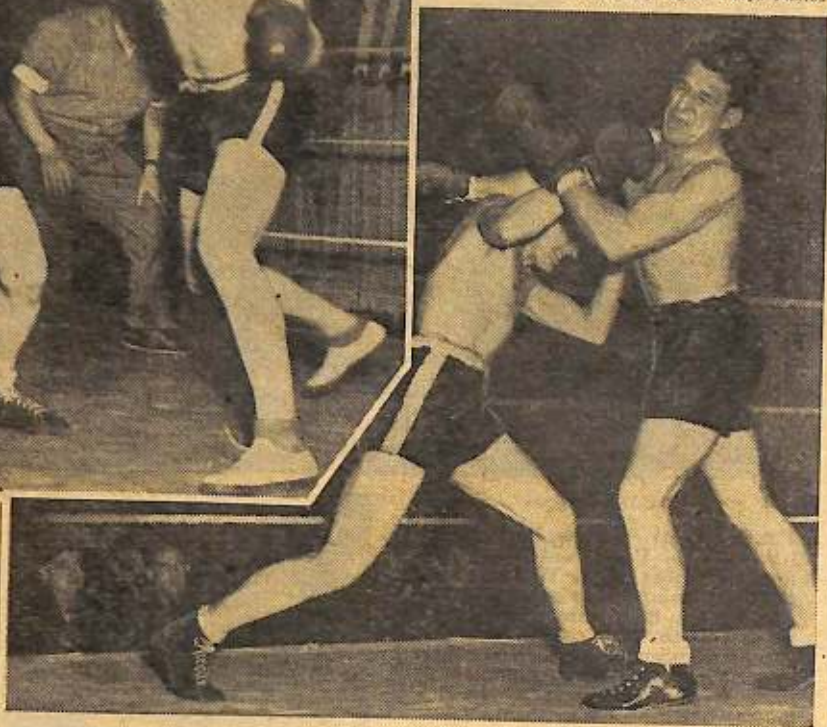
DAYTON, Ohio, Mar. 17 (UP)—Technicolor cameras which will render camouflage useless are among many new ideas which have been perfected at the U.S. Army Air Force experimental laboratories at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. A camera with a curved plate enabling it to take a detailed photograph of an area covering 400 miles in one shot from

## One Stayed Up, The Other Went Down



Cpl. Bill Bradshaw, of Fredericksburg, Va., lands a right to the jaw of Cpl. Karl Mattson, of New York, in their Rainbow Corner scrap. Bradshaw won on points. All mixed up (below), Pfc Alex Kuc, of Trenton, N.J., (right) dropped Pvt. Henry Ris., of Milwaukee, for the count.

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos



## Holdouts Few as Training Starts

### Cards Have One, Tigers None; Bonham, Dickey On Yanks' List

NEW YORK, Mar. 17—As the 11 major league clubs swing into their Spring training this week, the holdouts are remarkably few. The world champion St. Louis Cardinals unpacked at Cairo, Ill., with only Harry Walker, reserve outfielder, unsigned.

The Browns, drilling at Cape Girardeau, Mo., have no holdouts, while the Indians, conditioning at Purdue University, lack only Outfielder Jeff Heath.

Hard-hitting Rudy York, first baseman, has just signed, completing the Detroit Tigers' roster. The American League champions, the Yankees, list four holdouts: Pitchers Ernie Bonham, Spud Chandler, Atley Donald and Catcher Bill Dickey. Bonham is expected to relent shortly.

Gerry Priddy, third sacker, and Mickey Vernon, first baseman, are the lone reluctant Senators. Owner Clark Griffith said that Priddy refused a contract giving him a \$2,000 raise over the Yankees' figure of last year.

The Cincinnati Reds have only Outfielder Gerald Walker to worry about, and he has declared that he would rather work for the sum represented by the salary cut than the contract figure offered.

The Phils are training with 17 players, the smallest squad in major league history. They have three problem children—Pitcher Johnny Allen, Eddie Murphy, first baseman, and Ed Levy.

The Dodgers must continue to dicker with Outfielder Dixie Walker, Pitchers Buck Newsome, Rube Melton and Catcher Mickey Owen.

## More Than 3,000 Tickets For ETO Cage Tourney

The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee will have 3,700 seats available for distribution on each of the three days of the ETO championship basketball tournament to be held at the Royal Albert Hall, London, starting Tuesday, Mar. 30.

Beside these, 1,300 will be reserved for permanent ticket holders at the Albert Hall. As in many cases in the past, it is expected that some of these special tickets will be distributed to servicemen.

Admission to the cage championships will be free to American servicemen in uniform. However, they may bring one person, either man or woman, as their guest. If the girl friend thinks that the great American game is a variation of what she played in school, bring her along to see the show.

Members of the other Allied forces will have at their disposal 1,000 seats. These will be distributed by the London Base Command Special Service section through the ticket pool which allots tickets to the various Allied service clubs in the London area.

All seats will be held until the start of the first game of the session for which the tickets are held. After that it will be first come, first served at the door.

## Signal Quintet Subdues Observation Five, 31-25

AN AIR SUPPORT COMMAND STATION, Mar. 17—In a hotly contested game, the Signal five nosed out the Support Command Headquarters squadron entry, 31-25, to win the basketball championship of this station. Entering the second half with a two-point deficit, the Signalmen, led by T/5 Tony Zitta, of St. Josephs, Mich., displayed a brilliant fast-breaking offense to quickly sink four buckets and go into the lead by six points.

From this point on the Signals played a purely defensive game, nursing their lead until the closing whistle. Scoring honors for the crossed flag boys were divided between T/5 Hi Harris, of Columbus, Ohio, and T/5 Isadore Feldman, of Chicago. Both scored ten points each. For the losers, S/Sgt. William Resler, of Mason, Ind., was the scoring mainstay with eight points. The game was refereed by Capt. George R. Smith, of Osyka, Miss. The Signal five will enter the Air Support Command elimination tournament.

### Brown Gets Exam Order

WILLIAMSTON, N.C., Mar. 17—Jimmy Brown, St. Louis Cardinals captain and second baseman, has been ordered to report for a preliminary draft board examination this week. Married, but childless, Brown expects a 1-A classification if he passes the test. His loss would open a serious gap in the Cards infield.

### American Hockey League

Cleveland 3, Providence 0.

## Savold Flattens Jack Marshall

KANSAS CITY, Mar. 17—Lee Savold flattened Jack Marshall, of Chicago, here last night, with two stiff right jabs in 31 seconds of the second round of their scheduled ten-round heavyweight bout.

Savold was aggressive from the opening bell and gave Marshall few chances to get going. He grounded him for the four-count in the middle of the round, then battered him against the ropes until the bell. At the opening of the second round, Savold rushed across the ring and smashed the dazed Marshall with a looping right. Marshall crumpled, then staggered up at the count of eight only to meet the jabs that finished him.

Savold weighed 195, spotting Marshall six pounds.

## Andy Phillip, Boykoff On All-American Quintet

CLEVELAND, Mar. 17—The NEA (Newspaper Enterprise Association) News Service has selected the season's first All-American basketball teams. In general the selectees are the men who made the headlines during the regular season.

Here are the three teams: First team.—Forwards: Andy Phillip, Illinois; Ralph Langer, Creighton. Center: Harry Boykoff, Saint Johns. Guards: Bob Rensberger, Notre Dame; Ted Gossard, Southern California.

Second team.—Forwards: George Senesky, St. Josephs; John Kotz, Wisconsin. Center: Milo Koenich, Wyoming. Guards: Floyd Hamilton, West Virginia; Ray Evans, Kansas.

Third team.—Forwards: Oran McKinney, Western Kentucky State; Ralph Hamilton, Indiana. Center: Dick Mehan, Tennessee. Guards: Don Durdan, Oregon State; Andy Levane, St. Johns.

### Williams to Have Operation

BOSTON, Mar. 17—Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox slugger, now a Naval aviation cadet training at Amherst College, is likely to be operated on for a slight hernia. Naval officials indicated that it wasn't a serious condition and it was unlikely to affect Williams' flight career.

## Camerillo Stops Frank Marsh In First Round

### Flanagan Kayoes Ward In 45 Seconds; Peabody Wins

By George Butler

Stars and Stripes Special Correspondent  
BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Mar. 17—Cpl. Tony Camerillo, of Los Angeles, 135, connected with a terrific right punch over the left eye of Pvt. Frank Marsh, 135, scrappy RAF fighter, of London, and won a technical knockout at the end of the first round here last night before 750 soldiers and civilians.

This was the main bout in a seven-fight card sponsored by the Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee. Marsh was bleeding from the cut over the eye at the end of a lively first round and doctors pronounced him unfit to continue the battle with Camerillo.

Sgt. Charles Sanza, of Minorsville, Pa., middleweight champion of the Eighth Air Force, and RAF Pilot Officer Frank Elliott refereed the bouts.

### Eskelson On Top

The only blitz of the evening came when Pfc Thomas Flanagan, of Jersey City, N.J., 150, knocked out Sgt. Clifford Ward, Williston, N.D., 165, in 45 seconds of the first round, scoring the lethal blow with a right to the chin.

A nip-and-tuck struggle in the first two rounds was entered in the favor of Sgt. Lawrence Eskelson, of Vassar, Mich., 146, when he waded into Pvt. Francis LeClaire, of Waltham, Mass., 145, in the third stanza and landed potent left hooks to the jaw. He won the bout by a decision.

One of the best scraps of the evening ended victoriously for pudgy Cpl. Leroy Peabody, of Miland City, Idaho, who won a decision over Cpl. Paul E. Miller, of Cambridge, Mass., 147. Miller fell through the ropes in the third round of the slugfest, but returned to take more punishment from his opponent.

### Gilroy Drops Atkinson

Pvt. Jim Eleazer, of Utica, N.Y., 165, showed better form than Cpl. John Kilpatrick, of Birmingham, Ala., 165, and won a decision by managing to elude the Alabama fighter's haymakers. The contestants were evenly matched, however, and both landed good punches.

Staging a strong offensive in the third round, Pfc Milton Deronen, of Biloxi, Miss., 150, reached a decision over Pvt. Charles Muller, of Buckwana, S.D., 165.

Cpl. John Gilroy, of Cleveland, 147, kayoes Sgt. Ray Atkinson, of Tampa, Fla., 153, in the second round. Gilroy soon had his opponent on the defensive and brought home a barrage of blows which left Atkinson groggy on his knees for the count.

Flanagan and Camerillo both have won fights in London at the Stars and Stripes contests at the Rainbow Corner, and Eskelson's bout there ended in a draw.

Stars and Stripes belts were presented to the bout winners.

## Bruins Pound Rangers; Bill Cowley Ties Bentley

BOSTON, Mar. 17—The Boston Bruins concluded their regular hockey season with a rollicking 11-5 lambasting of the New York Rangers, wherein everybody scored but the goalie.

Center Bill Cowley scored twice and assisted once, boosting his season's total to 72 points, tying Chicago's Doug Bentley for the National Hockey League lead. However, Bentley has one more game to play.

## Mowers, Wings' Goalie, Is Leading Net Minder

DETROIT, Mar. 17—Johnny Mowers, 26-year-old goal tender of the championship Detroit Red Wings, will receive the George S. Veizina trophy as the National League's leading goal tender at a ceremony tomorrow.

The trophy is awarded annually to the net minder having the least number of goals scored against him during the season. Mowers won all off by himself on this basis, being beaten only 119 times. Runner-up Turk Broda, of the Toronto Maple Leafs, has missed 159 shots.

### Dorais Fractures Skull

DETROIT, Mar. 17—Charles "Gus" Dorais, coach of the Detroit Lions football team, suffered a fractured skull when he slipped and fell in front of the Detroit Athletic Club. He is not in danger.





# Win War First Is 'Generality' President Says

## Post-War Planning Must Start at Once He Declares

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (AP)—President Roosevelt asserted today that those criticizing post-war planning on the grounds that the Allies should win the war first were dealing in glittering generalities.

Asked to comment on the formation now of a United Nations Council, as proposed by a group of Senators, the President said he thought there was no news in it, and added that the United States, as everyone knew, was trying to encourage conversations so as to arrive at a better understanding through knowledge of each other on all post-war problems.

In the Senate, meanwhile, outspoken opposition from members of the Foreign Relations Committee appeared likely to force a lengthy delay in the Senate's consideration of the proposal to cement the United Nations into a permanent organization for collaboration in world economic and political problems.

### 'Might Hinder War Effort'

Sen. Bennett Champ Clark (Dem., Mo.) predicted that the Senate discussion might have repercussions which would hinder the war effort, and other members of the committee also seemed in favor of proceeding with caution.

Clark told newspapermen he feared discussion of the proposal might damage the relations of the U.S. with other Allies. "If the resolution is specific regarding aims, then there is going to be a discussion on what Britain intends to do about India, and reference to the fact that Mr. Churchill said that he had not been elevated to his present post to preside over the cutting-up of the British Empire," Clark asserted.

At the State Department British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden conferred a third time yesterday with Secretary of State Cordell Hull, and told reporters he would wind up the preliminary stages of his conferences this week.

### To See Litvinoff

He said he had arranged a conference with the Soviet Ambassador, Maxim Litvinoff, would inspect Army and Navy establishments and war plants, and would see Wendell L. Willkie before departing. It was Mr. Eden who last year negotiated the 20-year Anglo-Soviet alliance.

President Roosevelt, at his press conference, declined to comment on Mr. Eden's visit, but indicated that it was intended to follow the lines of bringing about the better understanding throughout the world of which he had spoken earlier.

(Paris radio, quoting a "reliable source," asserted yesterday Mr. Eden had gone to Washington to draw up a new "Allied Charter" between the United States, Great Britain, the U.S.S.R. and China.)

# Tunisia - - -

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Eighth Army assault groups in front of the Mareth positions by sporadic shelling of Medenine from hidden emplacements in the hills to the south.

Allied troops were in contact with German tanks roaming no-man's land three miles north of Gafsa.

The western desert Air Force continued its bombing of the Mareth line without cessation.

The Air Force used fighter-bombers and medium bombers in all day attacks.

The American Air Force in Western Tunisia reported that two fighter pilots reported as missing from the raid on the Luftwaffe base at Mezzouna on Monday had returned safely. A check-up showed that two additional Me109s were shot down on Monday, making a total of six enemy aircraft destroyed.

## All-Girl Revue Will Play Northampton, Kettering

NORTHAMPTON, Mar. 17—Dancers, instrumentalists and a contortionist will feature the all-girl revue at the Northampton and Kettering Red Cross clubs Sunday.

With Marie Carroll as master of ceremonies, the program will include acts by members of the Dagenham Girl Pipers; Mary Barlow, from "Best Bib and Tucker"; Doris Hall, a contortionist; Frances Sterling, pianist; Dawn Leslie, dancer, and Eunice and Mary Jane, tap dancers.

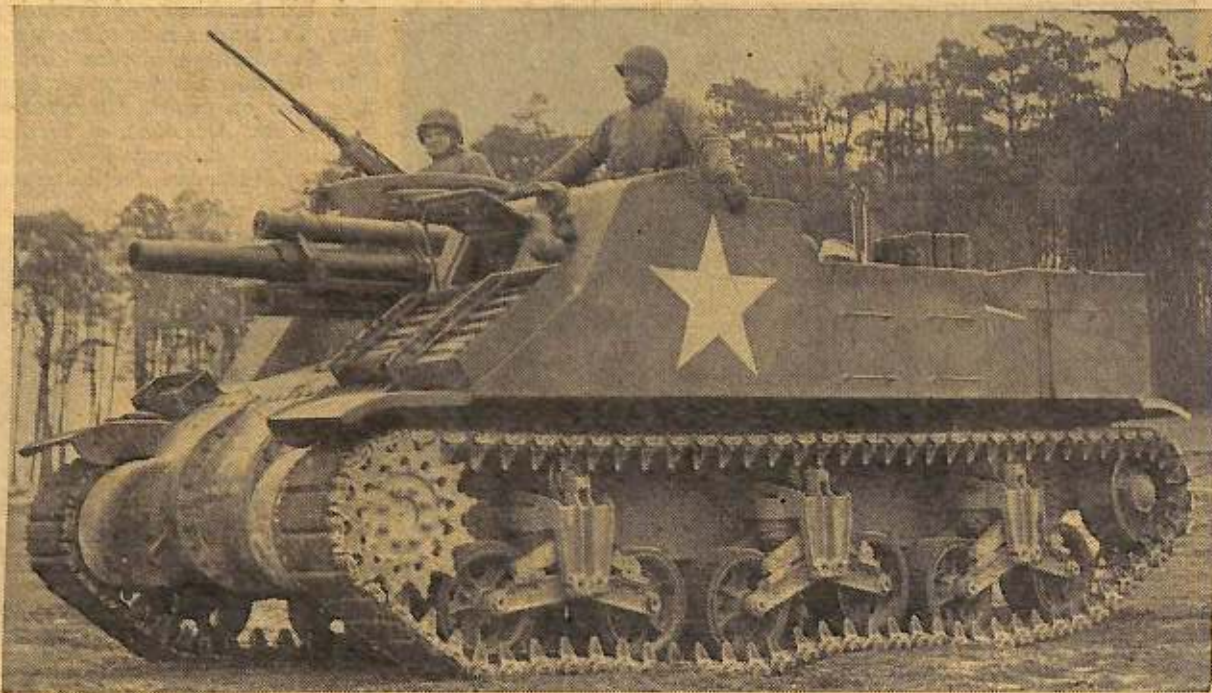
The first show will be presented at the Northampton club at 4 PM, and the second at 7.30 PM at the Kettering club.

## Lady Cavendish Features Rainbow 'Penny Arcade'

Lady Cavendish, as Adele Astaire is now known, will be the feature attraction at the Rainbow Corner's "Penny Arcade" tonight.

The former dancing star will vie with "swamis," "fortune tellers," games and contests for the attention of soldier guests at the club from 7.30 PM on.

# The Priest That Peppered the Panzers



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

This is the M-7 "Priest"—the tank-buster that the British used to knock out Rommel's tanks in the Western desert and the Americans are now using to stop Axis armor in Tunisia. Built on a General Grant tank chassis, the M-7 mounts a 105mm howitzer, a 50 caliber machine gun, one tommy gun, and a BAR rifle. In the photo above, a "Priest" moves along a road in southern England where the crews are getting final training before being sent to fighting fronts. At right, a tank-buster crew loads the 105 during a practice firing test.

## 'Priests' and 105s, Proven In Combat, Do Their Stuff in Training

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the aiming circle and rear phone. S/Sgt. Oakley Wilson, of Big Stone Gap, Va., relayed orders to Sgt. Patsy D'Erama, of West Aliquippa, Pa., commander of Number 1 Tank.

"Number 1 gun, repair deflection. 2 - 4 - 0," went the sing-song chant, followed finally by the order, "Fire." (Both 105s must be aligned, but only one fires.)

The report that follows is not unusually loud, and causes only slight ear throb. An observer standing behind the gun can see the projectile as it whips over the hills half a mile away, like a black golf ball at the end of a smashing drive. There is an answering "crumph" and orders start for the next shot—all a curiously mechanical, dry procedure—but one that, in action, might leave equipment and enemy scattered over acres of terrain.

Following the firing of 105s on the M-7s, which, cut down for gun mounting, weigh about 23 tons, the 75s on standard half-tracks went into action. The 75 is a howitzer, and in addition the half-track carries a Tommy, a caliber 50 and a Browning automatic for the driver. The job of the 75 half-tracks is perhaps more mobile than that of the 105s—they move in and out, punishing, defending, cleaning up as required.

### Works as One Company

The whole tank-busting unit works as one company, under Capt. Lacy McDermott, of Emporia, Va.

Umpires for the show were Lt. Jack Kutzenco, of Linden, N.J., and Bombardier Sgt. Maj. H. G. Walther, of Staffordshire, from a British artillery school.

The crew operating No. 1 gun (105) included: Pfc William Feher, Dillonvale, Ohio, ammunition handler; Pfc John Costigan, Philadelphia, Pa., No. 1 gunner; Pvt. Adolph Janacek, Plum, Tex., No. 2 gunner; Cpl. James Young, Chase City, Va., chief gunner; Pvt. Wesley Clark, Seminole, Okla., ammunition; and the driver, T/Cpl. Gerald Morrow, of Pennsylvania.

For No. 2 gun (105): Sgt. John Sykes, Roanoke, Va.; Pvt. Alfonse Dollezzal, Shiner, Tex., gunner; Cpl. Barney C. Everett, Pleasant Mills, Ind., gunner; Cpl. Alfred L. St. Clair, Bedford, Va., driver; Pvt. Joseph L. Hamrock, Campbell, Ohio, gunner; Cpl. Fred Shackelford, Berryville, Va., gunner; and Pfc Frank Ceback, Masury, Ohio, gunner.

Sgt. Edward G. Long, Boynton, Va.; Cpl. Ralph W. Young, Vloxon, Va., gunner; Pvt. Leslie Pohjola, Hurley, Wis., ammunition; Pvt. Sidney Albert Attaway, Lamesa, Tex., ammunition; Pfc Sherman Ayars, St. Paul, Minn., gunner; and Cpl. John F. Willis, driver, were members of a crew which demonstrated the half-track "75."



# Great Day For SOS Officers Get The GI Irish Battle Schooling

American servicemen all over the British Isles yesterday helped observe St. Patrick's Day.

Shamrocks and other bits o' green were tacked on GI uniforms for the day. Red Cross clubs staged special celebrations for soldiers whose ancestors came from Cork, Killarney and Kilkenny. Even the Bjorklunds, Cohens, Carusos, Schmidts and Popoulos joined with the Flahertys, Callahans, O'Reillys and Doyleys in celebrating the Irish holiday.

Red Cross clubs in Belfast, Londonderry, Southport, Huntingdon and other centers held appropriate parties and dances.

London's activity was confined to the Rainbow Corner, where Nellie Wallace, British comedienne, headlined the "Cabaret Nite" program. Soldiers brought their dates to this entertainment feature for the first time and danced the reels and jigs to W/O Frank Rosato's Infantry swing orchestra.

'Twas a great day for the Irish.

## Service Scouts Group Dines Next Wednesday

Members of the American Service Scouts Club will attend a dinner meeting at the Red Cross Mostyn Club, London, at 7.15 PM next Wednesday.

The regular monthly meeting of the club will be held at 7 PM Apr. 12 in the Army pictorial cinema room. Brig. Gen. William E. Clark, British commissioner of war service scouts, will be the guest speaker.

# SOS Officers Get Battle Schooling

Officers of SOS units in this theatre of operations, up to and including majors, are being selected on a quota basis to attend "battle inoculation" and refresher courses at the Officer Candidates School in England, SOS Headquarters announced yesterday.

Lasting one month, the first course will open Wednesday.

Instruction paralleling that given officer candidates will cover weapons, individual field problems, tactics, unit administration and the organization and operation of armored, mechanized, and infantry divisions.

Students will report for duty with full field equipment, less bed roll. Included will be overcoat, raincoat, arctic overshoes, field jacket, pistol and belt, leggings, fatigue uniform, sheets and towels.

Under the guidance of officer specialists selected by Col. Walter G. Layman, the students will cover practically the entire field of modern military practice. They will brush up on signal communications, military sketching, field fortifications, aerial photograph reading and mine laying. As a climax they will be given a rigorous "battle inoculation" on the obstacle and assault courses used by the officer candidates.

## Hans Crescent 'Radio Varieties'

"Radio Varieties," an all-soldier costume revue, is scheduled for 9.15 PM Friday at the Hans Crescent club, with Pvs. Tom Joha, Milwaukee, Wis.; Happy Norman, Los Angeles; Russell Pedrick, Lambertville, N.J.; Carmen Montone, Auburn, N.Y., and Eddie Koss, Lorraine, Ohio.

# Sweden Hears Nazi Warships Mass for Attack

## Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Tirpitz and Carriers Seen Off Norway

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 17 (UP)—The entire German high seas fleet, including the Tirpitz, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and two aircraft carriers, is at present assembling in northern Norway, says the naval correspondent of the Stockholm Allehanda.

The newspaper's naval correspondent said the fleet was gathering with the double intention of attacking Allied sea routes in the north Atlantic and Arctic and to forestall any attempt at a second front in Scandinavia.

(The reports were regarded in some London quarters as having been planted by Berlin to divert British ships from more vital phases of the war.)

The report followed a shakeup by Hitler in the German admiralty, in which Adm. Doenitz was appointed commander-in-chief. The changes, coming after three years of war, led to the belief in some quarters that Hitler was preparing to throw the German surface fleet into battle regardless of its size.

The Tirpitz, between 35,000 and 40,000 tons, is the sister ship of the Bismarck. She was last reported in January near Trondheim.

The Scharnhorst and Gneisenau escaped through the English Channel to Norway last year from Brest, where they had been repeatedly attacked from the air by British planes.

Adm. Doenitz's intention, the Stockholm correspondent said, was to have in northern waters a naval force strong enough to match the British home fleet.

The Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, he added, had been extensively rebuilt after their escape from the French bases. Their 11-inch guns had been replaced by 12- or 14-inch guns.

The commander of the assembling fleet is said to be Adm. Ciliax, recently appointed to succeed Boehm, with Kumitz under him. Ciliax commanded the flotilla which escaped from Brest.

# France - - -

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and captains to work out his defense plan and lead the volunteers flocking to join him.

French officers in London who had served under him described him as a lean, luxury-hating Puritan, devoutly religious and known as the sternest disciplinarian of the old French Army. He punished even for physical unfitness, about which he was almost fanatic.

At 60 he prided himself on taking any march his men made, bathing in icy mountain streams and going for long periods of time without food or rest.

Some surprise was caused among London French circles when he was first identified as the leader of the Haute Savoie guerrillas, since he had been identified as an early supporter of Marshal Henri Pétain and the Vichy regime.

When the Germans occupied the whole of France, following the American-British landings in North Africa, Gen. Cartier hunted up leaders of the French underground movement and asked for men and arms, it was learned.

French sources said "there is considerable evidence" that he was in communication with some of Gen. Henri Giraud's officers prior to Gen. Giraud's recognition as head of the North African government.

Italian troops in the area were reported unenthusiastic over making efforts to crush the French force, and French mobile guards were considered so "unreliable" for the job that their Vichy commanders were holding them in reserve at Thonon, some miles from the guerrilla-controlled zone.

## U.S. Sailor Found Dead In Gas-Flooded Home

Chief Petty Officer Clarence Edward Doran, 25, a U.S. Navy aviation machinist's mate attached to Headquarters, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, was found dead early Monday after coal gas flooded a house at 107 Bridge Lane, Golders Green, London, where he was billeted.

Three civilians in the building were overcome and removed to Red Hill County hospital.

Doran, a native of Ottumwa, Iowa, enlisted in July, 1935, and served at San Diego, Cal., aboard the aircraft-carrier Saratoga, with Patrol Squadron 16, and at the Naval Air Station, Anacostia, before reporting for duty in London in September, 1941.

## Cardinal Hinsley Dead

Arthur Cardinal Hinsley, 77-year-old Archbishop of Westminster, died yesterday morning at his country home, Buntingford, Herts. The ranking Roman Catholic prelate in England, Cardinal Hinsley had been seriously ill since Feb. 27 when he suffered a heart attack. News of his death was cabled to Pope Pius XII.

## Washington Club Films

"Football Highlights of 1942," a film showing spectacular shots of big games in the U.S. last season, will be shown at the Red Cross Washington club, London, at 8.30 PM Friday, in addition to "Golden Hour," starring James Stewart and Paulette Goddard.

## Blondie

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



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