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## Heavies From Italy Batter Reich Anew

### Reds Across Rumanian Border

### 1 Nazi Army Is Crushed; 50,000 Lost

#### New Drive Puts Soviets 52 Mi. From Lwow; Zhmerinka Falls

Soviet soldiers crossed the Dniester River onto Rumanian soil yesterday, Berlin broadcasters revealed last night as the Russians rolled back the enemy within 52 miles of the big Axis base at Lwow, in Poland, and fought within nine miles of the Black Sea port of Nikolaev, after destroying the German Sixth Army on the lower Dnieper, killing or capturing 50,659 men.

Last night's Soviet communique, confirming that the Dniester had been crossed, said the Russians forced the river on a 30-mile front and captured more than 40 inhabited localities on the west bank.

Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First Ukraine Army battered down a powerful obstacle standing in the way of its drive on Lwow yesterday by capturing the town of Kremnets, described in a Soviet order of the day as "a powerful natural fortress on the crest of the Kremnets hills, fortified by the Germans with an extensive network of defenses."

Kremnets, a railhead 1,300 feet up in the mountains, 22 miles inside the pre-war Polish border and 75 miles east-northeast of Lwow, marked the first time the Red Army has fought in mountains since it drove the Germans out of the Kuban.

#### Cross River Near Uman

Shortly before Marshal Stalin's order, Col. Ernst von Hammer, military commentator of the German News Agency, announced that the Russians had crossed to the west bank of the Dniester at Yampol, southwest of Uman. They had occupied Yampol Saturday and taken up positions along ten miles of the Dniester's left bank.

The Russian juggernaut ground down Von Manstein's forces on all sectors of the southern front. In the Polish bulge, the capture of Boratin moved the front line within 52 miles of the great base at Lwow, chief Nazi supply center for the entire front. Vinnitsa practically was encircled by the unexpected capture of Zhmerinka, the Odessa-Lwow rail junction 25 miles to the southwest.

Destruction of the German Sixth Army, re-formed after the surrender of Von Paulus' Sixth Army at Stalingrad, cost the enemy 36,800 in killed and 13,859 in prisoners.

Two Alpine divisions, seven infantry divisions and one panzer division were "completely routed," the Soviet Information Bureau said, and eight infantry, two panzer and one motorized divisions "lost most of their fighting capacity." Four more infantry divisions suffered heavy losses and many other units lost practically all their equipment, the Russians claimed.

### Senate Committee OKs 34-Billion Veterans' Aid

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19—Approved unanimously by the Senate Finance Committee, an American Legion bill which would authorize expenditure of \$3,500,000,000 to help veterans of the present war awaited Senate action today.

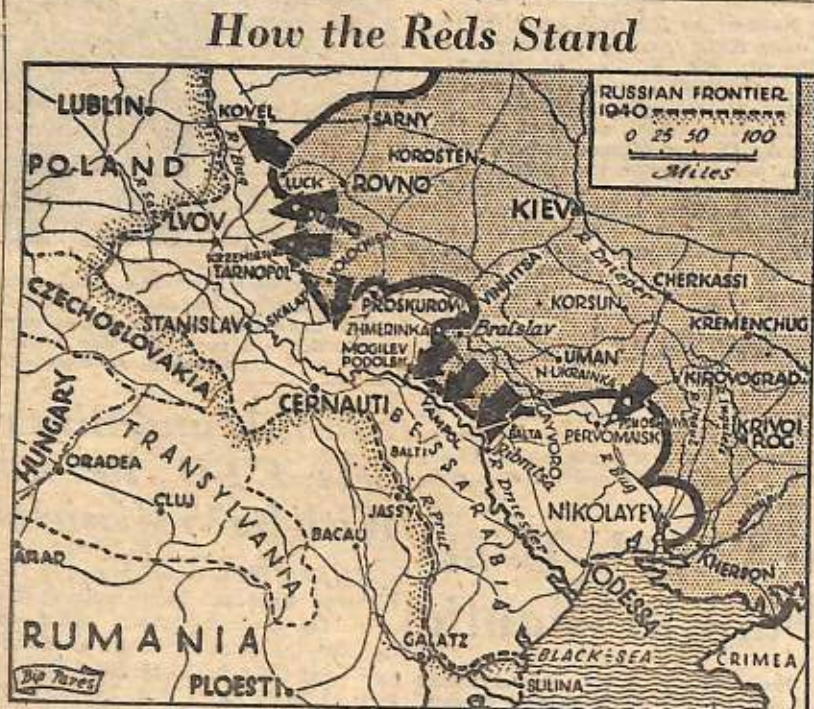
Sen. Walter F. George (D., Ga.), committee chairman, said it was estimated that education, unemployment and other benefits which would be provided would cost a maximum of \$3,000,000,000.

### New 10-Man Jeep Gets Its Preview in States

NEW YORK, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—A new type of troop-carrier jeep which transports ten men instead of four was demonstrated here.

Only three feet longer than the regular four-man jeep, the new "miracle" jeep was developed by the Coast Guard for shore patrols.

It carries ten men easily at 60 miles an hour. Newly developed wheels permit it to climb the roughest beach-head.



Russia's armies stood last night only 40 miles from the 1940 Polish frontier, 108 miles from Czechoslovakia and 50 miles from the River Pruth—Russo-Rumanian border in 1940.

### Giant Glider Thrust Puts Allies 150 Mi. Behind Japs in Burma

USAAF AIR COMMANDO UNIT HQ, Eastern India, Mar. 19—American engineers and British infantrymen, carried in American gliders and transports, staged the greatest airborne operation of the war when they dropped into an open area 150 miles behind the Japanese lines in Burma and split communications between the enemy's northern and southern armies.

### 4 War Fronts Flare in Burma

#### Allies Attacking in Three Sectors; Japs Seeking to Smash Airborne Units

ALLIED HQ, India, Mar. 19—American, British, Chinese and Indian troops today are engaged in a "real war" for Burma for the first time since the Japs overran that country in 1942.

Today's official communique from Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters said the Allies were attacking on three fronts, while the Japs had launched a "major offensive" in the Chindwin area only a few miles from where British and American airborne troops landed last week and quickly established firm positions 150 miles behind the lines of the enemy armies to the north.

Localities where the Allies were attacking yesterday in Burma were described in the communique:

1—Near Maungdaw, small village and port at the foot of the Arakan hills along the western coast of Burma facing the Bay of Bengal. Here, British and Indians were slowly pushing back the Japs in face of strong resistance.

2—In the extreme north, Chinese and Americans under the field command of Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell were attacking Jap positions dominating a pass leading from Hukawng Valley, into Mogaung Valley, in which lies the important northern terminus of a railway which might offer an opportunity of supplying China from India by land.

3—In the Chin Hills, wild jungle country in central Burma, British and Indians were making progress against Jap columns outside Tiddim, a village 30 miles from the Indian border and 100 miles due south of the Allied supply depot of Imphal, in central Assam.

In north central Burma, Jap troops

### Big Jap Blow Will Come, Gen. Vandegrift Warns

NEW YORK, Mar. 19—Lt. Gen. Alexander Vandegrift, Marine Corps commandant, warned here that though the enemy at present faced "a perplexing dilemma" in defending Pacific islands, "sooner or later the Japanese will suddenly straighten up and lash out."

"He will throw every ounce of his strength into a knockout punch or a series of knockout punches," Vandegrift said.

The gliders were piloted by men of Col. Philip Cochran's "Our Gang" Air Commando Unit, which is composed largely of brothers and long-time pals, and the first man to land was the former child movie star, Jackie Coogan.

Less than 24 hours after the first gliders landed on a field covered with elephant grass four feet high, engineers completed an airstrip 4,400 feet long and 400 feet wide for use by heavy transport planes.

Construction machinery, jeeps and mules poured out of the gliders along with hundreds of men after landing.

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Coogan had a smooth time of it in the first landing, without encountering ruts two feet deep as other pilots did. "But the thing I'm most proud of is my tow-plane pilot," Coogan said. "He did the most beautiful job of navigation I've ever seen. He put me right over the field."

Brother teams in the "Our Gang" unit include Col. Cochran, former North African fighter ace, and Cpl. Joseph Cochran, Erie, Pa.; Lt. Charles F. Moore and S/Sgt. James W. Moore, Uniontown, Pa.; Lt. Few Postlewait, Manoa, Pa., and S/Sgt. William H. Postlewait, Pawnee, Pa.; Maj. Samson Smith, Beckley, W. Va., and Sgt. George Smith, Hampton, Va.

Planes and gliders took off from unnamed airdromes. A feint landing was carried out at the same time.

Japanese planes detected the feint landing area and bombed it. They knew nothing about the real one until several

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### Come Out, Harold A., Wherever You Are

## Jones Is in the ETO, We Know, But Where the Hell IS Jones?

"Lost Somewhere in the ETO," but not AWOL, the Postal Division insists, is Pvt. Harold A. Jones, 15394216.

Forty letters for him, most of them from his mother, Mrs. Beulah Jones, of Charleston, W. Va., have piled up at Postal Division headquarters, but they can't be forwarded for no one knows where he is.

The Army Air Forces doesn't know. The machine records don't know and the Postal Division is quite sure it doesn't know.

On the list of the 5,000 soldiers named Jones on the ETO master directory, Pvt. Harold A., 15394216, is not included.

Now Jones IS in the ETO. Maj. Bernard Humes, of the Postal Division, says he arrived here last October as a

## Assaults by 15th AF Follow Great RAF, U.S. Day-Night Raids

### 13 U.S. Bombers Safe In Switzerland; 3 Crash

BERNE, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—An official Swiss communique issued last night said that 13 American four-engined bombers were forced to land in this neutral territory, while three others crashed in flames in eastern Switzerland.

"Swiss air space was violated this afternoon (Saturday) by many four-engined American planes," the report said. "Swiss defense squadrons went up and anti-aircraft batteries went into action. Twelve American planes were forced to land at Duebendorf and a 13th at Altenrhein. Three other bombers crashed in flames. Many members of the crews jumped to safety by parachute. Uninjured crews were interned."

### Multiple Targets Hit In Saturday's Big Series of Attacks

American bombers hammered home another blow in the massive, two-way pincer attack from the air against Germany yesterday, when fierce aerial combat was reported over southern Germany between strong forces of Nazi interceptors and a fleet of Italian-based Fortresses, Liberators and escorting fighters of the 15th Air Force.

Berlin Radio reported the bombers and their long-range escorts penetrated from the south over the Alps and were in continuous combat with German fighters for more than an hour.

The attack continued the latest two-way, day and night campaign which RAF and American planes based in Britain and Italy initiated against the Reich last Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Forts and Libs of the Eighth AF were idle yesterday—they've been grounded only six days in three weeks—but Marauders of the Ninth AF swept over the Channel late yesterday afternoon for their third straight day of attacks over northern France. Escorted by P47s of the Ninth, the B26s made their latest return to base.

#### Big Day Raid Saturday

Eighth Air Force Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by fighters of the Eighth and Ninth AF, carried the two-way daylight assault into its fourth consecutive day Saturday when they struck multiple targets in southern Germany, including plane factories and airfields at Augsburg, Friedrichshafen, Landsberg, Lechfeld and Oberpfaffenhofen.

The RAF topped off Saturday's thrusts with possibly 1,000-bomber night raid from British bases against Frankfurt, other targets in western Germany and Bergerac in France. Simultaneously, Mediterranean-based Halifaxes, Liberators and Wellingtons returned to Plovdiv, 80 miles from the Bulgarian capital of Sofia, to blast military and rail targets. Plovdiv is the main link in the Sofia-Istanbul rail system.

When all figures were in on Saturday's daylight attack by Eighth Air Force Fortresses and Liberators, USSTAF headquarters announced that 43 enemy interceptors were destroyed by the bombers and 39 by what may have been the largest force of escorting Lightnings, Thunderbolts and Mustangs used in a day's operations. Probably more than 1,000 Eighth and Ninth Air Force fighters took part in the long, intense air battle that carried white-starred formations on a 1,000-mile round trip to southern Germany.

Forty-three bombers and ten fighters were lost, according to an official report. The bomber loss was the largest since the March 6 blow at Berlin, which cost 68 heavies. Meanwhile, Swiss officials announced yesterday that 13 "American four-engined planes" were forced down in Switzerland and the crews interned.

#### Luftwaffe Losses are 291

The destruction of 82 enemy planes gave the British-based U.S. planes a total of 291 destroyed since the major air offensive was resumed last Wednesday.

While the heavies were draining deep into enemy territory Saturday, Marauders of the Ninth Air Force attacked the Pas de Calais area without loss. They were escorted by Thunderbolts.

Topping off the daylight assault, with its bombing of Frankfurt, other unidentified

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### Allied Capitals Forecast New FDR-Churchill Talk

Another meeting between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill was forecast yesterday in Washington and London diplomatic circles.

It was suggested that the forthcoming London visit of Edward R. Stettinius Jr., undersecretary of state, might be the prelude to a new Allied conference at which the Italian, Polish and Yugoslav political problems would be discussed, as well as peace terms for Axis satellites.

If the President and Churchill met, it was said, a subsequent parley with Josef Stalin would be likely.

## Allies Mop Up Germans' Last Cassino Units

### Nazis Resisting to the End; Big Allied Air Assault At Anzio Reported

German suicide squadrons last night were being attacked in their strongholds on the southwest fringe of Cassino and on the slopes of Abbey Hill as Allied guns shelled Nazi positions on the outskirts of the town to pave the way for the drive to Rome up Highway Six when all enemy resistance collapses.

While dispatches from the main Fifth Army front predicted that the final breakthrough would be only a matter of hours, a Cairo Radio report said meanwhile that Allied bombers were pounding the German bridgehead lines with a fury almost rivaling the massive blows which reduced Cassino to rubble.

A grim game of hide and seek raged in Cassino as the Allies mopped up German remnants and cleared the town of snipers.

Large number of Germans surrendered in the town late yesterday, a Reuter dispatch from the Cassino area reported.

To the west of the town, Indian troops recaptured Hangman's Hill to give the Fifth Army three hill positions from which to open a final assault on the German-held Abbey Hill, or Monte Cassino, site of the now-ruined Benedictine Monastery.

Engineers spanned the Rapido with new bridges and rushed roads through the debris of the bomb-battered town.

Desperate Nazi resistance in all engagements and a fruitless attack on captured Cassino station indicated the Germans would fight until they were annihilated.

# No Output Now In Me 109 Plant At Regensburg

## Bombed Out, 8th AF Says; Damage at Schweinfurt Also Is Described

The big Me109 fighter factory at Regensburg has been bombed out of production, and at Schweinfurt three of Germany's most important ball-bearing factories have been seriously damaged. Eighth Air Force headquarters announced yesterday.

Almost all of the Me109 plant would have to be rebuilt before it could reach its previous output, according to a study of reconnaissance photographs taken after the Fortress raid Feb. 25.

The following parts of the Me109 factory were either completely or partly destroyed: the fighter component and assembly plant, all the principal components and assembly shops, five sub-assembly shops, the main stores building and three unidentified buildings. Other buildings were severely damaged.

Heavily crippled in a Fortress raid last August, the plant had been rebuilt by the Germans to the extent that the main assembly portion was in full operation when Fortresses smashed it again in February.

At Schweinfurt severe damage to three ball-bearing factories resulted from the daylight attack by Eighth Air Force heavy bombers Feb. 24, and from two night attacks by RAF heavies. Two other important factories, both connected with the ball-bearing industry, were badly damaged at this time.

Schweinfurt produces about 50 per cent of the total production of ball and roller bearings available to Germany.

# 122 Nazi Planes Bagged in Italy

ALLIED HQ, Naples, Mar. 19—Fifteenth Air Force heavy bombers and fighters destroyed 122 Nazi planes in an attack on five airdromes in the Udine area of Northeast Italy yesterday.

At least 74 enemy planes were destroyed on the ground and 48 in the air—31 by Fortresses, nine by Thunderbolts and eight by Lightnings.

Twelve Allied planes were reported missing in the day's operations, which also included sweeps over the Cassino front and in the western Mediterranean. In these, the enemy lost an additional eight planes.

Swarms of enemy fighters rose to oppose the heavies in their dash to within 40 miles of the Austrian border. One Liberator bombardier said he saw as many as 50 at a time, "but they sheared off and either went for the Forts or got behind the clouds. They didn't come near the Liberators." Fortress gunners, however, engaged in running battles which lasted more than an hour.

# Raids - - -

(Continued from page 1) fied targets in western Germany and the explosives works at Bergerac, in France, the RAF flew more than 1,000 sorties. Twenty-two bombers were lost, according to the Air Ministry. Proceeding the night operations, Mosquitoes penetrated in daylight to within 10 miles of the German border to bomb a precision-instrument factory at Hengelo, Holland. Mitchells, escorted by RCAF Spitfires, also attacked targets in northern France. Two Mitchells and one Mosquito were lost.

In raiding Augsburg, Friedrichshafen, Landsberg, Lechfeld and Oberpfoffenhoffen, the Fortresses and Liberators hammered at the root of German air strength by bombing aircraft factories and crippling airfields for testing planes.

Augsburg is the home of the parent Messerschmitt plant where production, development and experimentation of twin-engine Me410s takes place.

At Friedrichshafen, just across Lake Constance from Switzerland, are located a Dornier plant and aircraft-components factory, as well as Germany's big radio-location plant. Friedrichshafen was the target for American heavies for the first time Thursday, while Augsburg has been bombed several times in recent weeks.

Liberator crews returned from Friedrichshafen with reports indicating they bore the brunt of attacks from Nazi fighters.

Oberpfoffenhoffen, about 15 miles southwest of Munich, contains both the airfield and assembly plant for Me410s, high-altitude fighter-bombers used in attacks on Britain and in intercepting Allied bombers. Fortress crews reported visual bombing and direct hits on buildings and landing fields.

The U.S. fighters' mark of 39 shot down gave them a total of 200 in their last three operations. Maj. James A. Goodson, of Toronto, made his fourth consecutive double kill by shooting down two Hellies. Goodson's score gave his Eighth AF Mustang group, commanded by Col. Don S. Blakeslee, of Fairport Harbor, Ohio, a total of 12 for the day.

**Vatutin in London?**  
ANKARA, Mar. 19—Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin, former commander of the First Ukrainian Army which broke through the Kiev bulge into pre-war Poland, was reported today to have gone to London to take up an important post with the Anglo-American invasion staff.

# The Burma War.



Black arrow indicates vicinity where Jap troops were reported launching a "major offensive."

# 4 War Fronts Flare in Burma

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were reported to be "strongly" attacking northwest of Tamanti after crossing to the west bank of the Chindwin River. Details were lacking, but the official communique said airborne troops which landed undetected last week were engaged near the landing strip they swiftly built as a supply point.

The British and American commandos—believed to be somewhere north of Tamanti—have by virtue of having gained control of sections of the strategic railway split the Jap armies in the south near the Indian border, and those to the north on the western edge of the Mogaung Valley, where Gen. Stilwell's troops last week were credited with killing more than 4,000 Japs and seizing approximately 1,800 square miles of territory in a two-week campaign.

Observers at Moutbatten's headquarters said the Burma war probably would not slacken with the approach of the monsoon, due in 30 to 60 days, but would continue with "unabated violence."

# Gliders - - -

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days after the landing, but by then British and Indian columns had long since left the airstrip and were striking out toward the nearest Jap positions in the dense jungles.

Several thousand troops were landed, but despite the scale of the operation, only about 30 men were killed and wounded. One British soldier, whose arm had been badly mangled in a glider crash, was operated on inside a glider as other men held flashlights. With no anesthetic, he suffered amputation of his arm with an Indian knife.

A second lieutenant from Los Angeles had a big task thrust upon him. He took over the leadership of building the airstrip when the officer commanding the engineers unit was killed in a glider crash.

At night, 24 hours after the gliders landed, the airstrip was completed and the first transport with troops and mules was landed. For two hours, transports landed or took off from the field at the rate of one every 47 seconds.

The daring air assault, originally planned at the Quebec conference, involved crossing 7,000-foot mountain peaks in Burma. Most troops were making their first trip in the air, and for all the fighting men it was the first glider trip. It would have taken them two months by foot to reach the position behind the Japanese lines.

The operation is designed to aid the Chinese forces under Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell in doing as much damage as possible to Japanese communications before the monsoons come. For the first time in this war, American, Chinese and British troops are fighting side by side.

# U.S. Lifts Censorship Ban On the M8 Armored Car

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18—The War Department today lifted its censorship surrounding the presence of six-wheeled, eight-ton "M8, six-by-six," armored car by announcing the vehicle was being used by troops in America and overseas.

Combining speed and maneuverability of an automobile with the armored protection of a light tank, the M8 mounts a 37mm. cannon and a .30-cal. machine-gun in a manually-operated, 360-degree traversable turret. There are four men in the crew.

# 4 GI Robin Hoods Save Two in Sherwood Forest

Two U.S. Army nurses—2/Lt. Mary C. Ziegler, of Louisville, Ky., and 2/Lt. Stacia V. Urban, of Perth Amboy, N.J.—were rescued by four American enlisted men when the bus in which the nurses were returning to their station stalled in a snowstorm in Sherwood Forest recently.

The rescuers were Sgt. Edward J. Janz Jr., and Pfc Dan A. Elio, of Jersey City, N.J.; Cpl. John S. Beresnyak, of the Bronx, N.Y., and Pfc Edward C. Horrell, of New Florence, Pa.

# Manus Airfield Falls to Yanks; Java Is Bombed

## Cavalrymen Near Village On Admiralty Island; Fighting Is 'Brisk'

Using tanks to knock out pillboxes one by one, American troops over the weekend captured strategic Lorengau airfield on Manus Island in the Admiralty Group while Liberators of the Fifth Air Force struck deep into the Jap-occupied East Indies with a bombing attack on Sourabaya, naval base on the north coast of Java.

News of the Java raid was given in a Tokyo Radio message yesterday which claimed that a fleet of American "bombers from the east had attacked Sourabaya in a night attack."

On Manus Island, troops of the First Cavalry Division (dismounted) last night were penetrating the strong defenses of Lorengau village after capturing the airfield late Friday night. Fighting was described as "brisk" in Gen. MacArthur's official communique.

Allied bombers again attacked Japanese bases at Wewak, on New Guinea; Rabaul, on New Britain, and Kavieng, New Ireland, without Jap fighter opposition. Nearly 600 tons of bombs were dropped in all missions.

In the north Pacific, Paramushiro, most northerly in the Kuriles 600 miles off the Japanese mainland, was attacked by Navy Ventura torpedo bombers on Friday and Saturday, a Navy Department communique said.

# 6 More U-Boats Sunk in Atlantic

Destruction of six U-boats and capture of the crew of one of them in 20 days' operations in the North Atlantic were announced yesterday by the Admiralty.

Not one Allied casualty was sustained in the action in which the Second Escort Group of surface vessels, commanded by Capt. F. J. Walker, tracked down and destroyed German submarines.

One sloop was torpedoed and sank, but the entire crew was transferred without harm to another ship.

# U-Boat Output Curtailed By Nazis, Sweden Hears

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 19 (AP)—Curtailed of German submarine construction due to difficulties in obtaining men and vital materials is reported from a source close to Nazi naval affairs. Many key officers have been lost, while Allied air bombardment, plus sabotage—particularly in Denmark—have crippled output on intricate apparatus, it was said.

Emphasis has been placed on construction of merchant ships, this source declared. Loss of blockade runners in the Atlantic and sinkings of German ships off Norway have left the Nazis dangerously short of medium-sized vessels, he added.

# Vesuvius Spouting Lava; Biggest Eruption Since '33

NAPLES, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—A large cloud of smoke rose tonight from burning vegetation one-third to halfway down the mountainside as Mount Vesuvius, in its biggest eruption since 1933, emitted glowing streams of lava. There have been some thunderous rumblings such as accompany big eruptions.

Mount Vesuvius, roughly ten miles east of Naples overlooking the bay, has erupted violently 50 times in the last 400 years.

# Rainbow's End

SEATTLE, Wash., Mar. 19—A pile of nickels—\$51.85 worth—was found beside a road on Mercer Island near the Lake Washington floating bridge by Eric Sylvader, a gardener. They had been in a paper sack which had been disintegrated by rain.

# Nearly All Winter Objectives Of Red Army Now Achieved

By Harrison Salisbury

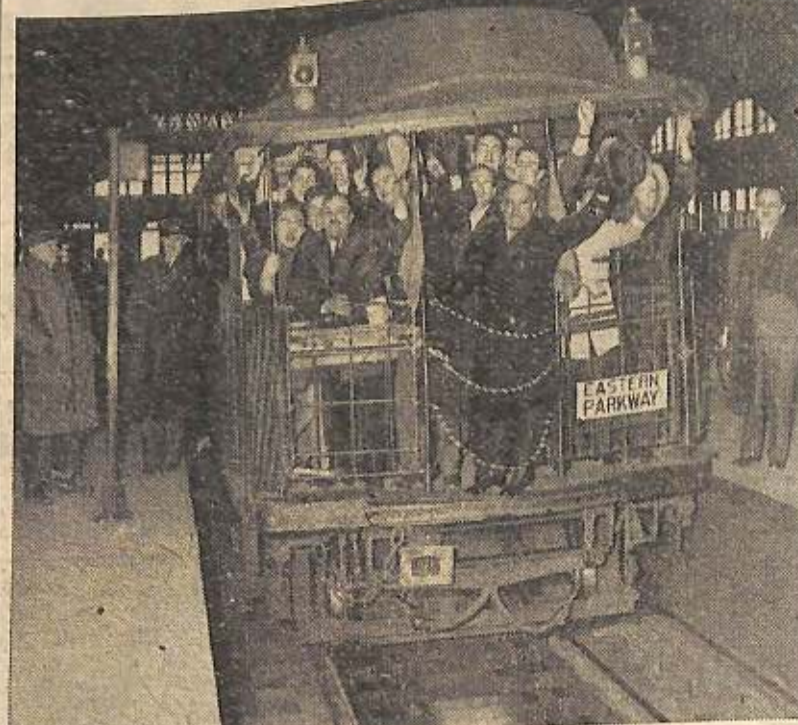
United Press Staff Correspondent  
MOSCOW, Mar. 19 (UP)—The winter victory of the Red armies appeared almost complete tonight.

Their objectives were to clear the Germans from the Ukraine, and from the narrow fringe of White Russia they still hold in the center, and to establish themselves in a position to advance through the Baltic states.

Final achievement of these objectives would enable the Red Army to open its summer campaign directly against German positions in the southern parts of the Baltic states and East Prussia, against occupied Poland, and against Hungary and Rumania. This, in turn, would compress Germany's eastern area of retreat into a maximum depth of about 200 miles, and much less in the north. If that distance were passed the Russians then would be on German soil.

The terms "summer offensive" and "winter offensive" are hardly applicable to the Red Army's operations since last summer, for since early July of last year Russia has maintained a continuous offensive with no pause between summer and winter.

# Last 'L' Across Brooklyn Bridge



Crowds jam the platform of a train bearing two green flags on the last trip across the Brooklyn bridge. Elevated 'L' railroad service over the bridge was terminated last week. In the future elevated line passengers will be given transfer tickets to trolley cars which will continue bridge service. The change is part of the \$1,580,000 modernization plan for the 61-year-old span.

# B26 Mild and Bitter Sets ETO Record With Its 75 Missions

A MARAUDER BASE, Mar. 19—The Marauder Mild and Bitter established a new ETO medium-bomber record—75 missions—in the attack on the Creil railway yards near Paris Friday, and its original pilot, Capt. Paul Shannon, of Attica, Kan., said yesterday that his ship had helped win "DFCs, Air Medals and clusters for her original crew, but never a Purple Heart."

The ship's only casualty has been Sgt. J. A. O'Shaughnessy, of Rochester, N.Y., assistant crew chief, who broke a heel when he fell from a stand while cleaning the pilot's window.

T/Sgt. W. L. Stuart, of Donna, Tex., crew chief, figures that his is a "lucky ship." Despite over 250 combat flying hours, the B26 has never been grounded for repairs for more than several hours at a time. A flak hit in the electrical system was the worst damage Mild and Bitter ever suffered.

# Division's Art Exhibition Proves a Hit With the GIs

A U.S. INFANTRY DIVISION, Mar. 19—GIs trooped through the lobby of headquarters in a stream today to observe this outfit's first art exhibition.

Delicate water-colors, satirical sketches, caricatures and virtually every other art medium were represented, the display comprising 24 of the best works submitted.

Divided into two classes, professional and amateur; the entries were judged on that basis. First prize in the professional group went to Cpl. Robert Newsom, of New York, for his water-color study of an Army chaplain. Top award in the amateur entries went to T/5 Vincent Stein for his pencil drawing of a mechanic at work.

# Gen. Reckford Awarded A Cluster to His DSM

Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckford, ETO provost marshal, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal for his services as commander of the Third Service Command in the U.S.

Reckford, whose home is in Baltimore, won the DSM as commanding officer of the 115th Infantry in World War I for his direction of operations against the enemy north of Verdun.

# Named a General, Flier Is Shot Down Before Learning It

A FORTRESS DIVISION HQ, Mar. 19—Russell A. Wilson, 38-year-old Fortress combat wing commander, who led his bomb division in the first major daylight attack on Berlin Mar. 6, was shot down shortly after his formation had bombed its target.

Announcement of his promotion to Brigadier General was made, ironically, after he had taken off on the mission.

The Decatur (Ill.) general, who also had led the highly successful precision attacks on the Huls rubber works in Germany in June, and on the Focke Wulf plant at Marienburg in October, kept his Fortress formation together even after his aircraft was hit by flak over the German capital. With one engine burning and his battered Fort almost out of control, he ordered the formation to remain intact, then peeled his own B17 off into a vertical dive.

Four parachutes were seen to come out of the stricken bomber before it went down over the center of Berlin.

Among those in the Fort were Capt. Lou (Little Doc) Dentoni, of San Francisco, lead bombardier who was also with Gen. Wilson on the Marienburg mission, and Capt. John Crotty, of Boston, lead navigator, who has led numerous successful bombardment operations since July.

# Law Balks Love; GI in ETO Can't Marry by Proxy

PITTSBURGH, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—An attempt by Cpl. William S. Muchling, with the U.S. Army in Britain, to marry by proxy Mrs. Mildred G. Schmidt, 3,000 miles away in Pittsburgh, was declared illegal.

Muchling mailed an application to his fiancée, who filed it. Judge Thomas P. Trimble declared, however, that a license for marriage by proxy could not be issued under Pennsylvania law.

# Post-War Radio System To Girdle Earth Reported

NEW YORK, Mar. 19—The Wall Street Journal said today that U.S. government engineers had made plans for a post-war radio system to link major cities of the world.

The plan, which would be laid before an international convention immediately after the war, envisions eight large trunk-line stations circling the earth 20 degrees north of the equator.

Relay stations would be at San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Canary Islands, Alexandria, Bombay, Hong-kong, Guam, Honolulu and Mexico City. Major cities could transmit to and from the nearest relay point.

# Second-Front Delay Asked By Woman Congressman

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19—Rep. Jessie Sumner (R-Ill.) demanded in the House that the opening of the Western Front be delayed until assurances are given that Russia will renounce all claims to absorbed lands and U.S. military authorities agree that the invasion is necessary and feasible.

She also asked that the U.S. concentrate its war effort in the Pacific, establishing a unified command of all theaters under Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

# 2 Guilty of Defrauding U.S.

BISMARCK, N.D., Mar. 19—C. E. Joyce and J. E. Pfeifer were found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the government through corrupt administration of the Frazier-Lenke Farm Bankruptcy Law. Four others were acquitted.

# Army Winning Relentless War Against Typhus

## Not One Death Caused By Louse-Borne Disease, War Department Says

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19—The War Department announced today that not a single death due to louse-borne typhus had been reported among U.S. soldiers in the U.S. or overseas.

Preventive methods, the Army report said, have been so successful that there hasn't been enough typhus even to try out the new and improved anti-typhus treatments that have been developed. U.S. soldiers have been exposed to typhus in Egypt, North Africa and Italy—especially Naples—besides numerous other localities, but the preventative measures—new delousing powders and vaccinations—have done the job.

The most recent threat to typhus was checked by spraying military personnel and the civilian population with special "anti-typhus" powders, including the Army's new DDT.

Mass sprayings have been conducted, using hand dusters and powder dusters to shoot the powder up the sleeves and trousers legs inside clothing of civilians. With this new method it is unnecessary to "cook" clothing in huge sterilizers and iron them carefully to destroy all lice and their eggs.

# 8th AF Plans Show Contest

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, Mar. 19—An elimination tournament to select the best GI show staged by Eighth Air Force personnel will get under way in all commands and bombardment divisions soon. As many as 100 station shows are expected to be produced before units representing each command and division are chosen for the competition.

Each show group will be limited to ten performers. WACs may be included. Productions will be limited to 30 minutes, and may be revues, varieties, satires, minstrels or comedies. Serious dramas may not be staged. Purpose of the contest is to create interest in amateur theatricals so that personnel may be self-sustaining if the time comes when professional shows are unavailable.

# 2 U.S. Soldier-Musicians To Take Part in Concert

Two American soldier-musicians, who collaborated in producing the highly successful U.S. Army Negro chorus concert in Albert Hall, London, last year, have been invited to appear with the London Philharmonic Orchestra in its concert Mar. 26 at the Adelphi Theater, London.

W/O Hugo Weisgall, of Baltimore, will be guest conductor when the famous orchestra plays its first all-American concert. Sgt. Marc Blitzstein, invited to be guest piano soloist, will play Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

# Farm Courses Scheduled

An agricultural course open to U.S. officers and enlisted men will be held at the Midland Agricultural College, Sutton Bonington, near Loughborough, from Mar. 27 to Apr. 1. Fees, which include billet and mess, are £3 12s. for officers and £1 12s. for enlisted men. Applications to attend should be indorsed only by the applicant's CO, state that the applicant is eligible for leave, and addressed to the Chief of Special Service, Hq., ETOUSA, APO 887.

# AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial  
 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.  
 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- Monday, Mar. 20
- 1100—News Headlines—Personal Album with Betty Rhodes.
  - 1115—Hello Swingtime (BBC).
  - 1150—French Lesson.
  - 1200—World News (BBC).
  - 1205—Bartok's Bag.
  - 1300—World News (BBC).
  - 1310—BBC Scottish Orchestra.
  - 1330—Katie Smith (return engagement).
  - 1400—Visiting Hour.
  - 1430—Sound.
  - 1445—War Commentary.
  - 1459—News Headlines.
  - 1500—Music While You Work.
  - 1530—Off the Record.
  - 1630—Jack Payne and his orchestra.
  - 1655—Quiet Moment.
  - 1700—Family Hour and Program Resume.
  - 1730—Gerardo and His Orchestra.
  - 1800—World News (BBC).
  - 1815—GI Supper Club.
  - 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
  - 1905—Red Section—with Harriet Hilliard and Ozzie Nelson's Orchestra.
  - 1910—Command Performance.
  - 2000—News From Home.
  - 2010—Fred Waring Program.
  - 2025—Leave and Learn.
  - 2030—Contented Hour.
  - 2100—World News (BBC).
  - 2115—Front Line Theater.
  - 2145—Melody Roundup.
  - 2200—Village Store—with Joan Davis and Jack Haley.
  - 2225—One Night Stand with Louis Prima.
  - 2255—Final Edition.
  - 2300—Sign off until Tuesday, Mar. 21, at 1100 hours.

# Orphans' Fund Passes Its Original £50,000 Goal

## A New One, Double The First, Set Up By S and S

By G. K. Hodenfield  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

"It will be the goal of this publication, with your help, to raise a fund sufficiently large to help support 500 orphans for a period of five years. This will provide each child with £20 per year."

That paragraph in The Stars and Stripes edition of Sept. 26, 1942, launched The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund. Last week the fund reached its original goal of £50,000, and the sights already have been raised to a new goal of £100,000.

Just over 500 days from the campaign's opening, an Engineer Air Force headquarters company sent in a check for £100 to push the total over the mark. Other contributions last week brought the total collections to £50,208 3s. 6d.

The money has been coming in at the rate of nearly £100 per day. Some of the contributions have been small, like those made by a sergeant who used to drop by the office every week and leave all his change. Some have been large, like the £2,100 donated last Dec. 15 by an infantry regiment. The donations have come from all over the ETO, from the States, from Alaska, and even from the Pacific.

**Widely Praised**  
The fund was started with the wholehearted approval of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Mrs. Roosevelt, on her tour of the ETO, called it "a grand thing, perfectly grand." Donald Nelson, U.S. war-production chief, donated £105. Archbishop Francis J. Spellman gave more than enough for two orphans. American civilians working at the Lockheed Aircraft Overseas Corp. in Britain sponsored eight boys and eight girls with a total of £1,632.

But through it all, it has been the soldier in the field who has given the campaign its most loyal support. Men like those of an artillery battalion who collected their first £100 within ten minutes after the plan was announced to



Jean Kathleen, one of the first three British children sponsored through The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund, cuts a cake at Rainbow Corner to mark attainment of the fund's £50,000 goal. Celebrating with Jean are (back row, left to right) Sgt. George Hyde, Baltimore; Sgt. Norman Goldblatt, Kansas City, Mo.; Cpl. Les Popich, New York; Sgt. Paul Stein, Newark, N.J.; S/Sgt. Joseph Liberator, Havre de Grace, Md., and (front row, left to right) Arthur J. Clooney, Boston and M/Sgt. George W. Bryant, Milan, Tenn.

them. Men like T/4 Herb Norjins, who wrote a song, "Bob for a Baby," to be played by the Jive Bombers at his Fortress base. Men like those of the Eagle Club, who drop their donations into a box for the "Eaglets." The WACs have kicked in, too, enough for two children.

In many units officers and men alike donate to a common fund; in some units the officers sponsor orphans on their own. The campaign started slowly. In the first few weeks the money came in dribbles. Then, like a snowball going downhill, the fund picked up momentum. An infantry battalion, asked to help its regiment sponsor one child, took things into its own hands and raised £600 for six orphans of its own. An Eighth AAF Service Command unit came through with £609 5s. 4d.  
On April 17, 1943, The Stars and

Stripes announced the fund had passed the £20,000 mark. On July 12 it hit £25,000. Last Nov. 1 it reached £31,250—in American money \$125,000.

Dec. 15 still stands as the fund's record date. Twenty-one men representing units of an infantry regiment paraded into the office, each with a check for £100. The total received that day was \$9,516.40.

The amount needed to sponsor an orphan, £100, may seem like a lot of money. It is, in a lump sum, but stretched over a five-year period it amounts to only \$1.55 per week. That amount doesn't support a child—it isn't intended to. But it will be a few extras, maybe a pair of shoes, maybe a short trip to the beach. Maybe, as in the case of David B., it will mean a new Boy Scout suit. The money is allotted weekly, monthly, quarterly or semi-annually, according to the individual case.

# Navy Lib Fliers Finish 1st Year

## Have Scored Heavily in Tiffs With U-Boats And Luftwaffe

A U.S. NAVY LIBERATOR BASE, Mar. 19—Officers and men of the first U.S. Navy Liberator squadron to fly from an English field rounded out a year of activity with a score far ahead of the German submarine fleet and air force.

One submarine sunk, another probably sunk, and several enemy fighter planes destroyed make part of the tally scored by the squadron since it was transferred to this base several months ago. The Navy Libs also took part in a British-American success against German destroyers in the Bay of Biscay Dec. 28, when three German ships were sunk. Lt. (jg) Richard Quinlan, USNR, of Clinton, Ia., later was awarded the DFC for his share in the engagement.

First stationed in Newfoundland, the squadron saw little of the enemy while patrolling from there, but added up 2,000 operational flying hours.

Veteran airmen of the Pacific war were teamed with Navy newcomers when the squadron was formed at San Diego last March. Two of the pilots—Lt. Charles F. Willis, USN, of Baltimore, and Lt. George A. Enloe, USNR, of Anooka, Minn.—were credited with sinking Japanese cruisers.

# Tra La, Tra La—Nuts Spring Near, but Our GI Pippa Is Hit by Mental Laryngitis

By the Spring Is Here Editor

Spring comes to the ETO tomorrow. Oh yes it does. The calendar says so. "Go out and get a story on spring arriving," said the city editor.

"You kiddin'?" we asked. "He didn't understand we meant about spring arriving and not about going out to get a story. We had to straighten him out. It was a bit awkward. He has stripes."

"Talk to some GIs," he said. "Ask 'em how they feel about spring, etc. See if some kids are playing marbles. You know, the old business, spring arriving."

We said sure and walked out. Spring or no spring, we had the GI overcoat and a big muffler. Spring. Ha!

We shivered our way to the vicinity of Rainbow Corner. We spotted a GI with paratrooper insignia and no overcoat. Tough guys, these paratroops. Imagine, no overcoat.

"Did you know that spring was arriving in the ETO tomorrow?" we asked, getting right to the point.

"Spring?" he said. "Oh—say, Mac, let me tell you about spring in Arkansas. Why, the flowers come out, the birds are singing . . ." He sighed.

A big help. We drifted on. The city editor had mentioned marbles. We spotted an urchin who looked as if spring meant a bath for a change.

"Well, little man," we said, "about time to get out the marbl—" "Got any gum, YahK?" We moved on.

The paratrooper had said something about birds. We listened. The birds still think it's winter, too. Not a chirp. Well, we had to have a story about spring. We looked around for some signs of dew on the grass, sun in the heavens, soft breezes on the brow.

We're forced to report: (1) That there was no sun; (2) that there was a pip of a mist; (3) that it was damn cold; (4) that there WAS plenty of dew, if you want to call it that.

(Editor's Note: The sun DID shine, but what the hell.)

We puddled our way back to where we work. Some wit once called it an office. We looked at the city editor. He looked at us.

"Spring in the ETO, eh" we asked. "Huh!" We handed him a T/S slip. Tough spring.

# 8 Killed at Train Crossing

WEST JEFFERSON, Ohio, Mar. 19—Eight persons were killed and two injured at a Pennsylvania Railroad crossing one mile east of town when the Spirit of Saint Louis, en route to New York, struck an automobile.

# Secrets of Rocket Ack Ack Revealed

One of Britain's most guarded military secrets was revealed for the first time yesterday with the story behind the rocket guns, which hurl "acres of explosives" into the air and which have been used by anti-aircraft defenses against German raiders since the outbreak of war.

The rockets, each measuring about six feet long and four inches in diameter, contain a propelling charge described by the War Office as "one of the most effective yet known" and which is being manufactured in great quantities in America. The rockets have been developed considerably since first used and are being used in various theaters of operations by U.S. forces as well as British, it was said.

When it was learned that Germany was "taking keen interest" in the development of rockets in 1934, the War Office stated, Britain immediately began its own research. The work was completed in 1939 and scientists went to Jamaica to conduct trials. Two years later rocket guns were first used against the enemy over a coastal town.

While the announcement said rockets were originally designed to hold off low-flying aircraft, such as dive-bombers, they have been used successfully against bombers at high altitudes. Fired in groups, the rockets form a spectacular pattern when they explode.

How much the rocket-gun batteries have contributed to the defense of Britain was not disclosed.



This is one of the first pictures allowed to be taken of the electrically controlled "rocket projectors" which have strengthened Britain's anti-aircraft defenses. Guns here are being fired by Home Guards.

# AF Engineers' £100 Puts Collections Over the Top

It makes no difference how the money is collected, whether it be taken from poker pots, from company funds, from voluntary donations or fines. The only thing that counts to the orphans is the money.

There is the story of Michael B., a case in point. His case history is on file at The Stars and Stripes office. His case is, in many ways, similar to thousands of others. But, like all the rest, it has its own particular tragic touches. Michael B. can be helped for the next five years by any unit that sends in £100 to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund.

Michael isn't very impressive. He has no property, no prospects, no charming personality, no good looks. He's pale and thin, with a squint and a speech defect.

**Lived on Devon Coast**  
Michael comes from a family of fishermen, and the family used to live in a fisherman's cottage on the Devon coast. When the war came, Michael's father joined the Royal Navy and became one of the crew of a Channel motor launch. In 1940 Michael's mother died in childbirth, and Michael went to live with his grandfather, also a fisherman.

Michael's father was killed by a hit and run raider when he was on a seven-day leave in November, 1942. A year later, last November, Michael's grandmother, his aunt and a cousin were killed in another raid. Shortly afterward, the grandfather died and Michael went to live with an aunt in a near-by village.

This aunt had also lost her home and all her furniture in a raid, and has a tough time trying to make a home for herself, for her sailor husband, their one child—and Michael. Michael's pension allowance from his father is 12s. per week, all of which goes directly to the aunt. He attends the local council school. His clothes, while clean, are worn and tattered.

There are a lot of Michaels in the British Isles. But there are lots of Americans, too. And £100 isn't such a hell of a lot.

# 21 Shows Tour Camps in ETO

More Entertainers Reach U.K.; Schedules for Week Are Listed

ETO USO-Camp Shows, which recently celebrated its first anniversary here with the arrival of 30 more entertainers from the States, hits a new high today with 21 shows on the road, three over the past peak. Three new ones are "Yanks Abroad," "Happy-Go-Lucky" and "In the Groove."

"Laugh Time," "Words and Music" and "Show Time" are resting. Among the arrivals is Lorraine Rognan, who heads "Happy-Go-Lucky." She is a survivor of the Lisbon Clipper crash which killed several American entertainers on the way to play for U.S. troops in Britain about eight months ago. She returned to the States to recover.

Included also is a group of legitimate artists who will present streamlined versions of New York stage plays, a new idea in Camp Shows.

Touring shows, with their locations for the week, are:

- Hampshire—"At Your Service," Eddie Cochran and Nadire, magicians; Bert Redford, juggler.
- Rudy Starita and his Starlites, Rudy Scania, vibraphonist; Al Godhart, song-writer.
- Wales—"At Ease," Hank Ladd, MC and comedian.
- "Laffs from Home," Jan Stuart, MC and comedian; Tung Pin Soo, musician.
- Corwall—"Band Wagon," Willie Shore, MC and comedian; Josephine Del Mar, singer.
- "Yanks Abroad," Jack and Murray Lane, comedians; Claire McCormick, singer.
- Berkshire area—"Booms-A-Daisy," Evans family, dancers; Phyllis Colt, singer.
- "In the Groove," Ken Harvey, MC and comedian; Vi Wallace, dancer.
- Gloucestershire area—"Bubbling Over," Sid Marion and Cliff Hall, comedians; Marion Page, singer.
- Norfolk area—"Flying High," Al Bernie, MC and comedian; Aileen Hunter, singer.
- Devon area—"Full Speed Ahead," Carl Nixon and Carmen Sands, comedy team; Gail Manners, singer.
- Oxfordshire area—"Happy-Go-Lucky," Lorraine Rognan, MC and comedienne; Ann Falvo, singer.
- Dorset area—"Cagney Show," James Cagney; Norman Secon, accompanist.
- "Keep 'Em Rollin'," Joe and Jane McKenna, comedy team; Tommy Martin, illusionist.
- Hertfordshire—"Loop the Loop," Lee Simmons, MC and impressionist; Jack Powell, drummer.
- Birmingham area—"On the Beam," Freddie Lightner, MC and comedian; Chris-Pin Martin, comedian.
- Northamptonshire—"On With the Show," George Freems, MC and comedian; Canfield Smith, ventriloquist.
- Scotland—"Swing Time," Grace Drysdale, puppet entertainer; Freddy Morgan, MC and banjoist.
- Northern Ireland—"USA Calling," Frankie Conville, MC and comedian; Penny Beaumont, accordionist.
- Wiltshire area—"Yankee Doodlers," 24 soldier-trouper.
- Iceland Base—"Sunny Side Up," Fin Olsen, MC and comedian; Dorraine and Ellis, singers.

# New Navy Scout Plane Is Developed by Wright

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19—A new scout plane which will revolutionize aerial reconnaissance from battleships and cruisers has been developed by the Navy and will be produced at the Columbus (Ohio) plant of the Wright Aviation Corp., it has been disclosed.

A new dive and torpedo-bomber expected to be an improvement over the present Helldiver also is being developed by Wright, it was said.

# Dodds Again Lowers Indoor Mile Mark

## Bostonian Goes Route in 4:06.4; Hulse Is Next

### Takes Lead After First Lap and Finishes 20 Yards in Front

CHICAGO, Mar. 19 (AP)—Gil Dodds, Boston parson, turned in a new world's competitive indoor mile record of 4:06.4 when he won his seventh consecutive mile of the season at the Chicago Relays last night.

Five timers caught Dodds' breathtaking finish at 4:06.4 on the nose as he beat out Bill Hulse, of the NYAC, by 20 yards.

Dodds, in turning in progressively better miles during his sensational string of victories, cracked his own indoor mark of 4:07.3, which he set only a week ago yesterday at the Knights of Columbus meet in New York.

#### Crowd Cheers Him On

The loose-jointed preacher brought the crowd of approximately 11,000 in Chicago Stadium to its feet, screaming him on as he shadowed Hulse around the first lap of the 11-lap race on the big board oval and then took the lead on the second lap, never to give it up.

He clocked in a searing 60 seconds for the first quarter, eight-tenths of a second faster than the quarter he ran in last week's record-breaking mile. He passed the half-mile mark in 2:01 and the three-quarter post in 3:04.

Claude Young, Illinois freshman, won the 40-yard dash in 4.5 seconds, one-tenth off the old record, beating Ed Conwell of NYU by a deep breath.

Ensign Cornelius Warmerdam defended his pole vault title, but for the first time in three years of competition failed to clear 15 feet. The former California school teacher won his specialty with a leap of 14 feet, five inches, but used up three chances trying to soar over the bar at 15 feet, one and five-eighths inches. He defeated Jack DeField of Minnesota by four inches.

Milton Padway of Illinois, Keith Grosword of Great Lakes and M. F. Winter of Iowa Pre-Flight tied at 13 feet, one inch.

Jimmy Herbert of the Gran Street Boys Club annexed the 600-yard run in 1:12.2, nosing Bob Ufer of Michigan, Bob Kelley of Illinois and Bill Haynes of Purdue.

#### Eisenhart First in 1,000

Les Eisenhart, of Columbus, Ohio, took the 1,000-yard run in 2:12.2 seconds, followed by Al Daley, NYAC; Ross Hume, Michigan; and Frank Fletcher of Great Lakes.

Dave Albritton, Dayton Athletic Club star, tied the meet high jump record of six feet, seven inches, beating Kenneth Weisner of Marquette by one inch.

Lawrence College capped the one-mile college relay with a team composed of Robert Whitelaw, Harold Deering, Frank McDonald and Robert Eisenhart. The time was 3:41.2. North Central was second and Loyola, of Chicago, came in third.

The one-mile university matched relay was won by Wisconsin with Ray Zoebel, William Myrkel, Kensal Chandler and Gordon Buquemin, who had a time of 3:37.7.

## Gus Bodnar, Leaf Center, Awarded Calder Trophy

NEW YORK, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—The Calder Trophy for the outstanding rookie of the year has been won by Gus Bodnar, Toronto Maple Leaf center.

### Percentages and Such Add Up to a Headache

MIAMI, Mar. 19—Henry Armstrong's latest comeback venture was a woeful financial experience for Willie Slater, Negro fight promoter who staged the Armstrong-Johnny Jones fight here Tuesday night entirely on a commission basis.

Slater allotted percentages to various creditors, fighters, etc., then discovered he was giving away more than 100 per cent of the take. Several years ago Willie promoted another fight and allotted 125 per cent for expenses.

## Derby Entry in Action



Platter, George D. Widener's Kentucky Derby entrant, in action.

### Derby Preview

## Platter—With a Double T—Is Widener Hope in Classic

By Frank Eck

Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Mar. 19—Remember to use two T's when you mention Platter's name, because big things are expected of the colt, regarded as one of the finest horses ever owned by George D. Widener, Philadelphia sportsman.

The son of Pilate-Let's Dance by Jack High gave assurances last fall that he's a real stretch runner when he copped both the Pimlico Futurity and the Walden Stakes.

And what's more, Platter, now being readied to make his 1944 debut in the Wood Memorial Stakes at Jamaica in April, may have a running mate in Lucky Draw when the bugle sounds for the 70th Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on May 6. Lucky Draw won three New York stake races as a two-year-old last spring.

"Platter should be greatly improved this year," says Conn McCreary, the husky little 23-year-old who hopes to pilot the Widener hope. "He was slow coming around last season, but when he did find himself he trounced 'em all."

He did beat some good ones, but not all of them. After trailing such crack juveniles as Occupy, Pukka Gin, Pensive and Weyanoke in his first few starts, Platter waited until last November to graduate when he trounced By Jiminy. In his next start, the Walden, he turned back Royal Prince and Director J. E.

Platter, 8-1 in the Derby future book, at present is listed as the second choice with Pukka Gin, Lt. Col. C. V. Whitney's star, as the favorite at 6-1.

Platter won \$50,150 last season while finishing in the money five times in his seven starts and he really didn't have one bad race against his record.

## Hawks Beaten By Wings, 6-3

DETROIT, Mar. 19—The old-time Detroit jinx and Connie Dion's goal tending helped the second-placed Detroit Red Wings to a 6-3 National Hockey League victory over the Chicago Black Hawks before 10,000 fans here last night.

### Hockey League Standings

	W	L	T	Pts.		W	L	T	Pts.
Montreal	37	5	7	81	Chicago	21	23	5	47
Detroit	26	16	6	58	Boston	19	26	5	43
Toronto	23	23	4	50	New York	6	38	5	17

Toronto's victory over Boston last night assured the Hawks of a playoff spot, probably against Detroit.

Adam Brown gave Detroit a 1-0 lead at the end of the first period, with Bill Jennings tallying once and Carl Liscombe twice in the second period, giving the Wings a 4-0 lead. Earl Siebert and Doug Bentley made it 4-2 in the last five minutes.

In the last period Syd Howe and Don Grosso scored for the Wings and Bentley for the Hawks.

## Canadiens Clout Rangers, 11-2

MONTREAL, Mar. 19—The first-place Montreal Canadiens breezed to an 11-2 victory over the cellar-dwelling New York Rangers last night, rounding out their National Hockey League home season without a defeat in 25 starts.

Ray Getliffe scored three times and Gerry Heffernan and Toe Blake put two each in the nets for the Canucks, while Oscar Aubuchon and Kilby McDonald did the Ranger scoring.

### Goldberg to Enter Navy

CHICAGO, Mar. 19—Marshal Goldberg, Pittsburgh University and Chicago Cardinal football star, has passed his physical and been accepted by the Navy.

## Leafs Subdue Bruins, 10-2

TORONTO, Mar. 19—The Toronto Maple Leafs wound up their regular National Hockey League season last night with a lopsided, 10-2, victory over the Boston Bruins before 11,000 fans and practically assured themselves of third place in the standings which would throw them against the Canadiens in the playoffs the last of this month.

Led by Gus Bodnar, yesterday chosen the rookie of the year, Toronto took a three-point lead in the first four minutes and from then on the outcome was undoubted.

Bob Davidson scored three goals for the Leafs and Bodnar and Lorne Carr two each. Art and Harold Jackson tallied for the Bruins, with Herb Cain getting assists and running his record scoring total to 82 points on 36 goals and 46 assists.

## Yankees Lose Flash Gordon

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 19—The New York Yankees' pennant hopes have received another knockout blow as Joe Gordon, their second baseman, has been accepted for general military service after an Army physical.

Named the American League's most valuable player in 1942, he was one of the most brilliant players in the major leagues and reached his peak in the World Series against the Cardinals last year. An experienced flier, Gordon said he would try for duty in the ATC.

### Footsy Britt Injured at Anzio

FT. SMITH, Ark., Mar. 19—Capt. Maurice "Footsy" Britt, former Arkansas and Detroit Lion grid ace, lost his right arm and suffered back wounds and a foot injury during fighting at the Anzio bridgehead in Italy, a fellow officer has advised Britt's wife here.

## Keglers Give \$50,000 For Sports Equipment

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19—American bowlers yesterday presented a check for \$50,000 to buy sports equipment for Army and Navy overseas installations.

Paul McNutt, head of the War Manpower Commission, accepted the check as part of \$105,000 raised by bowlers throughout the nation. McNutt said he would forward the money to appropriate agencies so equipment can be sent overseas as soon as possible.

## 6 Fives Survive CBS Playoffs

### Redskins Subdue Wildcats, 57-54, in Close Cage Contest

The Central Base Section basketball leagues go into the second round of their playoff tournament this week with the HQ five, the Hyaks, Peeps, Corkeys, Screwwalls and Redskins surviving the opening round of play. The four top teams in each of the three leagues, which included 35 officer and enlisted men's squads, entered the tourney Thursday night.

In the opening game of play the Redskins and the Wildcats tangled in a battle which saw the favored Redskin squad trailing by three points with seconds to go. Redskin Sgt. Pat Delila, of Gloversville, N.Y., pulled one more game out of the fire for his five by netting a long shot and setting up the winning goal by Cpl. Roy Waterman, of Chicago. Waterman's two points beat the gun to put the Redskins on top, 57-54. Delila sparked the Redskins with 20 points and Waterman supported him with 18.

The Corkeys had an easier time with the Sissies in the second game, downing them, 42-25. The winners had an 18-12 margin at the half, but Sgt. Harold Heath, of Whitehall, Wis., stepped up the pace in the second two periods, netting seven goals to enable the Corkeys to coast in to an easy 42-25 win.

The fast-sailing Rangers and the pre-tourney favored Peeps played to a 31-27 photo-finish to decide the third game. The lead changed hands with every basket for three periods and the two squads were tied up at 25-all with two minutes of the game remaining. Three quick goals by Pfc Norbert Paikowski, of Milwaukee, Wis., and Pvt. Vincent Abresch, of Long Island, N.Y., averted the threatened upset, and the Peeps scraped through.

## Fasel Kayoes Hinman in First

A SOUTHWEST TOWN, Mar. 19—Two bouts failed to go the limit in the third round of an Armored unit tournament held in the ARC club here last night.

The feature performance of the card was turned in by John Fasel, 154-pound private from Kansas City, Mo., when he downed Pvt. John Hinman, of Tonta City, Okla., 140, in the opening round. Hinman failed to rise on the last count just at the closing bell.

Pvt. Scotty Ewarc, of Providence, R.I., scored a TKO over S/Sgt. Harlan Rock, of Benridge, Minn., in 1:14 of the first frame. The two 164-pounders seemed evenly matched until two fast rights put Rock on the canyans. He was up after the nine-count, but out on his feet.

In other bouts: Pvt. William Studabaker, Pittsburgh, 122, outpointed Pvt. Austin Rogart. Pvt. Harry Schneider, Pittsburgh, 145, outpointed Sgt. Ben Schwarz, Chicago, 146. Pfc Eli Soque, San Jose, Cal., 140, outpointed Pvt. Oliver Shedden, Mobile, Ala., 137. Pvt. Henry Zlanzy, Chicago, 148, outpointed Pvt. Joe Costa, Stanford, Cal., 144. Pvt. Eli Robinson, Decatur, Neb., 138, outpointed Pvt. Joseph Farina, Chicago, 138. Pfc Elwin Robbins, Oshkosh, Wis., 149, outpointed Pvt. Jesse Kittrell, Griffin, Ga., 145.

### Chamberlain Fined

MONTREAL, Mar. 19—Mervyn "Red" Dutton, managing director of the National Hockey League, has fined Murph Chamberlain, Montreal wingman, \$100 and has suspended him for two games for attacking Referee Norman Lampara.

By Milton Caniff

## Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



GI leather-flayers were unusually active during the week, with ring shows breaking out all over the ETO like an epidemic of measles. . . . One of the best cards was seen by fans in Bury St. Edmunds, where only two of the 12 bouts went the distance. . . . Eight kayos, a TKO and an unintentional foul studded the program. . . . An enterprising ringside observer forwards the information that Sgt. Robert Kiker, of Birmingham, Ala., absorbed 49 stiff jolts to the jaw before he crumbled to the canvas to give Cpl. James Burns, of Struthers, Ohio, a knock-out triumph.

Jesse Flores, 158-pound former San Francisco Diamond Belt champion, staggered George Parnell, Girard, Pa., 154-pounder, in the first exchange after the opening bell and rocked him to sleep with clubbing rights to the body and head early in the first round of the feature as an Infantry ring team won its fifth straight match. . . . In the most abrupt finish of the night, Henry Huerta, 140-pounder from Peoria, Ill., polished off Walt Anglum, Jersey City 141-pounder, in 45 seconds.

Behemoths at a USAAF Fighter Station added a new touch to their boxing activity, offering a weight-lifting and muscle control exhibition by Sgt. Johnny Hartman, of Chicago, and Pvt. Frank Spellman, former national middleweight weight-lifting champ from Detroit. . . . And the Screaming Eagles pounded out a 5-2 victory in a series of team matches against an Armored unit. . . . The classiest glove duel went to Pvt. Ralph Pombano, Eagles' 158-pounder from Brooklyn, who eked out a hairline win over Sgt. Johnny Chipman, of Orange, Colo., 156.

The Vehicle five trounced the Maintenance crew, 28-10, to capture the basketball title at a General Depot. . . . Although playing with a broken nose suffered a few days before the game, Pvt. Joseph Sheets, of Winston-Salem, N. Car., starred for the Vehiclers and contributed six points to the triumph. . . . A new team launched its campaign with success when the all-star Eight Ballers, representing a HQ unit, humbled the General Hospital, 31-26. . . . The Eight Ballers average better than six feet per man.

The Composite Command cagers dumped the Service Command, Eighth AAF champion, 37-32, in the semifinals of a large-scale basketball tourney. . . . The victors were paced by S/Sgt. Robert Roth, ex-Wayne U. star from Detroit, who notched 15 points. . . . Cpl. Ralph Grieve, of Pittsburgh, was high for the losers with ten.

Sgt. Albert Piotrowski, Kansas City, Mo., hoopster, ran up a total of 19 points to lead the Service Stars to a 43-34 victory over the previously undefeated Ack-Acks, and the station championship of an ETO fighter station, and led by Cpl. Kenny Bergman, of Youngstown, Ohio, who netted 18 points, the powerful Zemke Wolf Pack overcame a 26-23 halftime deficit to defeat the Bomb Division Wheels, 53-37, and earn a place in the semi-final round of the Eighth Air Force basketball tourney.

Johnny Gacek, who has issued a challenge to all grunt and groaners in the ETO, used his famous "Octopus Clamp" to polish off the Russian Bear—Sgt. Sylvester Karney, of Bronx, N.Y.—Friday in a wrestling show at an Airborne base.

Two service groups met in the finals of the Service Command basketball tourney and the five captained by Pvt. Petite, came out on top by the one-sided score of 61-28. . . . Lt. Biele, S/Sgt. Schlichter, of Chicago and Pfc Egan, former University of Detroit hoopster, led the winners with 11 points each while M/Sgt. Kolick, of Greenburg, Pa., was high man for the losers, with ten.

## Pants Rowland Predicts 'Interesting' Race on Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 19—The Pacific Coast League pennant race should be interesting this season, according to Clarence "Pants" Rowland, League president. He claims that the inroads of military service have hit all teams equally.

"I don't look for anything like last year when Los Angeles finished ahead of the field by 20 games," he said. "Only three or four teams were able to show a profit last year." Rowland added, "but all clubs are standing by and deserve a world of credit from the players and public they serve."

## Army May Stage Olympics For Servicemen After War

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—The Army is making plans to stage an international services Olympiad after the war, according to Rep. Mike Monroney, of Oklahoma.

The games may begin on the spot at the war fronts and wind up with the finals in some major capital, probably London. The Olympiad may be dedicated to young athletes who lost their lives in the war, according to Monroney.

# Jack Annexes Easy Decision Over Al Davis

## Bummy No Match for Beau In Madison Square Garden Bout

NEW YORK, Mar. 19.—Beau Jack, bootblack from Augusta, Ga., outslugged Al "Bummy" Davis, Brooklyn, N.Y., slugger, in a one-sided ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden before 19,963 fight fans Friday night and thereby earned a return match with Bob Montgomery, to whom he dropped his New York-Pennsylvania lightweight title two weeks ago.

The fight was so one-sided that Judge Joe Angello gave Beau all ten rounds and Judge Frank Forbes and Referee Billy Cavanaugh scored nine for Beau and one for Bummy. Beau was a 13-5 favorite and the first favorite to win in the last five Garden bouts.

Davis opened the contest with a whirlwind attack that seemed a repetition of his 63-second kayo of Bob Montgomery five weeks ago, but Jack weathered the storm and settled down to give Davis as artistic a pasting as Fritz Zivic gave him in their welterweight title go two years ago.

Jack's speed gave him a tremendous advantage over Davis, who was five pounds heavier at 142 and a half. For the first four rounds it was an interesting bout, with Jack having the edge, but after the fifth, when Davis weakened under the Negro boy's persistent attack to the head and body, Beau coasted. In the final round he stood up and traded punches with Davis, whose vaunted kayo wallop had lost all its steam.

The crowd, which was the largest since Joe Louis joined the Army, contributed the largest purse since that time, \$132,823, to see the one-sided affair. The Red Cross was enriched by more than \$9,000 as a result of the fight. Jack contributed \$1,000 to the New York chapter and then headed south with \$3,677.43 for his home town chapter. Davis made like contributions to the New York chapter.

Contributions from other boxers on the card are expected to raise the total to \$15,000, \$6,000 more than last year's benefit bout between Jack and Henry Armstrong.



Beau Jack

## LaMotta Pounds Out Decision Over Welch

BOSTON, Mar. 19.—Jake LaMotta, New York middleweight, retained his "duration" title by pounding out a ten-round decision over New England tilist Patrick Coley Welch, of Portland, Me.

It was a one-sided affair with the New Yorker pounding Welch's body savagely in all but the third and fourth stanzas. Welch staggered LaMotta in the third, but the latter recovered before Welch could do any further damage.

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HANDBAG, khaki, zipper type; my initials and ASN on it; Mar. 8; reward.—Pfc George Benedetto.

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A Reunion dinner for men of Vanderbilt University and the University of Tennessee will be held at the No. 3 Grosvenor Sq. Club Saturday at 6:30 P.M.—Reservations should be sent to The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, Printing House Sq., London, EC4. No reservations accepted after Mar. 23.

## Film Swap Service Fills Many Requests

Many of the hundreds of requests for exchange of film already have been fulfilled through the "film exchange by mail" service recently set up by The Stars and Stripes Help Wanted department.

Others desiring this service should send Help Wanted a list of the film on hand and what is required in exchange. These letters will be filed in the order in which they are received. Correspondents will be notified when their respective requests and offers "match." No film will be accepted at The Stars and Stripes office for exchange.

## Rape Charge Against Mauriello Dismissed

NEW YORK, Mar. 19.—The rape charge against Tami Mauriello, heavy-weight who lost an upset to Joe Baksi, Kulpmont, Pa., coal miner, in the Garden last month, has been dismissed, the district attorney's office announced Friday.

Thursday the grand jury refused to indict Mauriello after hearing testimony by a 15-year-old girl who accused the 20-year-old fighter. General Sessions Judge John Mullin discharged the case.

## Division Stops Iceland Five

### Blue Quintet Notches 29th Straight Victory With 49-21 Triumph

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

— INFANTRY DIVISION BASE, Mar. 19.—Playing a rough and tumble style of basketball, the Infantry Blues increased their string of victories to 29 straight as they downed the Eagles, Iceland champs, 49-21, here Friday night. It was the first setback for Iceland five in the ETO.

The Blues took an early lead when Pfc John Bocchino, of Brooklyn, N.Y., scored from under the basket at one minute of the opening period. Pfc Ted Cwiczynski, of Weirton, W. Va., diminutive sparkplug of the Icelanders, tied the score 30 seconds later on a pass from Pfc Johnnie Porec, also of Weirton. The Blues marched into the lead a few seconds later and were never headed thereafter.

In a vain attempt to overcome the 25-8 advantage the Blues had stacked up by halftime, the Eagles racked up seven tallies in the first five minutes of the third quarter, but faltered thereafter as the Blues jumped their margin.

Bocchino led the game's scoring with 20 points, while Sgt. Thurman Hopper, of Ranger, Ga., again sparked the Eagle attack with six points.

## Harrison Leads Charlotte Play

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Mar. 19.—Sgt. Ed "Dutch" Harrison, of the USAAF, fired two eagles, including an ace on the 145-yard 12th hole, to take a two-stroke lead in the \$10,000 Charlotte Open Golf Tournament with a 66 and 70 for a half-way mark of 136.

Harrison made his bid at the close of a hectic day that saw Byron Nelson slap one into the tennis courts and PGA president, Ed Dudley, hit two spectators on one hole.

Nelson settled down after shooting a five on a par three ninth hole to card 70 for third place at 140. Sammy Byrd, former major league outfielder, was fourth with 142 and Jimmy Hines, of Amsterdam, N.Y., was fifth with 143. Ed Furgol, of Birmingham, Mich., was high in the amateur bracket at 147.

## Ford Shatters 100-Yd. Mark

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Mar. 19.—Alan Ford, Yale star tankman, shattered his own record for the 100-yard free-style swim last night, covering the distance in the Payne Whitney pool in 49.7 seconds.

The old record was officially listed as 50.6 seconds, but Ford broke that several weeks ago in a time trial, sanctioned by the AAU, in 50.1 seconds.

Swimming unpaced last night, Ford hit the half in 22.7 seconds and 75 yards at 35.8. Three AAU clockers caught him at 49.7 and the fourth at 49.6.

### Chisox Lose Tresh

CHICAGO, Mar. 19.—Chicago White Sox pennant dreams hit a snag when Mike Tresh, veteran catcher, notified the club that he intends to enter military service or remain at his Detroit war job and will not report for spring training. The Chisox also announced that Thornton Lee, southpaw moundsman who underwent an operation on his ailing arm last fall, has been signed.

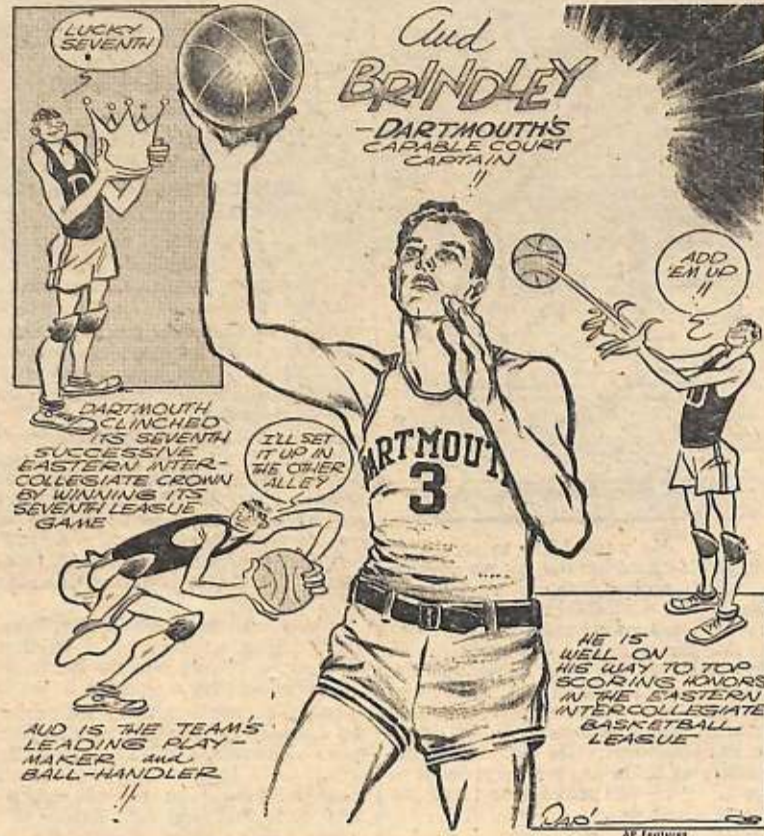
## Li'l Abner



# Blues Blank Canadians, 18-0

Indian Ace

By Pap



## Pug Talks, They Listen

### Rentner, With Navy in ETO, 'Too Old' Now for GI Sports

A NAVY AIR BASE, Mar. 19.—Big-name athletes are so abundant in the services, they hardly cause a ripple these days, but when football becomes the bull-session topic at this station, Lt. (jg) Ernest "Pug" Rentner, assistant gunnery officer, tells most of the stories and settles the arguments.

For Pug is an authority on gridiron lore, being the same gent who cut such a fancy figure in Northwestern's backfield during 1930-33, and later starred among the play-for-pay pigskin artists. He was one of the greatest of a long line of great Northwestern backs, winning a place on the All-American team during his sophomore year.

Worrying about what military service will do to former athletes is so much eyewash, according to Pug. "Some of the older men may be hurt by their inactivity," he said, "but the youngsters should have no trouble picking up their careers when the war ends."

Rentner, who comes from Joliet, Ill., has seen most of the stars of collegiate and professional football in action ever since 1933, when he played in the first all-star game at Chicago. "It's impossible to name anyone as the 'greatest' of all-time, but when it comes to passing, my vote goes to Sammy Baugh," he declared. "Slingin' Sammy" is just about everybody's choice, but Pug's dope comes straight from the "feed box." After a year in the Chicago Bears' backfield, he migrated to Boston, playing alongside Baugh and Cliff Battles in the Redskins' lineup for three years before Laundryman George Marshall moved the club's franchise to Washington.

"Too old" for active participation in sports now, or so he says, Pug keeps in trim by officiating an occasional GI football game or working out with this



Pug Rentner

station's officers' basketball team, one of the strongest quints in the ETO.

## Bosse High School Quint Cops Indiana Cage Crown

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Mar. 19.—Bosse High School, of Evanston, won the 34th annual Indiana high school basketball championship, defeating Kokomo, 39-35, in the final game of its tournament started four weeks ago with 778 teams entered.

Bosse entered the finals by beating Laporte, 41-38, in the afternoon game after Kokomo eliminated favored Anderson, 30-26. It was Bosse's first state title.

## More Sports Dropped on Coast

PULLMAN, Wash., Mar. 19.—Spring intercollegiate sports have been lopped from the calendar by schools in the northern division of the Pacific Coast Conference. Last fall every school in the league except Washington abandoned football for the duration.

## Coast Guard Gridders Schedule West Point

NEW LONDON, Conn., Mar. 19.—The Coast Guard Academy has announced a nine-game football schedule for 1944, with the West Point Cadets on the list for the first time.

The schedule opens Sept. 15 with Bates, Trinity, Yale, Worcester Tech, RPI, Army, Tufts, Brown and Dartmouth in that order.

## Paul Brown Gets Navy Berth

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Mar. 19.—Paul Brown, Ohio State football coach, has passed his physical and been accepted by the Navy.

## Army Rejects Cavarretta

CHICAGO, Mar. 19.—Phil Cavarretta, 26-year-old southpaw who has alternated at first base and outfield for the Cubs since 1934, has been rejected for service by Army doctors due to an old leg injury.

## Bayne Scores All of Winners' 3 Touchdowns

### Tom Thompson Bulwarks Attack; Completes Ten Of 15 Passes

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Lt. Jimmy Holston's travelling gridiron circus—the colorful Infantry Division Blues—swooped down on London's White City Stadium yesterday for the first time to amuse 55,000 fans with their razzle-dazzle play as the ETO champions thoroughly bewildered the Canadian Army Mustangs, 18-0.

It was the fifth straight conquest for the unbeaten, unscored-on Infantry eleven, and gave the Canadians an even break in two meetings with American football teams. The Mustangs defeated the CBS Pirates, 16-6, last month.

Cpl. Johnny Bayne, slippery halfback from Ridgefort, Ill., scored all three touchdowns to drive the Blues to their comparatively easy triumph. But it was Sgt. Tommy Thompson, star halfback from Ft. Worth, Tex., who formerly played with the Philadelphia Eagles, who stole the show with his brilliant one-man-gang performance.

Averaged 20 Yards a Try

Thompson was a doubtful starter until shortly before the game began, but there was nothing doubtful about his ability to set the Mustangs back on their heels after the opening kickoff. He picked up yardage consistently from scrimmage, averaged more than 20 yards per try in returning punts and completed ten of 15 passes, two being payoff throws to Bayne.

The first half, played under Canadian rules, failed to mystify Thompson and his mates. The Blues held a 5-0 margin (touchdowns are worth only five points in Canada) when the game shifted to familiar American rules.

Sgt. Floyd Brown, Mustang wingback from Toronto, fumbled the opening kickoff and Pfc Joe Long, right tackle, recovered for the Blues on the enemy's 35. Then Thompson's pass to 2/Lt. Forest Ferguson, sticky-fingered end from Stuart, Fla., and ground plays by Fullback Dick Dreher, of N. Hollywood, Cal., and S/Sgt. Charley Sealzott, quarterback, carried to the six, but Thompson's pass was intercepted by Lt. Orville Burke, halfback from Ottawa, thwarting the threat.

Whitaker Intercepts

Midway in the period the Blues moved deep into Mustang territory again, only to have Lt. Col. Denny Whitaker, quarterback from Hamilton, snatch Thompson's pass intended for Ferguson on the Canuck 15-yard line.

A poor kick by Sgt. Joe Bell, Mustang end from Toronto, set the stage for the Blues' first touchdown, Bayne dashing back to the Canadians' 18 after catching the ball. On the first play Thompson reeled back and threw a pass to Bayne, who caught it unmolested in the end-zone. Dreher's kick was blocked.

Under American rules in the second half the Blues were able to capitalize on the fierce blocking of Ferguson, Cpl. Stewart "Tex" Clarkson, rugged center and ex-Chicago Bears star, and Long.

The Mustangs tried to make the distance when they needed one yard on fourth down halfway through the third period, but the entire Blue line smothered Burke on his own 29. Thompson knifed to the 17, then unleashed a pass to 1/Sgt. Dave Swanson, lanky end, who batted the ball into the air, Bayne coming from the side to grab it for a touchdown. Dreher's placement was good.

Bayne's third touchdown jaunt culminated a 70-yard downfield march by the Blues early in the fourth period. Thompson returned Capt. Huck Welch's long punt from the Blue 18 to the 30. Then Thompson, Bayne and Pvt. Don Marriott, reserve halfback from Oswego, N.Y., plowed to the Mustang ten in six plays, from where Bayne scooted left end to score on a reverse from Thompson.

Here are the lineups:

Blues—18	Pos.	Mustangs—0
Ferguson	LE	Withers
Bobbles	LT	Chamko
Menicacci	LG	Day
Clarkson	C	Fathouski
Vellice	RG	Mackenzie
Long	RT	Turnbull
Swanson	RE	Bell
Sealzott	QB	Whitaker
Evans	RH	Burke
Thompson	LH	Brown
Dreher	FB	Drinkwater
Bayne	TB	Welch

(\*Tailback or wingback in Canadian half only)

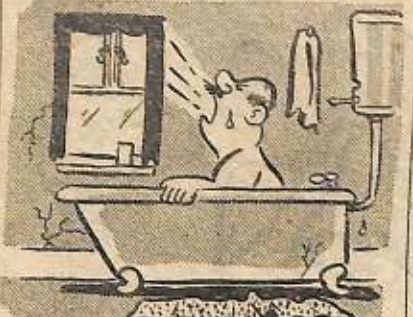
By Al Capp

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Hash Marks

The London press reported that a giant wolf, eight feet long and claimed to be one of the biggest ever seen, has been caught in the mountains of Norway. Reading this item a British girl commented, "I didn't know the Yanks had landed there yet!"



the radio. He wanted her to scrub his back, so he called her but got no answer. He called again, shouting louder and louder. The next thing the Englishman knew he heard a loud knock on the front door and the voice of a strange man. In a few minutes his wife came upstairs laughing and he asked her what had happened. She explained that when she opened the door there stood an American with fixed bayonet. He had heard the screams and come to save the woman in distress. PS.—She asked him in to tea the next afternoon.

Smile of the week: "As out of date as an Afrika Korps uniform." One of our spies reports that, after watching our faithful Zippos in action, a Nazi agent sent this disconcerting report to headquarters, "Every American officer is now armed with a flame thrower." Overheard in the Blackout—where anything is liable to happen and usually does. First GI: "Boy, I'm through with that gal—she's got the DTs." His Pal: "You mean delirium tremens?" First GI: "No—Don't Touch!" Way down in the deep south a little colored boy has come through with a colorful, appropriate name for War Savings Stamps. He calls them "Hitler Burial Society Stamps."



It happens every day. The wax figures raised their eyebrows the other day when a master sergeant from a fighter station asked a lavishly uniformed figure for a program. The sarge explained the tea and spam were getting him down. His GI pals are considering donating a figure of the sarge to the museum as a species of "homo GI." A Pfc who has been over here long enough to know says that England enjoys the most beautiful winter weather all summer of any place he's ever seen. J. C. W.

Breakfast in U.K.—Supper in U.S.

That's an Old Story At International Airport Here

By Andrew A. Rooney  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PRESTWICK, Scotland, Mar. 19—On the bulletin board at the airport here a homesick Yank can see a sign like this: "There are 25 seats open on 'A' Flight to Washington tonight. Anyone interested see Flight Control." This is the place where trips to America cause just about as much commotion as the 8.15 ferry run across the Hudson causes in the Lackawanna ferry house back in Hoboken. For Prestwick is one of the crossroads of the world. Into this terminal fly planes from America, shuttling everything from bomber crews to big-name entertainers and bigger-name statesmen. Out of it may fly other planes bound for Moscow, Gibraltar, North Africa, Iceland, Sweden, Goose Bay, Cairo, as well as Canada and the States.

If you hear that Jack Benny, Wendell Willkie, five senators or a mission to Moscow have flown into the British Isles, this is where they may have flown in. There is almost nothing that flies for the United Nations that hasn't flown in here. Thousands of Fortresses, Liberators, C47s, Lancasters, Mosquitoes and Hudsons have been ferried across the Atlantic to first land here on one of the longest landing strips in the world. One runway is 2,200 yards long, one mile and a quarter. Lease-lend planes headed for the Russian battle front have passed through Prestwick, and a large number of the bombers seeing action in the Mediterranean have flown into this field at one time or another.

All Types of Planes Scattered through the hangars are large numbers of every type of aircraft in use by the air forces in Britain. There are, for instance, Liberators with African sands still stuck in their screw heads; other Liberators brand new and ready for combat; Liberators painted white, but dirty grey now after thousands of hours of patrol work with the RAF coastal command. Finally there are Liberators which have been converted into transports.

Prestwick is an aircraft identity expert's nightmare. It looks like the wall paper pattern that has replaced the pink elephants on Hitler's bedroom wall at Berchtesgaden. There may be, at any given time, as many as 70 different types of planes on the field, ranging from ancient, four-engined Dutch-built Fokkers to single-engined fighters. The field was built and still belongs to a private company, Scottish Aviation Ltd. This firm, which is expected to be in the thick of the fight for post-war passenger and cargo traffic, is in the unique position of having contracts which give to it the servicing and handling of the aircraft ferried into Prestwick. With remarkable foresight Scottish Aviation here is already looking to the future.

Administratively, Prestwick is a conveniently organized Anglo-American command, set up to handle the most planes with the most passengers and cargo aboard in the shortest possible time. Actually the field is under RAF command, but Prestwick's businesses are so diverse that the RAF farms out the administration of its integral parts. Two of the parts are the RAF and the U.S. Air Transport Commands. Prest-



Men checking in at this counter—the world's most international hotel—may be spending their last night here before quick trips to Washington, Montreal, Cairo, Casablanca, Moscow or Italy. It's the hotel at Prestwick, international airport,

wick is one headquarters of the European wing of the U.S. ATC. ATC is another conveniently organized command. Its personnel is a mixture of the best of Army and civilian air transport brains, and its facilities and operating procedures are the result of a service-civilian wedding. It is sometimes difficult to tell where the Army starts and the civilian stops. All crews of the four-engined C54s are civilian and the pilots are among the world's most experienced. The European wing operating from Prestwick is one of the nine world-wide ATC wings. In one six-month period the European wing had 650 cargo and passenger planes fly into this field alone, with 7,000 passengers and millions of pounds of cargo. A large part of the cargo was troop mail. The weather stations and communications departments at Prestwick are among the world's most complete. By radio or cable Prestwick is always in direct communication with such scattered key points as Moscow, Bermuda, Montreal, Iceland, Labrador, Casablanca. They could probably have your home phone ringing in five minutes.

Highest Cable Priority Weather permits direct radio contact part of the time but during dirty weather the communications section uses the trans-Atlantic cable service. They are in direct contact with commercial cable wires and have the highest priority, their messages being cleared within minutes. Prestwick's trans-Atlantic control offices have a big job. They have handled a great many incoming planes a day from overseas and they have to know at all times where the plane is. The office is informed when a plane or group of planes leaves the other side. When it is roughly half way across, the field from which it flew passes control to this side, and it is Prestwick's business then to get in touch with the pilots and stay in touch, guiding them in.

"You'd be surprised the trouble we have keeping young pilots from taking their planes right on into Norway," one of the RAF control officers says. "There have been cases where we've really had to argue to convince pilots that we knew better than they did where they were." The control offices often have encountered trouble getting planes into

Iceland on their return trip. Standard procedure would be for them to turn control over to Iceland when the plane was well on its way, but often Iceland is unable to contact the plane through unfavorable local weather conditions.

One plane was lost within 50 miles of its destination in Iceland and could not establish radio contact with the base. The radio operator got in touch with Prestwick across the ocean and the Prestwick authorities quickly established the plane's location by getting a triangular "fix" on the lost plane from radio stations at extreme ends of the British Isles. Prestwick directed the pilot to its Icelandic base within half an hour of the SOS.

12 Hours from Montreal The first delivery made to this Atlantic air terminal was completed Nov. 11, 1940, when a fleet of Hudsons set their wheels on the Prestwick East-West runway. Today pilots are taking off in Montreal at midnight Greenwich Mean Time and landing at Prestwick at noon. In July, 1943, the first glider was towed across the Atlantic and landed at Prestwick. The operation was a noble experiment, but only slightly more practical than Wright's first flight off the sands at Kitty Hawk. Two months later the first Canadian-built Lancaster, The Ruhr Express, flew into Prestwick. That bomber was the first of a steady stream. Scottish Aviation built the Orangefield Hotel at Prestwick to provide peacetime passengers at the air base with luxury accommodation. The hotel housed most of the world's great golfers, at one time or another, when they came to play on Prestwick's famous links.

The Orangefield Hotel is no longer capable of accommodating all the transients who pour into the field, and additional Red Cross-like hotel accommodations have been built on the field. The Orangefield Hotel is one of the few places in the British Isles where eggs are still on the breakfast menu and it is without a doubt the only place where you can eat your fried egg across the table from a Russian liaison officer talking in French to a Polish lieutenant and look out the window to see three sergeants, a German prisoner and a major general climb out of a C54 from North Africa and climb into another for America.

The New Goal

A great man once said: "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God." He also said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Any good soldier can understand a clearly stated directive. That has been proved in this theater, for during the next five years 500 British war orphans will benefit by more than £50,000 generously donated to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund by GIs who believe in their hearts that it is better to give than to receive.

The fund, since the first, has been ably administered by the American Red Cross and has given a few of the good things in life to those who otherwise might not have been able to secure even the necessities, and in return orphans assisted have given us all something which cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

But as the war continues the need to expand the program grows. Having attained our original goal of £50,000, we have decided to raise our sights. This time we feel it should be double- or nothing.

£100,000 will provide a fund which will help 1,000 orphans face the future with new hope and courage. It will give them the jam for their bread, warmer clothes, better shoes, short holidays, food supplies and other extras dear to the heart of every normal child.

And in giving this help to the children of Britain's heroic dead . . . those men who paid the full price to ensure freedom to all people . . . we are helping the better world we all want to live in when the war and the peace have been won.

The Dutch Strike Back

In addition to facing increasing pressure from the "Big Four" of the United Nations, Axis leaders are feeling an ever-sharpening pain from that constant thorn in their side—retaliation by the occupied nations.

That this is not limited to work of the underground or partisan forces attacking on land is emphasized by a recent report that a total of 25,000 tons of shipping has been sunk by a Dutch submarine which recently returned to Great Britain after 19 months' duty in Far Eastern waters.

Thus, the Dutch have struck back in "home waters," for the submarine sank two Japanese merchant ships in the Malacca Straits.

As an added touch to their naval conquests the submarine picked up and brought to England seven Dutchmen who escaped from Holland. All were men from the underground movement; so now the Allies have use of vital information provided by men who have a first-hand picture of Nazi operations in their country.

With the final mighty blow against the continent gathering momentum, each act of retaliation by the conquered nations takes on a new importance. In these two services the valiant Dutch have made vital contributions to the eventual liberation of their country.

A Daring Assault

Japan, self-styled master of surprise warfare, has had another good dose of her own medicine. In the biggest mass air and ground attack yet carried out by the Allies U.S. gliders and transports have cut out a base in Burma from under the feet of Japanese forces.

Details of this daring assault, the first air-and-ground operation of its type in world history, paint a picture which is most encouraging to the people of the United Nations and quite foreboding to the uneasy Axis partner of the Far East.

Above all, the attack was a masterful example of close cooperation between British and American units. The American-manned gliders carried British and Indian assault forces and American engineers.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Oh come now! Them bars don't fool me a bit—underneath it all I think you are a very charming creature!"

Knead to Loaf, but No Loafing Bakers Will Be In There Pitching for the Invasion

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A QM BAKERY UNIT, Mar. 19—Although granted that they must have complained about many things, Americans in France in World War I spent a good deal of their time griping about the bread served them. The staff of life, they bitterly told mess sergeants, was rather splintery. One wit even said it was crummy.

The men of this unit, however, swear it's going to be different on the continent battlefield in this war, for when the invasion armies push into Western Europe, rolling with them—or not far behind them—will be mobile outfits like this one, equipped to "punch" huge batches of dough and remove endless trays of gray-brown bread from field ovens. Working now on a 24-hour schedule to turn out bread for thousands of American troops in the ETO, the Army bakers are trained to work under field conditions and in combat areas. Everything is on wheels—even water purifiers which quickly sterilize large amounts of water for dough-mixing and for drinking. Average daily production of this unit is 12,000 loaves—a lot more than the little bakery around the corner ever sold in that time. Sometimes the unit hits a peak of 15,000 loaves daily—enough to feed 60,000 soldiers. Production like that can get a little monotonous. "Here everything is bread, bread, bread," according to S/Sgt. Elliott Williams, of New York, who as a civilian baker delighted in preparing elaborately iced cakes and tasty pies. Acclaimed by his fellow workers as a bakery genius, Williams before his induc-

tion worked as a fancy-pastry chef for eight years. Now he's an Army bakery foreman with a host of technical problems to solve. Williams and 1/Lt. Haldine Shelley, of Cleever, Mo., unit commander, are the only two men in the outfit with civilian baking experience. Shelley worked as a baker for several years to raise his tuition to Kansas State College. Pvt. Joseph P. Franklin, of New Orleans, ate a lot of bread before he entered the Army, but he insists now that in the post-war world he'll pariaque of it sparingly. He handles more than 5,000 loads of bread a shift. "In the last six months," he said, "I've smelled enough bread to last me for 60 years." Shortly after the outfit arrived in the ETO it was given a course of instruction on the use of British baking equipment. Now it still uses the British equipment, even prefers it to the American. Not only does it save a tremendous number of man-hours, but it has mechanical features which make it superior to U.S. models, the men declare. The production of just one loaf of GI bread takes this unit four hours and 35 minutes. T/5 Ernie Chamberlain, of Philadelphia, in mixing enough dough for 288 two-pound loaves, sets aside 420 pounds of flour, eight pounds of salt, six pounds of sugar, six pounds of shortening and seven pounds of yeast. Chamberlain's mixture is placed in a British field steam oven and in 55 minutes Pvt. Ollie Phillips, of Miami, gives the bread a final test for firmness. Sgt. Richard M. Thomas, of Houston, Tex., is the unit's chief mechanic. His duties range from tending delicate dynamos to supervising mechanical work on the ovens.

# NEWS FROM HOME Younger Men Must Be Called, Roosevelt Says

## Those Over 26 Too Old For Combat, He Insists; Plants to Lose Workers

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19—Men under 26 in the nation's war plants were given additional notice this weekend that most of them soon would be wearing olive drab. It came from no less an authority than President Roosevelt, now in the midst of an investigation of draft deferments.

Few men under 26 would be found indispensable to industry, Mr. Roosevelt told his press conference, whereas men under 26 were indispensable on the battle fronts.

Pointing out that men over 26 are much too old for the battle lines, the President said that the chief manpower problem at present was the need of the armed forces for men under that age.

The Chief Executive's remarks, coming shortly after Selective Service officials had told a House subcommittee that 160,000 pre-war fathers might have to be inducted soon because there were no others to take the places of younger men deferred because they hold essential industrial jobs, were taken in some quarters as foreshadowing the general outlines of a statement on manpower expected this week.

Mr. Roosevelt said the statement might emphasize the necessity for taking young men out of industry and putting them in uniform.

### Bill (of Goods) for Divorce

MINNEAPOLIS, Mar. 19—George H. Christian, business man, filed a cross bill after his wife Dorothy sued him for divorce. He charged that she wore stockings with runs in them while she had 140 new pairs at home—plus 200 hats, 814 handkerchiefs, 400 dresses, 52 beauty kits, 79 blouses and several hundred jars of face cream. Christian said he rented a store and sold for \$1,000 the stuff she had hoarded.

### Revenge Is Sweet

LONG BRANCH, N.J., Mar. 19—Leo J. Warwick, city solicitor, dug into the statute books to find an ordinance regulating the height of awnings. When questioned about his interest in the obscure ordinance, Warwick, who is more than six feet tall, pointed to a bump on his head.

### Clean Out of Laundries

GRINNELL, Iowa, Mar. 19—Grinnell College is in the laundry business. The last commercial laundry here closed, and dirty shirts grew dirtier. But college officials offered Grinnell the facilities of their student-operated laundry.

### Why Not Ask 'Ike'?

ABILENE, Kan., Mar. 19—Another proposal to name a street for this town's most famous resident, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, has revived old arguments. Everyone wants a street named after "Ike," but no group can agree as to what street should lose its old identity.

### Legislators Deny Plot

LANSING, Mich., Mar. 19—Pleas of innocent were entered in circuit court for 22 past and present members of the Michigan Legislature charged with conspiring to enact legislation affecting interest rates charged by small-loan companies.

### Ranch Riches Go to Town

RUSHVILLE, Neb., Mar. 19—Municipal finances will be no problem for this prairie town with a pre-war population of 1,125. A sum between \$250,000 and \$300,000 was left to the town by A. M. Modisett, pioneer citizen, who made his money in ranching.

### 3 Civilians Die in Air Crash

HOUSTON, Tex., Mar. 19—The comptroller of the Superior Oil Co. and two other men were killed when a civilian plane crashed on a mountainside ten minutes after taking off from the El Paso Municipal Airport.

### Ski Troopers, Attention

IKALAKA, Mont., Mar. 19—Wilfred Forcier, of Pinielle, was ordered to report here for induction, 30 miles from his home. Heavy snowfalls blocked the roads, but Forcier walked the entire distance through drifts in stormy weather.

### Deposition From Briton Is Sought by Cromwell

ELIZABETH, N.J., Mar. 19—Counsel for James H. R. Cromwell, husband of tobacco heiress Doris Duke and former U.S. minister to Canada has announced he would ask court permission to take a deposition from an unidentified witness in London in support of his divorce suit. Cromwell, charging a British member of Parliament supplanted him in his wife's affections, is asking the court to void his wife's Nevada divorce granted last Dec. 22.

### Nazi Leaflets in Oklahoma Traced to German Captive

TISHOMINGO, Okla., Mar. 19—Crudely-printed Nazi propaganda leaflets were found in this home of the Chickasaw Indians. The leaflets were traced to a German prisoner of war who passed through the town with a prisoner convoy.

## 'Your Bags, Sir?'



This is just another new sight these days along Broadway. The Astor hotel, already filled with pretty girls manning the elevators, now has added "doorgirls" to its contingent of female help. One is pretty 20-year-old Mary McNamara, of 120 W. 109th Street, who is helping the hotel's guests by opening doors and toting luggage.

## Negro Denies Murdering Woman in D.C. Cathedral

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—Jules Fisher, 31-year-old Negro porter, pleaded not guilty to a charge of murdering Catherine Cooper Reardon in the Washington Cathedral.

Miss Reardon, 37-year-old assistant librarian at the Cathedral, was found Mar. 2 in the basement pit, her head smashed, her body clad only in a slip.

## Justice at the Wheel

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Mar. 19—Two stolen cars collided, one caroming off the road and striking a pole, the other landing on a sidewalk. Both driver-thieves were gone when the police arrived.

## Male Call

WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE GENERALS—DO YOU ALLOW STRIP POKER IN THE ARMY? MAY I SEE WHAT THEY'RE DOING?

THEY'RE IN THEIR WORKING CLOTHES, MISS LACE... YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO GET TOO CLOSE TO THEM—THEY'VE A SMELL...

THAT EVENING... THE COLONEL'S COMPLIMENTS, MISS LACE... MAY HE CUT IN?

MY REGRETS TO THE COLONEL! TELL HIM I'M IN MY WORKING CLOTHES... HE WOULDN'T WANT TO GET TOO CLOSE TO ME—I SMELL!!

WHERE'S MY PIPE?

DO YOU HAVE TO HAVE IT RIGHT AWAY, DEAR?

YES! IMMEDIATELY

## Wed 3 to Get Allotment Cash

### Blonde Model Admits She Was Married to GI, 2 Gobs at Same Time

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J., Mar. 19—A 39-year-old attractive blonde model pleaded guilty to charges of marrying two sailors and an Army sergeant to get their dependency allotments.

FBI agents said the model, Mrs. Helen Nixon Trimble, had been married a total of five times. She acquired her last three husbands in the last seven years.

According to the FBI, she received her allotment checks at three different New Jersey addresses, collecting a total of \$2,000.

In Newark's Federal Court, Mrs. Trimble pleaded guilty to obtaining checks from Anthony Cerbone and Frank J. Cunard, both in the Navy, and Sgt. William E. Cole.

Samuel K. McKee, New Jersey FBI chief, said Mrs. Trimble, former Broadway bit player and Varga model, was first married at the age of 15 in 1919.

## Rayburn Pleased by Bid Coming From Parliament

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—Rep. Sam Rayburn, speaker of the House, said he was "most gratified" that the House of Commons had approved a motion to invite U.S. congressmen to visit Parliament. He added that on receipt of the invitation he would delegate members to represent the House.

A congressional spokesman said it would be "left to Vice President Henry Wallace to choose senators to go with the party" and that it was "more than likely that members of the Foreign Relations Committee will be chosen, but no names have been mentioned."

## Gunman Shoots Officer, Escapes in a Stolen Car

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 19—State Highway Patrolman Forrest M. Underwood was shot and seriously wounded by a youthful gunman who escaped with two women hostages after being thwarted in an attempt to hold up a Hollywood Blvd. liquor store.

The youth fled in a taxicab and shot the policeman when the driver stopped the cab and shouted that his passenger was a gunman. The youth then compelled two women in an automobile to drive him away. He released them after a mile and a half.

## The Lady Speaks Her Mind

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19—An irate woman stormed into the district attorney's office demanding the arrest of her husband for hitting her on the head with a kettle. A clerk asked for a description of the offender, received the following reply: "Bald, contemptible and ugly."

## Heaven Helps The Sailor on a Night Like This

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Mar. 19—Trust a sailor to know the meaning of any port in a storm.

Harry B. Thompson, 21, of Everett, Mass., and Daisy Washington, 21, of Jamaica Plain, Mass., wanted to be married in a hurry; he had to return to duty.

They obtained a license in Los Angeles and went to Ventura for the ceremony, only to learn their license was good only in Los Angeles County.

So they drove to a spot just 25 feet over the Los Angeles County side of the line. There, with the moon and the headlights of passing automobiles to break the darkness, they said their "I dos" beside the main highway before a justice of the peace.

## Use Rod and Spoil the Father

TOLEDO, Ohio, Mar. 19—It's spare the rod or go to the workhouse for the father found guilty of beating his nine children. The court told father: "If any of your children are disobedient from now on, let their mother use any forceful punishment required; you administer only the verbal scoldings."

## Judge Suggests Crooks' Legion

### Would Provide a Fighting Future for U.S. Men With Criminal Past

SEATTLE, Mar. 19—Formation of an American fighting unit patterned after the French Foreign Legion, using men with criminal pasts, was proposed this week by Superior Court Judge Clay Allen.

In a letter to Rep. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.), who said he would explore the possibility, Judge Allen said: "My idea would be to segregate these men into special training units and let them serve in Alaska or on foreign fronts. Most of them would make good soldiers."

## Auto Crash Is Trivial, He Confesses Murder

CAMERON, Mo., Mar. 19—While being questioned about a minor auto accident, Ronald Ackland, 21, told State Trooper Robert Walker he had something more serious on his mind. Then he related how he had killed his employer, Lester R. Giddings, 48, in the latter's farm home near Humboldt, Iowa, by hitting him with a bottle and hammer.

The youth faces a murder charge.



"He pulled his rank on me!"

Diane By Jean Baird



Male Call By Milton Caniff



Blondie By Chic Young



Thinking of You, Dear



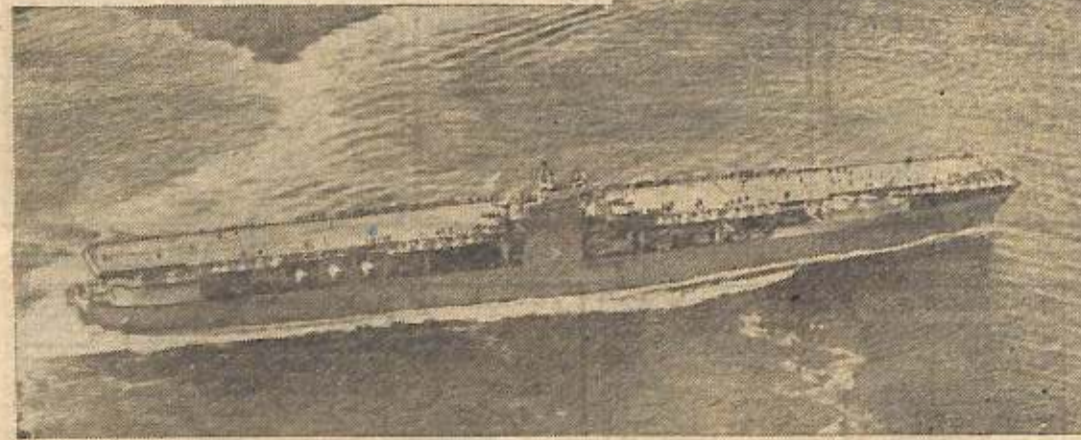
The lovely lady with the wistful look in her eyes is starlet Madeline LeBeau. Makes you think, don't it!

Quoth the Raven—'Thanks'



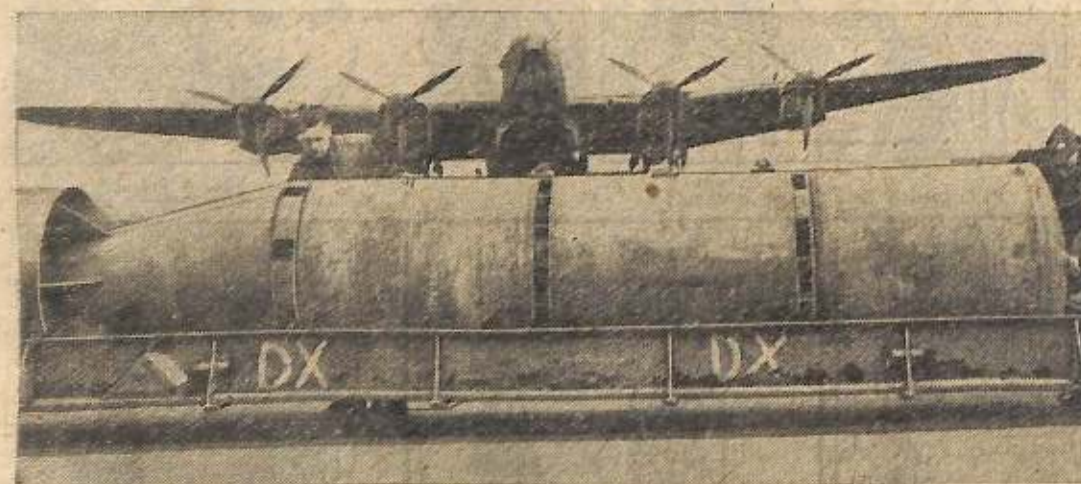
Associated Press Photo  
Jimmy the Raven has completed his 2,000th movie role. His reward: a handfed party given by lovely actress K. T. Stevens.

The Ranger Strikes



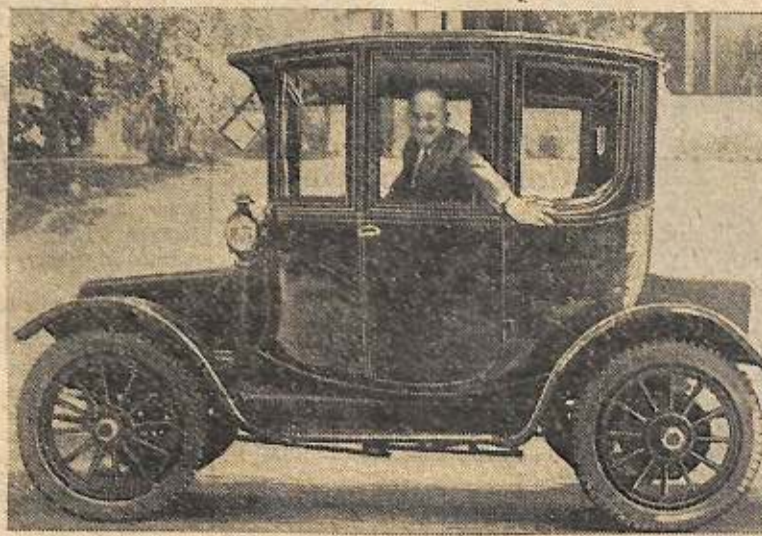
OWI Photo  
The Nazis have learned to fear this aircraft carrier, the Ranger. Planes from her deck sank six German vessels and downed two enemy planes during raids on shipping in waters off Norway.

The Bigger They Come The Harder They Fall



Here's a new slant on the RAF's heaviest cookie, the 12,000-pounder. This block-buster, pictured in front of a Lancaster, has been used with devastating effects on industrial targets in Naziland.

Ike Tries a Pre-World War I 'Jeep'



OWI Photo  
General Dwight D. Eisenhower testing an electric car during a pre-war visit to his wife's family in Denver. Gas rationing can't hurt this buggy.

They've Got Your Number!



Keystone Photo  
Chorus girl lovelies at the Edgewater Beach Hotel help beat the manpower shortage by doubling as hello gals at the switchboard between floor shows.

This Bomb Found Its Mark



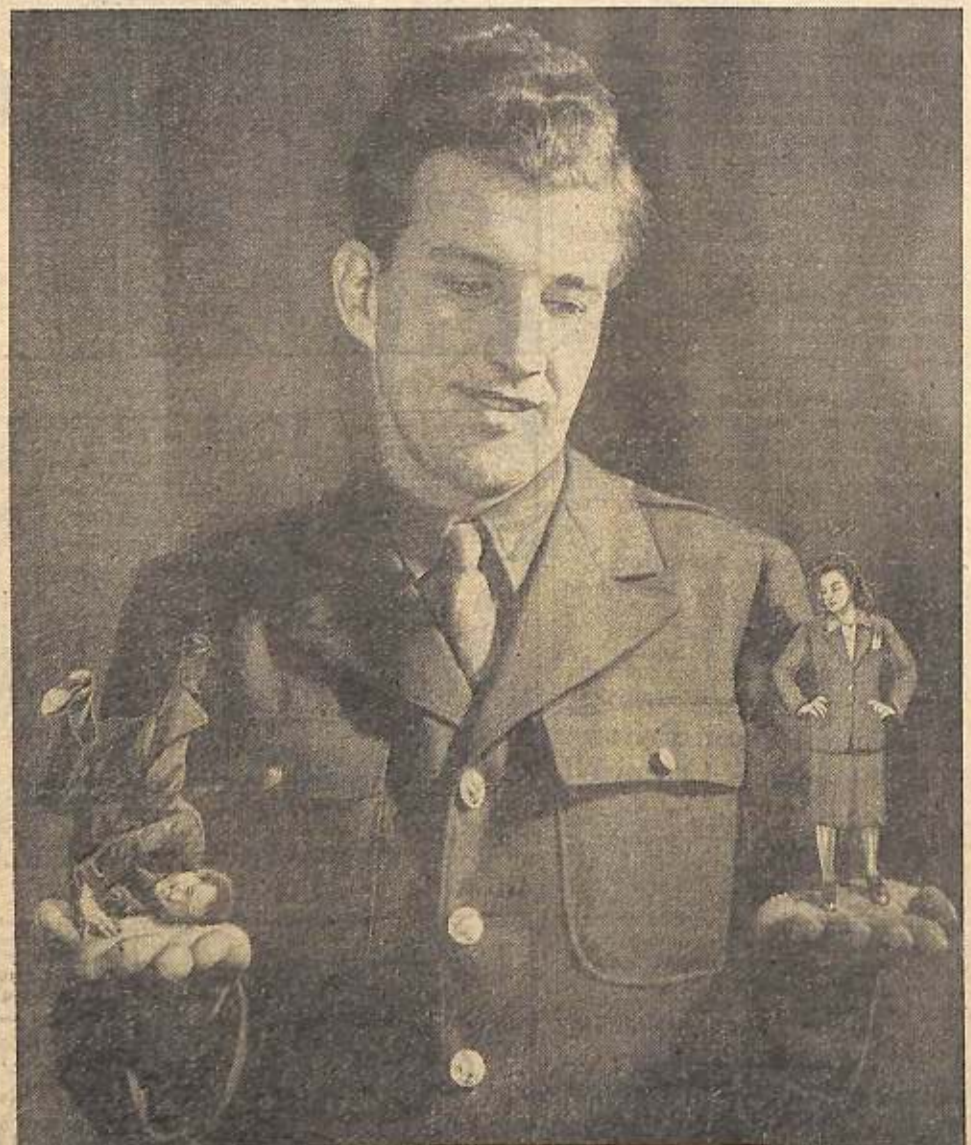
OWI Photo  
A Dauntless dive-bomber begins to pull out of its dive as its bomb heads squarely for the target—a Jap installation.

'A Stitch in Time . . .'



Keystone Photo  
Just to "soothe his nerves," dive-bomber pilot Lt. (jg) Lloyd Milligan does embroidery between missions. Nice work, too!

The Situation Well In Hand



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo  
Corporal Jack Powers of Boston watches with an amused look while Comedian Frankie Conville of the USO Camp Show "USA Calling" does a trick handstand for singer Maxine Martin.