

## Nazis Stopped at All Points in Tunisia

### Thaw, Snow Fail to Halt Red Drives

#### Russians Push Forward In Donetz Basin and in North

MOSCOW, Feb. 23 (UP)—Thaws in the southern Ukraine and the Kuban, favoring the Germans, and snowstorms in the northern parts of the front have brought no relaxation of the Red Army's pressure on the whole 1,000-mile front today.

In the Kuban, where the thaws might reasonably have been expected to slow down the Russian drive, the Soviets have pushed forward during the last 24 hours and thrown the Germans from seven more places.

Gradually the Kuban bridgehead is being chipped away as Gen. Maslennikov's forces push further on from Chernoverkovskaya, ten miles from Temyruk Bay, and Akhtarskaya, 20 miles northeast of Novorossiisk.

#### Foe Concentrated in Donbas

In the great Donetz Basin bag there had not been many advances to report since last night, but the fact that the Germans have been concentrated in these areas may have as much to do with the slower progress as the spring thaw.

West of Rostov the Russians on one sector wiped out 150 Tommy-gunners, two tanks and a gun, but no advance was recorded.

In the Krasnoarmeisk area the Germans are keeping up their furious, though mainly unsuccessful, counter-attacks, realizing that a Russian advance here virtually seals the fate of the city of Staling.

Earlier Russian reports described the battle as being the toughest since Stalingrad. The Germans do not appear to be stinting themselves in reserves to hold their front.

#### Another Garrison Wiped Out

South of Kramatorskaya, however, the Russians today were able to push forward and take a large inhabited locality in a surprise attack. The German garrison resisted strongly. It was completely wiped out.

A battalion of motorized infantry and tanks which the Germans threw into the fighting on another sector of the same front was routed.

One of the most important drives at present being launched by the Russians is that for Dniepropetrovsk. Two pincer arms are being pushed out by the Russians, the one on the south being now less than 20 miles from Simeonikovo.

This is a key railway junction which controls the two railways across the Dnieper from the northern part of the front. Lines run west and southwest from it across the river to Dniepropetrovsk and to Zaporozhze—the two main exits back across the Donetz.

#### New Dnieper Thrust

Further north another Russian thrust appears to be developing towards a point on the Dnieper northwest of Dniepropetrovsk.

This is being launched from the Pereschepino area. From the same point the movement further northwest to the area below Poltava has its source.

The right flank of the movement towards Poltava from Kharkov has now been strengthened with further progress west of Graivoron, where a number of inhabited localities were taken overnight.

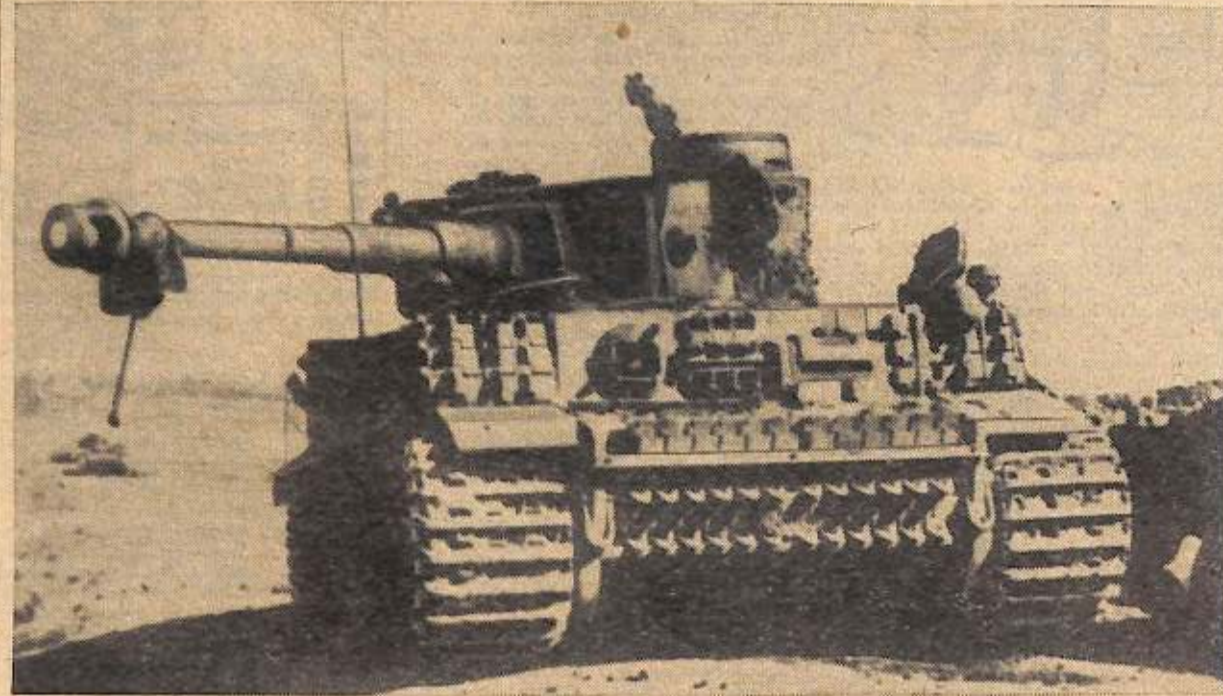
Steady progress continues to be made in the fighting which is obviously leading to the capture of Orel. A number of strongly fortified places fell to the Russians overnight in one sector, the Germans losing 600 men killed.

### Purple Hearts to 12 Eighth Air Force Men

Twelve American airmen have been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat, Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, announced yesterday.

They are: Maj. Ralph L. Oliver, Palo Alto, Cal.; 1st Lt. William C. Leasure, Clymer, Pa.; 2nd Lt. Forrest D. Harton, Washington; David L. Rogan, Middleboro, Ky.; Stanley M. Kisseberth, Phoenix, Ariz.; and Orman L. Hamilton, Brunswick, Ga.; M/Sgt. Herbert S. Hensler, Reading, Pa.; T/Sgt. David D. Fanning, Los Angeles; S/Sgt. George B. Mulroy, New York; Sebastian L. Vogel, Fargo, N.D.; Robert F. York, Inglewood, Cal.; and Everett K. Teaford, Purdum, Neb.

### Mark Six 'Tiger' Used in Tunisia Fighting



This is the German Mark Six "Tiger" tank which has been hammering at the Allies in the battle for Tunisia. The 55 to 60-ton tank is designed to carry a mounted version of the famed 88-mm. cannon, an anti-aircraft and anti-tank gun. There are two 7.92 machine-guns, one beside the 88-mm. and the other is in the front of the hull.

### Tank Blows Smashed by U.S., British

#### Rommel Doubles Armor Force in Vain Thrust Toward Tebessa

By the United Press

All German attempts to break through the Allied positions on the Tunisian-Algerian border have been stopped, according to the latest messages reaching Allied headquarters in North Africa yesterday. The 26-ton Churchill tanks have been in action, it was announced.

British troops pinned down the Rommel column as it tried to smash through about four miles south of Thala, where the Germans were attacking with the obvious intention of breaking through and cutting the vital railway from Tebessa to the northern front.

Farther south American forces met a thrust by 40 of Rommel's tanks and held it, punishing the enemy force so severely that it withdrew from its attempt to take the Djebel Hamra, a precipitous hill on the side of the pass through which goes the road from Kasserine to Tebessa.

In the other Tunisian theater of war before the Mareth Line there was little to report except artillery exchanges between guns of the Eighth Army which have been brought up beyond Medenine, within 15 miles of the Mareth Line itself.

At sea 3,000,000 gallons of gasoline went up in flames when torpedo-bombers from Malta hit a large Axis tanker.

#### Biggest Thrust Halted

American and British troops, aided by aircraft, stopped Rommel's most dangerous attack in central Tunisia in heavy fighting throughout Monday.

The American combat teams defending Tebessa sent another and even stronger thrust reeling back towards the Kasserine Gap.

British troops were still holding the Germans locked in battle about four miles south of Thala as Rommel strove desperately for a breakthrough.

Rommel originally put 40 tanks into this assault, but many had been put out of action by British and American artillery and, as far as latest reports indicate, they have not yet been reinforced.

#### Rommel Uses More Tanks

Meanwhile, to protect the dangerously exposed flank of his forward columns, Rommel has again thrown a strong attack in the direction of Djebel Hamra. The last time Rommel attempted to storm the hill he used only 20 tanks. This time his attack was reinforced by 20 more.

The Americans succeeded in checking the attack, destroying a number of tanks and other vehicles with heavy artillery fire, while the Air Force took a hand in pasting the columns that withdrew.

The fact that 40 tanks were thrown into the Djebel Hamra action indicated that more vehicles were drawn from the 21st Panzer Division's reserve in an effort to crack the Allied defenses.

The Germans did not attempt another attack in the Siba area, where British guards handled them roughly on three occasions.

Britain's famous "drawing board" tank, the Churchill, in action for the first time in the theater around Siba, gave a good account of itself, reports reaching headquarters said.

A fairly heavy patrol attacked British positions three miles from Robsa, which lies southwest of Pont du Fahs. It was repulsed after suffering heavy casualties, including some prisoners.

(Algiers radio said that while Rommel was exercising strong pressure in the region of Thala and south of Tebessa, it was believed that as soon as greater

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### Four Million Germans Killed On Soviet Front, Stalin Says

War on the Eastern Front has cost Hitler the staggering total of nine million men—four million killed and the rest wounded or prisoners—since June, 1941, Russian Premier Stalin declared in an Order of the Day issued yesterday to mark the 25th anniversary of the Red Army.

In the last three months alone, Stalin declared, Red Army troops have smashed 112 German divisions, killed over 700,000 Nazis and captured 300,000. "In view of the absence of a second front in Europe," the Soviet leader asserted, "the Red Army alone is bearing the whole weight of the war."

His words were confirmed from an unexpected quarter—the German High Command itself. Broadcasting over Berlin radio, Gen. Dittmar, Nazi military commentator, said the Red Army was "the most perfect instrument of destruction ever invented."

#### Congratulations from U.S.

Meanwhile, in Washington, President Roosevelt recognized the Russian Army's anniversary in a message to Stalin. He expressed America's "profound admiration" for the Red Army's "magnificent achievements," which, he said, were "unsurpassed in all history."

"The Red Army and the Russian people," the President said, "have surely started Hitler's forces on the road to ultimate defeat and have earned the lasting admiration of the people of the United States."

Other officials, labor leaders, writers and the press also voiced their praise of the Russians' accomplishments.

Stalin's order claimed that the mass expulsion of the enemy from Russian soil has started.

"In the most difficult winter conditions," he declared, "the Red Army is now advancing along a front of 1,500 kilometers (about 900 miles) and everywhere achieving success."

Hitler's stooge armies from Rumania, Italy and Hungary have been completely smashed, Stalin asserted.

Russian strategy, Stalin said, does not hinge alone on driving the enemy out of the country. "The Red Army's aim," he said, "is also not to allow a single enemy out of our country alive."

### Troops on Arizona Farms To Help Harvest Cotton

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—The first use of military units as emergency farm labor in the United States was authorized today in an Army order for troops in Arizona to help with the harvest of the long-staple cotton crop.

The Army announcement said "the importance of this crop as indispensable war material impelled the War Department's action as a matter of military necessity."

There is no information as to the number of troops thus employed.

### Two Transports Sunk, 850 Lost

#### Most Victims Service Men In Worst U-Boat Blow To U.S. in Atlantic

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—The U.S. Navy Department reported today that more than 850 persons, mostly service personnel, were dead or missing following the torpedoing of two American passenger and cargo ships by U-boats in the north Atlantic early this month. The sinkings occurred within four days of each other.

"Both attacks occurred at night and both ships sank within 30 minutes," the communique said. "The loss of life among the crews and passengers, the latter comprising civilians and personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coastguards, was heavy in both sinkings."

The sinkings were one of the most severe blows yet dealt to north Atlantic shipping by U-boats, at least insofar as the loss of valuable personnel was concerned. It was America's heaviest loss in the Atlantic.

#### Losses Described

More than 600 of the 900 persons aboard the first vessel and more than half of approximately 500 persons aboard the second were dead or missing, the Navy said.

A Navy spokesman, who said no details of the attacks had reached Washington yet, said most of those lost were members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coastguard. The civilians were assumed to be technicians or other war workers.

The ships were not Army or Navy transports in the strict sense of the term, in that they were not actually being operated by either of the services, the spokesman said. He was unable to say whether the vessels were travelling in convoy, although it seemed probable that they were.

(The Navy Department previously has announced the loss of ten transports—five in the Atlantic and five in the Pacific.)

### Army Needs a Patriotic Song; Prizes to Soldier-Composers

Remember "Over There," the song they whistled, yodeled and marched to in France and at home 25 years ago?

Now the Army wants another, for this conflict, and is opening a contest in an effort to get it from some soldier songwriter. The first five prizes will be expense-paid trips for one week to either London or Edinburgh for the lucky writers when furlough time rolls around.

To enter the contest, all the GI songwriter has to do is hand his manuscript to the Special Service Officer of his outfit.

These are the requirements as announced yesterday by Capt. Arthur B. Hunt, music officer of the Special Services Section, ETOUSA:

a—Voice range not below "A" the second line below the "G" clef. Top note not above "E" flat. Stay within the comfortable range of the soldiers' voice.

b—Easy music rather than difficult.

c—May have verses only, or verses and chorus.

d—Manuscripts to become the property of Special Services, ETO.

A committee of experts will pass on the relative merits in conjunction with Capt. Hunt.

Soldiers may choose a patriotic theme, stressing love of country; courage, loyalty, devotion or faith in a cause, or the humorous side of army life, soldiers, sweethearts, etc.

### Nazi Fliers Over Britain Report Intense Activity

BERNE, Feb. 23 (AP)—A Le Havre dispatch to the Tribune de Geneve reported today that a recent "survey" of England by Nazi airmen led to the belief that "we are on the eve of an English attempt of unsuspected audacity."

Nazi reconnaissance fliers, the dispatch said, were "singularly intrigued by the enormous preparations at certain ports which were without doubt a prelude to mysterious plans. Intensive railway traffic was also noted which must certainly be connected with unusual activity in the industrial areas of cities."

# Axis Battles for Time in Tunisia

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## Hash Marks

"Margarine" is a word that is often mispronounced, says a school teacher. Many mess sergeants, in fact, pronounce it "butter."

It's GI Joes like Pvt. Ling Foo Lim that give the army its reputation for determination. Pvt. Lim, serving at Camp



Kilmer, N.J., asked for a furlough. His CO asked him why he needed the time off. "I'm lonesome," said Lim, "I want to see my wife." "O.K.," agreed the captain, "where does your wife live?" "In China," was the calm reply.—The Captain gave him a three-day pass.

This little story is making the rounds in the Pacific area. On recent patrol duty, a submarine skipper dealt a hand of bridge just as an enemy ship was spotted. "Don't anyone touch this hand," he snapped, as he went to his station. Sighting through the periscope, he ordered a torpedo fired into the ship. The ship sank. After doing what he could for the victims, the skipper returned to the game and made a grand slam.

Out Colorado way there are a bunch of game wardens who are laughing at the meat shortage. Using home-made bombs, they have killed more than 4,000 crows. Says G. I. Crawford, leader of the group, "The crows are corn-fed and taste better than chicken." Better than chicken, did you say—what does CHICKEN taste like?

An army post newspaper carried a page of season's greetings from the officers on the field. One short message caused



a wave of comment. Lt. Joseph Milliken wrote, "May our 1943 contacts always be social."—Lt. Milliken is in charge of the guardhouse.

J. C. W.

## Hopes to Delay All Summer an Allied Stab at Europe

It was not lack of experience, and certainly not lack of courage, that brought about American reverses in southern Tunisia during the last week.

It was pure weight—weight of numbers and weight of armor—as Rommel's Afrika Korps, retiring before the advancing Eighth Army in Tripolitania, finally smashed at the thin American lines to widen its corridor along the coast.

That was obvious in every dispatch from the front and in every commentary by military analysts.

The courage of the American troops was attested by the calmness and the order with which they evacuated and by the accounts of heroism on the part of individuals as well as whole companies.

The quality of their training was bespoken in the skill with which they withdrew, the heavy casualties they inflicted on the enemy and the comparative lightness of their casualties considering the weight of the pressure on them. British commentators spoke of the "high tactical qualities" they displayed.

"It is true the Americans had to abandon masses of equipment, but they showed determined skill in getting away as many men as they did," Morley Richards, military analyst, said in the Daily Express in London yesterday. "Axis claims of 3,000 prisoners are grossly exaggerated," he added.

The Americans at Kasserine, according to one competent military observer, had been sent to persuade the enemy that they were massed in greater strength than in fact they were. German intelligence discovered the bluff, and the attack followed.

The blow came, according to Gen. M. Emile Bethouart, chief of the French Military Mission in the United States, at a time when American units were relieving French troops at the front. Bethouart said Rommel concentrated the bulk of his available air force and armor in the drive and used 120 tanks on the battlefield near Tebessa.

Plunging through the thinly held line and taking full advantage of local air superiority, Rommel succeeded in winning the additional territory he needed along the coast, and yesterday it appeared that he was making a gamble for even more—a penetration of the Allied line at Tebessa and a decisive blow to the U.S. Fifth Army and the Allied First Army.

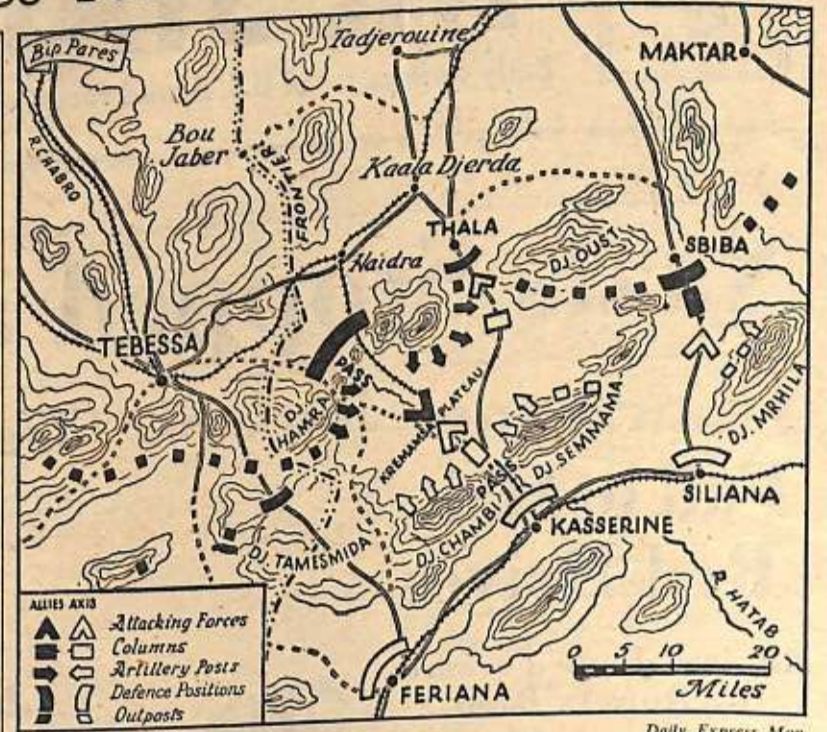
In this fashion he could score the only victory he knows is possible for the Axis now in Africa—a triumph over time. He hopes to make the fight last all summer before the Allies can wipe the Axis out of Africa and win the bases they need for the more important offensive—against Europe itself.

### Defeat Delays Allies

For this reason, the battle in Tunisia today is one of the most decisive in the war. A defeat for the Allies may extend the conflict a considerable period of time.

The next few days should show whether Gen. Alexander, now directing ground operations in all of Tunisia under command of Gen. Eisenhower, can muster enough strength in the battle area to throw the enemy back. He has a good chance of doing so.

"Too much is not to be made of these



Map shows approximate positions of opposing armies in Tunisia. Allied troops were reported last night to have halted Axis thrusts at the Djed Hamra pass and south of Thala.

reverses, in which comparatively small forces have been engaged." The Times of London said in an editorial yesterday. "The main battle of Tunisia, which has to be fought out in the near future, will range armies of some hundreds of thousands against one another.

"Rommel's offensive capacity in the region of the passes is limited in time, as he well knows, by the sustained pressure of his old adversaries of the Eighth Army, whom he cannot hope to hold off for very long, either on the obsolescent Mareth Line or in the natural and narrower defensive position between the salt marshes and the sea.

"But by the great tactical successes of the past days he has undeniably postponed the final assault—a gain that looks even larger when it is viewed against the wider background of the general strategy of the war.

"This campaign in North Africa is being fought by the Allies for position and by the Axis for time. On the anniversary of the Red Army, and in the midst of the Red Army's career of victory, there is no room for doubt that the most urgent Allied objective is to supplement and extend the Russian successes by attacks of the western powers on the continent of Europe."

### Story of the Battle

This, in chronological order, is the story of the battle in Tunisia in the last week. It began at Lessouda Oasis, five miles north of Sidi Bou-zid, where an American tank unit was posted.

"I saw the turrets of about 22 tanks show up," the commander said. "When they came round the slope those 22 changed to 48. I never saw so many."

A bloody battle followed that lasted for 11 hours. One company of tanks and infantry, supported by artillery, was overrun during the early stages of the battle. The Germans threw more than 100 tanks into the battle, of which it is estimated nearly 50 were knocked out. It was General Sherman's and Grants' German Mark IVs and VIs.

That was the action that made the evacuation of the three forward airdromes and the towns of Sbeitla, Kasserine, Feriana and Thelpte imperative.

The evacuation was carried out without confusion. Supplies were destroyed. As long lines of trucks and cars withdrew through the Roman ruins west of Sbeitla, thousands of gallons of petrol left behind at the airdromes were touched

off. Ammunition that could not be taken back was treated in the same way. For 12 hours a column of smoke poured into the sky marking the Allied action.

Meanwhile, a tank battle was going on a few miles from town, and every now and again enemy shells would "plop" down into the town.

As other airdromes were evacuated, the strategic field at Thelpte among them, the same destruction was carried out.

Away to the east, tanks were fighting it out, while trucks were being cleared from the town, stores burned and demolitions prepared.

### Fire Lights Sky

The whole eastern sky was lit up as thousands of gallons of gasoline went up in a spout of flame. The column of smoke which followed it hung in the still air for 24 hours, and could be seen more than 20 miles away in Kasserine, across the flat Tunisian plain. Occasionally, one could hear the sound of ammunition stores going up.

With light tanks fighting a rearguard action, the American troops retired into the hills on the Algerian frontier and dug in. Rommel threw his armored forces at these lines last Thursday, but the Americans flung them back, inflicting heavy casualties. Fresh troops and armor from the Allied First Army—made up of American, British and French units—were brought up to strengthen the line.

On Saturday Rommel's Mark Fours and Mark Sixes, supported by reinforcements from the east, launched their heaviest attacks and broke through the pass held by the Americans behind Kasserine. After bitter fighting, they occupied the pass and pressed on in their effort to reach the main Allied base at Tebessa, 10 miles inside Algeria. A few miles to the north, a twin panzer column penetrated the Allied defenses and approached within four miles of Thala.

The situation was dangerous for the Allies, with Rommel hurling all he could muster into a desperate gamble to smash the First and Fifth Armies and drag the campaign out through the long summer to come.

Last night, however, the Allied communique struck a hopeful note.

"British and American tank and infantry units successfully held the enemy at all points, inflicting heavy casualties and taking prisoners," it said.

It looked as if the Rommel offensive might have been halted.

## The Name Guadalcanal

The South Sea island upon which U.S. Marines and Army GIs have been fighting so desperately during the past several months was first sighted by a Spanish expedition in 1567, many years before Australia was visited by white men.

Leader of the group of Spaniards was Maestro de Campo Ortega, a subordinate of Alvaro de Mendana who named the island after the village of Guadalcanal, Spain, where he had been born.

The Spanish village of Guadalcanal, some 48 miles from Seville, is believed to have received its name from the Arabic "Wadi al Khanat" or Valley of the Stalls, which described the refreshment stalls the Arabs found awaiting them when they invaded Andalusia.

The South Sea island until recent years was called Guadalcanar. In 1932, however, a British commission ordered the name changed to Guadalcanal. Natives call their island Kalakana.

## Scorched Earth

Many stories are now filtering through of Chinese peasant resistance to Japanese occupation. In Chekiang Province, for example, near the town of Chingting, infuriated farmers set out and exterminated 35 out of 50 Japanese who had killed a cow. The next day Japanese detachments from the surrounding countryside poured into the valley armed with machine-guns.

The villagers retreated to the hills with their food, livestock and portable belongings, while the Japanese systematically burned down every house in every hamlet in the valley.

In the meantime, other villagers who did not like the Japanese working a nearby molybdenum mine took advantage of the absence of enemy guards and thoroughly destroyed the mine. The irate Japanese retaliated by burning down a few more villages.

Of all the effects of the "devastating raids" by the enemy from the air and on land, the effects of Japan's "delayed-action" policy is becoming more serious. Dwellings can be and are being reconstructed despite the high cost and shortage of building materials; but effects of damage to crops and farming implements are only beginning to become serious.

The situation in parts of China is now much the same as during our own Civil War, after Sherman's march to the sea. The South never fully recovered from the destruction of that sweeping raid, and in China, Japan's ruthless methods of warfare are crippling the productive capacity of the Chinese people, even if they are not able to destroy their will to resist.

## You Can't Miss It

Straight ahead, you can't miss it . . . this simple direction, when given in the British Isles, is easy to follow once you learn how to translate it. When received, take a coin from your pocket, any coin, and flip it. Heads, turn right, tails, turn left, if the coin stands on edge, go straight ahead.

You'll soon learn, however, that you can never go straight ahead in Britain. Streets aren't made that way. Matter of fact they always show every indication of a bend, something like an outside curve at a world-series baseball game. Streets in England are about as straight as Hitler's intuition.

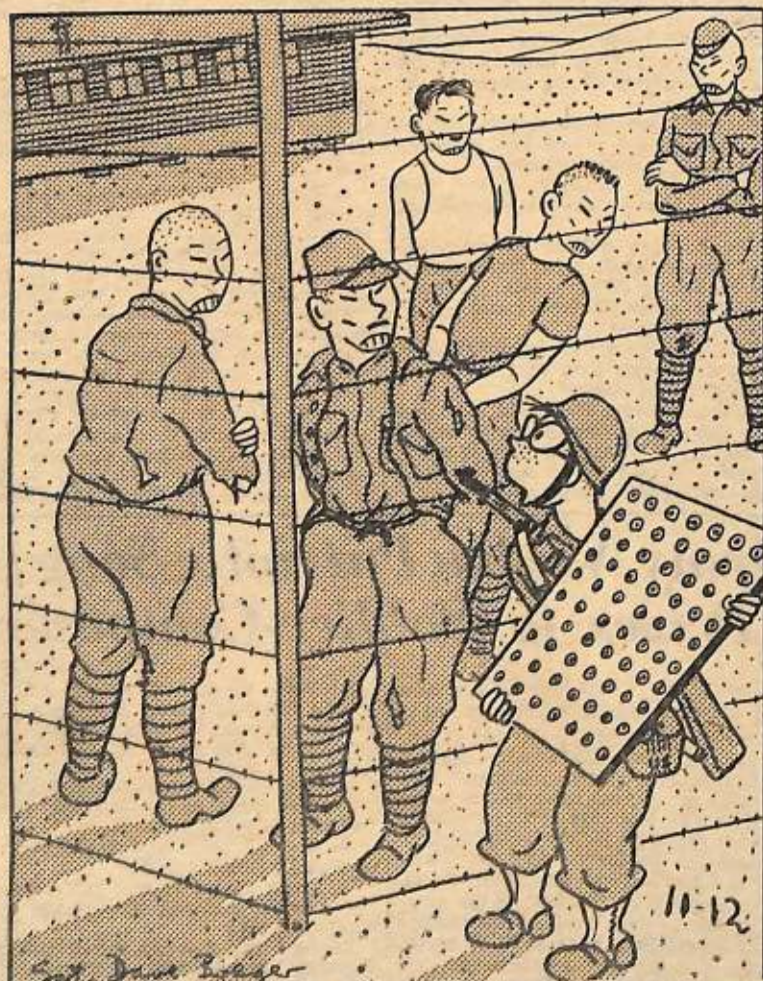
When you come to the inevitable fork, turn right or left, you'll find it really makes little difference in the long run. Then ask the next pedestrian for further directions. If he says, "Take the second turning to your left, then first right and second left, round the round-about," thank him politely and proceed as directed.

You'll soon find a wee doubt creeping across the old mass mind, so inquire once more. If this pedestrian tells you to "Go straight ahead to the bottom, turn right, then left at the first turning," keep right on following directions; but also keep your fingers crossed, for you'll soon discover there is no bottom, there is no top, there is no hill, only a T ending; so at this point you can go either right or left.

Experience has taught most GIs at this point to use the old system of Einey-Meany-Mieny-Moe, and to move right or left, whichever way it comes out. The law of average helps a little, and you stand a good chance of being right 50 per cent of the time.

If you're wrong, ask again, and if the helpful British citizen tells you to "Go straight ahead, you can't miss it," then

## PRIVATE BREGER



## ARMY POETS

### When Army Days Are Over

When your Army days are over  
 And you've parted with your gun  
 And you move no more in column  
 As you did out on the run.

When at home in bed alying  
 Blankets pulled around you tight,  
 Will you take time out to wonder  
 Who is walking guard tonight?

When your Army days are over  
 And you're back in your own town,  
 And you and your own sweetheart  
 Are strolling up and down.

Will you sit on your porch swingin'  
 With the moon a shinin' bright  
 Will you take time out to wonder  
 Who is walking guard tonight?

When your Army days are over  
 And your mind from drill is free  
 Will you sit with eyes closed tightly  
 Just a glimpse like this to see.

You are passing the old camp ground  
 On a dark and stormy night.  
 And . . .

### A Letter In Poetry

I think about you often,  
 And I write you every day;  
 But there seems so very little  
 That I really want to say.

It either rains or it doesn't rain,  
 It's either hot or it's cold.  
 The news is all uninteresting,  
 Because it's all been told.

The only fact that matters,  
 Is the fact that you are there,  
 And I am here without you,  
 And it's lonesome everywhere.

I think about the way you smile,  
 And I recall your touch,  
 For distance lends enchantment,  
 And . . . I miss you, Oh So Much.

Lt. Lester R. Jones.

### 'Desert Fox'

The "Desert Fox" had a vicious bite,  
 But what gave him his Nazi fame  
 Was the cunning way he'd hunt his prey,  
 For he loved a treach'rous game.

But the British knew a good game, too,  
 They call it . . .

# Eleven Infantrymen Reach Division Finals

## Four Kayoes In Semi-Finals; Pavone Scores

### Grantham Upsets Buttram; Schnappauf Outputs Joe Abboud

By Fred Patton

Stars and Stripes Special Correspondent

— DIVISION BASE, England, Feb. 23—Sixteen survivors, winners of the semi-finals of the divisional elimination boxing tournament which has seen over 900 men participate for the past seven weeks, will seek crowns in eight different weights tomorrow night at this station.

A crowd of 2,000 persons packed the gymnasium last night, with hundreds turned away, to see the semi-final card of 16 bouts which was featured by four knockouts and a few upsets.

Pvt. Tony Pavone, of Lynn, Mass., Infantry, scored the quickest victory of the evening when he took a technical knockout over Sgt. Walter Wine, of Hagerstown, Md., Infantry, in one minute and nine seconds of the first round.

Pvt. Garner Buttram, of Baltimore, Infantry, dropped a close decision to Pfc James Grantham, of Pulaski, Va., in an upset. Buttram made one appearance on The Stars and Stripes programs at the Rainbow Corner, and this was his first defeat of the season.

### Kayo for Spontak

In another upset, Cpl. Chester Marcinkiewicz, of Kulpmont, Pa., Medics, outpointed Cpl. Walter Hubbell, of Roanoke, Va., as he kept inside with his blows and lashed at Hubbell's midsection with hard rights and lefts.

Cpl. George Spontak, of Pittsburgh, Infantry, continued on his winning way with another knockout. He floored Pvt. Joseph Flowers, of Atlas, Pa., Infantry, in one minute 57 seconds of the second round. He will meet Pvt. Charles Schnappauf for the title, as Schnappauf scored a decisive decision over Pfc Joseph Abboud, of Omaha, Neb., Quartermaster.

### The summaries:

**120-pound class**—Sgt. Chester Rubv, Baltimore, Infantry, outpointed Pvt. Martin Immerman, Utica, N.Y., Artillery, Pvt. Louis Salvendano, New York, Infantry, outpointed Cpl. Salvadore Scuro, Baltimore, Infantry.

**126-pound class**—Pfc David A. Dutch, Philadelphia, Infantry, outpointed Pfc Arthur Tulano, Jersey City, Quartermaster; Pfc Donald Webber, Roanoke, Va., Infantry, outpointed Pvt. James Ryan, Anacosta, Mont., Infantry.

**135-pound class**—Cpl. George Spontak, Pittsburgh, Infantry, stopped Pvt. Joseph Flowers, Atlas, Pa., Infantry, in one minute 37 seconds of second round; Pfc Charles Schnappauf, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Infantry, outpointed Pfc Joseph Abboud, Omaha, Neb., Quartermaster.

**145-pound class**—Pvt. Louis Gendel, Miami, Fla., Artillery, outpointed Pvt. Robert Thompson, Philadelphia, Infantry; Pvt. Tony Pavone, Lynn, Mass., Infantry, scored a TKO over Sgt. Walter Wine, Hagerstown, Md., Infantry, in one minute nine seconds of the first round.

**155-pound class**—Pfc James Grantham, Pulaski, Va., Infantry, outpointed Pvt. Garner Buttram, Baltimore, Infantry; M/Sgt. Hyman Silverman, Norfolk, Signal, outpointed Pfc Lester Bayne, Baltimore, Infantry.

**165-pound class**—Pfc Robert Kelly, Norfolk, Va., Artillery, stopped Pvt. Morris Singer, Baltimore, Engineers, in one minute 27 seconds of the second round; Pvt. Benny Droll, Peoria, Ill., Infantry, outpointed Cpl. James Goodwin, Baltimore, Infantry.

**175-pound class**—Pvt. Mike Denski, Philadelphia, Infantry, outpointed Sgt. Paul Tragerser, Baltimore, Infantry; Cpl. Chester Marcinkiewicz, Kulpmont, Pa., Medics, outpointed Cpl. Walter Hubbell, Roanoke, Va., Infantry.

**Heavyweight Class**—Pvt. Vincent Kozak, Hazelton, Pa., Headquarters, outpointed Cpl. Robert McDonald, Dexter, Md., Artillery; Sgt. William Dirck, Cumberland, Md., Infantry, scored a TKO over Pvt. William Moose, Frankfort, Ky., in 25 seconds of the third round.

## Durocher to Report March 1 for Induction

NEW YORK, Feb. 23—Leo Durocher, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has been notified to report for induction on March 1, thus putting an end to any rumors that he was getting anything but a GI job.

Branch Rickey, Dodger president, who is on the Pacific Coast, ostensibly social calling on first baseman Dolph Camilli and other Dodgers living there, reiterated his refusal to discuss managerial candidates until Durocher is formally inducted.

## No Navy Ban on Varsity Sports

### Student-Sailors May Play If They Have Stamina

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—The U.S. Navy has announced that it will let students in its college training program participate in intercollegiate athletics if they have the necessary stamina.

It was an announcement eagerly awaited since the Army refused permission to its college students last week.

The Navy said, "During college training Navy students may participate in all college athletics and other campus activities provided their activities do not interfere with the prescribed hours of study.

"Any student able to meet the requirements of the curriculum which include compulsory physical drills and swimming and are able to devote additional time to college athletics will be permitted to do so."

### Coaches Approve

Of course this "let your conscience be your guide" message does not reveal whether any students actually will find the time and strength for other athletics. Unofficial information indicates that the students will have 12 hours of compulsory Naval activities each day. The courses vary from two 12 to 16-week terms.

The Navy is equally liberal concerning other campus activities. "Navy students also may join all previously established college organizations and fraternities available to the students on the same terms."

Throughout the country university athletic officials applauded the Navy's ruling. The Rev. John Cavanaugh, Notre Dame faculty athletic director, said it would save sports at South Bend. Most Big Ten coaches expressed satisfaction and Lou Little, Columbia's football mentor, said it was "swell to find competitive athletics ranking so high."

## Basketball Results

Army 72, Harvard 40.  
LIU 48, Canisius 44.  
Princeton 38, Yale 25.  
St. Johns 65, Georgetown 43.  
Springfield 59, Providence 49.  
Duke 64, George Washington 61.  
Virginia 36, VMI 35.  
Alabama 47, Mississippi State 35.  
Iowa 62, Chicago 34.  
Northwestern 56, Wisconsin 54.  
Missouri 31, Iowa State 28.  
Indiana 40, Minnesota 28.

## Pete Reiser Bats for U.S.



N.Y. Times Photo

Former star Brooklyn outfielder, Pete Reiser, 1942 National League batting champ, resumes that familiar stance only now with a rifle for a bat and wearing the uniform of Uncle Sam's Army.

## Basketball Standings

Metropolitan New York					
	W	L			
NYU	2	0	Columbia	0	1
Fordham	4	1	CCNY	0	2
St. Johns	2	1	Brooklyn	0	2
Manhattan	2	2	LIU	0	0
St. Francis	1	2			

Eastern					
	W	L			
Dartmouth	6	1	Cornell	3	4
Pennsylvania	5	1	Harvard	2	5
Princeton	4	2	Yale	0	6
Columbia	3	4			

Big Ten					
	W	L			
Illinois	10	0	Minnesota	4	6
Indiana	10	1	Ohio State	3	5
Northwestern	5	3	Michigan	2	7
Wisconsin	5	4	Iowa	1	8
Purdue	5	5	Chicago	0	6

Southern					
	W	L			
Kentucky	8	1	Vanderbilt	8	7
Louisiana State	11	2	Alabama	8	9
Mississippi State	13	6	Georgia	4	8
Tennessee	6	3	Auburn	1	7
Georgia Tech	7	4	Florida	0	6

Big Six					
	W	L			
Kansas	6	0	Missouri	3	3
Oklahoma	5	2	Iowa State	2	3
Nebraska	4	3	Kansas State	0	7

Pacific Coast					
	W	L			
Southern Cal.	6	0	Stanford	1	4
UCLA	2	2	California	1	4

Northern Division					
	W	L			
Washington State	7	3	Oregon State	6	6
Washington	8	4	Idaho	1	11
Oregon	8	6			

## Big Ten Drops Frosh Rule, Allows Servicemen to Play

CHICAGO, Feb. 23—In their special meeting here faculty representatives and athletics directors of the Big Ten have voted to permit freshmen to compete in varsity athletics. Servicemen enrolled in the Big Ten institutions also will be permitted to play.

By thus throwing participation open even to ex-professional athletes if in service uniform, the conference may tap an important new source of athletic talent. Big Ten officials indicated that with the new ruling, prospects for the conference competition for the remainder of 1943 looked much brighter.

## Amertex Take Tournery Crown

BELFAST, Feb. 23—After being held in check for a half by a scrappy Medics team, the Amertex, crack technician team, spurred in the final two quarters and walked away from the Pill Rollers, 53-30, in the deciding contest of the playoff of the tournament at the Red Cross club here.

By their victory the Amertex chalked up their second tournament championship of the season. The Technicians have won 22 out of 23 games played. Their only loss was to an MP five. The Amertex have tallied 850 points. Jack Lippert, former USC star and All-American, has scored 284 points and Bill Hall, former Montana State player, has collected 212. Sgt. Joey S. Fiscus, of Waterloo, Iowa, was the star for the Pill Rollers, scoring 11 points.

## Bomb Wingers Trounce Bomb Group Five, 40-18

A BOMBER STATION, England, Feb. 23—Scoring easily and freely in their cage contest with the Bomb Group five, Bomb Wing's quintet scored a 40-18 victory here last night.

High man for the Wingers was Sgt. Angelo Faccio, of Exeter, Pa., who tallied 12 points on six field goals. Right at his heels were Sgt. Benjamin Field, of Belmont, Mich., with ten and Cpl. Robert Goslin, of Brooklyn, with six.

Bomb Wing				Bomb Group			
	G	F	P		G	F	P
Hahn, f	2	0	4	Bardi, f	0	0	0
Faccio, f	6	0	12	Scneider, f	3	0	6
Field, f	5	0	10	Seifert, f	2	2	6
Goslin, c	3	0	6	Womser, c	3	0	6
Werner, g	4	0	8	LaMonte, g	0	0	0
Shaw, g	0	0	0	Richards, g	0	0	0
Gordon, g	0	0	0				
Totals	20	0	40	Totals	8	2	18

## Hans Crescent Starting Regular Golf Instruction

Regular instruction in golf is the newest wrinkle in the Red Cross Hans Crescent Club's recreational program.

Explaining the program, Howard Scoggins, club director, said, "We are putting up a net in the large ballroom and we have a full supply of clubs, mats and balls. We plan to give group instruction under the supervision of outstanding golf professionals."

Fred J. Corcoran, of Boston, high ranking golfer and formerly PGA tournament manager, will help to shape up promising youngsters and to improve those who already carry low handicaps.

## NEWS FROM HOME

# Build Peace Machinery Now For After War, Stassen Urges

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 23 (AP)—Gov. Harold Stassen, of Minnesota, said that the United Nations in planning peace "should begin now setting up the machinery for lasting unity," in a speech made here yesterday.

He advocated as a first step towards winning the peace the establishment "of definite United Nations commissions or councils to administer United Nations' interests in the transfer of food and supplies and in temporary civil administration of the conquered or liberated countries."

He said, "If we continue to maintain distinctly separate commissions of the U.S. for civilian food and supply and separate boards of British, Chinese and Russians we make the problem of unity in peace that much more difficult to attain."

### Willkie May Run

NEW YORK, Feb. 23—Wendell Willkie, the New York Times said yesterday, is considering seeking the Republican nomination for President in 1944, and Indiana political observers conclude that the State's delegation would support him in the GOP convention as the State's "favorite son."

### No Pleasure Driving

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (UP)—There is a ban on pleasure driving in this city, but that is not worrying thousands of people who have found ways of avoiding the restrictions.

Taxi drivers, who are under orders not to pick up fares in evening clothes, are being neatly fooled by people who carry

their dress clothes in suitcases and change when they get to their destinations.

Similarly, cabs are not allowed to drive to theaters. Here, again, they are fooled by movie-goers who just state the address of the theater instead of its name.

### U.S. Meat Racket Growing

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (UP)—A million dollars worth of food changes hands illegally every week in the U.S. following the introduction of rationing, according to the latest government estimates.

This is in spite of the fact that black market operations are still in their early stages.

Old-time rustling has returned. Trucks loaded with meat are being "hi-jacked" on the way to the markets.



# Flares Dropped To Light Target Costly for Japs

## Their Bombs Miss Ships, But AA Gets Five Planes in Glare

AN ADVANCED SOUTH PACIFIC BASE, Feb. 23 (AP)—Japanese torpedo planes tried a new lighted target technique in an unsuccessful attack on a troopship convoy, off Guadalcanal, an official statement revealed here today. Five of the eight attacking planes were shot down and not a single torpedo hit was registered on any ship in the convoy or the escorting destroyers.

Reconnaissance planes dogged the convoy all day. At nightfall flares were dropped, lighting up the ocean like a stage set. Then the torpedo-bombers came snarling in for the kill.

### AA Fire Deadly

They were met by a blast of AA fire so accurate that at one time five oil fires, marking the crash of five planes, were burning at the same time. The other three Jap planes decided they had had enough and quit. The action took place on February 17, the official announcement revealed.

Yesterday's activity in the Pacific war zone was limited to bombing attacks on Japanese-held villages in New Guinea and New Britain. Returning pilots said flimsy paper and bamboo buildings burst into fires which could be seen for miles.

The official communique read: "Northwestern sector: Reconnaissance activity only.

"Northeastern sector: Solomons: Buin-Faisi: Medium bombers made small-scale raids at night and attacked the enemy airdromes of Kahili and Ballale, starting fires among aircraft dispersal bays which were visible 40 miles away.

### Bomb Field, Ships

"Admiralty Islands: Lorengau: One of our heavy reconnaissance units bombed the airdrome and surface craft in the harbor.

"New Britain: Rabaul: In a before dawn raid our heavy bombers attacked Lakunai airdrome and shore installations at the north end of the harbor.

"Gasmata: One of our heavy units bombed the airdrome at night.

"New Guinea: Lac area: A strong coordinated attack by our medium bombers and attack planes was covered by long-range fighters which swept the area. Fifteen tons of bombs were dropped on the airdrome of Malahang, the nearby villages of Wagan, Butubum, Labu, Waria and the river mouth area of Sappa and Kobo.

"Our 1,000-pound bombs caused the most heavy destruction in a light village construction and many large fires were started. There was no attempt at interception and all our planes returned.

"Mubo: Our attack planes bombed and heavily strafed trails and villages from Wipaini to Guadagal.

"Mofesby: Small formations of enemy planes raided the area twice during the night, causing no damage and no casualties."

## New Chow - -

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plus a vigorous attack upon food wastage.

Much credit for the revision is given to Lt. Col. W. H. Griffith, Preventive Medicine Division, Office of the Chief Surgeon, and Maj. C. G. Harman, Subsistence Division, Office of the Chief Quartermaster.

Under the present system the Quartermaster Corps plans its menus on a list of 39 basic ration components, each of which has several substitutes. This substitution of food within each component group to meet menu requirements results in a satisfactory balance from a nutrition standpoint.

However, with many of the foods listed not being available here, substitution often must be made over a wide range of components with neglect of nutrient values.

The announced revision separates foods into 16 classifications, based on nutrient values, and limits substitutions to foods within each class. Increases and reductions of certain components of the present ration are intended to effect a better balance of nutrients. Since the whole scheme is founded on the availability of supplies, substitution can be confined to the prescribed classifications, thereby insuring this balance.

According to tests, the new ration will appease the soldier's appetite more effectively, although the caloric value of his daily food allowance will be reduced from 4,500 to 4,000. This reduction is offset by emphasis on special food groups which afford better sources of vital nutrients.

### Help Wanted Department

This department has requests for the APOs of the following service men: Lt. John Burt, Lt. Rita E. Musico, Pvt. Austin Walters, Ottumwa, Iowa; Pvt. Robert Nelson, Whidby I., Wash.; Pvt. Dayton Redeker, Brandon, Wis.; Otto Kurke and George Chisesi, Air Force, Sgt. Jos. S. Klasnick, Michael Majzuk, Theodore Miller, Matthew Abranovich, Boris Belpulite, Port Vue, Pa.; Cpl. Vincent Raguse and S/Sgt. Ellsworth Schimpke, Manistee, Mich.

## It's a Very Good Cure But Try and Find One

BELFAST, Feb. 23—The air was rough over the Irish Sea, the big Army transport plane was bouncing and pitching on its way from England to North Ireland. The passengers—soldiers, technicians, a nurse and a Red Cross worker—were developing that certain feeling.

To the rescue came Miss Mary Anderson, of Nashville, Tenn., assistant program director of the Red Cross Club here. She produced a cherished gift—given her by a ferry pilot just back from Africa. It was something you can't get in England—or Ireland either—for love or money these days. That didn't stop Miss Anderson, who shared her possession with her airmick fellow-passengers.

Within a few minutes everybody felt better.

What Mary Anderson gave them was the only lemon she had seen since leaving the U.S.A.

## Stiffer Rations If War Is Long

### Food, Clothes, Luxuries, Sports Would Be Cut Under Plan

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (UP)—A reduction in food consumption to three-quarters of the pre-war figure, a cut of one-third in clothes, and of the same amount in wines and beer, is part of a plan for U.S. war economy designed by James F. Byrnes, U.S. Director of Economic Stabilization.

The plan, it was explained, has been brought forward so that it could be put into operation in the event of a long war, but it is not for immediate use and would be put in effect gradually if used.

It was said to be based on the theory that every family should have \$1,500 worth of good and services every year. Anything below that, it is considered, would impair efficiency.

Professional sports would be halved under the plan and the supply of newsprint would be cut by four-fifths.

Supplies of clothing would be reduced to 64 per cent of the pre-war amounts, food to 71 per cent. Production of distilled spirits would be cut to 10 per cent of its pre-war quantities. Beer and wines would be maintained at 85 per cent of the pre-war quantities, and tobacco at 85 per cent.

"The minimum requirements of tobacco and beverages from the standpoint of the maintenance of health," it was said, "is zero, but experience has indicated that substantial quantities of these products should be available for the maintenance of civilian morale."

Purchase of all luxuries and semi-luxuries, such as watches and silverware, would be eliminated under the Byrnes plan, while, as one example of its other points, heating would be limited to 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The average now is about 68.

## Salvage Exhibit Offers Economy Contest Ideas

American servicemen in London have been invited to attend a salvage exhibit, showing numerous items of waste and the methods used in turning them into war materials, at Selfridge Annex, Duke St.

Under the joint auspices of the U.S. Army's Services of Supply and the British Army's London District Headquarters, the exhibit will continue the rest of the week. It was opened Monday before an audience of officers attached to SOS, and included a lecture by Capt. L. W. Cox of the British Army.

On display are paper, textiles, bone products, tin and rubber products—from a discarded oily rag that can be used to make shell containers to a bone that can be used to make nitroglycerin, lubricating oil, glue and fertilizer; all potential hunches for the "Economy Idea Contest" now in progress among SOS forces.

### Chicago Alumni Call

Alumni of Tilden Technical High School, 4747 So. Union Ave., Chicago, were asked yesterday by T/5 Frederick F. Kriechmann, to write to Mrs. Lydia L. Pearce, at Tilden, in connection with a program she is arranging for former Tilden students now in the Army overseas. Kriechmann is with an Ordnance ammunition company at an Air Force station.

## Blondie

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



## Flier, Actress Meet in Hospital



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

At a Northern Ireland hospital, Lionel Kay, of Boise, Idaho, ferry pilot, who is recovering from injuries received in a plane crash, chats with Bebe Daniels, stage and screen star. Kay met Miss Daniels 15 years ago when she was a passenger on his plane from Los Angeles to Cheyenne.

## Knox Sees Drop In Sub Victims

### But U-Boat Still Menace, Navy Secretary Says; Iowa Ready Early

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (UP)—The sinking by U-boats of Allied merchant shipping has declined in the last three months, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox declared today. He emphasized, however, that the submarine was still a grave menace to shipping.

Col. Knox also said negotiations were in progress under which the French fleet at Alexandria would join the Allied cause. Negotiations, he added, were still in progress between the U.S. and French authorities in Martinique for cooperation of French warships in the West Indies.

Col. Knox said the battleship Iowa had now been commissioned seven months ahead of schedule, while another 45,000-ton battleship, the New Jersey, would probably be commissioned within the next two months.

The 45,000-ton Iowa, capable of 35 knots, was launched last September. The estimated cost of the ship, one of five under construction, was \$100,000,000. It carries nine 16-inch guns, 20 five-inch guns, and 16 1.1-inch anti-aircraft guns.

## Eagle Club Will Sponsor Two 'Date Nights' a Week

The American Red Cross Eagle Club today announced it will sponsor "date nights" from 6.30 to 9 PM each Wednesday and Friday in the American lounge and canteen. American troops are invited to bring their girl-friends, feed 'em at the snack bar and dance with 'em to music from the juke box in the club lounge, starting tonight.

### Oxford Professor Lectures

A. L. Goodhart, American professor of jurisprudence at Oxford University, will talk on "The Future of the British Empire" at the American Red Cross Washington Club at 8 o'clock tonight.

## Wounded Fortress Bombardier Beats Off Nazi Fighter Attack

A U.S. ARMY HOSPITAL, England, Feb. 23—Recovering here from wounds suffered during the recent American bomber raid on St. Nazaire is Lt. Claude Galloway, of Venice, Cal., whose heroic action under fire was told by fellow crew members of his Flying Fortress.

Lt. Galloway, bombardier of the B17, "Expendable Number Two," was struck in the back and left arm by shrapnel from a 20mm. cannon shell, but he stuck to his gun and with one good arm continued to fire until the enemy fighters were driven off.

"It was as brave as anything I ever saw," related Lt. Peter Branch, of Manchester, N.H., navigator of the bomber.

## Weary Finland May Ask Peace

### But Nation Would Insist On Pre-War Standing Stockholm Hears

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 23 (AP)—Finland, weary by a war she was ill-prepared to support, was believed in reliable quarters today to be ready to make peace with Russia—but only on terms which would guarantee her people the freedom and independence they enjoyed since the first world war.

Reports reaching Stockholm indicated the situation in Finland was rapidly developing to the point where the Finns would like to contact the Russians through some intermediary—preferably the United States.

Concerning relations with Germany, Finland was said to feel that she was not bound to Germany by any scrap of paper and that a move for a separate peace could not be interpreted by the Axis as a stab in the back.

The Finns were, however, without a doubt fully conscious of the tremendous psychological effect such an action would have on Germany's satellites, Hungary and Rumania.

Prominent Finnish leaders were said to recognize the urgency of the time element and even to have predicted that Finland must re-establish her neutrality within two months or stand with the Axis at the peace conference.

### U.S. Hopes for Peace Move

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Sumner Welles, Undersecretary of State, reiterated at a press conference today the hope of the United States Government that Finland would soon withdraw from the war with Russia.

### Musical Quiz Tonight

The American Red Cross Rainbow Corner has scheduled a musical quiz tonight at 8.15 in the Rainbow Room, followed by a cabaret revue starring Pvt. Tom Joha, Milwaukee, Wis., impersonator, and others.

## Three Outfits Boost Orphans Beyond £14,000

### Hospital, Engineers Each Sponsor Child; Signal Unit Contributes

The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund mounted to £14,222 5s. 9d. yesterday, with two units sponsoring children outright and another adding to its earlier donation.

The —nd Evacuation Hospital, which organized competition among the wards to raise the £100 necessary to sponsor an orphan in an organization's name, sent a delegation into The Stars and Stripes office with a check and said they wanted a seven-year-old boy.

Another check was received from the —st Engineers, attached to the Air Force, who prefer to have a blue-eyed blonde, four or five years old, as the child who will receive "extras" during the next five years from the £100 they have donated. The amount was sent in by Lt. Raymond Angstadt.

Another unit attached to the Air Corps, the —st Signal Company, sent in £7 13s. "to be held for future contributions." This donation brings the organization's total fund to £65, well on the way to the £100 necessary to sponsor an orphan individually.

### Ordnance Unit Happy

Meanwhile, the —st Ordnance MM Battalion (Q) expressed its thanks for Linda M., the orphan selected for their sponsorship.

The delegation from the Evacuation Hospital was headed by the chaplain, Capt. Rexford C. S. Holmes, of Floral Park, Long Island. Others in the group were Lt. Orion Page, Jacksonville, Fla.; Lt. Lewis Shankman, New Haven, Conn.; 2nd Lts. Katharine Dewey, Lake Placid, N.Y.; Zelta Pineau, Woburn, Mass.; Helen Cameron, Saugus, Mass.; and Ebba Sodemann, Long Branch, N.J.

The branches into which the hospital was divided for the competition and the persons in charge were: Officers: Maj. Warren B. Spurge, Magnolia, N.J.; Nurses: 2nd Lt. Phoebe Campbell, of Sewickley, Pa., assisted by nurses Harriet C. Muff, Bellaire, N.Y., and Katharine Dewey.

### Branch Leaders

Medical Service: in charge of S/Sgt. Marius R. Janson, Fall River, Mass., assisted by T/5 James E. Burke, Salem, Mass., and T/4 Thomas J. Flanagan, Waterbury, Conn.

Surgical Service: T/Sgt. Jackson C. Fenstermaker, Quincy, Mass., and T/Sgt. Elmer A. Carlson, Rosindale, Mass.

Mess: S/Sgt. Edward M. Perry, Stonington, Conn., and Pfc Robert A. Shreck, Brawley, Cal.

Detachment: 1st Sgt. Howard S. Dawson, Waltham, Mass.

Supply and Utilities: T/Sgt. Andrew J. Morris, North Andover, Mass.

Pharmacy: S/Sgt. Thomas P. O'Connor, Providence, R.I.

Transportation: Sgt. Ralph H. Flaler, Greenville, Ohio.

X-Ray: T/Sgt. Harry Goldstone, Connelville, Pa.

Personnel: Sgt. Kenneth G. Owen, Cleveland, Dental Clinic: T/4 Ralph W. Sawyer Jr., Bridgeport, Conn. Laboratory: T/4 John W. Talbert, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Secretary and Treasurer: T/5 Joseph Huenneke, Kirkwood, Mo.

## Hitler Rescinds Dismissals In Reorganization of Army

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 23 (AP)—Hitler is reorganizing his army, appointing new experts on his personal staff, and restoring several high officers who were dismissed earlier, says the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet.

The appointment of Gen. Guderian to command the German armored forces is a part of this general reorganization. Field Marshal von Brauchitsch, however, has not been reinstated, the newspaper report said.

## Tunisia - - -

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coordination was achieved between the British First and Eighth armies on both sectors of the Tunisian front, von Arnim and Rommel would not be able to dispose sufficient forces to counter-attack the inevitable resolute British attempt to effect a junction between the two British armies.)

Three million gallons of Axis gasoline, probably sorely needed by the Axis planes in North Africa, went up in flames in the Mediterranean Sunday night when torpedo-bombers based on Malta put four torpedoes into a large tanker.

Reconnaissance aircraft from Malta spotted a tanker which had been attacked on the previous two nights, but the results were unobserved. The next day it was seen off Levanzo, stationary and apparently damaged. Torpedo bombers plugged three torpedoes into it amidships in the light of a full moon.

The ship exploded and burst into flames. One hour later the ship was reported to be still afloat, so a fourth torpedo hit her.

Maltese intruders also shot up railway tracks, junctions, sidings and engines in Tunisia, Sicily and Italy.