

8th Air Force—2 Years Old Today—Has Dropped: 47,000 Tons of Bombs on the Nazis

By Bud Hutton
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The Eighth Air Force, two years old today, has dropped nearly 47,000 tons of bombs on Nazi targets in Europe since its first combat mission on Aug. 17, 1943, it was revealed last night.

An official review of the two years since the Eighth AAF was activated at Savannah, Ga., showed that its forces had operated against the Luftwaffe on 153 days, and certainly destroyed 3,946 Nazi interceptors in major battles from Norway's fjords to Bordeaux, from the sub pens at Lorient to Regensburg and Marienburg deep in Germany.

From these operations, 1,130 American heavy bombers and 185 fighters have been reported missing. Last night's summary, on the first anniversary of the initial U.S. raid on Germany proper—the Wilhelmshaven attack of Jan. 27, 1943—also revealed for the first time here that it was an original unit of the Eighth Air Force which supplied men and planes for the Tokyo raid led by Maj. Gen. James Doolittle, now Eighth USAAF com-

manding general. The 17th Bombardment Group furnished B25s and combat crews for Doolittle's aerial expeditionary force.

The official review also revealed that the first sole U.S. operation of any kind in the ETO was a fighter sweep Aug. 11, 1942. On July 4, 1942, six U.S. combat crews flew with the RAF in A20s to hit a Nazi airfield in Holland.

While there were no operations from American airfields in Britain yesterday, veterans of the Eighth pointed to the operational orders for this month's seven heavy attacks, in some of which more than 1,000 planes—more than half bombers—were striking against the Nazis, and compared them with the fact that 53 heavy bombers flew against Wilhelmshaven and two against Emden last Jan. 27.

Since that first attack on the Reich proper, the heavy bombers have dropped 27,676 tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs on targets within Germany, and 19,164 tons on military installations and important indus-

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Allied Invaders Repel First Big Nazi Attack In Italy and Push On

Resistance Grows, However, Forces One Group Back

The first major German counter-attack, launched by units of the Hermann Goering Division, against the expanding Allied bridgehead south of Rome has been smashed back, it was announced officially yesterday. Increasingly stiff resistance drove the Allies back in one sector of the Anzio Bay salient, however, and produced a warning by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson that a large-scale battle was in prospect.

Appearance of the Hermann Goering panzers, last reported fighting on the lower Garigliano River front to the south, confirmed persistent reports that Kesselring, in an effort to crush the threat to Rome and German lines of communication, had transferred northward troops defending his Gustav line.

In spite of the diversion of forces, however, the German line held fast along the main Fifth Army front, although the French recaptured San Croce and Americans advanced through mine fields north of Cassino.

A fierce engagement on the plains of the Pontine Marshes, southwest of Littoria, a village about 12 miles east of Nettuno and two miles short of the Appian Way, ended in victory for the Allies. In the first major engagement since the landings last Saturday, the

Eaker's Air Command Is Set Up in the South

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan. 27—Creation of the "Mediterranean Allied Air Forces," under command of Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, was announced today by Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson.

All RAF units in the central Mediterranean and Middle East, as well as the 12th and 15th U.S. Air Forces, are included in the new command, the announcement said.

6 Enemy Ships Sunk in Raid on Rabaul Harbor

24 Jap Planes Shot Down; 350 Nipponese Aircraft Lost There in Month

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Jan. 27—U.S. Navy torpedo-bombers have sunk another five Japanese cargo ships and an oil tanker, besides damaging two other vessels in a daring mast-head attack on shipping in Rabaul's wreckage-strewn harbor, Gen. MacArthur's communique disclosed today.

Flying with fighter escort from new bases on Bougainville Island in the Solomons, the torpedo-planes attacked at noon Monday, meeting only light opposition from ground defenses. U.S. fighters shot down 24 enemy planes which attempted to intercept the raiders to bring Jap air losses at Rabaul this month to approximately 350 planes.

(The Japanese News Agency claimed today that 200 Allied planes had attacked Rabaul harbor again, Wednesday. The report said 57 bombers and fighters were shot down.)

Some 300 miles to the north, escorted bombers sank a small freighter, and a number of barges were burned in a harbor in the Admiralty Islands, where airdromes and buildings were demolished and eight fighters on the ground destroyed.

Light U.S. naval forces sank three troop-laden barges by night in Hansa Bay, New Guinea. Other similar units sank a barge off the north-central coast of New Guinea and shelled Jap positions on Bougainville from Empress Augusta Bay.

Marshalls Attacked

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—American army and navy planes attacked four Marshall island atolls on Monday, bombing and machine-gunning Japanese shore installations, the navy communique announced.

Nelson Shatters Hopes For More Whisky in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—All alcohol produced this year will be needed for military and essential civilian uses, Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, announced last night, dashing hopes that the distilling of whisky might be resumed to meet the growing liquor shortage.

U-Boats Again Are Active Off U.S. Coast, Land Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—Rear Adm. Emory S. Land, chairman of the Maritime Commission, told Congress yesterday that German submarines were becoming active again off the Atlantic coast "in a mild form" and also were operating in the Caribbean.

N.Y. Schools Are Closed For Week by Lack of Coal

NEW YORK, Jan. 27—Because there was not enough coal available to heat the city's 800 schools, New York's 1,000,000 students yesterday began a week's vacation.

Write Your Own Headline

YPSILANTI, Mich., Jan. 27—A new cure for absenteeism will be introduced Saturday at Henry Ford's Willow Run Bomber Plant. The factory, which produces Liberators, will be closed all day to give 30,000 workers "an opportunity to conduct any necessary personal business."

Russians Cut Enemy Escape Gap to 50 Miles

Special Order of the Day Officially Marks End of Siege of Leningrad

Two powerful Russian armies, ripping retreating Germans from north and east, narrowed the Luga escape gap to less than 50 miles yesterday as 24 salvos from 324 massed guns in the long-besieged city hailed the "complete raising of the enemy blockade of Leningrad."

The Soviet offensive meanwhile recaptured all-but some 20 miles of the Leningrad-Moscow trunk railroad and won back the junction of Tosno, 30 miles southeast of Leningrad, where the lateral line to Narva, Estonia, connects with the main trunk.

Even as German radio broadcast news of new Red Army offensives in the Pripet marshes and the Dnieper Bend, the Russian commander on the northern front, Gen. Govorov, celebrated lifting of the Leningrad siege in a special order of the day describing it as "a victory of historical importance."

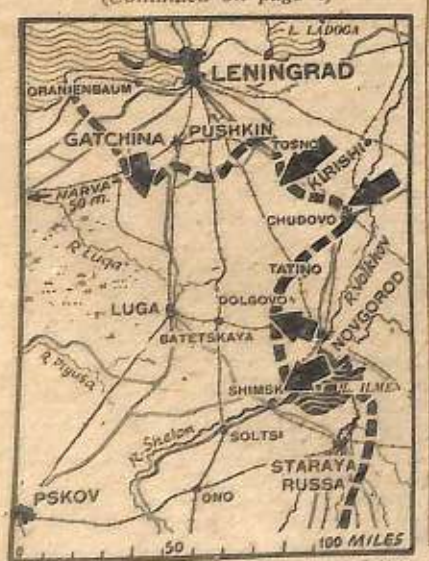
In 12 days' stubborn and intense fighting, he said, the Red Army overcame "strongly fortified, deeply staggered, long-term German defenses," stormed nearly a dozen strongpoints, liberated 700 inhabited places and drove back the enemy 40 to 60 miles.

Fierce Battle at Vinnitsa
While the Russians rolled back Nazis everywhere on the northern front, a fierce struggle raged east of Vinnitsa in the Ukraine—described by a German military spokesman as "one of the bloodiest panzer battles of the whole war." A Reuter correspondent in Moscow said Marshal Von Manstein's forces, counter-attacking steadily for days, were beginning to lose some of their punch.

Elsewhere, German radio told of a Red offensive east of the Polish border on the central front between the Beresina and Pripet Rivers, where two massive tank attacks achieved penetrations; at Cherkassy, in the Dnieper Bend, where the Russians threw in 11 fresh divisions and overran Nazi lines at several points; southeast of Belaya Tserkov, in the old Kiev bulge, where the Soviets gained a few miles in very heavy fighting.

In the Crimea, the enemy spoke of bitter fighting in the streets of Kerch—a phrasing that some military observers took to foreshadow the early fall of the town to the Russians. German commentators also revealed that the Russians

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Daily Express Map

The Better to See Them By



Associated Press Photo

London MPs blossomed out in white helmets, gloves, belts and leggings yesterday, making them safer in the blackout and visible at a much greater distance. The change, ordered by the theater commander, will apply eventually to all SOS MPs and headquarters guards. Above, Pvt. Elias Bergeron, of Morgan City, La., and Pvt. Richard H. Smith, of Bladell, N.Y., talk it over.

'Victory' Works Fill Blood Bank Program Is Set ForthelInvasion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes told President Roosevelt today that the Department of Interior had planned a vast public works program, much of which could be launched within 30 days after victory was won.

In the department's annual report, Ickes said that power and irrigation projects planned by the agency would keep 480,000 war veterans employed for three years. He said that these projects would open up farm-settlement opportunities to 65,000 families.

Lewis Warns AFL to Act Quickly on UMW Reentry

MIAMI, Jan. 27—AFL President William Green said yesterday that he had received a message from John L. Lewis in which the president of the United Mine Workers indicated that his union would withdraw its application for readmission into the AFL unless it was acted on quickly.

Soldiers wounded in the invasion of western Europe will be supplied with an adequate stock of whole blood and blood plasma donated by troops now stationed in the ETO.

Mobile medical units, equipped with portable refrigerators mounted on 24-ton trucks, are visiting U.S. installations throughout Britain and storing large quantities transfused from volunteers with type "O" blood only, ETOUSA headquarters announced yesterday.

Capt. Robert C. Hardin, of Iowa City, Ia., in charge of the mobile units, said that only type "O" was being taken because it was the most common type and was suitable for universal transfusion, regardless of the patient's own blood type.

Nazis Prepare to Try Fliers

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 27 (AP)—Informed German quarters said trials of American and British prisoners of war in retaliation for the Kharkov trials of Germans is in the preparatory stage. There was nothing to indicate the trials would begin soon.



Daily Express Map

Fifth Army repelled the Hermann Goering Division's counter-attack and drove on.

Apart from mention of Littoria, there has been no Allied disclosure of the progress or position of the invading troops, except that the beachhead, previously revealed as more than 12 miles deep, "has been improved by limited advances."

Various German and neutral dispatches, however, have reported the Allied capture of Velletri, Aprilia and Littoria and the cutting of the Appian Way and the Rome-Naples railroad. None of these claims has been confirmed by the Allies.

Reflecting the increased resistance of the Germans, reported to have reinforced heavily their troops south of Rome, was an admission yesterday by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, deputy commander of the Mediterranean theater, that stronger German counter-attacks in the Anzio Bay area forced the Allies to withdraw from their positions in one sector.

Dispatches from the area said that German infantry, rushed from Rome, attacked with support of tanks.

Meanwhile, Stimson, although declaring that the Anglo-American position in western Italy was highly satisfactory, told a press conference in Washington that the Germans were massing their troops for a counter-attack designed to drive the Allies into the sea.

Estimating that the Germans had sent

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Hold in South at All Costs, Hitler Tells Army in Italy

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy, Jan. 27—Continued strong German resistance on the southern Fifth Army front may be explained partially by an order from Adolf Hitler to his armies in Italy, a copy of which has been found.

It reads as follows: "January 24—To be read out to all troops at 0600 hours. The Fuehrer orders that the Gustav position shall be held at all costs, as a wholly successful defense would have political repercussions. The Fuehrer relies on every yard of ground being contested fiercely."

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Hash Marks

Ad in a Texas newspaper: "Will swap several pairs of nylon hose for one baby buggy." Nuff said!

There's a GI over here who has added a novel twist to the customary "free mail" notice. After the word "Free" in the upper right-hand corner of the envelope, he adds this postscript, "The Axis Will Pay."

The Axis must be cracking! The following headline appeared in a British newspaper, "Germans Throw in Clerks



at Nevel." The story went on to say: "The Germans were outnumbered 15 to 1 on the Nevel front in Russia. They were compelled to throw in thousands of non-fighting men—clerks, typists, and troops of the supply services." So be good, boys. Anything can happen—and probably will!

Excitement on the Home Front. An expectant mother called at her local ration board office to request additional gasoline ration coupons so she could drive to a maternity hospital. "Sorry," said a snooty board official, "there will be a slight delay." "Very well," said the woman calmly, "I'll have my baby here!" She got the coupons right away.

"Italians Rush To Buy" Spaghetti—American Style." Believe it or not, that's what happened. Spaghetti-loving citizens of Naples, who have been eating a low type of the stringy stuff since the war began, are crowding downtown markets these days to buy the finest spaghetti they have seen for three years—spaghetti shipped straight from the good old USA.

One of the newer arrivals in Spauland reports that the Germans have taken a sudden interest in the study of foreign languages. In Naziland an optimist is a guy who studies English—a pessimist is a guy who studies Russian.

Moan! Moan! The latest guy at the weeping wall is Pfc Alfred M. Rosenthal of the ETO. He not only got a can of powdered milk for Christmas—but four cartons of dehydrated soup. He wants a good recipe for the stuff.

Make no mistake, the GI is a tough guy. As a case in point we now tell the story of Pvt. Walter Suggs of an anti-



aircraft outfit in the ETO. Pvt. Suggs was an eager visitor at Belle Vue Park circus in Manchester; he stopped before a lion's cage and decided to pet the king of the jungle. But Sir Lion wasn't in the mood for fun and nipped the ends of three succulent GI fingers. According to the latest reports, Pvt. Suggs is well on the road to recovery—but the lion died exactly 19 days after his GI meal. J. C. W.

PRIVATE BREGER



"I think this one looks best on you, Sir!"

No Argument Now About P38

Twin-Tailed Fighter Outscoring Nazis' Best Fighters

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A LIGHTNING BASE, Jan. 27—

When pilots of this P38 group returned from their 37th bomber escort mission this week, they looked back on three months of combat with the best the Luftwaffe could offer, and decided that their twin-engined Lightnings had made the grade.

The first Lightning unit in the ETO, this group, commanded by Col. Frank B. James, of Huntington Park, Cal., began operations in October, and for six weeks—until arrival of the P51B in December—escorted Fortresses and Liberators on their deepest-into-Germany targets, taking up where Thunderbolts left off. To date the 38s have destroyed 33 Germans, probably destroyed 11, and damaged 25 more, for the loss of 26 of their own.

But the box score isn't the thing the P38 folks are most proud of; there's a kind of quiet pride at this station in the combat log entries which tell of pilot after pilot looking at his gas gauge, finding it at the turn-home point, and then going on anyway because the big bombers needed help.

The Lightning fliers went on ops in the ETO knowing that no matter what had been found in combat elsewhere, this was the theater in which the long-controversial Lockheed fighter would prove itself big league caliber or fail. Behind the first 38 to fly over Germany was a long record of hard luck—the P38 prototype had serious wing flutter, the first production craft cracked up after a record transcontinental trip, the original Allison's didn't have enough power to haul the heavy twin-boomed kite around.

Outflies the Luftwaffe

In the Pacific, in Africa and the Mediterranean the Lightning had come through. It had outscored, outflown the Luftwaffe. The P38 people wondered what it would do here—against the best planes and the best pilots Hitler has.

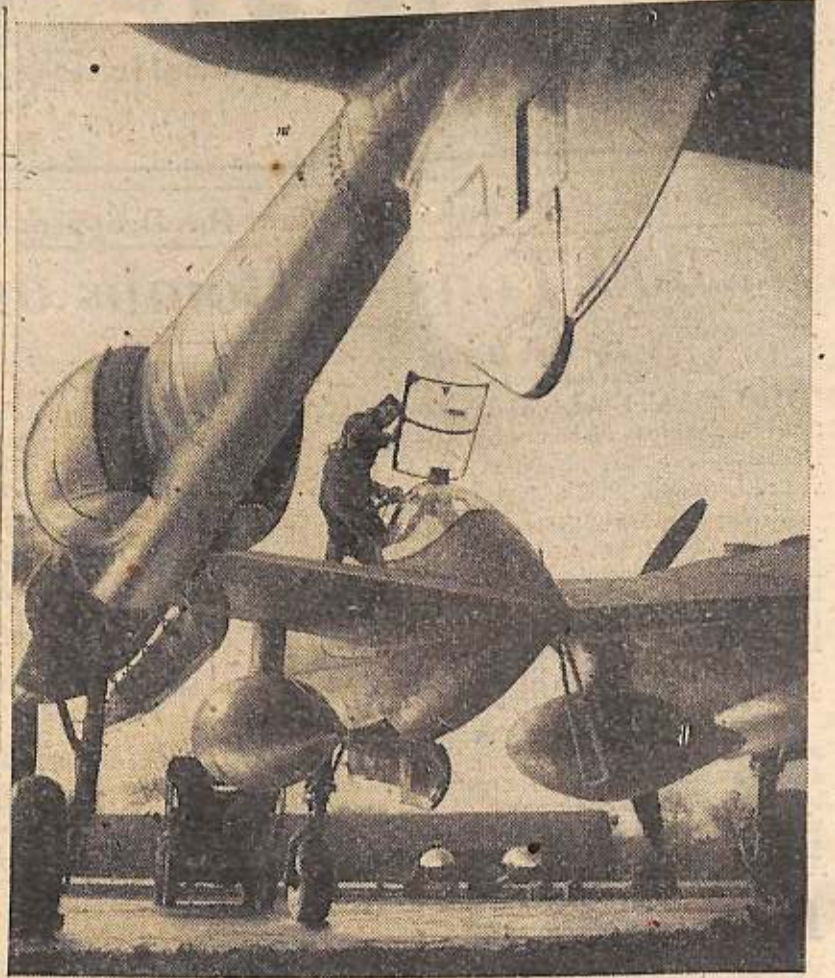
After the first P38 pilot saw his first bomber stumble out of formation over Germany and begin the long, spinning plunge to earth, the whole group knew that somehow the 38 would make the grade; it had to.

"You have got to see just one big bomber spinning on fire to become a confirmed escort man," according to Lt. Col. Jack S. Jenkins, of Levelland, Tex., this group's executive. "We've often stayed with the bombers long after we should have headed home, and I guess we've had losses because we tried to do too good a job."

1/Lt. Joseph M. Fluty, of Visalia, Cal., is an example of how that reputation was made by the fighter people. On a mission to Bremen last October he fought off attacking German aircraft for over an hour, handling his controls and guns with one hand after the other had been frozen stiff in the 50-below-zero temperature at altitude when Fluty had taken off a glove to adjust an instrument.

While the men who fly Lightnings figure their ship's advantages have been proved time and again since October, they admit some shortcomings, and the principal one is the P38's distinctive appearance, which makes it so easily recognizable.

One pilot said, "Jerry can see our twin



U.S. Army Air Force Photo

vapor trails 40 miles away, and that means we have a helluva time surprising him. He doesn't have to stop and figure whether we're 'little friends' or 'bandits' (friend or enemy)."

On the question of maneuverability, however, all P38 pilots become enthusiastic about what their ship can do "from high up on down to the ground—and especially on the ground."

T/Sgt. John B. Gagnon, of Biddeford, Me., crew chief for Capt. James H. Hancock, of Sebring, Fla., uses his pilot and his plane as examples of "How This Ship Can Be Handled."

It was on the Kiel raid some weeks ago. Hancock had bounced some German interceptors, and had shot down an FW190 and Me109 when another group of about 40 Me109s ripped out of the sun into his element.

Out of Ammunition

"The captain was really on the spot," his crew chief said. "He doesn't talk too much about it, but I got this story from him: A bunch of Jerries got square on his tail, but he broke left and spun down on two other Germans. But as he turned around he made a pass at a third German, and just as he came within range found there was no more ammunition. That is when he decided to get into a B17 formation that was passing below and head for home."

"Just as Capt. Hancock was heading down for the Fortress formation two Me109s bounced on him, and he dived straight for the deck. He said at one time he glanced at the instruments and saw 60 inches of mercury and 525 miles per hour registered, and the ship was cutting right through the air with little or no flutter. When the captain pulled out he was only five miles from the city of Kiel, so he leveled off, pointed the nose for home, and shot along ten feet off the ground at 400 miles per hour.

"But the battle wasn't over yet. Before he got home—with only one-and-a-half minutes gasoline left—he was bounced again by a couple of Germans and had to fly over two Nazi convoys, and one was a convoy of flak boats.

"We had the captain's ship back in fighting trim on short order," the crew chief added.

The group engineering officer, Capt. John Relic, of Petrolia, Pa., who has been on the technical end of P38s for more than two years, said that although keeping his ship in flying condition takes plenty of work, the Lightning can stand a lot of punishment—and can give its share.

The First P38

Capt. Relic recalled that the first Lightning with the original Allison engine had no turbo superchargers and was capable only of low altitude flying. Next, the P38D had superchargers and an improved Allison engine, but its speed was restricted to between 280 and 300 miles per hour. The angle of incidence on the horizontal stabilizer was changed and a bigger engine installed in the P38E, allowing for considerably more speed, and the F model came out with the same horsepower in the engines but an improved cooling system, giving the ship a higher constant cruise rate.

Then came the P38H, which is the ship brought to England by Col. James' group. With a more powerful engine—1,600 hp—improved turbo and considerable streamlining of structure, this ship added altitude and speed. Under combat conditions it flew an average of four-and-a-half hours with belly gasoline tanks.

The latest type Lightning, the P38J, recently introduced in this theater, is supposed to perform better at high altitudes and to have added range.

The P38 has a 52-foot wing span, 38-foot length and weighs 14,700 pounds. It has gasoline tanks under its wings and



Associated Press Photo

Ready to go, pilot (top photo) climbs into cockpit of P38. Lightning preparatory to an escort trip with the heavies. Bottom photo: Col. Frank B. James, of Huntington Park, Cal., a P38 group commander.

the tank shackles are capable of holding 500-pound bombs.

The pilots who have flown the P38 under every conceivable condition laugh off the old rumors of men who bailed out being crushed by the tail section, and tails breaking off in violent maneuvers.

1/Lt. Orville Goodman, of Glendale, Cal., has seen men bail out and in 300 P38 hours has done quite a few violent maneuvers. He said, "Those stories just aren't so."

And Capt. Joe Myers, of Canton, Ohio, who escorted two crippled P38s and one shot-up Fortress, all in formation, out of Germany some weeks ago, added, "I'll put my P38 up against anything the Germans have. In fact, I've already done that several times."



The Right to Vote

My Uncle Sam said see here Joe I know you're earnin' lots of dough, A workin' on the farm all day To make the harvest really pay: But now I need you for a fight To fix things up and make 'em right; So men can work an' live-an' pray In what we call the U.S. way? So I an' millions left for war To finish off this newest chore. Yet while we're gone, it's in the mill, A few at home are out to kill Our right to exercise franchise Through politics and even lies Designed to keep us from the polls Though votin's done from deep fox holes.

But we have beaten super-Huns With bayonets and planes and guns. We've beaten, too, the tricky Japs Who thought all Yanks were braggin' saps.

These victories none can deny, Though each in turn caused some to die. An' GIs we will never fail No matter where the troop ships sail. All liberties we will defend At home, abroad, until the end. Then we will beat the rats who say You cannot vote election day.

E. M. L.

A Race For Victory

"We are in that stage of battle where every ounce of strength and every minute in speed can spell the difference, not perhaps between victory or defeat, but between a total victory leading to the destruction of the enemy force and a mere gain in territory. On the outcome of this race will depend not only the immediate fate of Rome but also the ultimate price that will have to be paid for the victory in the campaign in Italy."

In those words the New York Times describes graphically the new Fifth Army campaign and its purpose. Reports indicate our forces are now rapidly fanning out from the original beach heads and the ports of Nettuno and Anzio, which, though small, were captured intact. In view of the absence of any real opposition in the early stages of the push it is assumed the reported advance does not tell the whole story of progress to date.

The Germans, completely surprised, appear to be rushing reinforcements to Rome and every hour granted them for that purpose enables them to rectify their original blunder, which was a colossal one. That blunder presented the Fifth Army with the greatest opportunity since the overthrow of Mussolini, and it is to be hoped that the Fifth Army's timetable can make the most of it.

New Soldier Citizens

For the first time in history aliens are being granted American citizenship while they are on foreign soil... but with the U.S. Army.

That's the word today from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, which claims that 46,000 aliens in the armed services have been granted citizenship, 3,678 while serving outside the borders of the United States.

The Service also announces that a special representative is traveling through combat areas with powers to confer citizenship on fighting men. Wherever possible, fitting ceremonies are arranged by commanding officers. In one case 10,000 soldiers marched in review as 500 aliens in North Africa were granted American citizenship.

Such a realistic view by those in authority gives us new confidence in the future and in the American system of government.

Hollywood's Contribution

Probably the highest paid faculty in the world—made up of Hollywood's biggest stars and leading technicians—has been teaching GIs the lowdown on every phase of the entertainment business. As a result of this unusual course GIs attached to Special Service offices can go back to their camps and put on better shows and better entertainment for their fellow soldiers.

In the three-day course comedian George Jessel discussed the problems of a master of ceremonies and gave the GIs tips on how to produce shows with limited talent and facilities. Two of the leading authorities on magic—William Larson and Gerard Kisky—showed how to work escape tricks. Perc Westmore, one of Hollywood's greatest makeup artists, lectured and demonstrated make-up tricks, using as props materials obtained from a mess hall kitchen, a camp paint shop and the QM. Using GI materials, Westmore made up a WAC as a boy, and a dog-face as a chorus gal.

Courses in glee clubs, puppet shows, comedy and songwriting were "taught" by such stars as Eddie Cantor, Jinx Falkenberg, Skinny Ennis, LeRoy Prinz, Judith Anderson and others. The entire course has been recorded and a stenotypist attended all the classes. Her transcribed notes will be edited and reproduced in book form for distribution to all camps and stations.

This school represents only the latest of many Hollywood contributions to the war effort. The sale of war bonds, free shows, free movies and the stars themselves have gone to war, and for the combined effort Hollywood deserves a letter of commendation from millions of grateful GIs.

Comes peace, we'll say it again with our nickles and dimes.

Army Rally Overcomes Penn State Quintet, 49-38

Majors Reaping Cream Of International Hillmen



NEW YORK, Jan. 27—Olympia Fields golf course in Chicago, scene of the 1928 U.S. Open and other big tournaments, has gone into bankruptcy after dwindling membership forced the club to fold. . . . Though Chicago hasn't had any snow as yet, the Norge Ski club is going right ahead with its plans to hold a ski jumping contest at Wrigley Field. They're building a slide off the top of the stands and will import snow if the natural variety isn't on hand.

When Gonzaga hung a 76-39 wallop onto Washington's basketball team recently, it completed a bad week for the Huskies. Their beating in the Rose Bowl was the worst of any of their appearances there, and that basketball score was the worst in 20 years of Husky court squads. . . . Camp Blanding, Fla., has a boxer who is living up to his name. Winner of his last two bouts, the battler is Pfc On Chin, a Chinese-American.

Glenn Knox, who used to star for William and Mary basketball teams, is playing for an independent quintet in Richmond, Va., and in four games has averaged 33 points. That's hot basket work. . . . Joe Donohue, in charge of the tack rooms at the New York tracks, cashed over nine million dollars' worth of checks this year and not one bounced. Joe must keep better form charts on customers than customers do on the nags. . . . Maj. Frederick MacLaughlin, owner of the Chicago Black Hawks hockey team, hasn't seen his club play this year due to illness, but he gives 500 tickets away to servicemen for each home game. That's \$750 he's giving away if the house is a sellout, and sellouts have been regular at Chicago this year.

Price Brookfield, the guy who used to spark Coach Al Baggett's West Texas State Buffaloes when they were the tallest team in the country, recently joined the Iowa State basketball team as an armed force trainee. That was all that it took to make the Cyclones favorites for the Big Six title. Fans remember Brookfield from the days when he shone in the National Intercollegiate tournament in Kansas City. Too bad the Cyclones haven't six-foot-ten Charley Halbert for Price to feed and use as a screen blocker. . . . When he came back from Georgia to regain his title from Bob Montgomery, Beau Jack brought a 17-year-old lightweight named Frankie Hartman with him. Now Frankie will be known as Jack Rabbit during the rest of his career.

When the past professional football season ended, the pro clubs had 387 men in the armed forces. . . . Dusty Bogess, the new National League umpire appointed by the loop, is making his fifth trip to the majors. The other four were as a player. A couple of seasons back a Texas League kid asked him how to get off a batting slump. Bogess said, "Don't ask me. I was in one for 12 years, then just retired."

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ARMY Postal Service is seeking owner of an American 15-jewel Waltham pocket watch found in mails with no address. Possibly mailed here or in U.S. Bears distinctive numerals on face and two initials, second looking like "E." engraved on back. Sender or addressee, if he can identify piece, is asked to communicate immediately with Theater Postal Officer, Hq. SOS, APO 887.

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L. Samuel Bidsong Jr., Jackson, Miss.; Cpl. Norman E. Bollenbark, Kingfisher, Okla.; Sgt. George Bond, S. Calif.; Cpl. Bette Britton, WAC; Pvt. Kenneth S. Bruhn; John Cox, Capt. Brock, Ariz.; 1/Lt. Robert J. Crickelair; Capt. Roy R. Davis; Claire De Trempe; Pvt. Floyd J. John A. Dyke, Seattle, Wash.; Pfc. Lyman Eskew, Grand Eder, Dixon, Ill.; S/Sgt. P. Geis, Salem, Ore.; Island, Neb.; Capt. Carl P. Geis, Salem, Ore.; Pfc. Ted Graham, Weatherby, Pa.; Pfc. Joseph H. Hood, Avondale, Pa.; George Klein, Vancouver, Wash.; Lt. Glen Kass, Waterloo, Neb.

Lost

RING, 14 carat, yellow gold wedding, near Marble Arch, Jan. 7. Reward—Sgt. V. P. Neary. SCARF—Will the soldier who took my scarf by mistake at the Jewish Institute Dec. 22 please return it. Has my name and serial number on it. Reward—Lt. Milton M. Cahn, G-484067. IDENTIFICATION bracelet, with my name and serial number.—Pvt. Fletcher Thornton, 19296921. IDENTIFICATION bracelet, in Belfast, with my name and serial number.—Pfc. Harley L. Spencer, 39103262. Dowagiac Men to Meet. SERVICEMEN from Dowagiac, Mich., will meet at the Eagle Club, London, Feb. 23 and 24. Drawings Exhibition. EXHIBITION of water-color drawings is open daily at the Leger Galleries, 13 Old Bond St., London, W1. Photography. CAMERA enthusiasts interested in forming a club are invited to meet tonight at 7:30 at the ARC Motyn-Club, Portman St., London, W1.

Yanks Banking on Newark Rookies to Bolster Weak Staff

NEW YORK, Jan. 27—The International League is going to send up some pretty good pitchers to the majors this year to replace those called away by the draft.

The major league club owners hope they replace and not join those drafted. The Yankees, who have lost Marius Russo and probably will lose Spud Chandler, seem to have picked an especially juicy bunch from their Newark vineyard.

The brightest prospect is Walter Dubiel, a right hander who was fourth in the league's ERA department with 2.02. They are also bringing in Joe Page, a south-paw with the best won-lost percentage in the league. Both Page and Dubiel won 16, but Dubiel lost 11 and Page lost five.

Dubiel is better regarded than Page because of his steadiness. He walked only 66 batters in 192 innings and fanned 40 however, with a good fast ball and an effective hook. Those walks attest to a wildness that must be curbed if Page expects to be a big leaguer for very long. Both Page and Dubiel possess that very valuable quality looked for in all ball players these days—a 4-F draft classification.

Bombers to Carry 11 Pitchers

Emerson Roser is also coming along from the Newark club. Roser is a young right-handed giant whom the Yankees bagged in his junior year at Clarkson College, Potsdam, N.Y. Were it not for Manager Joe McCarthy's intention of carrying 11 pitchers this year, whether good or indifferent, it is likely that Page and Roser would be left behind for further aiding in the woods.

The only hold-over Yankee pitchers considered absolutely beyond the call of the military this year are Aley Donald and Jim Turner. Donald has defective eyesight and Turner is 40 years old.

The League had four 20-game winners last year and all of them are headed for the majors. Ed Klieman, who won 23 and lost 11 for Baltimore, will be up with the Indians. Tommy Delacruz, with 21 and 11 for Syracuse, will be up for trial with Cincinnati. Luke Hamlin, who won 21 and lost eight for Baltimore, will be with the Athletics and Rufe Gentry, who won 20 and lost 16 with Buffalo, will pitch for the Detroit Tigers.

Hamlin Had 'Special Pitch' Hamlin endeared himself to the Brooklyn addicts a few years ago with his novel way of clearing the bases of enemy runners when he would find himself in a jam. He had a special pitch known as the home run ball which he seemed to keep exclusively for such occasions.

Gentry played a few games with the Tigers last summer and looked good. Hamlin hurled the most shutouts in the circuit, eight, with five of them at the expense of Syracuse. Hamlin, Klieman and Page had the longest winning streaks, eight each.

Lou Polli led the ERA department with 1.85. Polli won 14 and lost 12 with the last place Jersey City Giants and he will be at the Polo Grounds in the spring.

Gremlins, Alcon-Falcons Pace Flier Cage Loop

BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, Jan. 27—A double victory by both the Gremlins and Alcon-Falcons during the sixth week of play here gained them the top spot in the Northern and Southern loops respectively, each with a record of six triumphs and one defeat, with two weeks remaining in this division's interstation basketball tournament.

The Kiwis dropped to second place with five wins and one loss, and the Crusaders did likewise with five victories and two defeats.

The Alcon-Falcons blasted the Bombers, 44-28, and trounced the Unknowns, 59-26, while the Gremlins overwhelmed the Polar Bears, 64-27, and vanquished the Podhs, 36-25.

Ladies' Night on the Floor



Among the attractions of the 24-game cage circus at Barons Court, London, Wednesday night was a contest between a WAC quintet and an ATS five. Dribbling in for two points is Pfc Betty Woods, of St. Paul, Minn. The WACs won, 22-12.

Saratoga Opening This Year Dependent on War Conditions

ALBANY, N.Y., Jan. 27—The return of horse racing to Saratoga next August will depend on war-time conditions, James Hagerty, executive assistant to Gov. Thomas Dewey, said here.

"It is much too early to decide whether racing will be held at the Saratoga race track next summer," Hagerty commented. "The decision will depend on the available supply of tires and gasoline."

Lausanne Parley May Include U.S. Sports Delegates

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27—Avery Brundage, president of the United States Sports Federation, hopes to lead an American delegation the 50th anniversary meeting of the International Olympic Committee at Lausanne, Switzerland, next summer.

Brundage said that American participation depended upon permission and transportation facilities. He said that Col. William Garland, of Los Angeles, and Gustavus Kirby, of New York, probably will be in the American delegation.

"We feel that the important position the United States has commanded in international sports should be maintained by participation in this meeting, even during wartime," said Brundage, chairman of the American Olympic Association and member of the international committee.

Brundage pointed out that with the meeting in Switzerland, delegates from many belligerents could attend.

Judge Rules Against Sale Of Dodger Stock by Heirs

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Jan. 27—Surrogate Francis D. McGarey, by decision, reiterated that heirs will not be allowed to liquidate the Dodger baseball club by a piecemeal sale of stock.

Heirs of the late Charles Ebbets sought permission to sell stock so that the estate could catch up with annuities. McGarey pointed out that the sale would leave the Ebbets estate with only a minority share of stock.

Ebbets owned 50 per cent and the other 50 per cent was owned by Steve McKeever, who willed it to his daughter, Mrs. James Mulvey.

Ace Adams Rejected

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 27—Ace Adams, top relief pitcher for the New York Giants for the past three years, has been rejected by the Army and immediately signed a contract for next season. Adams was supposedly rejected due to an old knee injury.

Hockey Results

Boston 2, Hershey 1 (exhibition)
Buffalo 3, Providence 2
Cleveland 3, Pittsburgh 3

Cadets Rack Up Fifth in a Row; Navy Triumphs

Middies Take Early Lead To Subdue Temple Squad, 45-33

WEST POINT, N.Y., Jan. 27—Army's Cadets came from behind to score their fifth straight basketball victory here last night, beating Penn State, 49-38.

Behind, 23-18, and at the end of the half, the Cadets' fast-breaking offense rolled in the last period with Dal Hall and Bob Faas foiling State's zone defense with a pop-shot barrage. Monly Moskowitz, Lion set shot artist, cut the Army lead to 39-35 with seven minutes remaining, but Hall and Faas went to work again to clinch the game.

Hall, unable to score in the first half, hooped 14 points in all in that furious last stanza, while Don McNary threw in a like amount for the Pennsylvanians.

Owls Score

On Reserves

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 27 (AP)—Jumping into the lead in the first five minutes, Navy turned back Temple, 45-33, here last night. The Middle varsity played for all but five minutes at the end of the first half, but Temple made most of its showing during that brief period.

The Owls' Ingerman led the scorers with 12 points.

Notre Dame Upsets

Valparaiso, 57-44

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 27 (AP)—The luck of the Irish held last night as the Notre Dammers won their 11th basketball game of the season, downing Valparaiso, 57-44. The Irish have been winning their odd-numbered games and losing the evens.

Notre Dame's attack was paced by Freshman Carl Loyd, of South Bend, who was playing his last game before induction into the Navy. He led the scoring with 15 points.

Bond Games Net

\$1,600,000

NEW YORK, Jan. 27—Approximately \$1,600,000 was poured into Uncle Sam's pockets by 6,000 fans whose bond purchases entitled them to admission to a basketball double-header at the 71st Regiment Armory here last night.

Bob Dorn, former Temple star, sparked the District Coast Guard to a 50-38 triumph over the enlisted men of West Point in the first game. Dorn broke his thumb early in the game, but stayed on and scored 20 points. Harry Boykoff, former St. John's center, led the losers with 21.

The second affair saw the combined all-stars from St. John's-Brooklyn College-LIU-Pratt defeat a team representing NYU, City College and Columbia, 47-43.

CAGE RESULTS

Army 49, Penn State 38
Brooklyn All-Stars 47, New York All-Stars 44
Delaware 56, Ft. Dupont 50
District Coast Guard 50, West Point EM 38
Ft. Belvoir 60, Maryland 29
Georgia Tech 58, Mayport Navy 44
Great Lakes Negro 50, Halle Brown 29
Louisville 63, Goodman Field 39
Navy 45, Temple 33
Norfolk Naval 52, Duke 51
North Carolina Pre-Flight 64, Camp Davis 30
Notre Dame 57, Valparaiso 44
Tufts 50, Boston Coast Guard 32
VPI 49, VMI 20
Washburn 57, Rockhurst 45
West Virginia 50, Carnegie Tech 45

Willie Hoppe Defeats Cochran in Cue Jaunt

NEW YORK, Jan. 27—Willie Hoppe, the grand old man of billiards, won his cross-country three-cushion match with Welker Cochran with a total of 2,150-1,941.

The 56-year-old Hoppe showed the strain of travelling upon the completion of the series which started in Kansas City and moved on to Chicago, Detroit and then here.

In six blocks played in New York, Hoppe outscored Cochran, 300-286.

By Al Capp

L'il Abner



News From Home

Soldiers' Vote Is Up for Debate In California Special Session

Legislature Is Convened For Immediate Action on Governor's Program

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 27—California's Legislature convened in special session today to enact legislation that would permit servicemen overseas to vote in three elections this year.

Gov. Earl Warren said he would offer a proposal that "should enable California servicemen anywhere in the world to vote" in the presidential primary May 2, the State primary in August and the general election Nov. 7.

Chief feature of Gov. Warren's plan is an extension of from 26 to 56 days for mailing and receiving servicemen's ballots. The Governor also proposed that the date of the state primary be advanced from Aug. 29 to Aug. 8 to allow more time to prepare for the November general election.

Gov. Warren's plan has been endorsed by California's Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan. Jordan suggested, however, that the state primary scheduled for August and the presidential primary in May be combined and held on May 16 to save both confusion and money.

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 27—The Connecticut Legislature now in special session has been asked by Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin to pass emergency legislation permitting servicemen to vote in this year's national and local elections.

Petroleum Wax Usage

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—Sixty per cent of the entire 1943 output of petroleum wax went to packaging field rations for overseas servicemen, for manufacturing ordnance wrapping and for "dipcoating" Army ordnance and metal replacement parts, Deputy Petroleum Administrator Ralph K. Davies announced yesterday, explaining the wartime role of petroleum waxes, a little-known byproduct of the American oil industry.

Reporter Exemption Denied

JACKSON, Tenn., Jan. 27—The Jackson Sun has lost its court battle to have newspaper reporters declared exempted from federal wage and hour laws on the ground that they are professional workers. Judge Charles C. Simons, of the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, pointed out that no state required reporters to undergo competency examinations or take out licenses to practice their vocation.

Prisoners Found—in Prison

GRATERFORD, Pa., Jan. 27—Two prisoners who escaped from Eastern Penitentiary have been found—right in the prison. Superintendent Elmer Leithiser had broadcast an alarm throughout Pennsylvania and near-by states after Edward Grygier, of Philadelphia, and Melvin Gridleh, of Tioga County, were

Bradley's Leadership In Tunisia Wins Citation

For his leadership of the U.S. Army's Second Corps during the Tunisian campaign, Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley has been awarded the Legion of Merit by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, it was announced at ETO headquarters.

The presentation of the award was made before Gen. Eisenhower's arrival by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, then commander of ETOUSA. Announcement was withheld at the time because Gen. Bradley's presence in the theater was secret. He is now senior officer of American ground forces here.

The citation praised Gen. Bradley's conduct in commanding the Second Corps during the establishment of the beachhead and through the rest of the campaign.

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.
Saturday, Jan. 29
1100—GI Five.
1115—Personal Album—Anita Ellis.
1130—Hit Parade—with Frank Sinatra and Mark Warnow's Orchestra.
1200—Billy Ternent and His Orchestra.
1230—Yank Swing Session.
1300—World News (BBC).
1310—Serenade.
1315—War Commentary.
1330—Hello India—Special feature to the GIs in India.
1400—Happy Norman's Ranch House.
1430—Sign off until 1745 hours.
1745—Spotlight on Lionel Hampton—program resume.
1800—World News (BBC).
1810—GI Supper Club.
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
1905—Waltz Time with Abe Lyman's Orchestra and Frank Munn.
1930—Dinah Shore Program.
2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A. with Corporal Fred Kennedy.
2010—Take the Air.
2030—GI Journal.
2100—World News (BBC).
2110—Remember.
2120—American Commentary—Raymond Gram Swing.
2135—All Time Hit Parade.
2200—Xavier Cugat.
2230—Tommy Dorsey Show.
2255—Final Edition.
2300—Sign off until 0800 hours, Sunday, Jan. 30.

Lost and Found Dept. Lists Harmon Again

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—1/Lt. Tommy Harmon, former all-American football player from the University of Michigan, who came back after being lost in Dutch Guiana jungles and then came back after being lost in China, has come back again after being lost—between Greenville, S.C., and Washington, D.C. Scheduled to appear at a 10 AM press conference, Harmon still was missing at 10.30. The conference was postponed until 2 o'clock, and sure enough Harmon showed up.

reported missing from their cells. The men were found atop a boiler in the prison power room.

Big Cleanup Begins

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 27—More than 3,000 street and water works employees returning to work after a strike that began shortly after the New Year have started the job of cleaning up the city's streets. Police estimate that it will take three weeks to collect the 90,000 tons of garbage and debris piled up in the 17-day strike. The work stoppage was ended officially over the weekend when the workers accepted a compromise offer of a wage increase of six cents an hour.

Ask Korean Recognition

ASHLAND, Ohio, Jan. 27—The Korean-American Council in session here urged the United States to recognize the Korean Provisional Government in Exile at Chungking. Sponsors of the recognition movement claimed that recognition would strengthen the Allied cause.

Prairie Fire Fatal to Two

HIGHMORE, S.D., Jan. 27—Two men were killed and five other persons badly injured when a prairie fire swept over five automobiles that had piled up in a collision. Authorities said the cars collided in dense smoke which obscured the highway. The occupants had been rushing to fight the fire.

Slipup

STAMFORD, Conn., Jan. 27—The FBI has arrested Frank Paul Grassi, former member of the Stamford Board of Appropriations, on charges that he received and sold three cartons of silk slips allegedly stolen from a truck last November.

Abe Lyman Will Wed

NEW YORK, Jan. 27—Abe Lyman took out a license to marry Rose Blane, who sings with his orchestra. Lyman, who was born in Chicago, gave his age as 44. Miss Blane, of Columbus, Ohio, gave her age as 33.

Russia Rejects U.S. Offer Of Polish-Line Mediation

Russia has rejected the U.S. State Department's offer to mediate between the Soviet government and the Polish government in exile in London.

The Russian reply, possibly leaving a loophole for future efforts with its assertion that "conditions have not yet ripened" for U.S. mediation, was announced in Washington by Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

Poles in London said the rejection was no surprise and bore out their ideas of what Moscow had been planning all along—to recognize the Polish committee in Moscow as the legal government to be set up in Warsaw.

Russia - - -

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were attacking southwest of Smolensk and north of Noyel.

On the northern front the jaws of the Soviet trap closed slowly around an estimated 250,000 Nazis as Gen. Govorov's troops rolled south from Gatchina (Krasnovardaysk) toward the German Baltic base at Luga, less than 50 miles away, and Gen. Maretskov's ski troops from Novgorod pushed west toward the same goal.

Terry and the Pirates



Yank Reinforcements Land at Beachhead



American infantrymen, huddled tensely in a landing barge, slide ashore on the beachhead south of Rome to reinforce troops who made the initial assault. Amphibious trucks (Ducks) and Jeeps wait along the shore to carry equipment inland to supply dumps.

Invaders Repel Big Nazi Attack

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between two and three divisions from Rome to combat the Allied advance. Stimson predicted that Kesselring might have to abandon his positions along the Gustav Line, but he asserted that it was too early to forecast a disastrous German defeat.

Stimson said that "signs seem to point to a heavy battle south of Rome, where the enemy will attempt to push our troops into the sea and re-establish communications between Rome and the southern line." He added that such an engagement would not be "a battle for Rome but a preliminary to the battle."

Along the Gustav line yesterday there were no signs that the Germans were considering pulling out.

The French met bitter opposition when they retook Mount Croce and cut the Belmonte-Cassino road in their advance to Mount Belvedere. By crossing the Secco River valley, which joins the Rapido to the southeast, the French increased pressure above Cassino.

There still was no confirmation of reports that the Germans had evacuated Cassino.

In a desperate attempt to disrupt the constant flow of materials and troops to the Allied bridgehead, Kesselring was reported yesterday to be mustering all the available German bombers, even commandeering them from as far away as Bordeaux.

The Allied air forces, meanwhile, continued to cover the bridgehead and relentlessly bombed German reinforcements of men and equipment being moved up.

U.S. Army Nurses in Burma

NORTHERN BURMA, Jan. 27 (AP)—The first group of American Army nurses to reach Burma has arrived here to administer medical aid to Chinese fighting near the old Burma Road.

Officers 'Working in Shifts' Pin Seven Medals on Gunner Hero

A LIBERATOR BASE, Jan. 27—S/Sgt. Oliver R. Germann, 25-year-old ex-farmland and truck driver from Moran, Wyo., and now an aerial gunner, today received seven separate awards for heroism, so many that a colonel and a brigadier general worked in relays pinning the medals on his chest.

Still limping slightly from wounds which hospitalized him for five months in Malta and North Africa, Germann received the Silver Star, DFC and cluster and Air Medal and three clusters from Col. Frederick R. Dent Jr., his group commander, and Brig. Gen. Leon W. Johnson, combat wing chief.

"Never before have we presented one man with so many decorations at one time," said Gen. Johnson, Ploesti raider who recently was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Germann, B24 tail gunner with 17

Bennett, in Hiding On Continent, Sends Wife Cheering Wire

NEW YORK, Jan. 27—Another chapter in the strange odyssey of Lowell Bennett, 23-year-old International News Service correspondent, who parachuted into Berlin from a burning Lancaster bomber and later escaped from a German prison camp, was written when his wife, Enid, in South Orange, N.J., received a cablegram containing a message from her husband somewhere inside Nazi Europe.

Coming only 24 hours after the INS had received a 1,000-word story from the fugitive correspondent describing his adventures, the cable was sent from an undisclosed origin and signed with a name unfamiliar to Mrs. Bennett. It said:

"Lowell Bennett inside Europe asked me to cable you and send this message: 'I am in the best of health, un wounded and free but cannot leave for the time being. Coming home as soon as possible. Please wait for me and keep the Scottish chin up. Take care of Alan (their two-year-old son) until I get there to help. Ton mari qui t'adore, Lowell.'" The French portion of the signature means, "Your husband who adores you."

ASTP Program Ridiculed By Ohio Congressman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—Calling the Army's Specialized Training Program "unfair and discriminating," Rep. Charles H. Elston (R.-Ohio) expressed the opinion that "much of this student training in colleges" could be abolished.

Elston, a member of the House Military Affairs Committee, said he believed personally that ASTP could be eliminated except for its medical department and "possibly a few other technical studies."

The Army's college program includes 140,000 soldiers, of whom 16,000 are studying medicine and dentistry.

Argentine Ends Ties With Axis

Argentina formally has ended diplomatic relations with Germany and Japan and thus shut the Axis out of what Secretary of State Cordell Hull called "a vast system of espionage... against the interests of continental defense... directly organized by the German government... in violation of our rights and sovereignty."

Last of the South American nations to join the anti-Axis front, Argentina made the break after announcing discovery of a "vast system of espionage... against the interests of continental defense... directly organized by the German government... in violation of our rights and sovereignty."

Allied capitals hailed the step as "a grave political defeat for Germany," but the New York Herald Tribune, taking what it admitted was "a rather cynical view" of Argentina's belated discovery of Nazi espionage, said the break really occurred because "the military politicians have discovered the Argentine regime has been backing the wrong horse."

\$48 a Week Ceiling Wage Fixed for U.S. Farm Labor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—A \$48-a-week ceiling on wages for farm labor was fixed by the War Food Board in an effort to prevent a runaway rise in pay scales, now 60 per cent higher than a year ago. The jump in farm wages became necessary to compete with high-wage war industries luring manpower from the land.

Food For 270 Days

NORTHERN IRELAND BASE HQ, Jan. 27—The U.S. Army, has stored enough food in the British Isles to feed every American soldier in the ETO for 270 days, Lt. Col. C. G. Herman, of Hopkinsville, Ky., told 200 mess officers and sergeants. He represented the theater quartermaster at the first mess-management conference in Northern Ireland.

8th Air Force

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trial plants and traffic points within the Nazi-occupied countries.

Gunners of the bombers have accounted for 3,885 of the enemy aircraft destroyed, and fighter pilots 561 more.

On Jan. 28, 1942, in compliance with a letter order issued by the War Department, the Eighth AAF was activated by special order No. 22. The place was Savannah, Ga. The first headquarters were in the Savannah National Guard armory—which also housed the 12th Replacement Control Depot and the 423rd Signal Co., Aviation.

Personnel numbered 74 officers and 81 enlisted men, almost all of them drawn from the Third Air Support Command, Brig. Gen. Asa N. Duncan, who since has been announced as missing in action, was the first commanding general.

By Milton Caniff

