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Nazis Rush Supplies for Vital Donetz

Germans Try to Avert Disaster in Heaviest Fighting of War

MOSCOW, March 1 (UP)—The heaviest fighting of the winter campaign is now going on in the northern part of the Donetz salient, where the Germans are pouring in all available tanks, armored vehicles, aircraft and infantry to keep open the vital 70 miles between their lines and the Sea of Azov and thus avert a repetition of the Stalingrad encirclement.

The battle has now been swaying to and fro for the past three weeks. Few details of its latest developments are available in Moscow today. Fighting has shifted from the south-west of Kramatorskaya to what the overnight communique called the "Kramatorskaya area."

Here the Germans threw in scores of tanks in a continuous succession of attacks in an endeavor to drive through the Russian lines, but the attacks were beaten back.

The area in which the Donetz Battle has been waged between Kramatorskaya and Krasonoarmeisk is one which gives its possessor control of vital railways which connect the Donetz with the Crimea and southern Ukraine.

Artillery Duels Near Rostov

In the eastern area of the Basin fighting seems to have subsided to some extent. West of Rostov the Russians are consolidating their positions, and engaging in artillery duels with the Germans who are holding the fortified line which defends the approaches to Taganrog in this area.

It was in this area that the Russian advance from Rostov last winter was ended.

The Germans are holding a line of hills which offer ideal defensive positions for the Germans and which also provide opportunities for the German counter-attacks which are now going on with growing force.

Spring Weather

Spring weather now prevails in this area. While it hampers ground fighting it has caused an increase in air operations from the Sea of Azov to the Kuban. Exceptionally fierce air fighting is reported from the latter area where the Germans are grimly hanging on to their bridgehead on to the mainland.

In the Kursk-Kharkov area the Russians are maintaining their offensive and have gained more ground west of Kharkov and Kursk. Several villages and small towns have been liberated, but no major advance has been reported.

Berlin claims that fierce fighting has been going on in the central front. Moscow says nothing about this area, which follows its usual custom of keeping quiet about operations until some positive development in the fighting.

Fierce fighting has been going on both north and south of Orel. It was admitted that the Russians had made what were described as "temporary break-throughs," which, it was claimed, were cleaned up by the Germans.

Berlin tonight claimed that, in the Orel fighting, the Russians had lost 19,000 men killed and 1,700 taken prisoner since Feb. 4.

Tank Destroyer Matches Nazi 88

DETROIT, March 1 (AP)—The production of a powerful new tank destroyer, a land cruiser which can cope with anything yet thrown into battle by Germany, was announced today by the General Motors Corporation.

The destroyer, one of three newly designed models, is known as the M10 and is being built on a volume basis at the tank arsenal of General Motors Fisher Body division.

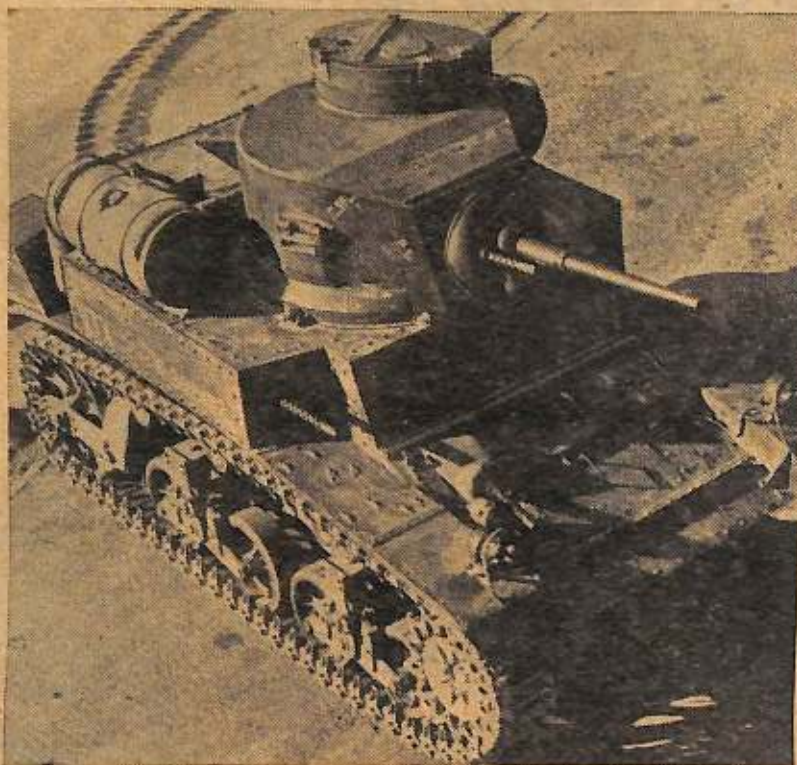
The destroyer has already been tested in battle and its performance was described as "excellent."

With the permission of the War Department, E. F. Fisher, general manager, gave this brief description of the destroyer:

It is of welded construction and is faster than the ordinary tank. It is heavily armored, has great maneuverability and carries terrific fire power.

Although the caliber and range of the big gun mounted in the turret are secret, Army officials said that it could trade blows on an even basis with the much discussed 88mm. weapons found on the most recent German tanks in North Africa.

This Is The Cavalry's Newest Mount



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

This is the new light tank of the cavalry, an armored reconnaissance vehicle designed to carry 37mm. firepower to the enemy at a speed which keeps it alongside the half-tracks and motorcycles. Weighing 15 tons, the new M5 light tank has speed to spare over its prototype, M2A4, and more maneuverability. It carries machine-guns to supplement the 37mm., and is now in use by cavalry training in the ETO for the invasion of Europe.

Rationing Begins in America, 125,000,000 Register in Week

WASHINGTON, March 1—Mrs. America went shopping today with ration book No. 2—along with cash—in her handbag, necessary now under regulations controlling the retail sale of practically every foodstuff except meat, fresh vegetables, fresh fruits and bread.

Rationing authorities said approximately 125 million copies of ration book No. 2 had been distributed.

Canned and processed foods of all types come under the regulations which went into effect today. As they were set up, the new rules made it pretty dangerous—as well as unpatriotic—to try to chisel. Applications for the books, without which no housewife could buy a can of beans or a carton of frozen brussels sprouts, had a space for a declaration of how many cans were on the pantry shelf. False returns carried the penalty of a \$1,000 fine upon conviction.

No Dangerous Shortage

Government officials, announcing the ration system the 21st of last month, said no dangerous food shortage existed in the United States and that the rationing was being put into effect to see that no one consumed more than his fair share and, at the same time, to provide for military and lend-lease needs.

Nevertheless it appeared that the average American family was going to be forced to tighten its collective belt a notch or two.

Introduction of the new rationing for civilians came on the same day that soldiers in the European Theater of Operations went on a new diet which adjusted mess-hall meals to include more English-produced vegetables in place of other foods formerly shipped from the United States.

Allied Post-War Conference

WASHINGTON, March 1 (UP)—All the Allied countries will be asked to send representatives to a meeting at which post-war problems will be discussed, Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, said today. Mr. Welles said the meeting is planned for the near future.

Unofficial compilations placed the tonnage dropped by the RAF on Germany during February higher than the total dropped by the Luftwaffe on Britain during three months of the heaviest blitz, when London was raided for 57 consecutive nights.

During February, unofficial tabulation disclosed, Allied bombers made 31 raids (Continued on page 4)

Jap Air Force Reserves Sinking, Chennault Says

CHUNGKING, March 1 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Chennault, in an interview today, expressed his belief the Japanese air force had "hit its peak and is now on the downgrade."

The commander of the China Air Task Force said, "From the evidence of various sources, the enemy has run into two bottlenecks—aircraft production and the training of airmen." His reserve stock of planes was being used up and he was getting short of trained personnel because of heavy losses, Gen. Chennault said.

Feriana Reoccupied By American Forces; Nazis Press Attacks

Ex-Bookie Calls Odds As He Goes Into Battle

NEW YORK, March 1 (UP)—"Fifty to one . . . 20 to one . . . eight to one . . . seven to two . . ."

An American private who used to be a bookmaker shouted these words as he took part in a charge on Japanese positions in Guadalcanal, according to a story repeated here by Eddie Cantor.

He was calculating the odds on his reaching the objective without being killed, Cantor related.

Japs Strengthen Island Positions, Allies Warned

MacArthur Says Troops Massed 'in Readiness' North of Australia

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, March 1 (UP)—Japanese strength in the islands north of Australia has been increasing through the past week, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters revealed today.

Based on reports brought back by reconnaissance pilots after flights from Timor to the Northern Solomons, the communique said the Jap concentrations indicate they are taking up "a position in readiness."

"The military expression 'position in readiness' means either offensive or defensive military operations," a spokesman at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters explained.

(An authoritative analysis of Japanese strength—and weakness—is carried on page two of today's Stars and Stripes.)

Raids on Japs

Fighting in the Southwest Pacific area was limited to raids by United Nations' aircraft today which pounded Japanese installations at nearly a score of points. A Bombay communique claimed the sinking of a 7,000-ton Jap cargo ship.

(In a broadcast message to the American Red Cross from "Somewhere in the Pacific," Rear Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said today that we are "now at the crossroads of the Pacific campaign. Through the unmatched devotion of the men who held the lines in the trying months of the past year," he declared. "We have turned back the enemy in the South Pacific. The loss of Guadalcanal marks the first defeat of that kind suffered by the Japanese in modern times." Admiral Nimitz is Commander in Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.)

14 Enemy Planes Downed

Yesterday's Allied HQ communique claimed the destruction of fourteen Japanese planes in operations over the Jap airbase at Koepong and said Jap ground troops had been pushed back 30 miles from the scene of their defeat at Wau, Allied advanced airdrome in Northern New Guinea.

Other successful raids were carried out at Kai Island, Lae and Finschafen, New Guinea.

Maj. Gen. H. C. Ingles Named Deputy Commander of ETO

The appointment of Maj. Gen. Harry C. Ingles to be deputy commander of the European Theater of Operations was announced yesterday by Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, ETO commander.

Gen. Ingles succeeds Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle, who will command troops in the field, according to the announcement. A graduate of West Point, Gen. Ingles served on border patrol in Arizona in 1916 and the early part of 1917. Later in 1917, he was senior instructor at the Signal Officers' Training Camp at Leon Springs, Tex.

After the first World War he served at a number of stations including the Philippines, and for a time was assigned to duty with the organized reserves at the University of Minnesota. He has been an instructor in the Command and Gen-

eral Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., and was graduated from the Army War College. After graduation from the Army War College he was director of the Army Signal School, Ft. Monmouth, N.J.

A high point in his more recent military career was his assignment in May, 1941, to duty as Chief of Operations Division in the Caribbean Defense Command.

In March, 1941, he was assigned as chief of staff of that command and in January, 1942, to command the Panama Mobile Force.

Gen. Ingles is a native of Pleasant Hill, Neb., but he considers San Antonio, Tex., his home. He has one daughter and two sons. One son, John S. Ingles, is an enlisted man attending an officers' candidate school in the States.

Foe Pays Heavily for Three-Mile Gain In the North

The town of Feriana, evacuated last week by American troops before the overwhelming weight of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's Panzer assault, was in Allied hands again last night.

American engineers were the first to enter the town, 40 miles west of Gafsa, as American and Allied forces continued to pursue the retreating Axis forces east of Kasserine Pass.

The engineers were kept busy clearing mines and booby traps left by Axis forces.

Nazis Pay For Gain

Further north, Nazi Gen. Von Arnim, beaten back in five of his six local attacks, threw his armor and infantry toward Beja for a three-mile gain, despite heavy losses in tanks and men from Allied ground and air attacks.

Spitfires and Hurricanes caused great havoc among German transport columns in dawn-to-dusk attacks, while American Flying Fortresses struck a heavy blow at the Axis port of Cagliari, Sardinia, hitting at least four ships used to supply the Axis forces in Tunisia.

Although the German Panzers made a local advance in the Beja sector, Allied positions were not seriously endangered.

Algiers radio said Feriana fell into Allied hands after Anglo-American aviation had made a record number of sorties in the last 24 hours. Retreating German troops were being subjected to a violent bombing from the air. Great confusion had been observed in their rear lines.

Mareth Line Pounded

Eighth Army aviation was pounding the Mareth line, the radio said.

The Eighth Army offensive was only a question of days if not hours, Paris radio said. Earlier, Ankara (Turkish) radio, quoting an Algiers message, said the Eighth Army had begun an offensive against the line, and German radio asserted the 44th and 51st British infantry divisions, as well as three tank brigades with special service troops, were drawn up facing the German and Italian front in North Africa.

Von Arnim's attacks on Beja in northern Tunisia have progressed three miles beyond Sidi Nsir, despite great losses, while on the rest of the front the German attacks were flattened.

The Germans threw their full weight into Beja, after being held back by attacks from the northern front, although fighting is still continuing on most sectors.

The Allies fought to the last man before giving ground in the vital Beja area, taking heavy toll in their attacks. The air support given by RAF Spitfires and Hurricane bombers was described as "magnificent." Pilots reported scores of hits on 50-odd armored cars, tanks and trucks on the vehicle-crowded roads in the Medjez, Bou Arada and Pont du Fahs area.

Fierce resistance at Medjez El Bab and along the Mediterranean was described as particularly stubborn.

Line's Position Vague

The exact position of the Allied line remains in doubt, but it is apparent in the three days of steady attack that the Germans have not been able to make a definite break in the Allied positions.

Even in the three miles of the Beja thrust, Von Arnim's troops are in danger of being cut off if the Allies continue to hold positions behind and on each side of them, as it now appears they are doing.

Charles Collingwood, CBS commentator, speaking over Algiers radio, said that during the last two days 500 prisoners were taken in the northern sector.

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Finland Will Fight On, Re-elected President Says

"The war will be continued and it demands the whole attention of the people," declared re-elected President Ryti of Finland.

Again and again, he said, Finland was confronted with new and difficult decisions. We wanted nothing but friendly relations with all countries. After Finland had fought by herself against immensely superior forces when she was attacked by Soviet Russia she had withdrawn from the war because her strength was diminished.

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U.S. Post-War Policy

The United States Government is now moving to settle questions that involve post-war problems.

Last week, two of these vital questions were publicly discussed by Colonel Knox, Navy Secretary, and Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State.

Colonel Knox announced that America is already discussing with New Zealand the post-war ownership of the American air base on the island of Upola in the Samoa area of the South Pacific. He cautioned that we don't want to do any "grabbing" but thought that America ought to undertake discussions now with other powers, to the end that we will possess permanent military bases where needed for our future protection.

Sumner Welles at Toronto, Canada, announced that America will press for a United Nations conference to clear up clashing policies in international economics. The Under-Secretary of State claimed this conference was already long overdue. "Divergent policies," said Mr. Welles, "may become crystallized to the detriment of the war effort and of efforts to bring about a peace that will be more than a brief interlude before another even more horrible war depopulates the world. If we don't make a start now there is danger that we shall be brought together to make the peace with as many plans as there are governments."

Those of us in the armed forces who are now paying a heavy price for Allied failures made at the Peace Table, following World War I, welcome this new evidence of positive American leadership in the direction of future world planning.

The Cataracts Roar

The supporters who have been riding along in the Axis war canoe are now feeling most uneasy over the marked upset in Axis schedules. Quislings are beginning to view Axis leadership with less confidence, and when a rat loses confidence in its surroundings it quickly prepares to find a new and "Better 'Ole."

Recently Hitler has been revealed to the world as something less than infallible. He has proved to be less than the "master mind" his people had fanatically believed. His star of destiny has faded in the bright glare of the rising flames of bombed German cities, and these flames bid fair to extinguish his light for ever.

By the same token his partners in crime cling less fervently to the so-called ideals of Fascism and are more concerned with their own safety than in saving the world for Hitler.

Sooner or later one or the other of these collaborators will fall and cause a serious break in the already creaking Axis canoe. When that happens the remaining cohorts will stampede in dumb fright. Already they hear the roar of the cataract of disaster not far ahead; but struggle now as they may, the current is too swift, and they will soon disappear over the brink with all the rest riding the same canoe.

Japan's War Budget

The Japanese war budget for 1943 contains a novel and significant feature.

Out of a total budget of 27 milliard 3.3 milliard yen are to be paid by countries situated in the so-called "East Asiatic Co-Prosperity Sphere."

This is the first time the Japanese have made an announcement indicating that the territories occupied by them must help to carry Japan's war cost.

As far as is known, they were hitherto forced to aid Japan only by providing raw materials and, to a limited extent, labor.

For the occupied territories, which are already impoverished as a result of the Japanese occupation, the new financial contribution, which presumably will be levied in the form of taxes, will be a very serious burden.

The millions in the Far East now living under Japanese rule are finding out it costs plenty to enjoy the blessings of Japanese "Prosperity."

Hash Marks

Make room at the Wailing Wall for three stalwart GI's—Cpl. Monty Kulb, S/Sgt. Teddie Tingle and Pfc Cecil Wilson, all from the same (lost) outfit, an air base. These guys claim a new low in the mail deal. Over here 5 months, each has received 1 (one) letter apiece.

"I can make you disappear," a man who claimed to be a Hindu mystic told the judge when he was charged with being drunk.



"I can make you disappear, too," replied the judge, sentencing the culprit to 30 days' imprisonment.

Albert Leibert of Baldwin, N.Y., bet a friend that Mrs. Leibert would have a baby boy. He was so sure of his prediction that he agreed to pay his friend five dollars for every girl. The other day his wife presented him with girl triplets. Leibert was last seen gunning for the stork.

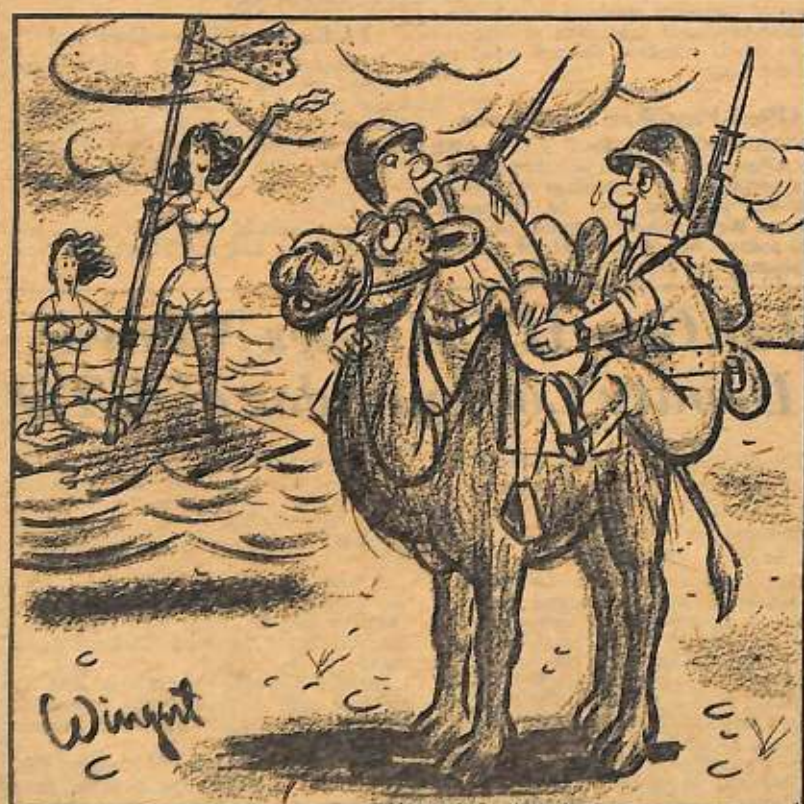
Our Southern blood flowed with new pride over this little story which emerged from an unnamed military camp. A board of officers quizzing OCS candidates there has devised a means of checking loyalty of soldiers from the South. One candidate from Dixie met the test superbly. When asked what he would do if his native State, Georgia, seceded from the Union, his eye took on the gleam of a man fighting a holy war. Said he, "We got to finish this war first, Suh."

By the time you read this Mayor LaGuardia of New York may well be in the mood to put a ban on eels. The city is being sued for \$700 by a dairy which says that its operations were held up by a cessation of the supply of water to the factory. The stoppage was caused by an eel, 12 inches long.

An appendectomy (operation for appendicitis, we are told) was recently performed on a 3-day old baby. The



youngster, we imagine, is impatiently awaiting the day he learns to talk so he can start boring people with lurid tales of his operation.



"Of course it's a mirage! However, I'd never forgive myself if I didn't make sure."

The Japanese Is Not a Superman



As Offensive Looms, Allies Know Foe's Fight-to-Death Mania Stupid, Not Heroic

Japanese strength in the Islands around Northern Australia is growing in preparation for a new assault, Gen. MacArthur warned yesterday. When it comes, the new attack will pit Japanese jungle fighters against hardened, battle-wise American and Allied troops who have learned to combat Jap bush tactics. The following story, by the South Pacific correspondent of the London Daily Express, analyses Japanese tactics, shows how they can be met, and draws the conclusion that, in the long run, we have little to fear from the fanatical "Sons of Heaven."

By Henry Keys
SUVA, Fiji Islands, Feb. 28—It is not permissible for correspondents in this area to speculate upon future courses of action, but it does not seem reasonable to expect that the present comparative quiet can last much longer.

It is safe to say that any new flare-up in this area will be more bloody and more fierce than any so far in the Pacific war.

The outcome, however, can be viewed with confidence. Adm. Halsey believes that both the war in Europe and the war in the Pacific will be over before another year is out, and as far as the South Pacific is concerned he must be taken to know what he is talking about—he is running most of it.

The Japs have continued to fight in the South-Eastern Solomons with a persistence and desperation which would be the height of reckless waste if it were not for the fact that if they fail to establish a strong base here their plans will be thrown out of gear.

Not Yet Learned . . .
In essence the war in the Pacific has developed into a struggle for bases. Island-to-island warfare seems to be



AP, Keystone Photos
Japanese prisoners, many wearing fliers' uniforms, disembark from an American transport (top) at a southwest Pacific base. Nearly starved to death from lack of supplies, this Jap soldier (above) was among the last enemy defenders on Guadalcanal who surrendered.

to Guadalcanal she has lost at sea a minimum of another 30,000 troops. Her air losses have reached an enormous figure—more than 1,000 counted planes. Of more consequence than this record, however, is the fact that the Japanese have failed utterly in their primary objective, to wrest back Guadalcanal, in spite of tremendous effort and an unstinted willingness to pay whatever price was demanded.

The importance of Guadalcanal to the Japanese is that it is the last of the eastern Solomon Islands suitable for use as an air base. The other two, Malaita and San Cristoval, are wild and mountainous, their jungle-clad hills tumbling right down into the sea.

The next step was the occupation of the New Hebrides, and the invasion of the Fijis. Our convenient supply line would then be convenient no longer, acrially it would have been impossible.

Beaten—by Days
The Americans must have beaten Japan for the complete occupation of Guadalcanal by a little more than a couple of weeks at the most.

This partly explains the tedious fighting that has since taken place. Speed was obviously essential, the organization for the supply of the invading troops had to be spontaneous and as necessity demanded, rather than prepared long beforehand.

The upshot has been the Japs have found themselves unable to make any radical alteration in their Pacific blueprint, hence they have gone into New Georgia, established a good air base there, and flooded the island with troops.

The Munda field must be regarded as more than a mere aerial interception base. Actually in significance it is a second Guadalcanal, although without the same degree of threat, but none the less dangerous in the long-range scheme of things.

The only reasonable approach to Munda is through the narrow channel between Arundel Island and Georgia, a hazardous passage today if ever there was one.

Tricks Bettered
The Japanese today, and I am speaking particularly of Japanese soldiers, are laboring under a terrific handicap in their so-called Indian style of warfare, for which every one of them has been trained and equipped.

Their handicap is that they are committed to it and that the Americans, who are doing the bulk of the fighting in this area, have mastered it to the extent that they are better at it than the Japs themselves.

The United States marines were the first men to attack and beat the Jap in a big way. They proved that those little barbarians could be beaten in their chosen style of warfare, that the determined ruthless white men were not only as good as, but superior to the Jap.

They proved something else, too, something that has often made me wonder again about the conquest of Malaya and Singapore—that if the Japs were robbed of the initiative and opportunity to practise their beloved outflanking movements they could not break a defensive line.

Can't Break Line
I have yet to see the Japanese break a well-planned line, but I have seen their own lines broken and strong pockets of resistance cut off and annihilated.

I have seen the Japs exert every effort in their power to batter their way through, seen a few make it, only to have the line closed behind them again.

In the East the Jap revealed himself for what he was—a killer. He lost no sleep over the slaughter and massacre of thousands upon thousands of innocent, inoffensive civilians of his own color.

In fact, he deliberately drove the battle-ground into the cities and towns of Asia, knowing the disorganization and strain imposed in caring for the wounded and sick, knowing also the white man's ingrained inability to put up for long with the sufferings of these non-combatants.

They Rush Blindly
I think the explanation of their success and their failure is that they still believe that merciless punishment would break the spirit of the white man. That is why on their banzai bayonet charges, few and far between now, they rush blindly into machine-gun fire, through a rain of artillery shells, stupidly shouting, "Malini, you die tonight. Malini, surrender." But to the men who have their measure there is not any terror and certainly no death in plunging into a mob of yelling fools.

That is why they have fallen, their bullet-riddled bodies piling high on one another.

They will continue to fall like that because it is too late for them to be taught differently. As a matter of fact, on paper, and in the field, Jap tactics are not impressive.

Indeed, the only real value they ever seem to have had was their novelty and surprise with which, like children frightened in the dark, we obligingly terrorized ourselves.

While no soldier or officer fighting the Jap is prepared to underestimate him in any way, few are prepared to concede he is very good. Certainly not the "superman" of a year ago.

The only thing that makes him tough and hard to deal with is his fanatical determination to die rather than surrender.

Missella Goes Up Against Jim Yonkers Tonight

Greg Rice Still Tops America's Distance Stars

Performance in 3-Mile at AAU Meet Shows Up Competition

NEW YORK, March 1—It is remarkable that one human being can be so much better a runner than anybody else within several thousand miles.

Watching Greg Rice win the national indoor three-mile championship last Saturday at Madison Square Garden it was hard to believe that Greg Rice was made of the same flesh and blood as the other competitors. He might have been a superman from Mars or Frankenstein turned trackman the way he skimmed around the Garden with absolute mechanical precision.

It's all right to speculate what Sweden's Gundar Haegg would do to Greg if they met. But until then Greg's the greatest runner in the Western Hemisphere. Without any competition whatsoever he covered the three miles in 13 minutes, 53 and five-tenths seconds, only eight seconds off his own world indoor record and lapped everyone else at least three times. When Greg passed anybody he did it painlessly—he just whizzed by, gone before the victim knew what had happened.

Additional Results

His running form is sheer perfection. He has a long stride for his five feet, four and one-half inches, and an open, easy arm swing which makes his running look as simple as Don Hutson makes pass-catching look. He has no lost motion and no unnecessary effort. It's just his keeping it up so long that you can't understand.

Frank Dixon deserves the new mile crown simply on the basis of his consistency. Whereas Dodds and Mitchell each had one or more serious off-nights this winter, Dixon has run between 4:09 and 4:12 in every race. His pace Saturday was perfect. Dodds' big lead at the half and three-quarters did not annoy him. He just ran his own planned, even race with quarters of 61.2, 62.7, 63.5 and 62.2 seconds. They do not run them any smoother.

Cornelius Warmerdam's 15 feet, three and seven-eighths inches was his last leap in Eastern indoor competition. He'll continue to compete on the West Coast. Married and a teacher, he's classified 2-A and hopes to become an aviation cadet next summer.

Here are some additional national championship results:

35-pound weight throw—Henry Dreyer, New York A.C., 55 feet, three and seven-eighths inches.
High jump—Josh Williamson, Camp Pickett, tied Bill Vessie, Columbia, six feet, seven inches.
16-pound shot put—Bernard Mayer, NYU, 52 feet, four and three-eighths inches.

NEWS FROM HOME

Lend-Lease Keeps Army Cost Here Under \$25,000 Monthly

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—Edward R. Stettinius Jr., Lend-Lease Administrator, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today that lend-lease-in-reverse made it unnecessary at present to spend more than \$25,000 of American cash monthly in Great Britain for maintenance of the American Army there.

"In the last war some \$2,500,000,000 was expended in a year and a half by the United States Army in France and Great Britain," Stettinius testified. "In this war the total dollar purchases of our army in Great Britain from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1942, amounted to less than \$1,000,000, and they are declining month by month. Present cash expenditures are running at less than \$25,000 monthly."

Renewal of lend-lease was urged by the House Foreign Affairs Committee in a formal report to Congress. The report maintained that lend-lease is not only "an essential part of our mechanism for waging war" but that it "sets the stage" for a post-war prosperity. The report followed conclusion of hearings initiated by the committee a month ago.

18,000,000 Women Workers

PHILADELPHIA, March 1—Paul V. McNutt, head of the War Manpower Commission, said in a speech here today that by the end of 1943 there will be almost 18,000,000 women at work in all of the nation's industries. Of 1,900 war occupations, McNutt said, only 56 are unsuitable for women.

Madeleine Carroll U.S. Citizen

HARTFORD, Conn., March 1—The British-born film star Madeleine Carroll is a citizen of the United States today, having sworn allegiance with 220 other persons Friday. "I am happy to become a citizen of the last great free country in the world," she said.

Dedicate Douglas Dam

WASHINGTON, March 1—President Roosevelt sent a message today to the dedication exercises of Douglas Dam

Sports Quiz Answers

- 1—Mel Ott has played more than half his life with the New York Giants. He started with them at 16 and is now 34.
- 2—Al Singer won and lost his title in the first round, winning it from Sammy Mandell and losing it to Tony Canzoneri.
- 3—Alsab defeated Whirlaway in two of their three meetings, yet Whirlaway was named the "Horse of the Year" by the turf writers.
- 4—Professional Walter Hagen won the British Open in 1922, '24, '28, '29.
- 5—Johnny VanderMeer, of the Cincinnati Reds, pitched two no-hit, no-run games in succession.

Phillip May Set Big Ten Record

Illinois Forward Needs 28 Points to Better Kotz's Mark

CHICAGO, March 1—Illinois basketball coach Doug Mills calls Illinois' trouncing of Northwestern, 86-48, last Saturday their greatest offensive demonstration of the last two years. Although the Wildcats are in third place in the Big Ten conference race with six wins and three losses, they could not match the Illini after the first minute.

Illinois might have scored 100 points. With ten minutes remaining they led, 70-30. Thereupon Mills substituted freely. Andy Phillip's 16 points pushed his loop-leading scoring total to 215. He needs only 28 points to beat the all-time Big Ten record of 242 points set by Johnny Kotz, Wisconsin, last year. Tonight Illinois play Chicago in their last Big Ten game of the season. A victory will clinch their second successive Big Ten title.

Chicago, having lost 38 straight cage games, shouldn't offer the Illini much trouble. It's an extra nice chance for Phillip to tear off a big chunk of points. He deserves the breaks. Kotz had 15 games in which to establish his record whereas Andy has only 12.

Brigham Young Loses To Wyoming in Title Tilt

DENVER, Col., March 1—Wyoming's Cowboys became the Rocky Mountain conference champions, whipping Brigham Young in a three-game playoff, 53-42, 47-43 and 66-43.

The Cowboys have won 23 games and lost one. They will enter the AAU regional championship tournament at Denver March 15.

Can Spring Be Far Behind?



At the Hans Crescent Club's newly opened indoor practice net Fred Corcoran, tournament manager for the PGA, now in Great Britain, gives Cpl. Richard Austin, of Lynn, Mass., a few tips on stance and grip.

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Conference Title To Tennessee

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 1—The University of Tennessee won its tenth annual Southeastern Conference basketball tournament over favored Kentucky, 33-30. Kentucky gained the finals by beating Mississippi State, 52-34.

Tennessee, sparked by Center Dick Mehen with 13 points, led through most of the game, but Kentucky rallied late in the second half and the lead changed seven times in the last four minutes. The ejection of Noel and Ticco of Kentucky on personal fouls iced the game for the Volunteers and Mehen sank the final basket seconds before the final whistle.

Kentucky, which won the season conference title, was top-seeded tournament entry. Tennessee was third during the regular season with six wins and three defeats and was seeded second over LSU, regular season runner-up. The results amply justified the unusual seeding.

Fights Mark Wings' Win Over Ranger Six, 5-1

NEW YORK, March 1—The Detroit Red Wings increased their National Hockey League lead by trouncing the New York Rangers, 5-1, here last night. Bad blood, engendered last night when the Wings humbled the Rangers 5-1 at Detroit led to a near riot tonight. Only the quick action of officials terminated half a dozen incipient fistfights.

Tough body checking, charging, board checking and tripping led to 19 penalties, the highest Garden total in many years. At one point in the middle of the second period, each team had three men in the penalty box simultaneously. Jack Stewart, Wing defenseman, achieved the winning total of six penalties and needed five stitches over his right eye to close a cut from Bryan Hextall's stick.

Royal Navy Soccer Team Defeats 'Derry Sailors

LONDON, N.I., March 1—In the first soccer game ever played between Royal Navy and U.S. Navy teams, a British eleven scored a last-minute 3-2 victory over a Yankee squad here today.

The score stood at 2-2 with only four seconds remaining when Lane, R.N., shot from ten feet out in a cross-over attempt which scored the final tally. The game was the first of a series of two scheduled for the U.S. team.

The Yanks dominated the play during the first half and ended the period with a 1-0 lead. The change of Criley, New York, to the forward line from fullback weakened the Americans' defense and enabled the Royal Navy outfit to chalk up three goals in the last half. Mat Hahn, Trenton, N.J., scored both U.S. goals.

American Hockey League

Buffalo 3, Cleveland 0.
Indianapolis 4, Providence 3.
Hershey 11, Washington 7.

Basketball Standings

Metropolitan New York			
W	L	W	L
Manhattan .. 16	2	St. Francis .. 13	5
St. Johns .. 15	2	Columbia .. 9	6
NYU .. 15	3	CCNY .. 7	8
Fordham .. 15	4	Brooklyn .. 6	11
LIU .. 13	5		

Eastern			
W	L	W	L
Dartmouth .. 8	1	Cornell .. 4	5
Princeton .. 6	2	Harvard .. 3	5
Pennsylvania .. 5	3	Yale .. 0	9
Columbia .. 4	5		

Big Ten			
W	L	W	L
Illinois .. 11	0	Ohio State .. 4	6
Indiana .. 11	1	Minnesota .. 4	7
Northwestern .. 6	4	Iowa .. 3	8
Wisconsin .. 6	5	Michigan .. 3	8
Purdue .. 5	6	Chicago .. 0	8

Southern (Final)			
W	L	W	L
Duke .. 12	1	North Carolina .. 7	5
Georgia .. 8	2	Maryland .. 5	5
South Carolina .. 6	3	Richmond .. 4	4
Davidson .. 7	4	North Carolina .. 8	9
Citadel .. 5	3	Virginia Tech .. 3	6
William and Mary .. 6	4	Washington and Lee .. 2	10
VMI .. 7	3	Wake Forest .. 1	10
		Clemson .. 0	10

Big Six			
W	L	W	L
Kansas .. 8	0	Nebraska .. 5	4
Oklahoma .. 5	3	Iowa State .. 2	7
Missouri .. 5	3	Kansas State .. 0	8

Missouri Valley			
W	L	W	L
Creighton .. 10	0	Washington .. 3	6
Oklahoma .. 10	0	Drake .. 3	7
Aggies .. 7	3	Tulsa .. 0	10

4-Time Winner Will Be Tested By Glove Champ

Cianci Meets Paul Buntin In Air Force Semi-Finals

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

With three Air Force semi-final bouts added to the regular Tuesday evening program, tonight's Stars and Stripes fight card at the Rainbow Corner promises to be one of the best so far this season.

However, the outstanding bout of the evening will pit four-time winner Pvt. Frank Missella against Pvt. James Yonkers, Elkhart, Ind., 140. Yonkers showed last week that he had plenty of stuff with a second-round knockout over Pvt. Ulysses Mitchell. Before entering the Army, Yonkers took the Indiana Golden Gloves title and then went to Chicago in the Gloves competition, where he advanced to the semi-finals. Missella, giving up three pounds, has taken three decisions and one technical kayo.

In a return match, Pfc Edward LaBorde, of Gretna, La., 114, will try to make it two straight over Cpl. Frank Barbieri, of Philadelphia, 112. Two weeks ago LaBorde edged out a close decision over Barbieri, and the Philadelphia Italian will be trying to even the score tonight.

Ciffo vs. McCormick

Two new boys will be featured in the all-professional match of the evening, when Pvt. Johnny Gardea, of Los Angeles, 158, goes up against Pvt. Thomas Ford, of Atlantic City, N.J., 150. Gardea is favored in this one, having had two years' experience as an amateur before he turned pro, then taking nine of his ten fights while swinging leather for the cash of the realm.

Undefeated Pvt. Glen McCormick, of Richmond, Mo., will have plenty of trouble with Pfc William Ciffo, of Woonsocket, R.I., in the second bout of the evening. McCormick, weighing 160, will have a much-needed five-pound weight advantage over the New Englander. Ciffo has had 15 fights as an amateur and may give Glen as much trouble as he had with Cpl. Henry Kroffke two weeks ago in a scrap that went to a draw.

In the Air Force fights Cpl. Mickey Cianci, of Philadelphia, 145, and Pfc Paul Buntin, of Bridgeport, Ind., 145, have both met in the Corner ring before. Cianci, representing Service Command, is a clever boy with a puzzling style. Trainer for Gary Cooper and Robert Taylor, he met Buntin in an exhibition match a month ago in which no decision was given. Buntin will be Fighter Command's entry.

Bomber Command Entrant

Sgt. Laurence Eckleson, of Vasser, Mich., 146, went three rounds to a draw with Cpl. Glen Jones, of Jonesboro, Ark., 142, in a previous meeting. Tonight, with Eckleson representing Service Command and Jones in for Fighter Command, the result may be different.

Bomber Command will have an odd entrant in the contests in the person of Sgt. Charles Sanza, a professional from Philadelphia. A week ago Saturday his fight was declared no contest because of a weight difference, and it was decided to match him with Pfc Lewis Sharp, of Lewiston, Mon., 165, of Fighter Command. Sanza weighs 166.

Two newcomers will make their appearance in the remaining bout of the evening. They are Pvt. Frank Menard, of Cleveland, 150, who has had six fights as an amateur, and Pvt. Syd Bailey, of Anacanda, Mon., also 150, a veteran of 14 amateur fights.

There has been no change in the officials with Maj. Richards Vidmer refereeing, Lt. Herbert "Baby" Stribling and Capt. Edward Corcoran acting as judges, Col. Theodore Arter timekeeper, and Capt. John Cocke attending physician.

The bouts start at 7:30.

Hockey Standings

W	L	T	Pts.
Detroit Red Wings .. 22	11	10	54
Boston Bruins .. 22	17	7	51
Chicago Black Hawks .. 17	15	12	46
Toronto Maple Leafs .. 20	17	6	46
Montreal Canadiens .. 17	19	8	42
New York Rangers .. 9	28	7	25

Badminton Starts Tonight

BELFAST, March 1—Badminton will be inaugurated at the Red Cross club here tomorrow night. Four courts and all the equipment are available.



Raid Warnings Spur Balkans' Invasion Jitters

Officials Urge Children Be Evacuated to Safer Areas

ISTANBUL, Turkey, March 1 (AP)—Air raid alarms in Vienna and Budapest on the night of Feb. 24 accentuated fears in the Balkans that heavy raids would be the prelude to invasion, it was reported here today.

Bombing was not reported from any quarter, and both Axis and Allies were silent concerning any possible raids in those areas, but a trustworthy traveler reported spending nearly the whole night in a Vienna shelter and was told that outlying factory areas had been bombed.

Rumanians in particular were worried about the future. Advertisements in Bucharest newspapers urged parents to avail themselves of the government scheme to evacuate children to undisclosed safer areas.

It was reliably reported that numerous government departments had already moved to Sinai, and in Bucharest people

Hitler Sends Ribbentrop To Boost Italy's Effort

In a diplomatic counter-attack against Allied efforts to drive Italy out of profitless war on Germany's side, "at the Fuehrer's request," German Foreign Minister Ribbentrop went to Rome over the weekend apparently to inject more iron into Italy's war machine.

Minimum significance which London observers saw in Ribbentrop's conference with Mussolini was this: Recurrent rumors of flagging Italian enthusiasm for war was serious enough to demand intervention of a man who is second only to Hitler as a salesman for the Axis.

Presumably to counter-attack these rumors of peace-seeking, today's Rome-Berlin communique emphasized the four-day meeting of Ribbentrop and Mussolini as a discussion on the "joint conduct of the war" and a fight to the finish on both sides.

were busy digging deeper shelters. It was stated that Bucharest was filled with German reinforcements moving to the eastern front, mostly youths.

Invasion Warning

ANKARA, Turkey, March 1 (AP)—Occupation authorities in Greece have warned the population against "manifestations or collaboration in case of an Allied landing."

A warning proclamation has been published in all the newspapers and has to be read in all churches every Sunday. The populace was also warned that the death penalty awaits anyone helping Allied parachutists.

Another report received in Ankara from an informed Balkan source said that Berlin had ordered all German, Italian and Bulgarian civilians to leave Greece immediately. During the last few months thousands of German families had arrived in Greece from bombed areas of Germany.

May 1 Deadline is Set For Army Song Contest

May 1 is the deadline for soldier composers in the Army's patriotic song competition, Capt. Arthur B. Hunt, music officer of the Special Service Section, ETOUSA, announced yesterday.

All the contributors need to do is hand his manuscript to the Special Service Officer of his outfit.

The first five prizes will be expense-paid one week trips to either London or Edinburgh, available during furlough time.

Tunisia - - -

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"Preparations are in full swing for the big battle of Tunisia," he asserted.

RAF Spitfires and Hurricanes for the second day made attacks from dawn to dusk. Never before had Allied troops in North Africa had such air protection, and British troops threw their hats in the air.

In battles over the struggling ground forces, Spitfires shot down one Me109 and damaged several others, while Hurricanes blasted German-held roads, gun posts and troop concentrations.

The main air activity of the day took place when what the air force spokesman described as one of the largest Fortress attacks of the campaign was launched on the Axis supply port of Cagliari.

Two waves of bombers, escorted by Lightnings, were over the port. In all four ships were hit, large fires were left burning in the dockyards and railway parts hurled into the air.

The first waves of Fortresses encountered no opposition. But the second wave ran into nine Me109s and a group of Italian Macchi 200 fighters. One Me109 and two Macchi 200s fell to the Lightning

Fortress 'Unbearable' Lands Despite Trouble

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, March 1—Lt. Ralph W. Jones, of Los Angeles, safely landed his Fortress, "Unbearable," with fire in her nose, ammunition exploding in the ball turret and wheels retracted.

Coming in to land from a practice bombing mission, "Unbearable" was struck from underneath by another plane. Fire broke out in the nose, and landing wheels were jammed.

While Lt. O. L. Hamilton, Brunswick, Ga., navigator, and Bombardier Sgt. W. E. Hull, Chico, Cal., put out the fire, Lt. Jones gained altitude and levelled the ship on a strip of firm turf.

Naval Program Reaches Stride

Five-Ocean Fleets Seen Ready by End of '45; Vessels Launched

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—America's record-breaking naval construction program is moving at such high speed that the nation's entire projected five-ocean navy will be in active service before the end of 1945, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said today. Previously it had been expected that at least some of the new warships might not be ready for combat until 1946 or 1947.

Even allowing for war losses, forces in commission by the end of 1945 should be almost four times the strength of the fleet in existence when the European War began in 1939, Col. Knox said in his annual report to the President. He made no specific prediction as to the completion of the navy's authorized quota of 27,500 planes, but it appeared their construction would keep pace with the expanding fleet.

Reviewing the navy's part in the war, Col. Knox declared the Japanese lost their big chance to establish themselves closer to the continental United States at the Midway battle. The enemy's losses, including four aircraft carriers, were crippling, he said.

Of the fighting in the Atlantic, Col. Knox said that in the early months of war the navy's ability to escort convoys was taxed to the utmost, but by July 1, 1942, "the rush in production of anti-submarine vessels, both air and surface, began to produce results."

Aircraft Carrier Launched

CAMDEN, March 1 (AP)—The U.S.S. Monterey, fifth aircraft carrier to be launched by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation in slightly over six months, slid down the ways yesterday, less than 14 months after the keel was laid. The previous four were the Independence, Princeton, Belleau Wood and Cowpens.

Four More Destroyers

A U.S. EAST COAST PORT, March 1 (UP)—For the third time in ten months, four destroyers were launched at the same time at a shipyard here yesterday.

1,600 Ships in 1943

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—Rear Adm. Emory S. Land, War Shipping Administrator, told a Congressional committee that the nation's shipbuilding facilities were standardized to produce 20,000,000 tons yearly and a further increase should not be attempted, "because of material limitations." He estimated that between 1,600 and 1,800 ships could be delivered this year.

ETO Maintenance Campaign Urged by Secretary of War

In a message to American forces in the European Theater of Operations, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson yesterday called for a campaign "of preventive maintenance" by the crews of tanks, trucks and all vehicles of war.

"Maintenance . . ." said the Secretary, "is as important to the success of the Army as the physical fitness of its personnel."

"The Army supervises programs to insure the continuing health of its men and women," the message continued. "Maintenance of the same degree of perfection in vehicles depends squarely upon their crews."

"Whether you are in a training camp . . . or in the forward line of a

combat area, 'readiness for battle' must be the standard by which you judge the condition of this equipment which has been entrusted to your care.

"The whole long chain of production and supply—from assembly at the factory to delivery on a distant shore—is severed if a vehicle's high perfection is permitted to deteriorate through lack of responsible care."

"I call on every man and woman serving with the Army of the United States to unite in a campaign of preventive maintenance designed to abolish the menace of mechanical failures and to get the most from the fine machines which industry has provided."

"This is your responsibility. I depend upon you to see it through."

She Didn't Cut It After All



Keystone Photos

Veronica Lake, that gal with a peek-a-boo hairdo, recently hinted that she was going to have her locks clipped so that American girl war workers, who have been copying her, might follow her new style. But the picture at left shows what's happened instead. It's only slightly thinned, lightly waved, and braided!

British, U.S. Leaders Open Allied Dinner Forum of Ideas

The first of a series of monthly dinners, planned to provide interchange of ideas between British and American military leaders, was held in London last night. The guest list was an impressive roster of the two nations' higher command.

Lord Nuffield, British motor manufacturer and wealthy proponent of closer Anglo-American relations, was the host.

His guests included Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, Commanding General, European Theater of Operations; Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle; Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, commanding the Service of Supply; Maj. Gen. William S. Key, Provost Marshal; Brig. Gen. R. M. Littlejohn, Chief Quartermaster; Admiral Harold R. Stark, Commander, United States Naval Forces in Europe, and Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commanding the Eighth Air Force.

Among the highest-ranking British guests were Admiral of the Fleet Sir Dudley Pound, Gen. Sir Alan S. Brooke,

Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Gen. Sir Ronald F. Adam, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Courtney, and Air Marshal Sir Bertine Sutton.

Principal addresses were made by Admiral Pound and Gen. Andrews.

Other American guests included Brig. Gen. C. M. Thiele, HQ Command, ETO; Capt. A. J. Malstrom, U.S.N.; Brig. Gen. R. W. Barker, HQ, ETO; Col. A. B. Abbott, Col. C. B. Conrad, Lt. Col. L. T. Chase, Col. J. G. Langino, Col. Theodore Arter, Special Services Officer, ETO; Lt. Col. Morrow Krum; PRO, ETO; Brig. Gen. Lee Miller, Eighth Air Force; Maj. Enslay Maxwell Llewellyn, Editor-in-Chief, The Stars and Stripes, and Publications Officer, ETO; Commander Robert Vining, U.S.N., director of Public Relations, ETO; Commander L. D. Fallmer, U.S.N.; Lt. H. G. Bray, U.S.N.; Lt. Commander T. A. Morton, U.S.N.; and Col. John P. Kirdendall, Eighth Air Force.

Sunbury, England, Invites Yanks from Sunbury, U.S.

U.S. servicemen from Sunbury, Pa., have been invited by the Urban Council of Sunbury, England, to attend a celebration there Saturday.

Sgt. M. A. Sober, APO 305, of Sunbury, Pa., has asked members of the Tau Phi Sigma Fraternity of Sunbury who now are in the British Isles to contact him. The fraternity will have a banquet Saturday evening during the Sunbury celebration in England.

Bridge Club Forming

BELFAST, March 1—The Red Cross club is in search of bridge players to organize a club. Servicemen in Northern Ireland may get in touch with Miss Irene Boyce at the club.

Norway Power Plant Destroyed

STOCKHOLM, March 1 (UP)—Three men in British uniform blew up the Norsk Hydro Power Station at Rjukan, Norway, last night and escaped, it is learned in Stockholm.

Informal 'Home Evening' At Eagle Club Tonight

The staff of the Eagle Club has arranged an informal "evening at home" for American troops at 7 PM today.

First of a weekly series, the evening is designed to introduce outstanding figures of the stage, screen and other professions to American soldiers in an atmosphere of informal friendliness.

Help Wanted Department

Can anyone answer requests to this department for the APOs of the following servicemen:

Richard S. Griffith, Norfolk, Va.; Eddie Kelly, Spalding, Neb.; "Bud" Adams, Capt. James Lee Melcanon, Inf.; Capt. Jack Sun, T/4 Charles Rochester, Charlotte, N.C.; Lt. Gene E. James, Walter Bragam, Philadelphia; John Andreon, McKeesport, Pa.; Capt. William Southworth Jr., AF; 2nd Lt. Rob. E. Forrest, AF; Lt. E. Thornton, AF; Pvt. Robt. Cecil Spaide, Earl Anderson, Baltimore, and Sgt. Carl M. Wicks.

De Molay Meeting

Members of the De Molay Legion of Honor are asked to communicate with Pfc Stanley P. Cary, ASN 33009269, APO 29, U.S. Army, with respect to a Communion supper, March 18.

Raid - - -

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in 28 days at a cost of 171 aircraft. The Eighth Air Force hit Europe five times during the month at a cost of 20 bombers. There were no U.S. fighters lost.

RAF losses for the month were 105 bombers and 46 fighters.

During the same period, the RAF destroyed 37 enemy fighters, and Fortresses and Liberators shot down at least 49 enemy aircraft in the raids of Feb. 2 on northwest Germany, Feb. 15 on Dunkirk and Feb. 16 on St. Nazaire. The tally on the raids at Wilhelmshaven and Brest, last Friday and Saturday, is not yet known.

Blondie

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



by Chic Young

New Army Diet Saves Shipping, Ups Vegetables

More Food Available Here Served at Mess Halls In British Isles

By Bryce Burke

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The chief difference between what soldiers are eating today and what soldiers ate in ETO messhalls from the time they arrived here boils down—literally—to more fresh vegetables and fewer dehydrated and canned goods.

Today's meals, second day of eating under the new diet which went into effect yesterday morning, called on the ration sheet for more of the food available in the British Isles and less imported from America.

From a nutritional viewpoint, average daily calories have been cut from 4,500 to 4,046; vitamin content has been lifted to the point that the Army stamps it a better diet nutritionally.

Emphasizing the vitamin content rather than the calories contained, the new menu calls for additional fresh vegetables, fruits, fruit juices, potatoes and milk. Reductions are made in the amount of bread, dehydrated foods, and canned goods.

Less Dehydrated Food

Beets, cabbage, carrots, turnips and some potatoes formerly shipped here in dry form from the United States will be replaced by fresh foods raised locally. Onions in dried form will still be used because of the shortage here.

"We partially satisfy two necessities at one time through this procedure," Army officials said. "First, reduction of shipping space by utilizing local produce, and second, providing variety in the diet through extended use of fresh commodities."

The new ration calls for an allotment of 4.8 pounds of food to each man per day, compared to 4.3 pounds under the replaced system. It was pointed out, however, that the additional use of fresh vegetables requiring peeling and paring will mean a larger waste than was necessary with the dried goods.

The diet was devised by officers of the subsistence division of the Quartermaster working with nutrition experts of the Medical Corps. Lt. Col. Wendell H. Griffith, of St. Louis, Mo., and Maj. Charles G. Herman, of the subsistence section, toured messhalls throughout the ETO, talked with soldiers to see what they like or didn't like, and checked the amount of food thrown away. Foods which were found in large quantities in the garbage were dropped from the new menu.

12.15oz. Meat per Day

Under the new system a soldier will receive 12.15 ounces of meat a day compared with 15 ounces under the previous system. However, it was pointed out that the new figure is calculated on a boneless basis, while the old ration operated on a carcass system. On the carcass basis the new ration would amount to 15.2 ounces.

Milk increases from 5.3 to 7.5 ounces a day, but butter declines from two to 1.5 ounces. Potatoes are increased from eight to ten ounces. The increase from two ounces to five ounces for tomatoes, citrus fruits and juices is termed the most important increase in weight of any food class by Army officials.

Increases are provided for all fruits both canned and dried as well as for all condiments. The allowance for beverages is reduced.

All foods are divided into 16 separate classifications and substitutions can be made within the separate sections. However, this substituting must be done as prescribed by the Quartermaster. In all cases of substitution the food used to replace another type must have the same nutritional value.

The new ration provides a separate list for hospital patients. Formerly, patients were allowed the same food as soldiers in the field, plus an allowance of a shilling a day to be used to buy necessary "extras." Now these additional foods will be regular issue for hospitals but reductions are made in other foods. Patients are allowed more fruit juices, milk and malted milk, concentrated soups and sugar than soldiers in the field, but get less meat, potatoes, vegetables and other bulky foods. Shell eggs are provided for patients requiring a special diet whereas no shell eggs are available for general issue.

Passes Minimum Needs

The menu is based on the requirements for an active man prescribed by the Committee on Food and Nutrition of the National Research Council. In every case the new menu will surpass the minimum requirements.

The ration was developed in the section headed by Brig. Gen. Robert M. Littlejohn, Chief of Quartermaster SOS.

This change deals only with type "A" rations and not with other types in any way. Type "B," made up of non-perishable foods, remains the same as before.

Substitutions under the new system are made only by the quartermaster officer at the depot. He can substitute only as prescribed by the Subsistence Division, but has some leeway in using foods as they are in season in his particular locality.