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## U.S. Planes Strike Deep In Germany

### Rotterdam and Hamm Targets in Double Day Blow

American Flying Fortresses and Liberators bombed Rotterdam, in Holland, and Hamm, in Western Germany, in daylight yesterday.

The twin-blow raid carried the Allied air offensive from bases in Britain right back to the "round-the-clock" basis which last week blasted German targets across the entire Continent.

RAF bombers battered Hamburg Wednesday night in a raid which the Germans admitted caused heavy damage. Earlier RAF Mosquitoes slashed across the North Sea to Knaben, Norway, and bombed the molybdenum mines there, which are essential to Germany's war industry.

The American blow at the shipyards and docks of Rotterdam stepped the aerial war against the U-boats to a new high pitch, striking the facilities which produce the Nazi submarines. The raid on Hamm, 140 miles east of Rotterdam in the German province of Westphalia, sent heavy bombs straight into the center of the railway junction and freight yards there.

### Heavy Fighter Opposition

In the raid on Hamm, Westphalian railroad center in western Germany, which carried the American bombers to their deepest point yet in the Reich, Nazi defenses had time to organize as the Eighth Air Force planes swept overland. Heavy fighter opposition was fought off on the way home.

Only a handful of fighters went up to meet the planes which attacked the Rotterdam dockyards.

Five U.S. bombers were lost, according to Headquarters, Eighth Air Force. At least 14 enemy fighters were shot down, it was claimed.

Bad weather was encountered by the force which flew to Hamm, but bombardiers scored direct hits in the center of the railway yards, they reported.

Typical of comments made by airmen who bombed Hamm was that of Capt. Bruce D. Barton, of Greenville, S.C., who said: "It was one of the roughest trips we have had from the standpoint of fighter opposition, but very successful from the bombing standpoint."

"It was the prettiest job of bombing I ever saw in my life," declared S/Sgt. Lyle L. Taylor, of Nampa, Idaho, a gunner. "They landed right in the middle of the railroad yards. It looked perfect to me."

### 'Right on the Button'

"Our group's bombs landed right on the button," reported 1st Lt. Edwin R. Bush, of Hollywood. "A few strung out over the city, but most of them landed in the marshalling yards."

Crew members said enemy fighter planes swarmed around Hamm and were anxious to give battle. S/Sgt. Roy E. Smith, of Indianapolis, Ind., summed up by saying, "The sky was full of them—under you, over you and all around."

Generally effective bombing was observed. (Continued on page 4)

## Raid Jam Kills 178 in London

At least 178 persons were crushed and suffocated to death and 60 more seriously injured in a London subway air raid shelter during Wednesday night's raid.

A crowd of about 2,000 people was going into the shelter after the sirens sounded the alert when an elderly woman carrying a baby tripped and fell, bowling over a man.

Others below them on the steps were knocked down.

In the darkness, crowds at the top of the stairs continued to press forward without knowing there had been an accident below them and in short seconds hundreds were lying crushed at the foot of the stairs.

There was no panic, but before rescue workers could clear the mass of bodies, at least 178 died, it was announced officially.

### More U.S. Forces for Africa

American troops, guns and planes still are pouring into North African ports, the Reuters correspondent with the British Mediterranean Fleet reported yesterday. A few days ago a convoy of American troops "loaded to the Pimssoll line with troops, guns and aircraft was unloaded," the correspondent cabled.

## Panzers Prepare for Attack



Keystone Photo

These tanks are part of the German panzer force in Tunisia that was hurled back with heavy losses after failing to hold a wedge driven in the center of the Allied line in Tunisia. This picture, received from a neutral source, shows German medium tanks forming for an attack.

## Allied Air Blitz Paving the Way For Land Drive

### Bombers Hit Luftwaffe Bases; Foe Retires Further in South

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Mar. 4 (AP)—American bombers blasted six German airfields with thousands of fragmentation bombs, opening the struggle for the control of the Tunisian skies as increasing activities south of Gabes indicated that Rommel and Gen. Montgomery may soon clash again.

Von Arnim, continuing his attempt to pin down the British and American First Army, made a small gain with infantry near Sedjenane, but failed seriously to threaten the Allied positions. Fighting was continuing near the village.

The British launched a small counter-attack northeast of Beja in the region of Hunts Gap. In the south, American patrols made contact with Rommel's forces three miles from the Faid Pass, indicating that his troops have retired from their original position.

### Foe Strikes from Mareth

At the same time the Eighth Army reported that Rommel had reinforced the Mareth Line with tanks.

American patrols contacted the Germans 30 miles west of Gafsa, while other German units made a sally from the Mareth Line with about 500 infantry troops, which attacked British divisions six miles east of Mareth town. The attack was repulsed.

The drive to batter the Luftwaffe out of its Tunisian airdromes started with Flying Fortresses, escorted by Lightnings, covering El Aouina airdrome. Thousands of small bombs fell among 35 to 40 parked aircraft.

Another formation of Fortresses, escorted by Lightnings, dropped bombs on landing grounds 32 miles northwest of Gabes, scoring hits among 15 to 20 German parked planes. Large fires were started.

Marauders, with Lightning escorts, joined the Airacobras by blasting two other landing groups northwest of Gabes, scoring hits among at least eight planes.

That was believed to be an indication that part of his divisions, destroyed after the Kasserine Pass attack, have been turned south to meet Gen. Montgomery's forces.

Mitchells, also operating in the Gabes area, with Lightning escort, finished up the air attacks on Rommel's forces by covering with small bombs another air- (Continued on page 4)

## U.S. Making Enough Bombs for Daily Raids

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4 (UP)—Seventy thousand 1,000-pound, or larger, bombs were manufactured in the U.S. in January, Robert Patterson, Undersecretary of War, disclosed today.

This amount, he said, was sufficient, with a proportionate number of smaller bombs and incendiaries, to maintain a daily non-stop air offensive against Axis-occupied Europe of a greater intensity than has yet been reached. The RAF, he said, had dropped 900 tons of bombs on Berlin.

More than 5,000 planes were built in the U.S., he also revealed, and of these more than 3,250 were combat types. February production was estimated at 5,500.

## King, Queen at Northampton, Chat With Men at U.S. Club

By Charles W. White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NORTHAMPTON, Mar. 4—King George and Queen Elizabeth visited the American Red Cross day club here today, with little ceremony and almost no advance notice. American soldiers on pass met Britain's rulers, chatted with them, and one of them, Cpl. Jake Triffo, of Binghamton, N.Y., presented Her Majesty with a bunch of violets.

"It was a big order," said Triffo, an Air Force non-com, "but I did it." Fred C. Yetter, of Pittsburgh, club program director, met the Royal couple as they arrived, accompanied by Lt. Col. James C. Conville, of Astoria, Wash.

American, British and Fighting French flags, with pictures of Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt greeted the King and Queen as they entered the club.

The King saw a stern picture of George Washington on the wall of this Red Cross club which is located in the town where Washington's ancestors, originally from nearby Sulgrave Manor, did their marketing.

He also saw a representative group of U.S. soldiers, mostly air force men, many of whom had not been apprised of the fact a royal inspection was scheduled.

After presentation of the flowers, Cpl. Triffo and the Queen shook hands.

### Corporal Likes the Queen

"She's very easy to talk to," he said later. "In fact I like her."

The Queen wore purple with attractive hat to match, and the King was in British Army uniform.

Among the American Red Cross personnel who greeted the royal couple were:

Mrs. Katharine Shanklin, New York City, club director; Mrs. Eve Sewell, London, assistant program director; Miss Anne Denne, Dover, Delaware, program assistant.

With them were the staff of English volunteer helpers who saw Queen Elizabeth sign her name in the club guest book reserved for distinguished visitors. The King signed the traditional "George R."

Arrival of the King and Queen had been a guarded secret, and few people in Northampton knew just where and (Continued on page 4)

## Jap Convoy Smashed, 22 Ships Destroyed, 15,000 Troops Killed

### Biggest Victory in Pacific Since Coral Sea Blasts Jap Plan to Hit Australia; Foe's Air Protection 'Decimated'

ALLIED HQ, Australia, Mar. 4—Twelve Japanese transports, carrying probably 15,000 troops, and the ten destroyers and cruisers accompanying them, were destroyed in the greatest sea victory against the Japanese since the Battle of the Coral Sea, it was announced today. The action took place in the Bismarck Sea, where the convoy bound for New Guinea was sighted by reconnaissance planes.

At least 38 Japanese fighters were destroyed and 17 damaged in the two-day air and sea battle, which was termed in some quarters the greatest victory of land-based planes over surface vessels in this war. The Allied success completely dislocated the Japanese plans to control New Guinea, which is vital to any attempt to invade Australia.

Every ship in the convoy was sunk or is now sinking, the communique announcing the engagement said. The defeat represented a loss to the enemy of at least 90,000 tons of shipping, as well as thousands of troops counted on for combat against the American and Australian forces.

### Convoy Was Expected

"Merciful providence guarded us in this great victory," was Gen. MacArthur's comment.

"One of the greatest factors which contributed to success was the fact the Japanese convoy was expected and its intentions diagnosed," said a headquarters' spokesman. "Our air force had been conditioned and prepared for the attack during the recent lulls in our air activity. They were able to blast the convoy with more than 100 tons of bombs and many thousands of rounds of ammunition."

The action began Tuesday, the spokesman said.

"The weather, which had made Tuesday's operations most difficult, cleared slightly on Wednesday. Our planes are still attacking and exterminating the remnants of the convoy," he added.

Only one Allied bomber and three fighters were lost. Other Allied aircraft were damaged but they all managed to return to their base.

### Air 'Shuttle Service'

This enemy sea force was subjected to day and night attacks and a constant shuttle service was maintained over the target. Ship after ship received direct hits and were blown out of the water or caught fire.

As the convoy progressed toward New Guinea its air umbrella became weaker and weaker under the savage attacks from the U.S. aircraft, until, in the words of today's communique, "it was decimated and dispersed."

The communique points out that the decisive victory must at least have dislocated the enemy's plan of campaign for the time being.

### Dislocates Jap Plans

The disaster inflicted on the Japanese was expected to have important results on the strategic and tactical plans of the Japanese. Until they are in control of New Guinea the Japanese cannot attempt a landing on the Australian coast.

According to an Associated Press tabulation, this was apparently the greatest victory in this war to be achieved by land-based planes over surface vessels and for losses to the enemy ranked only second to the November air and sea battle off the Solomons, in which the Japanese lost 23 ships sunk.

The loss of the 22 ships in the Bismarck Sea battle would raise to 510 the total Nipponese ships of all types announced sunk since Pearl Harbor. United States losses to date, including the recently announced cruiser Chicago, the destroyer Dehaven and three unidentified torpedo-boats, totaled 94 naval and merchant ships in that area.

## Fathers of Dependents Not Being Called Up

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4 (AP)—Correcting an earlier statement, Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, said today that local draft boards were still under orders not to call up men with dependent children until the boards received authorization from National Selective Service headquarters.

McNutt said the only men with children who were being called up at present were those whose "dependency" was acquired after Dec. 8, 1941.

However, after April 1, men employed in specific non-deferable occupations listed last month will have 30 days in which to transfer to jobs essential to the war effort, or to register with the U.S. Employment Service for war jobs before being reclassified as eligible for military service.

## Reds Push On In Blizzards

### Timoshenko's Men Drive For Staraya Russa, South of Ilmen

### BULLETIN

MOSCOW, Mar. 4—A special communique tonight claimed the capture of Olenino, 20 miles west of Rzhev, Sersk, Sudzha and the railroad junction town of Tchertovino, freeing the entire railway line from Moscow to Rzhev and Veliki Luki.

MOSCOW, Mar. 4 (UP)—Pushing ahead in blinding blizzards and with his men dragging tanks on rafts across unfrozen swamps, Marshal Timoshenko is making further progress in his drive for Staraya Russa, the big railway junction just south of Lake Ilmen, according to latest reports reaching Moscow.

Roads on the front, according to dispatches from the fighting area, are practically non-existent. What there are the Germans are doing their best to obliterate as they go, wrecking bridges and strewn thousands of mines in their wake.

As Timoshenko's main forces drive ahead, speedy Russian mobile units are constantly darting behind the enemy lines, harassing his communications.

At the same time the offensive is being (Continued on page 4)

## The General in the 'Goop Suit' Tours Front 200 Miles a Day

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Mar. 4 (UP)—A figure in strange attire, which he calls a "goop suit"—because "I feel like a goop wearing it"—is likely to turn up anywhere on the North African front.

The figure is Gen. Eisenhower and the suit consists of an imposing pair of trousers reaching almost to the armpits, a heavy battle jacket, stocking cap and helmet. The bottoms of the trousers button round the boots and the legs are equipped with zipper fasteners.

In this battle dress Gen. Eisenhower drives in his jeep more than 200 miles a day over rough country, starting sometimes at 3 o'clock in the morning and continuing until midnight. Just now he is nursing bruises caused when his jeep dived into a ditch.

Gen. Eisenhower eats ordinary army rations and takes his stew cold from a tin because he is usually in too much of a hurry to heat it. His working day is from 16 to 18 hours and for relaxation he reads "wild west" thrillers.

When somebody at headquarters recently commented on his rapid rise to the rank of general, Eisenhower just remarked: "The way down can be even faster than the way up."



Associated Press Photo

The General in his 'Goop Suit'



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Congratulations

The following is the text of the message sent by President Roosevelt to General Douglas MacArthur, which was made public in Allied Headquarters in Australia:

"The efficient bombardments launched by your air forces during the past few weeks, and especially in the last few days, in support of the situation in the Solomons and in furtherance of your own operations command our admiration.

"The arduous land campaign along the Papuan coast, which has decimated the enemy and now threatens him at Salamaua, has made a great impression on our people, and must have a demoralizing effect on Japanese confidence in the fighting efficiency of their ground troops.

"My thanks go to you and your leaders, and to the officers and men of the Australian and United States forces who carried the fight to the enemy on all levels and over great distances and under even greater difficulties."

Following publication of this message from the President of the United States, our Pacific Theater Air Force has completely dispersed a huge Japanese convoy, sinking 22 ships with the estimated loss to the Japs of some 15,000 men, and with the known destruction of 55 Japanese planes.

Revolt in Korea

On the recent anniversary of the foundation of the Korean Independence Movement a meeting to commemorate the occasion was held in Chungking. Presiding at that meeting was Mr. Twoso Wang, Foreign Minister of the Korean Provisional Government, who recalled the bloody Korean revolution of Mar. 1, 1919, out of which the Independence Movement was born.

"So much blood was shed," Wang declared, "that it literally flowed over Korea, and the horror of the tragedy is unparalleled in history."

Many of us in the American Army do not realize that Korea only a few years ago was independent. Like other occupied countries Korea is seeking its freedom. For many years she has been forced to "enjoy" the hateful blessings of Japanese misrule. A second rebellion in Korea can be expected when the time is ripe. This revolt may succeed.

Dead End Personnel

In the movies our Dead End Kids won undying fame by portraying a type of youngster who goes to bat in the game of life with two strikes already called.

His prototype in the Army is a problem for every commanding general and for most commanding officers.

Many officers and enlisted men of marked ability find themselves at what appears to be a "permanent dead end." There seems to be no chance for advancement, no opportunity for progress in their Army career, while friends and junior grades sail by on a skyrocketing rush to the top.

All of us like to feel that merit will be rewarded; but at times, and at times with justification, this is not true in practice. Many a fine officer has been carefully selected for a special task in the Army. He does his job well; so well in fact that he receives commendation from his superiors. His particular task, however, may call for a certain rank in the Army Table of Organization. Under such circumstances he has reached his "dead end" and promotion at times is denied.

A first-class enlisted man is often selected for his superior ability for a technical job. He does his work in an admirable manner. He earns the respect of his commanding officer and he is kept on that job, oftentimes through necessity, while others are promoted over his head and are assigned new tasks in interesting fields.

To say that "dead end" officers and enlisted men grow despondent under such circumstances is putting the facts mildly. Experience has taught most of us, however, that it is darkest just before the dawn. Few good men are ever permanently lost. They invariably attract attention. The Army needs good men too badly to fail to reward those who serve best. In the meantime, those who believe they have reached a permanent "dead end" should experience real satisfaction from knowing they are doing a good job of work for their country. That should be reward enough for any American.

Hash Marks

Beautiful Madeleine Carroll, British-born film star, has become a citizen of the United States and sworn allegiance to Old Glory. Which causes our office boy, Cpl. Spam, to comment that he would like nothing better than to swear allegiance to Madeleine Carroll.

William Hickey, writing in the Daily Express, says a tank soldier back from Tunisia relates that the Italians com-



plain bitterly of not getting a fair deal. "If we come over at night to the British lines to surrender," they say, "you shoot at us. If we come over in the daytime, the Germans shoot at us."

For some reason or other the government has banned the sale of sliced bread back in the States. Some bakery shops are pretty hot about the set-up, but more enterprising establishments are cashing in on the deal by—believe it or not—selling bread-slicing machines, which merely consist of a piece of wood with slots to guide the knife down through the loaf.

Jimmy Thompson, official executioner for the state of Mississippi and operator of the only portable electric chair in the world, has a grim sense of humor. Says Thompson, "The first thing I tell a client, to put him at ease, is 'have a seat.' No thanks, Jimmy, we'll take a hot foot instead."

There seems to be no shortage on the marriage mart back in the States. A Tennessee farmer decided to get married and inserted an advertisement in the local paper asking for "a marrying girl between 15 and 30 who can do housework and who doesn't want too many new hats and dresses." He is now selecting his wife from a long list of applicants. Shades of Li'l Abner!

Anything can happen these days. Officials of a London borough were quite perturbed when they discovered one of



their street sweepers was completely disregarding his assignments and using his street sweeping machine to sweep streets that had already been swept. To top it off, they found him one day blissfully sweeping a street outside of his own borough.

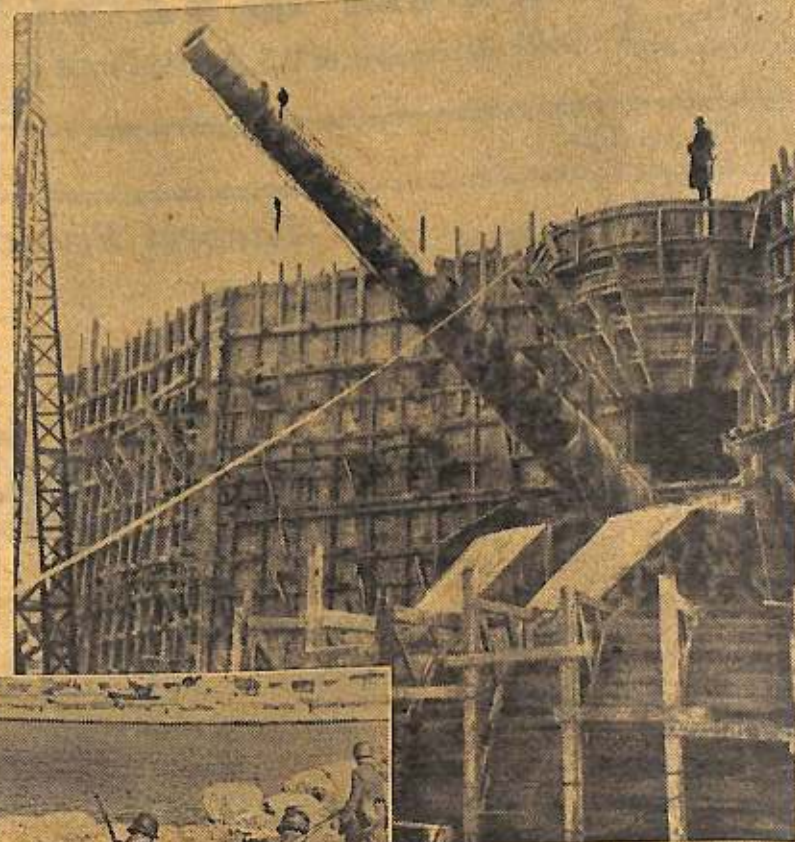
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Jerry Gets the Invasion Jitters

Beset Inside Europe And Out, Nazis Rush Defenses

By Philip Bucknell
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Once in Europe there was only one terror—the Gestapo, which subdued what the Wehrmacht had conquered. But these days, and these nights, now that Hitler's armies have been found vulnerable, there are three terrors: for them that fear Hitler, still the Gestapo; for them that work for Hitler, the terror of bombs day and night, and the fearful knowledge that sooner or later, probably sooner, the army of retribution will come out of the West. In two articles, of which this is the first, Pvt. Philip Bucknell, Stars and Stripes staff writer and former correspondent in Europe's capitals, discusses the things Germany fears and what the Nazis are doing about it.



Associated Press Photos

These pictures show the latest steps taken by the Germans to strengthen their coastal defenses in preparation for the Allied invasion. Along the Channel coast (above) a huge gun is lowered into its concrete emplacement on the side of a cliff. (Note size of man in comparison with gun.) At left, a German artillery crew hauls a gun into position in the harbor at Marseilles shortly after the German occupation in November.



of the extent of the jitters that have struck the Germans.

From Narvik down to the Spanish border feverish engineers are strengthening their defenses in depth. Along the whole swoop of the Mediterranean new fortifications are being built. At Marseilles they tore down the homes of 40,000 Frenchmen to instal emplacements covering the harbor.

Down along the Greek coast Gen. von Loehr, commanding three divisions, is trying to build up little Malpas in the Greek islands. Crete and the Dodecanese have recently been reinforced.

The "soft under-belly of the Axis," Italy, is having all the feelings of being an occupied country with German garrison troops and technicians. The Hun is having a big job trying to straighten out the rickety communications in Southern Italy where the local people are already saying they are waiting to welcome the Americans.

All over the Balkan peninsula heavy artillery is being set up in mountain passes and coastal regions. And in those regions the Chetniks and other guerrilla bands are already giving the Nazis a lot of invasion drill.

The German military must guard all trains. Forests have been cleared for 200 yards each side of the railroad tracks, only military passengers may travel on the main lines. Yet, despite all precautions, trains are derailed with timetable regularity. Bridges are destroyed, the viaduct at Borovnica, in Yugoslavia, on the main line, has been blown up three times.

Many Waiting For Allies

Not only in conquered Yugoslavia, but within the ranks of Germany's allies, many people are waiting for the invasion to start, and some of them are looking at the map and figuring that if the Russians come much further west there will be a lot of dead Germans in the Balkans.

Germany's allies are developing jitters in a big way. Italy's peace-feelers were so obvious that Hitler had to send Ribbentrop hot foot to Rome to peep-talk his buddy. Hungary is trying to elbow its way into the ranks of the converted. Finland speaks as much about peace as it does about war.

Allied bombing has smashed at the offensive potential of the Axis. Saboteurs are making life hard for the defenses. The Gestapo has had to clear the Rumanian oil town of Ploesti of its civilian population. Vast coastal areas have been evacuated. Soldiers scarcely dare walk alone after dark anywhere in occupied territory.

The drain on the man-power of the Reich, men to fight and men to work, is so great that the Nazis have had to have compulsory roundups of labor from the conquered countries. Today more than one-third of the labor forces inside Germany itself is foreign. More fighting men are being rustled up from the allied countries. But the Germans cannot trust these recruits; they feel uneasy when the newcomers are behind them.

Above them fly the Allied aircraft. Behind, a sullen population. And in front is the sea over which, one day, will come a mighty armed force.

have collapsed, and German engineers are working about the West.

In fortresses and foxholes some of the cream of the German soldiery stand on the alert night and day, but hit-and-run Commando raids have shown that their defenses can be pierced. Lessons, hard learned at Dieppe and brought into operation in North Africa, have given the Allies a feeling of confidence in attack.

In his headquarters at Sedan, a Junkers general, Rudolf Gerd von Runstedt, drives his men to greater and greater effort. But too frequently for his satisfaction he has to hop down to Paris to see the politicians. He does not like politicians, especially when, as now, they want to take some of his men away to send to the Russian front.

30-40 Divisions

Runstedt has not too many men for the job on hand. British War Office estimates give him 30 to 40 divisions of about 15,000 each to police the whole of France, Holland and Belgium. Less than half are battle-trained, but those who are know their job. Runstedt himself took them through Poland and the Lowlands, and campaigned with some in Russia.

He has three Panzer divisions, stationed at Rennes, Amiens and Ghent. Another is reported somewhere in the former occupied section of France. But these panzers are not the force they used to be. It is believed that only 200 to 250 tanks now go to a division, as opposed to about 400 at the beginning of the war.

Gen. Falkenhorst and Gen. von Hanneken in Norway and Denmark are pressing their men to greater security measures. Reports reaching London say the Maginot Line is being stripped of its short-range artillery for use in strengthening all possible landing stretches.

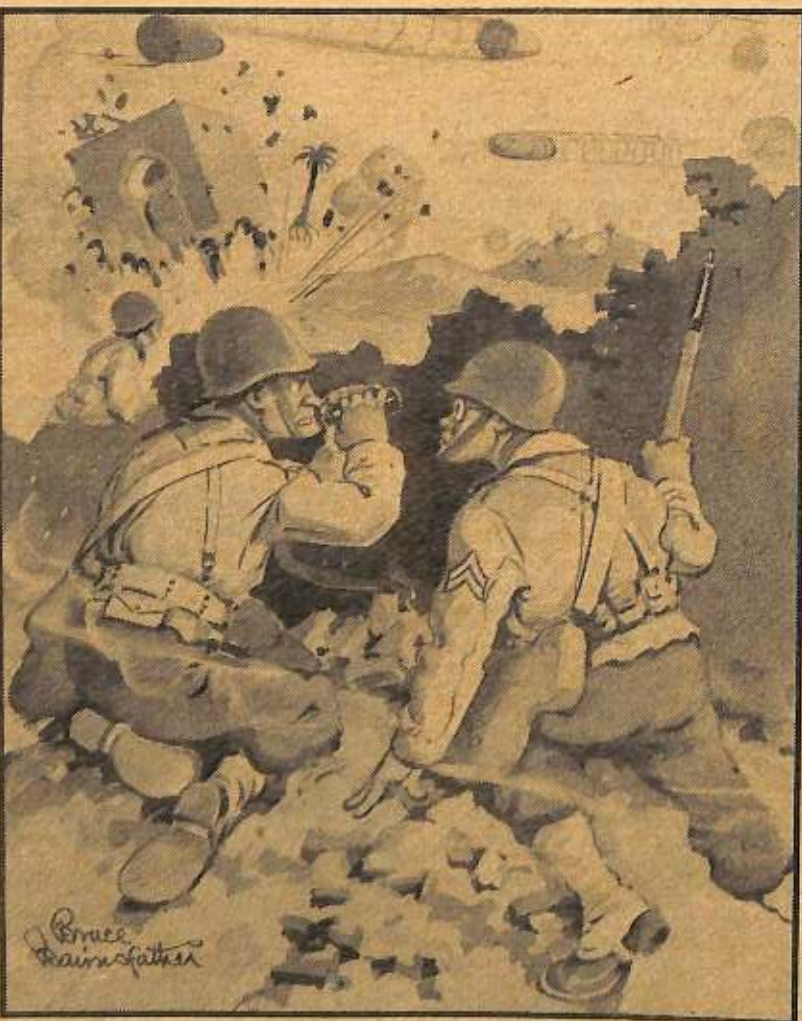
No longer does a victorious Wehrmacht sing "We March Against England." Its men peer into the night, nervously awaiting the day when from Britain comes an army of invasion—and retribution.

'Master Race' Jitters

Reports from Germany and the occupied territories show that the "Master Race" has the jitters bad. There are two kinds of reports to take into account. The first come straight from Germany, and those tell what the Nazis want the world to think, the second is the news that comes out through other sources.

The first kind is often informative. Right now the Propaganda Ministry is working hard trying to tell the world that Germany is its one salvation, its one protector from bogey Bolshevism. It is plugging this number over the air nightly, it feeds it to neutral papers. It is trying its best to divide the Allies. It does not like the writing on the wall.

The news reports, received via neutral sources, of defensive action being taken against invasion give another indication



"Colonel, sir, an ENSA party's just arrived, and they wanna know where the show is tonight."



# Senesky Tops Hoopsters in Scoring Race

## St. Joseph's Center Has Six-Point Lead Over Komenich

NEW YORK, Mar. 4—As the '43 basketball season draws to a close, George Senesky, blond center of St. Josephs, Philadelphia, has a stranglehold on the national individual scoring honors. With 446 points in 19 games, Senesky's average of 23.5 points per game is over six points better than runner-up Milo Komenich, of Wyoming. After Komenich, the field is bunched with no more than a fraction of a point separating the leaders, so Senesky's big lead is extraordinary.

However, the fans must remember that St. Josephs, and even Wyoming, has not played a continuously tough schedule. This goes also for Rhode Island State, whose Ernest Calverly ranks third with 17.3 points per game.

Basketball scoring averages are always difficult to evaluate for this reason. Probably Harry Boykoff, St. Johns' giant center, who ranks fourth, and Andy Phillip, number one Illinois Whiz Kid, ranking fifth, met consistently tougher opposition. Boykoff, especially, had to overcome opponents who made an all-out effort to tie him up in almost every game.

### Type of Shots a Factor

But even Boykoff and Phillip owed a point or two in their averages to a tremendous hunk of points gained in one game against extremely ineffectual opposition. Andy netted 40 against cream puff Chicago on Tuesday. Harry made 44 against St. Josephs the night when the St. Joes could do nothing right and St. Johns nothing wrong.

The type shots a player customarily scores on must also be considered. For instance, Boykoff dropped most of his from bucket or layups. The ball was fed to him in a position where he couldn't miss. Senesky, on the other hand, specialized in one-handers from the foul line or further out—a vastly more difficult assignment.

Here are the top ten among the nation's scorers:

Name	Games	Pts.	Aver. Per Game
Senesky, St. Josephs	19	946	23.5
Komenich, Wyoming	18	313	17.4
Calverly, R.I. St.	17	294	17.3
Boykoff, St. Johns	16	269	16.8
Phillip, Illinois	16	249	15.6
Mahnken, G'wtwn	17	272	16
Closs, Rice	22	345	15.7
Minor, Toledo	17	267	15.7
Wiltshire, Virginia	20	312	15.6
Kutz, Wisconsin	19	286	15.1

## Donald Budge Called Greatest by Bill Tilden

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 4—Celebrating his 50th birthday here yesterday, Big Bill Tilden stated that he expected to continue to play active tennis for another ten years.

Still in the pink of condition, though he has lost much of his old spryness, Tilden prophesied that there will be a tremendous boom in athletics after the war, but feared the conditions in Europe would preclude international competition for some time.

Of the players he has met, Big Bill said that Donald Budge "is the greatest player who ever stepped on a court because of his consistency. Ellsworth Vines was unbeatable when at top form, but was too variable."

## Joyce Stops Armstrong

### Hammering Henry Suffers Second Defeat in Comeback Try

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 4—Willie Joyce, speedy Negro from Gary, Ind., gave Henry Armstrong's comeback hopes a rude jouncing by outpointing the veteran by a wide margin in their ten-round bout here.

It was Hammering Henry's second defeat in 16 fights since he started his comeback last summer. From the second round through the seventh little Joyce battered Armstrong's face steadily, especially about the eyes—which had caused Henry such trouble from scar tissues.

Henry's famed windmill tactics have toned down with the years and he looked a courageous, but tired and outclassed, old man of 30 instead of the savage king pin of three divisions as of yore. He never ceased attacking, but Joyce nullified the effect simply by pushing him aside with one glove, pumping in telling blows with the other.

The only Armstrong round was the eighth. In that frame he opened a deep cut on the front of Joyce's left ear. The cut bled profusely thereafter, but apparently did not hamper Joyce, who continued to dance all around Henry.

Both men weighed 137½ instead of the specified 145.

## Still a Yank

## By Jack Sords



**RED RUFFING,** NEW YORK YANKEE PITCHER FOR THE LAST 13 YEARS, NOW A YANKEE FIGHTER FOR UNCLE SAM

RED ALSO SAW FIVE YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE BOSTON RED SOX BEFORE JOINING NEW YORK

SORDS

## Jack and Zivic Both Confident They Will Win

### Welterweights Tangle at Garden Tonight in Return Match

NEW YORK, Mar. 4—Fritzie Zivic, the welterweight with the battered beak and the breezy front, has promised to polish off Beau Jack in their return bout at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night.

Fritzie admits that Beau sets a terrible pace, but he thinks he learned enough about Beau's style in their first fight to take him this time. "I was just a little over-confident last time. I let him get too big an early lead. I finished strong, but it was too late. Right now I feel good. I had a swell prep fight with Mayon Padlo in Pittsburgh two weeks ago."

### Plenty of Fight Left

If Fritzie doesn't beat Beau Jack, it will upset one of his outstanding records. Only once in a series of ten fights with five men in the last two and a half years has he failed to win a return bout. That was against Sugar Ray Robinson in the Fall of 1941, when Sugar was at his peak and nearly a perfect fighting machine. The others were Henry Armstrong, Al Davis, Lew Jenkins and Red Cochrane—all of whom got it much worse the second time.

Says Fritzie, "I've fought for 13 years and I've got plenty of fight left." There will be lots of people in the Garden who'll acknowledge that. One of them probably will be Beau Jack.

Meanwhile, up at Stillman's gym, where Beau works out, the spectators were watching the Augusta boy go through his paces. Above the music of the hammering bags upstairs and the whisper of boxing shoes on canvas, you could hear the spectators' comments. The boxing writers remarked on the difference in Beau's bearing from last month when he worked out for the first Zivic fight. There is an entirely new confidence in his bearing.

### Beau Not Cocky

After the workout, the writers asked Jack how he felt. Did he feel as sure of himself as he looked? Beau yanked his taped hands out of his robesleeves and replied, "No, I don't see no difference. I was always confident of my strength because I always trained hard. But I never got cocky because I licked anybody. Zivic gave me my hardest fight, but I expected that."

Then he grinned, and added, "But I'll have to admit I felt pretty good after I licked him. I hope it will be easier this time."

Most of the writers thought it would be easier because a "new" Beau will be in the ring Friday night—a man who feels like a champion because he licked Zivic.

## Pole Vaulter Warmerdam Gets Navy Commission

PIEDMONT, Cal., Mar. 4—Cornelius Warmerdam, the world's greatest pole vaulter, has been commissioned an ensign in the Navy, and will leave here Mar. 13 for the North Carolina Preflight school at Chapel Hill.

Warmerdam, who holds the world record at 15 feet seven and three-quarters inches, almost broke his own record at New York City in the national indoor championships last Saturday. For his meet winning and new championship record leap of 15 feet three and seven-eighths inches, the fans voted him the meet's outstanding performer over three-miler Greg Rice, miler Frank Dixon, hurdler Harold Stickle and sprinter Herbert Thompson.

Last Monday Warmerdam was presented with the Sullivan Memorial trophy as the outstanding amateur athlete in 1942.

### Pirates Drop Pie Traynor

PITTSBURGH, Mar. 4—The Pittsburgh Pirates have dropped Coach Pie Traynor, one of the greatest all-time third basemen, after 23 years of playing, coaching and managing and scouting. He managed the Pirates from '35 through '39.

### Sports Quiz Tour at Manchester

The Red Cross sports quiz caravan, conducted by PGA tournament manager Fred Corcoran, stops at the Manchester Red Cross club on Mar. 7, Southport on Mar. 11, Liverpool Mar. 12 and Wallington on the 13th.

## Basketball Results

- Toledo 43, LIU 41.
- St. Johns 57, NYU 51.
- Columbia 62, Yale 56.
- Cornell 63, Harvard 43.
- Princeton 48, Penn 27.
- Manhattan 55, Rutgers 41.
- Westminster 44, Duquesne 39.
- Williams 44, Wesleyan 39.
- Brown 79, Rhode Island State 64.
- Penn State 65, Carnegie Tech 28.
- Clarkson 41, St. Lawrence 36.
- Georgetown 73, Colgate 59.
- Drexel 57, Penn Military 43.
- Riverfalls Teachers 48, Eau Claire Teachers 40.
- Southwestern Kansas 63, Fort Hays State 35.
- Rockhurst 30, St. Benedict 28.
- Westminster (Mo.), 43, Missouri Valley 36.
- St. Olaf 43, Gustavus Adolphus 33.
- Mount Union 48, John Carroll 35.
- Hastings 41, Nebraska Wesleyan 27.
- Doane 72, Midland 39.
- Luther 50, Loras 37.
- St. Ambrose 51, Parsons 40.
- Buena Vista 70, Western Union 52.
- Drake 51, Grinnell 33.
- St. Thomas (Minn.) 45, Macalester 40.
- Phillips Oilers 47, Olathe Naval Air 37.
- Western Michigan 72, Wayne 29.
- Cornell College (Iowa) 54, Coe 53.
- Heidelberg 63, Findlay 49.
- Kansas 47, Missouri 44.
- Fort Wayne 50, Sheboygan 45.
- DePaul 61, Bradley 42.
- Texas 57, Texas A&M 55.
- West Washington 44, East Washington 34.
- Linfield 53, Eastern Oregon 49.

## Greco to Fight Shans Again

NEW YORK, Mar. 4—Pvt. Johnny Greco, of the Canadian Army, has been rematched with Cleo Shans, Los Angeles Negro, in a ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden on Mar. 26.

It was a surprise match since Promoter Mike Jacobs is said to have wanted to give Greco a shot at Beau Jack's lightweight title after Greco's smashing decision over Shans last Friday.

Jacobs explained, "I intended to match Greco with Jack for the title, but I forgot in my enthusiasm that Greco is only 19 years old. Because of his youth, the boxing commission won't permit him to fight for 15 rounds for the title without further seasoning."

Greco will fight for expenses only, donating his share of receipts to the Canadian Army's athletic equipment fund. Jacobs will donate \$5,000, or ten per cent of the gate if it is over \$5,000, to the same cause.

## Four Illini Dribblers Chosen for Big Ten Five

CHICAGO, Mar. 4—Illinois' hoopsters, who smashed nearly every Big Ten basketball record while winning the second consecutive championship, made another record when the Big Ten coaches voted four Illini to the all-Big Ten team.

Andy Phillip, forward, Art Mathisen, center, Jack Smiley and Gene Vance, guards, received this overwhelming tribute. The coaches said that the only reason they had not placed five Illini was that Ken Menke, the other forward, only played half the season due to an injury. He would have been chosen instead of Otto Graham, Northwestern's football and basketball star.

### Co. K Softballers Win, 6-2

AN INFANTRY STATION, England, Mar. 4—Sgt. Walter Wodarski, of Toledo, Ohio, pitched his seventh straight win as Company K defeated Headquarters, 6-2, in their softball contest here.

### American Hockey League

Washington 5, Cleveland 4.  
Buffalo 3, Pittsburgh 3.

## NEWS FROM HOME

# Ten Years In Office, FDR Still Mum On 1944 Campaign

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4—President Roosevelt celebrated his tenth anniversary in the White House today—taking time from his busy schedule for special religious services attended by Government officials and their families.

The anniversary served to revive fourth-term rumors which buzzed all over Washington, even among Democratic leaders. The President himself gave no encouragement to the speculations concerning 1944.

One party leader said: "He is too busy with the war to think about 1944, and, besides, too many things can happen between now and the nominating convention."

As the President begins his eleventh year in office he faces a Congress from which many of his ablest supporters are missing—their seats won from them by Republicans or non-New Dealers. The Congressional newcomers seem determined that the President's grip on the nation must be loosened and that the New Deal for which he stands must be modified if it can't be entirely killed.

Throughout the country as a whole, President Roosevelt seems to be still the outstanding political figure. A recent Gallup Poll shows that, at the present time, 51 per cent of the voters would favor him for re-election in 1944 if the war is still going on. Only 37 per cent would oppose him and the remaining 12 per cent are "undecided."

### Central Park Murder

NEW YORK, Mar. 4—Prof. Joseph J. Copeland, City College expert in botany and biology, testified in Supreme Court, Manhattan, today that certain grass seeds found in the cuffs of Anibal Almodovo's trousers matched Central Park grasses and probably came from there.

Prof. Copeland, now a lieutenant in the Air Force, was a star witness in the murder trial of Almodovo, 22, charged with strangling his wife Louise in the park and abandoning her body there.

### Niece Work

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 4—Bette Davis topped Errol Flynn by \$12,000 in salary during the fiscal year of 1942, the Securities and Exchange Commission disclosed today. She received \$252,000 from Warner Brothers during the year, while Flynn's salary was \$240,000.

### Record APO Volume

NEW YORK, Mar. 4—Col. William A. Kenyon, acting director of the U.S. Army Postal Service, said here that the APO was handling between 15 and 20 million

pieces of mail a week for men in the armed forces overseas. Col. Kenyon said the total was about four times as large as the largest weekly total of the last war.

### WAACs vs. WAVES

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4—The traditional football field rivalry of West Point and Annapolis has infected the little sisters of the Army and the Navy.

Now it's WAACs vs. WAVES whenever the gals in uniform get together. Tea-party hair pulls have resulted, they say around here, from such matters as whether the WAVES are really in the Navy—since they can wear whatever kind of undies their fancy dictates.

They snoot WAACs, claiming the khaki-clad Amazons are really nothing but babes in GI clothing. Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, WAAC director, doesn't officially rate those colonel's eagles on her shoulder, the Navy gals claim, and wears 'em only by courtesy. Newest of the women's auxiliaries, the Marines (f) are just standing by in the squabble, ready to take the situation in hand.

### Pvt. Orson Welles Now

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 4—Orson Welles, the producer-actor who jolted the nation with "Citizen Kane" after he had given Northern New Jersey the big jitters with his "Men From Mars" broadcast, has been accepted for limited service with the Army. He suffers from bronchial asthma.

### GI Oysters?

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4—The Office of Price Administration uses code words to describe articles for which rationing is planned. Shoes, it was learned, are "oysters."



LIZABETTER



### Bomber Pilots Win Six DFCs, DSC, Cluster

#### Former Endurance Flier One of 47 Decorated For Heroism

A Distinguished Service Cross, six Distinguished Flying Crosses, one of them posthumous; an Oak Leaf Cluster and 39 Air Medals were awarded yesterday to men of the Eighth Air Force.

The DSC went to Maj. Algene E. Key, of Meridan, Miss., pilot of a Flying Fortress which carried out a mission over enemy-held territory despite extensive damage by enemy fire.

Maj. Key set up a world's endurance record of 653 hours and 34 minutes while flying with his brother Fred, now a captain in the USAAF, in 1935.

Major Key's citation, read at the presentation ceremony, was in part as follows:

#### Fought Off Attack

"... while en route to an enemy target, the aircraft of which Major Key was a pilot was subjected to a direct nose attack by two enemy aircraft... despite a desperate situation, Major Key continued his position in flight to the objective. With complete disregard of his own safety, and with a regard only for the mission entrusted to him, Major Key skillfully maintained his almost uncontrolable aircraft in formation, completed his mission, and returned safely to his home base. His action undoubtedly resulted in saving the lives of his crew...

Award of an Oak Leaf Cluster was made to Col. James H. Wallace, of Washington.

At the same time announcement was made of a posthumous award of the DFC to Capt. Bertram C. Martin, of Ridgewood, N.Y., and also of the award of the DFC for the first time to five other airmen.

The five, all pilots or co-pilots of USAAF bombing planes, are 1st Lt. John A. Castle, of Seattle, Wash.; 1st Lt. Harold H. Henderson, Sharpesville, Pa.; 1st Lt. George J. Oxrider, Dayton, O.; 2nd Lt. Kent M. Fitzsimmons, Las Animas, Colo.; and 2nd Lt. Joseph Baxter Boyle, Teaneck, N.J.

The citation for Col. Wallace, two-time recipient of the DFC, reads as follows: "On a daylight raid over enemy-occupied continental Europe, Col. Wallace, displaying great personal courage and brilliant leadership, maneuvered his group, despite heavy anti-aircraft fire, into a more favorable position over the target with the result that a highly important military installation was extensively damaged."

Capt. Martin lost his life while making an heroic effort to save comrades from a burning Liberator.

#### Attacked by Fighters

Lt. Castle's citation: "While serving as pilot of a B17 (Flying Fortress) airplane on a combat mission over enemy-occupied continental Europe. Immediately after completing the bombing run the airplane was attacked by enemy fighter airplanes; three crew members injured, one engine completely disabled, the instrument panel and oxygen and radio equipment rendered useless and the control cables shot away. Upon reaching the English coast Lt. Castle remained at his post and succeeded in making a crash landing on friendly soil."

Lt. Henderson's citation: "In the course of an attack by enemy fighter airplanes the pilot was completely disabled, five crew members were injured and the airplane was severely damaged. The tail assembly was completely disrupted, and severe damage resulted to the wings and engines as a result of enemy fire. Lt. Henderson assumed control of the airplane, and, despite its almost unmanageable condition and the stress of the situation, landed the airplane at a friendly base."

Lt. Oxrider's citation: "While over the target the airplane was severely damaged by enemy anti-aircraft fire, and was repeatedly attacked by enemy fighter airplanes. On the return flight, Lt. Oxrider, disregarding the danger to himself, left the comparative safety of the formation to go to the aid of another airplane of the flight which was in imminent danger of destruction by enemy airplanes. Upon reaching the English coast, finding that he could no longer keep the airplane in flight, Lt. Oxrider ordered the crew to 'bail out,' and when all were safely away landed the airplane in a small field without further damage."

Lt. Fitzsimmons' citation: "The airplane was damaged by enemy action while over the target to such an extent that it could only be flown by both the pilot and co-pilot exerting all their strength on the damaged controls. Under these extreme conditions the airplane was kept in flight until the English coast was crossed, whereupon the pilot ordered the crew to 'bail out.' Lt. Fitzsimmons courageously declined the comparative safety of a parachute jump and remained aboard, and by his assistance to the pilot made possible the landing of the damaged airplane."

Lt. Boyle's citation: "Lt. Boyle was injured early in an attack by enemy fighter airplanes. The pilot was killed and the airplane sustained severe damage. Notwithstanding his painful wounds and the damaged condition of the airplane Lt. Boyle remained at his post, and, despite repeated attacks from enemy fighter airplanes and intense anti-aircraft fire, flew the airplane back to a friendly base."

### Air Force DSC Winner



N.Y. Times Photo  
Maj. Algene E. Key

## Reds Push On In Blizzards

### Timoshenko's Men Drive For Staraya Russa, South of Ilnen

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strongly supported from the air in spite of bad weather. Yesterday alone the Stormoviks which are pounding at the Germans' fortifications accounted for 15 enemy planes.

Gen. Golikov, whose forces join those of Marshal Timoshenko in the south, is thrusting forward towards Briansk from Lgov, and is now less than 80 miles from Briansk.

Heavy and confused fighting is still raging in the northwestern part of the Donetz, where the Germans claim to have recaptured the railway town of Slavyansk, half-way between Lozovaya and Debaltsevo, and say their forces are attacking on a front of 150 miles.

Russian spearheads pointing southwest from Rzhnev are being thrust towards the Viazma-Smolensk railway, vital to the Germans in this area, but behind the Russian advance on this front there is a graver threat to two more German hedgehog positions.

These are Viazma and, more immediately, Gjatksk. Continuation of the Russian advance southwest from Rzhnev and across the railway would cut off the Germans in these positions from their rear towards Smolensk and ripen them for destruction by the Russians.

The Germans, in an order of the day from Hitler, were told that Rzhnev was the "key to Berlin," and were ordered to hold it at all costs. Its loss comes as the biggest blow to the Germans after the fall of Kharkov and Rostov and, if Viazma is captured, leaves the field open for recapture of Smolensk itself.

The fate of Orel now seems sealed, even if it takes some time. As the front reaches further south, the intensity of the German counter-attacks seems to grow. Today's official reports speak of one enemy counter-attack supported by 25 tanks being repulsed. Others on the same front have suffered a similar fate.

On the Kuban front the fighting is raging around the water lines under terrible ground conditions, in which, however, the Russians were able to gain a few of the enemy's defense points.

#### Restrict Malt Use

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4—The War Production Board has clamped down on the consumption of malt in a move to save it for the production of industrial alcohol. Brewers said they could use rice instead and the production of beer would not suffer.

## U.S. Technicians Who Built Bases Here Enlist in 'Sea Bees'

Sixteen American civilian technicians, part of a contingent which constructed naval bases in the British Isles, have enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve at London. They are assigned to the "Sea Bees" construction battalion.

Seven were enlisted as chief petty officers, six were given first-class ratings and three were made second-class petty officers.

Assigned to duties in the British Isles, the recruits include:

## Women of York Will Give Navy 12-Starred Flag

### Reproduction of First U.S. Ensign Flown Here For Annapolis

A reproduction of John Paul Jones' 12-starred flag, which went down with his ship the Bonne Homme Richard off Flamborough Head, Yorkshire, Sept. 23, 1779, is soon to be presented to Adm. Harold R. Stark, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, by a group of Yorkshire women.

The original ensign, stitched by patriotic women of New Hampshire, bore only 12 stars instead of 13 because its makers were not sure about the status of one of the southern states. John Paul Jones called it his "starry flag" and flew it from the masthead when his ship met the British frigate, HMS Serapis.

Most historians agree that it was the first time the American colors were flown in European waters.

#### Flag to Annapolis

The new flag, made by Yorkshire women in a move originated by the Lord Mayor of York, eventually will be placed in the museum of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. Adm. Stark has agreed to accept the flag on behalf of the Naval Academy, but as yet no date has been set for the ceremony.

A presentation flagstaff and a plaque, carved from Yorkshire oak by Robert Thompson, noted Yorkshire craftsman, also will be presented at the ceremony.

The Bonne Homme Richard defeated the Serapis by killing or wounding three-quarters of her crew. The American ship was so badly damaged herself that she was unable to stay afloat. Her crew boarded the Serapis. The engagement opened when Jones attacked a convoy escorted by the Serapis. The action was fought so close to shore that hundreds of spectators lined the coast to watch it.

## Raids - - -

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served by airmen over Rotterdam. Approximately a dozen FW190s and Me109s attacked the formation near the target and followed the bombers out over the North Sea. Enemy pilots hesitated to close, however, and the raid was described as a "smooth trip."

"It was a normal trip," said 1st Lt. Robert J. Nolan, of Trenton, N.J. "I was glad to get back for lunch. We had steak."

The RAF night attack on Hamburg was described by the Air Ministry as "heavy," and was coupled with other missions to Western Germany. The night's work cost Bomber Command ten planes.

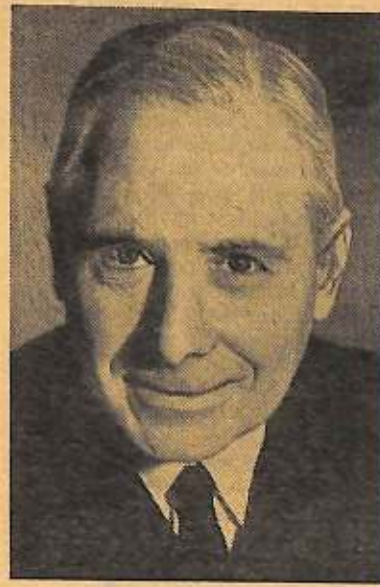
Just as the RAF was getting under way to Hamburg, which is another key point in the lines that build and repair the German submarine fleet, Nazi bombers made the first of two night raids against England. Between 30 and 40 planes, some of which got through to London, made the first attack after 8 PM, and dropped incendiaries and high explosives over the British capital. There were some fires and damage.

Late at night a smaller force made a second attack, with planes again getting through to the capital. Two enemy planes were destroyed over England, a third was shot down over its own airfield in Germany by a RAF night intruder.

#### DSM For Brereton

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (UP)—The U.S. Distinguished Service Medal has been awarded to Maj. Gen. L. H. Brereton, commander of United States Forces in the Middle East, in recognition of his services in the Far East, it was announced here yesterday. Gen. Brereton was formerly commander of the U.S. Air Force in the Philippines and later commander of American air forces in Burma. He has been made Companion of the Order of the Bath by King George.

### New Navy Base Chief



U.S. Navy Photo  
Capt. James A. Logan

## Capt. J.A. Logan 'Derry Skipper'

### Former Post Graduate School Head Succeeds Capt. Kirkman

LONDONDERRY, Mar. 4—Capt. James A. Logan, USN, veteran of 36 years of service, has been placed in command of the Navy's base here, it was announced yesterday by Adm. Harold R. Stark, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.

Capt. Logan succeeds Capt. Van Leer Kirkman. Former head of the Naval Academy's Post Graduate School at Annapolis, Capt. Logan has been in Great Britain as a member of Adm. Stark's staff since last December.

He is a native of Charleston, S.C., and commanded the USS Beaver during the last war. In 1926, 1927 and 1928 he was in command of the USS Case, a destroyer; commanded a destroyer division in the Pacific in 1937, and, a year later, was in command of the USS Cincinnati, a light cruiser.

Other service included duty as secretary of the War Plans Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, and aide to the Commandant, Hawaii.

## Mgr. Spellman On Way To Visit Troops Here

Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York, has arrived in Seville, Spain, from the Vatican on his way to visit American troops in Africa and England before his return to America.

Yesterday, ETO headquarters announced they had not been informed of his scheduled visit, but would readily receive him when officially notified.

It has been stated that he is carrying with him the Pope's answer to President Roosevelt's letter. It also was disclosed that he had been given a special blessing for himself and the New York diocese.

## Royal Visit - -

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when they would appear. However, there was evidence of efficient pre-arrangement as shortly after noon special police took position, ropes were up and the crowd carefully looked over.

Americans who attended came already elated with news of a crushing U.S. victory over the Japanese in the New Guinea sea fighting.

Among them were T/Sgt. Ralph A. Sandella, Jeanette, Pa. His hand was bandaged. The Queen asked him how this had happened.

"Frozen," said Sandella, an air force man. "On a mission."

"Where are you stationed?" the Queen asked. "Up around here," he said evasively. "This vicinity."

U.S. military police cooperated with the English constabulary and the British Army provost in guarding the visit. Among casual U.S. soldiers who lined the curbs were S/Sgt. Joe Gillis, of Beverly, Mass., and S/Sgt. W. J. Castagnola, of Summit Hill, Pa. They had been waiting for the Red Cross to open, and stayed to witness the parade.

Their opinion was similar to that expressed by most U.S. servicemen who saw and enjoyed the royal visit: "Couple of people like us."

### Blondie

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



### by Chic Young

## 'Ghost' Fighter Leads Attacks, Then Vanishes

### American in the Legion, Long Believed Dead, Is Desert Legend

By Edward Kennedy  
Associated Press War Correspondent

CAIRO, Mar. 4—There are strange stories in the desert of a phantom fighter—an American corporal in the French Foreign Legion, officially reported as missing and generally believed dead, but whom other soldiers say they have glimpsed in the thick of the battle.

The "phantom fighter" is Cpl. Marshall Dickerson, soldier of fortune and journalist born at White Post, Va. He served as a captain in the Bolivian army and was once on the staff of The Washington Post.

Dickerson, who went through the siege of Bir Hakeim and broke out of it with the Free French, was reported missing after the battle of Hammeimat Ridge in the early part of Gen. Montgomery's offensive at Alamein on Oct. 30.

#### 'Disparu'

He went forward with the French in a bayonet charge. Some of his comrades say that they saw him fall under a hail of enemy machine-gun bullets, but no body was ever identified as his. The French listed him as "disparu" (missing).

Dickerson was well known in the desert as a fearless soldier and romantic figure. He had many friends.

Two months after his supposed death a New Zealand soldier who had come to Cairo on leave told this story:

"We were going into a bayonet charge. In the excitement of the battle I glanced around and there next to me was Dickerson going in with his bayonet. He was obscured by a haze of dust we had raised. I was surprised, as I thought he was dead, and believed that I was mistaken until his voice rang out, 'O.K., boy, let's give it to them.' I am certain it was his voice." "After we took the point I looked for him but could not find him."

#### In U.S. Air Force?

A member of an American ground crew a month later said:

"Our Liberators were taking off on a bombing mission. Just as one plane left the ground I got a glimpse of the rear gunner sitting beside his gun—it was Dickerson. I believe he is now in the American air force under an assumed name."

Investigation, however, disclosed nothing to confirm this.

A British soldier, seeing a photograph of Dickerson in Foreign Legion uniform, said: "I saw that man as we were fighting around Tarhuna. But, as I recall, he was in British uniform."

Fighting around Tarhuna, which was the last serious resistance offered by the enemy in the Tripoli region, took place in the latter part of January.

#### Convinced He's Dead

There are several others who swear that they have seen Dickerson in battle. But they never find him afterwards. All the stories have the same ring. Dickerson seems to be a phantom who shows up in the heat of battle, pushes resolutely forward urging others on, and then disappears.

There are no official records to bear out such accounts. Only soldiers' stories give hope that he is alive. As he was a friend who always dropped into the Associated Press office on leave from the desert, I would like to believe that he is living. But, as a result of painstaking investigation, I am convinced he is dead. Nevertheless, the soldiers' stories will persist for years. Marshall Dickerson is well on the way to becoming a legend.

#### Ex-Boy Scouts Meet

Former Boy Scouts now with U.S. Forces in London will meet at 7 PM in the Army Pictorial Service cinema room, 35, Davies St., Monday.

#### No Maggie's Drawers

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind., Mar. 4 (UP)—A private here scored 14 bulls-eyes in 15 shots—without a sight on his rifle.

## Africa - - -

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drome on which some 15 to 20 more Axis planes were parked.

These air attacks on German landing fields had long been foreseen as a necessary preliminary to any land attack.

Spitfires, making many sweeps over the Mareth Line with Kittyhawk bombers, knocked out three Me109s. Three formations of Mitchells joined in the battle to support the ground forces in Northern Tunisia. One formation of Mitchells, escorted by RAF Spitfires, bombed a Mateur Axis supply station. Another formation, also with RAF Spitfire escort, attacked German sea targets northeast of Medjez el Bab.

The RAF carried out repeated fighter sweeps in the north, strating German transport with cannon fire, but the Luftwaffe's fighters failed to make any appearance. During the night Wellingtons carried out their usual attacks on the Tunis railroad yard, scoring direct hits.