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## Reds Sweep Foe Back on 700-Mi. Line

### Nazi Propagandists Sing A Dirge of Pessimistic Forecasts for Future

German propagandists prepared their people for new reverses on the Eastern front yesterday as Russia's Army rolled the Nazis back along a 700-mile front from Nevel in the north to Cherkassy on the Dnieper in the south.

While Gen. Ivan Bagranyan's White Russian forces smashed westward in the north and Gen. Nicolai Vatutin's Ukraine army pursued the enemy toward the vital railways feeding the Dnieper Bend, Berlin radio broadcast some of the frankest—and most pessimistic—comments of the war.

"The winter offensive of the Russians is in full swing," commentator Martin Hallensleben asserted. "There is no denying that they have won back much ground."

"The German high command takes the view that its forces must be conserved as much as possible, particularly in the east. The German command, during this winter campaign, is guided by the principle of elastic defense."

"It is likely, therefore, that a similar development will take place in this winter campaign in the east as took place in the summer and autumn of 1943."

### Vichy Foresees Great Retreat

Vichy radio went even further. "It looks," it said, "as if the deployment of Gen. Vatutin's troops will force the Germans to abandon the whole of the territory south of the Dnieper."

A German war reporter said in a broadcast last night that the Russians had thrown no less than 50 infantry divisions and nine armored corps into the fighting in the Zhitomir-Berdichev area and were replacing losses "with immense reserves drawn from the interior."

With the Nazis' second great hedgehog of Berdichev knocked out southwest of Kiev, Vatutin's army fanned out over vast areas of the Ukraine in five great thrusts:

- 1—A punch toward Poland from Olevsk west of Korosten.
- 2—Down the Kiev-Warsaw road west of Novograd Volynski.
- 3—Southwest of Zhitomir, through Berdichev and Kazatin.
- 4—Toward Vinnitsa, the Bug River and Zhmerinka.
- 5—Southeast of Belaya Tserkbv, hammering Germans retreating in the Dnieper Bend.

The Germans disclosed in their communications that the Russians had resumed attacks in the Dnieper Bend north of Krivoi Rog and east of Kirovograd. Heavy battles were in full swing in this sector, they said.

Meanwhile, Marshal von Manstein, with his left flank protected by the Pinsk marshes, was reported making a stand west of Olevsk, five miles from the Polish border. Two tricky water barriers, their bridges now destroyed, were between him and the advancing Russians. These were the Ubort River, just west of Olevsk, and the Slucz, which runs northwesterly from Novograd Volynski.

In the north the Red Army's offensive north and northwest of Nevel rolled forward along the Veliki Luki-Riga railway without any sign of exhaustion. Newest Moscow reports said more than 90 planes had been taken in the last day.

Capture of Berdichev, announced in an order of the day by Marshal Stalin, was a triumph for Russian gunners. The Germans had turned the road and rail center into one of their strongest defense points and were still building fortifications and bringing up tanks when the Red Army attacked.

## U.S. Built 65 Carriers in '43

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—Under-Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal disclosed today that American shipyards had built 65 aircraft-carriers of all types in 1943.

Forrestal, revealing the record figure in a speech, said that the shipyards had doubled the size of the Navy in one year.

He reported that six 27,000-ton carriers of the Essex type were included in the total, and also nine light carriers of the 10,000-ton converted cruiser type were built, as well as 50 escort carriers.

### Roosevelt Sees Stark

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6—President Roosevelt conferred with Adm. Harold R. Stark, ETO naval commander, before Stark prepared to return to London. The President was still confined to his residential quarters, but is recovering from his illness.

# Lucky Accident Results in Smashing Of Vital Nazi Factory by 'Lost' Forts

## George Raft Over the Hill in Britain

### Star and 2 Blondes Might Be in the Wrong Theater

By Arthur W. White  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

George Raft, original Hollywood coin-flipping wise guy, and three other American stage and screen stars, are AWOL in London and admittedly hiding from the MPs.

They checked in with U.S. forces in Britain—through a mistake—unannounced and without War Department travel orders. The first the Army and USO-Camp Show headquarters in London knew about their arrival was a hurried telephone call saying they were here.

Raft and the others—blonde movie actresses June Clyde and Louise Allbritton, and 20-year-old Bob Bain, singer and guitarist, now are waiting for instructions from the War Department telling them where to go. They aren't even sure whether they're scheduled to play in this theater at all.

"We're really over the hill," Raft said last night. "We had been alerted in New York and were expecting to go, but when the time came we took off in such a hurry that apparently we left without travel orders. I only arrived this morning and I've been staying indoors because a second lieutenant told me there were a lot of MPs around here. Say, was he kidding?"

Raft was wearing his USO-Camp Show uniform on arrival, but he was glad to get out of it and into a tub when he finally managed to shake off reporters. He was feeling pretty "grogy," any his familiar "gangster-type" five o'clock shadow looked as if it included a couple of hours overtime.

Raft—in GI colloquialism—had been "shot."



George Raft  
Dark and Dangerous

"A certain Army doctor gave me nine needles in six days—two of them just before we took off—and although it's an old gag, I'm damned if I don't feel just like a pin-cushion," he said.

"After I got the last two—typhoid and typhus—I didn't care whether I was going to the ETO or the Pacific. All the way across I had my arms resting gingerly on both sides of the seat. Once when I fell asleep the guy in the seat next to me stretched out and just grazed my shoulder and I nearly went through the roof. The payoff was when I discovered that the little white pills the doc had slipped into my pocket were to help stop my arms itching.

The star also was wearing a large patch



Louise Allbritton  
Blonde and Willowy

over a beautiful vaccination. It was rumored yesterday that he got the whole works because the Army wasn't sure exactly where he was going, and really wanted to make sure.

Raft volunteered months ago for over-

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## Fliers Spot Secret Plant Through a Cloud Break

A task force of Flying Fortresses handed the industrial machine feeding the German army one of its heaviest blows of the war by smashing a tiny factory hidden away in the Ruhr Valley as part of Wednesday's far-flung aerial offensive, it was revealed last night.

The factory was the Bauer and Schaurte Werke, producing nearly half the high-grade nuts and bolts which hold the Wehrmacht together. A small group of Forts accidentally found the plant through a break in heavy cloud, blasted it to debris and blew up a vast store of supplies on factory sidings. The factory was a "target of opportunity."

The story of the spectacular attack came out last night as the entire picture of the air offensive of the last three days and nights began to form with these highlights:

Kiel, pounded Tuesday and Wednesday by heavy formations of Forts and Liberators, now has received almost enough bomb tonnage to indicate that it is getting the same sort of "Hamburging" treatment which put Hamburg, the Reich's chief port, out of operation and has reduced Bremen, the second port of Germany, to almost the same state.

The RAF Wednesday night sent a heavy force of bombers against Stettin, the Baltic city which is the port for Berlin, losing 15 planes.

The raid on Stettin was a further step in what apparently is a joint USAAF-RAF offensive designed to reduce Germany's ports to rubble, and in addition was another, if indirect, blow at Berlin, since much of Berlin's position as a center of munitions transport depends on Stettin and the canal and rail facilities between the two cities.

### Desperate Nazi Opposition

A resume of the Wednesday daylight assault, which stretched across almost 1,000 miles of northwestern Europe—from Bordeaux and Merignac to the Ruhr and Kiel—showed that Nazi opposition to the heavy bombers was more desperate than at any time in the last three months.

Twenty-five U.S. heavy bombers and 12 fighters were reported lost in bitter combats which were described by some airmen as "the toughest since Schweinfurt," when the USAAF lost a record of 60 planes.

The force of Fortresses which attacked the vital nut and bolt factory in the Ruhr "stumbled" onto their target, their interrogation report showed.

Unable to find their assigned targets, they cruised above the flak of "Happy Valley" in search of a "target of opportunity." 1/Lt. Joseph Armenini, former All-American football player, saw a break in the thick carpet of clouds, and suddenly through it glimpsed a factory target. A navigational check showed they were over the railway yards at Neuss, a few miles west of much-bombed Dusseldorf—the location of the Bauer and Schaurte Werke.

"My, my!" Armenini remarked over the inter-com as the area was re-checked. "Look what we've found!"

The Forts wheeled around into bombing-run formation, raced over the factory. Bombs hurtled down onto the main buildings, which erupted in clouds of smoke, flame and debris. Other bombs straddled the big railway siding adjacent to the factory, catching freight cars and the railroad right-of-way.

A check by intelligence officers after the bombers returned to base showed that

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## States in Drive For Troop Vote

### Many Legislatures Being Assembled; Action in Nebraska Thwarted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6—The opening session of the 1944 Rhode Island Legislature was advised by Gov. J. Howard McGrath that its principal duty was to make it possible for servicemen to vote in this year's general election. Meanwhile, special sessions of the Connecticut and West Virginia Legislatures were called to consider means of enfranchising members of the armed forces.

The growing campaign to allow servicemen and women to vote in the Presidential election received a setback, however, when a move to convene the Nebraska Legislature in a special session failed when only 15 of the necessary 29 requests from legislators for the extraordinary session were received at the deadline.

In Rhode Island, Gov. McGrath, urging that the State's 70,000 servicemen be given a vote, declared that a constitutional convention would be necessary to enfranchise those stationed outside the State.

Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin asked the special session of the Connecticut Legislature to face the possibility that Congress might not pass a federal law granting servicemen the ballot. He stressed that the State could take action itself.

## Nazis in Battle, Reds Say, After but 8-Week Training

MOSCOW, Jan. 6—Red Star, Russian Army newspaper, said today papers captured on the front indicated German soldiers were being sent into battle in Russia after only eight weeks' training. This, the paper said, compared with 20 months' training given troops who fought in Poland at the beginning of the war. Officers, it added, go to the front after six months.

## Nazis Claim Sea Victory Off the Coast of Cornwall

Berlin radio claimed yesterday that German speedboats achieved a great success against a British convoy off the coast of Cornwall on Wednesday night. The radio claimed that the speedboats sank five ships and one escort ship without loss.

## Rocket Guns? An Allied Dream, Berlin Hints; Swiss Writer Debunks Idea

The German rocket gun, which the press has hinted is the main target of Allied raids on the Pas de Calais coast of France recently, was pooh-poohed by both the German propaganda machine and a Swiss explosives expert, according to press dispatches yesterday.

Said a military commentator in Berlin: "Rumors about a German secret weapon, such as new types of rockets, lack in all probability all foundation."

The Swiss scientist, Dr. Alfred Stettbacher, writing in a Berne newspaper, called secret weapons and rocket shells "nothing but a nerve war to scare credulous laymen."

No rocket gun, he said, could fire 120 miles or could use 12-ton shells.

"Rocket shells have been used by the Germans, but against Allied bomber formations only. And then their explosive charge weighed a paltry 22lb., and their shooting distance hardly exceeded a mile and a quarter," he wrote.

"It is surprising how even trained scientists should fall for such fairy tales as uranium bombs, which are to destroy all living beings within an area of 200 miles."

## U.S. to Produce Propellers

### Jet-Propelled Fighter Ships Have Successfully Passed Experimental Tests

Jet-propelled fighter aircraft—from which propellers are eliminated by the development of jet propulsion engines—have successfully passed experimental tests and will be put into production, according to a joint USAAF-RAF statement issued yesterday.

Plans are being made to produce the new aircraft for training purposes both in the United States and Great Britain. The USAAF is allotting some of these planes to the U.S. Navy for additional trials and experimentation.

Several hundred successful flights in the jet-propelled aircraft have been carried out since 1942 by British pilots in the United States and in England, many of the flights at high altitudes and extreme speed, all without a single mishap.

Work on the improved jet propulsion engine was started in Great Britain in 1933 by Group Capt. Frank Whittle, and his first engine ran successfully in 1937. Two years later, the British Air Ministry placed its first order for an aircraft using

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## Bombers Hail Fighter Escorts On Raids All Over NW Europe

American fighter planes which ranged all across northwestern Europe in support of Flying Fortresses and Liberators Wednesday hung up their most impressive performance yet, bomber crews reported.

One group of long-range fighters, led by Lt. Col. Kenneth R. Martin, of Kansas City, Mo., and Maj. J. R. Howard, of St. Louis, Mo., came back from the 850-mile round-trip to Kiel with one of the best escort combat records of the war in the ETO—16 German planes destroyed without loss to the group.

Another group of fighters—long-range Thunderbolts from the station commanded by Col. James J. Stone, of Westfield, N.J.—convoyed heavy bombers from Bordeaux, and despite the necessity of caution with strained gas capacity, lost only five of their own while definitely destroying two enemy fighters and covering the bombers almost over the target itself.

The day's gross record for the fighters

was 33 Nazi aircraft definitely destroyed for the loss of 12 U.S. planes.

The long-range fighters which shepherded the bombers to the Reich's No. 1 naval base at Kiel were on their second straight mission to that target, as were the bombers, but it was their first chance at German rocket fighters in any quantity. They shot down 13 Me110s, two Do217s and one FW190. Three fighter pilots shot down two enemy planes each: 1/Lt. Richard E. Turner, of Bartlesville, Okla.; 1/Lt. Robert Goodnight, of Elko, Nev.; and 2/Lt. Thomas Miller, of Portland, Ore.

In addition to Bordeaux and Kiel, the fighters went to the Ruhr Valley, to Tours, a fighter base in France and to other lesser targets. In addition to the usual number of Me110s and FW190s, the day's bag included several Do217s, nominally used as bombers but of late pressed into service as both day and night

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## 100 Ops for Fort Group

With its successful attack on the German airfield at Tours Wednesday, the Fortress group now commanded by Col. Claude E. Putnam, of Jacksboro, Tex., became the first group in Eighth Bomber Command to complete 100 bombing missions over Europe.

## Things Are Looking Up

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6—The War Production Board announced yesterday that the 1944 output of razor blades, razors, hairpins, typewriters, washing machines, girdles, garters, suspenders and radio parts would be double the 1943 production, but only 50 per cent of the 1941 production.

## Battle Grippe Epidemic

YARMOUTH, Me., Jan. 6—Dr. William E. Freeman, district health officer, banned all public meetings here in an effort to halt an epidemic of grippe and other respiratory ailments.

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Signs of Weakening

The question is often asked, "What signs of weakening in German resistance are visible as a result of the aerial bombardment of German cities and war industries?"

This is a fair question and one that can be answered in part.

Aerial bombardment of German cities and war industries may result in German military collapse on the Eastern front, for to meet "round the clock attacks" from the West, Germany has been forced to denude the Eastern front of her fighters. Absence of German fighters on the Eastern front has enabled the Russians to bomb Nazi military installations with increasing success and has given the Russians freedom to maneuver with less danger of damaging attacks from the air.

Absence of reaction to Allied attacks on targets in occupied Europe is another indication of German weakness. Without sufficient fighter strength, resulting in part from the destruction of fighter producing factories, available German fighters have been concentrated to protect German cities and industrial operations.

But in assessing the signs of weakness resulting from any bombardment of the Reich, it must be pointed out that many of the weaknesses will not become visible until close to the day of collapse. This was true in World War I, when evidence of German collapse, resulting from the effects of naval blockade and attrition did not become visible until four weeks before the Armistice.

History will most likely repeat itself as Germany weakens under naval blockade and aerial attack, supported this time on land by action on the Eastern, Western and Southern fronts.

Colors to Speed Supplies

The Army claims that paint will play a major role in reducing the beachhead confusion which has often attended an invasion operation.

In the past, boxes and containers put ashore under enemy fire bore 175 different hues. This proved confusing and with the cooperation of various agencies Army ordnance has eliminated 103 superfluous shades and standardized on 72 colors.

When the "all-out" offensive against the mainland of Europe is launched each branch of the armed services will have a distinguishing color for its shipments. Likewise, bombs of varying types will have a particular identifying color to facilitate their handling in the confusion of battle.

Color has been used with increasing success in a thousand different ways during the present war. It is used on shells and gadgets to enable the inexperienced to match cables, wires and connections. It has been used to speed supplies and where intelligently applied it has spelt the difference between success and failure.

Plastics in Action

If you are blasted out of bed on a chilly morning by bugle notes that sound a bit reedy or unmetallic, do not be alarmed. The eerie sounds may be floating out of an "Ersatz" bugle to let you know that the plastics industry has gone to war.

The inventors we left at home turning out those industrial miracles like wool made from milk, and silk stockings made from air, coal and water, are contributing to the war in no uncertain terms, and are turning out substitutes for critical materials that range from the protective coating on raincoats to stocks for machine-guns.

A check on some of the equipment used by soldiers in this theater gives an inkling of the important part plastics are playing in the war. Most soldiers brush their teeth with a plastic toothbrush, comb their hair with a plastic comb and shave with a plastic-handled razor. Add to these plastic buttons, flashlight cases, food trays, whistles, canteen cups, first-aid packets, knife and bayonet handles, legging laces, grease brushes, linings for water and gasoline cans and plastic-covered tents. For the flier there are plastic goggle lenses, and plastic plane parts like the seats, transparent sheeting in the nose, gun turret and observation hatch.

The Army is constantly on the alert to conserve in every way possible by furnishing plastic substitutes for rubber and metals and its success is in large part due to the work of most every branch of service. Particularly outstanding has been the work of the Quartermaster Corps, charged with supplying hundreds of items to millions of men and women.

The "Plastic Age" is here. Undreamed-of comforts are in the making for fashioning countless improvements after the war. Right now, however, the object is victory against the shortage of materials which will help terminate the war. As far as we are concerned, we are for anything that will speed the day—even to being routed out of bed in the morning by the blare of a plastic bugle.

Hash Marks

The man with the Reddest Face in the ETO is an MP lieutenant—somebody hooked his jeep on New Year's Eve and he's still looking for it.

It's reported by Stockholm radio (heard by a Swiss listener) that early in the year Gen. Rommel will return to Berlin—if any.

Tough Guy Department. Pvt. Joe Thomas, whose Cocopah Indian name means "On Hand," never uses a razor.



He simply lathers his face, grips a bare blade between his thumb and fingers and clips the stubble away. Um. He's almost tough enough to be a topkicker.

Is this the spirit of moderation? A discussion of the current whiskey shortage reminded some GIs over here of a night they once spent around a camp fire in the Cherokee National Forest, Tennessee. Late in the night their camp fire conversation got around to moonshining. A 72-year-old mountaineer who was guide for the party said he had quit making and drinking moonshine when the stuff got to hurting him. Someone asked him "how much it would take to hurt a man." The mountaineer replied solemnly, "Well, I figured that if a man was drinking a quart-and-a-half a day, it's too much!"

Conversation in England. "What a large family you have?" said an American nurse to an English woman. "Yes'm," she replied, "and the funniest thing is that all their names begin with a haitch. There's Orace, Erbert, Enry, Ugh, Ubert, Arold, Arriet and Etty—all except the last one and we named her Halice."

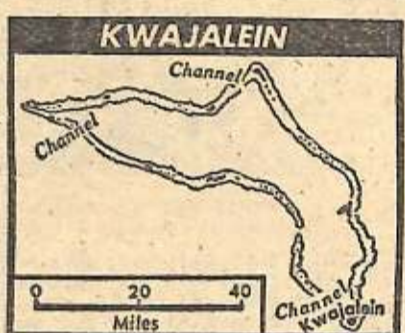
If you have never seen a GI pass up a dazzling blonde to date a somewhat intellectual looking female, you have prob-



bably never been down around Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi. A nearby USO club offers the Van Dorn soldiers a chance to compete in weekly quiz competitions—the prizes include free steak dinners and free telephone calls home. The secret is this—GIs get credit on their quiz score for correct answers supplied by their girl friends.

J. C. W.

Marshall Islands—Are They The Next Pacific Hot Spot?



Four major objectives in the Marshall Group.

A LONG step on the road to Tokyo appeared imminent last night as dispatches from the Pacific quoted speculation that U.S. troops were about to assault the Marshall Islands, halfway between Hawaii and the northeastern coast of Australia.

Capture of these bases would knock loose the eastern anchor of the Japs' outer defense line.

Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, hinting another Tarawa-type attack against the Marshalls was soon to come, disclosed earlier this week that fleets of U.S. Navy and Army bombers had begun "softening up" the Jap islands with heavy air attacks.

Already U.S. aircraft carriers, battleships and other warships have boldly ventured to within a few miles of the Marshalls to carry out what Pacific naval chief Adm. Chester Nimitz called a "highly successful attack." No warships, only a few planes were lost in the attack.

The Marshalls include 32 pin-point islands and 800 reefs with a total estimated area of 160 square miles and a pre-war population of 10,000—largely Christianized by Protestant and Catholic Negro mission teachers. Although previously touched by other travelers, it was first explored by Captains Gilbert and Marshall in 1788.

Developed as a whaling center, the Marshalls were annexed by Germany in 1886 and became the hub of intense trade rivalry between German and Australian business interests. The sandy soil—never more than 35 feet above sea level—is not conducive to agriculture, but the islands have many coconut palms, breadfruit trees and several varieties of bananas. Animals are scarce, but many kinds of fish abound on the reefs. Copra was a leading peace-time export.

Highly strategic in Pacific warfare, the Marshalls headquartered German supply forces during the early days of World War I and were developed to serve as a repair base for warships. Soon the Japanese moved in, however, and later got the group under mandate. They are believed to have made extensive improvements which, since 1935, they kept completely secret.

Key base is the Jaluit lagoon, about 35 miles long and 12 miles wide, and the administrative center of the chain. It has many broad channels through which big ships can pass, serves as an anchorage, and has bases for both sea and land planes.

The value the U.S. places on Jaluit, Wotje, Kwajalein and Eniwetok and other islands in the group is highlighted by the fact that they were the objectives of one of the earliest American raids in the war, on Feb. 1, 1942.



ARMY POETS

Sonnet

Now Berlin flames with death by day and night; Retaliation is severely bitter-sweet; Swords are matched by swords, fires by fires And hatred reflects its own destructive light. What kind of phoenix will arise complete From ashes of these burnt out waste desires? What worlds of thought will clash again in flame And blood before the century is done? Will we in negligence and greed create More monsters? Point to others for the blame? Or will we treasure and secure what's won, The pillars firmly built in man's free state? I do not know what others learn. For me The lesson's driven home—for liberty. Pvt. Sidney Rosenthal.

Notes from the Air Force

BRIEFS from here and there in the ETO: 1/Lt. John P. Keelan, of the Fortness Navasota, Tex., has named the Fortress he pilots the "U.S.S. Swassey" in honor of his kid brother, Richard, a sound operator on the destroyer escort U.S.S. Swassey. It was a really happy birthday for Sgt. Kirby W. Stengel, ball turret gunner from Milwaukee, the other day. Celebrating by making his first mission over Germany, he got, as a birthday present, his first E/A destroyed. Other P38 pilots here may sport distinguished Flying Cross ribbons earned in other theaters or in other type planes, but Capt. Joseph Myers, of Canton, Ohio, is believed to be the first to win the DFC in a P38 operating from this theater. He has made 30 ops and has bagged two Me109s. Last add Christmas doings: A lieutenant-colonel, a major and two captains served Yule dinner with a British enlisted man, in accordance to an custom, when they were invited to an RAF squadron leader's home for dinner. The four were Lt. Col. Edward W. Angle, of Tampa, Fla.; Maj. Oscar C. Olson, of Madison, Wis.; Capt. Henry J. Workman, of Riverside, Cal., and Capt. William F. Hill, of Petaluma, Cal., all from a Fort station. Similarly, men at a Liberator base walked into the mess hall on Christmas Day to find that officers, master sergeants and first sergeants were doing the serving and the KP. And that's that for Christmas—until next year.

The fact that he had never repaired an airplane motor before didn't phase S/Sgt. George A. Warthen, of Carnegie, Okla., when a British Wellington bomber made a forced landing on an American-built airdrome. After 45 minutes of tinkering Warthen waved "okay" to the pilot and the plane was ready to climb back into the skies and carry the war to Germany.

If, as and when the P47s do escort the bombers all the way across to the Russian front, 27 officers and enlisted men at one Eighth fighter station will have at least a working knowledge of Russian as she is spoke.

Cpl. Paul Goldenstein, radio mechanic, who was born in Russia and later studied in France, is conducting what is believed to be the first GI class in conversational Russian in the ETO. After three lessons, the class can, with perfect equanimity, order a glass of water or a glass of maybe V—a.

One Aviation Engineer Bn., charged with handling of heavy machinery, fell short of scoring a year's no-accident record—all because of one soldier. This soldier, according to grapevine reports, was out watching an airplane when he fell off a bicycle and sprained his ankle thereby ruining an otherwise perfect record.

How bombers get their names: Returning from an attack on targets in France, the crew of a Fortress piloted by 2/Lt. Robert W. Moyers, of Vincennes, Ind., bailed out over Land's End on the southwestern tip of England. Reunited the next day in Penzance, the crew decided to name their new ship The Pirates of Penzance.

This Is The Army

If anyone has reason to believe there is a Santa Claus it's Capt. Thomas W. Edwards, of Caffney, S.C., the commanding officer of Brookwood American Cemetery. He received 57 packages—all before Christmas.

Among the tasty tidbits, according to Capt. Edwards, were some South Carolina "grits," canned fried chicken, cranberry sauce, peanuts in the hull and some "Kentucky Club."

"I call that real postal service," Edwards said in expressing appreciation for the job done by the APO. All the packages reportedly sent had arrived.

T/5 John Hamilton, an engineer from Trenton, N.J., breezed into London's Red Cross Liberty Club and signed up for a room. Settling himself in the abode, he found the surroundings familiar.

It was the same room which Hamilton had occupied 18 years previous on a visit to London. The Liberty Club then was a privately-owned hotel.

MAJ. Edward J. Burgy, of South Amama, Ia., a supply officer in the ETO, doesn't think much of those numbered cables. They let him down in a pinch.

For a week the Major sweated news from home, whether it was a boy or girl or both—or more—with the wife. The much awaited cable finally showed up. In amazement, Maj. Burgy read:

"Letters and parcels received. Thanks. All well and safe. Please telegraph that all is well." It was signed by his wife.

Now, what occasioned such a message, the major wondered. He hadn't sent any packages in weeks. He put out a tracer to the cable company, who in turn checked and apologized. One of their clerks had juggled the numbers.

Incidentally, a later cable revealed the arrival of an 8-pound girl for the Burgys.

Credit a couple of engineering officers—1/Lts. Robert Wymer, of Poland, Ohio, and Carroll Henning, of Bottineau, N.D., with a new gun invention. It's called the "zap," but shoots out concrete instead of bullets, making it possible to coat rapidly exterior brick surfaces of Nissen huts.

The zap is made of two-inch pipe. Air is fed from a compressor truck through a hose attached to the butt end. Cement and sand pour through a rubber tube into the rear opening of the gun muzzle into which water is piped through four small jets.



"No Sir! That's not a helmet on the mud! That's Cpl. Murphy sitting down!"

# Penn State Edges NYU, 37-36; Redmen Top CCNY

## Scribe Recalls Nazis' Attempt To 'Fix' Owens

### Official Pulled Phony Foul On Broad Jump Attempts

NEW YORK, Jan. 6—Adolf Hitler, surrounded by some of the choicest thugs the world has ever seen, was sitting in the stands that summer day when the Nazi "sports" directors attempted to pull off the swindle that would have given Germany the broad jump championship of the 1936 Olympics.

Lewis Burton, New York Journal-American sports writer who covered the event, recalls how the master race was foiled by the great Negro from Ohio State University, Jesse Owens.

During the months preceding the Olympics, the Nazis had found a broad jumper named Luz Long who had exceptional ability. They took him under strict training and discipline, and by August they figured he was ready to be sprung upon the world. They knew Long was good, but they also knew that Jesse Owens was better. A small matter which could be remedied, because they had decided beforehand that Long was going to be the broad jump champ.

#### Annexed 200 First

On the day the broad jump was scheduled, Owens was entered in the 200-meter dash and, according to the rules, he was permitted to take part in the track event before the field event. Owens won the 200 and then went to the pits to qualify for the jump after the others had finished their qualifying leaps.

Owens approached the pit and, as every broad jumper does, he took a run down the lane to the pit just to measure his stride. He hadn't even bothered to remove his sweat-shirt.

He ran the length of the lane and crossed the white footboard, whereupon the red-jacketed official, who by a very peculiar coincidence happened to be a German, cried "foul."

#### Cheated Out of One Jump

Owens and the American committee protested loudly and vainly. Owens had now been cheated out of one jump and had but two more in which to clear the qualifying distance of 23 feet, six inches.

On the next jump Owens took off from six inches behind the footboard and since the fix was still in for Long, the official dutifully repeated "foul." The American cheering section needed no detectives to tell them what was in the works.

On his final try Owens left no room for doubts and he took off about 18 inches behind the foul board and went well past the qualifying mark.

#### Confirmed Suspicions

In the finals Owens set a new Olympic record on his first or second jump. Then Long jumped and another coincidence took place. Long landed exactly on the same spot that Owens landed on. The official quickly smoothed the dirt out to level off the place of measurement. That isn't usually done and his action served only to confirm the Americans' suspicions.

The marvelous Negro, fearful that he might be jobbed again on his last jump, gave all he had. He soared well over 26 feet to an Olympic record beyond the reach of all competition, including our friend the red-jacketed official.

Long's final jump was measured and was far short of Owens'.

Owens won the event and Hitler's chagrined probably sent him dashing off to Berchtesgaden to have a chew on the carpet.

## Henry Bassler Clubs 142 To Lead Open Qualifiers

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6—Veteran Harry Bassler, of Los Angeles, led the way in the opening 36-hole qualifying competition of the \$12,500 Los Angeles Open Golf Tournament with a 72 and 70 for a 142 total.

Eddie Nowak, of Inglewood, Cal., and amateur Bobby Rosberg, of San Francisco, tied for second one stroke behind Bassler. The field of 128 starters, play tomorrow. Twenty top-notchers, including Jug McSpaden, Harry Cooper, Ed Dudley and Leo Diegel are exempt from qualifying.

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## Nagurski to Try Second Comeback

INTERNATIONAL FALLS, Minn., Jan. 6—Bronko Nagurski is headed for another comeback, this time to the wrestling mat. Tuesday Bronko does battle with Paul Jones, of Houston, Texas, in Minneapolis.

Nagurski, aged 35, finished his career as one of football's greatest bone-crushers when the Bears won the championship from the Redskins the day after Christmas. He hasn't wrestled since 1942.

He was the "World Wrestling Champion" in 1937 and again in 1941.

## Penn Five Clips Princeton, 52-46

### Quakers Stave Off Rally In Last Half of Ivy Loop Tilt

PRINCETON, N.J., Jan. 6 (AP)—Pennsylvania's basketball aggregation staved off a late Princeton rally which with their own ten-point surge in the last three minutes of play, gave the Quakers a 52-46 triumph.

Aaron Tanitsky started the rally with a long shot and added two more on quick breaks after Stan Novak had put the Quakers ahead with a pair of one-handers. Mike Sinkarik, of the Tigers, led the scorers with 24 points on eight field goals, while Novak paced the winners with 12.

## Cavaliers Stop Tarheels, 39-36

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Jan. 6 (AP)—Held scoreless through the first ten minutes while North Carolina ran up a 14-point lead, Virginia bounced back to win a 39-36 victory in the 41st game between the Cavaliers and Tarheels here last night.

Keith Harder's 24 points were prime factors in the victory. North Carolina took the lead at the start, with Boyce and John Dowell hitting the basket regularly.

## Bear Manager Squawks at Fine

CHICAGO, Jan. 6—George Preston Marshall and Ralph Brizzolara, who were fined \$500 each for a fracas during the Bears-Redskins championship football game Dec. 26, will protest.

Brizzolara, whom Commissioner Elmer Layden accuses of having had Marshall thrown from the park, denies the charge, and terms Layden's actions "asinine."

"At no time was I nearer than five or six feet of Marshall," Brizzolara said. Brizzolara said that Bear Trainer Jack Goldie "of his own volition tried forcibly to eject Marshall." Goldie has already been cleared of any responsibility in the matter.

Marshall said Tuesday that he would demand a hearing before Layden.

## Hollett Is Grieved; Bruins Have Sent Him to Red Wings

BOSTON, Jan. 6—Flash Hollett, Boston Bruin defenseman who was traded yesterday to the Detroit Red Wings for the League's ace badman, Pat Egan, has refused to report to the Wings.

Hollett threatened to return home to Clarkson, Ontario, and remain there unless allowed to continue playing with the Bruins. Detroit Manager Jack Adams counted on having Hollett ready to play against the Rangers in New York tonight.

"I don't mind saying I am deeply hurt," Hollett said. "As long as I am able to play hockey I want to play in Boston. I am going home and won't play for Detroit tonight."

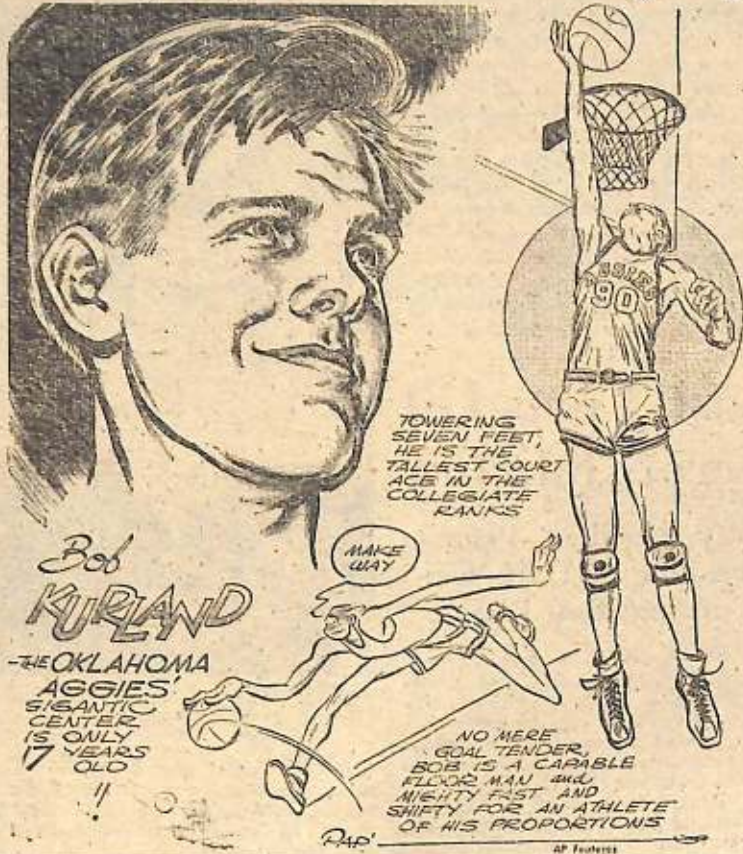
#### Hockey Results

Cleveland 9, Pittsburgh 3  
Detroit 8, Coast Guard Cutters 3 (exhibition)

#### Li'l Abner

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age 18  
(write by hand)

## Cowboy Cager



## Phillies' President Predicts Diamond Expansion to North

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6—Bob Carpenter, president of the Philadelphia Phillies, thinks that the major leagues should expand northward instead of westward.

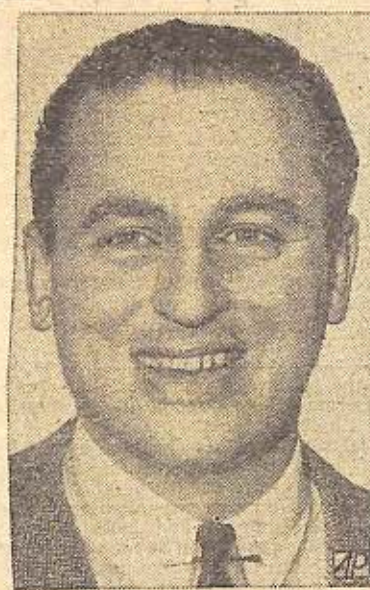
"The expansion program to the Pacific Coast is at least 15 years off," Carpenter said, "because it will take that long before the safety of air travel becomes like sitting in your own office."

Montreal and Toronto are both good cities and major league baseball would go over there and help the good neighbor policy, according to Carpenter.

Pete Campbell, president of the Toronto Maple Leafs who won the International League pennant but lost out to Syracuse in the playoffs, doesn't agree fully with Carpenter.

"Toronto is the best sports town on the North American continent with the possible exceptions of Chicago and Brooklyn," Campbell said. "But we could not support a big league team because we don't play ball on Sundays. Another objection is the comparatively cold climate of Toronto and the necessity of playing most of the games at night."

Carpenter added a last word to the discussion by saying that most big league



Bob Carpenter

games in the next five years will be played at night, even if the rules must be changed.

## Wings to Use Armstrong In Attempt to Stop Slump

DETROIT, Jan. 6—Center Murray Armstrong will join the Detroit Red Wings for tonight's game, Jack Adams, Wing manager, has announced.

Armstrong formerly played with the Brooklyn Americans and when that team folded, his contract was assigned to Detroit. He recently was discharged from the Canadian Army and Adams hopes he will help last year's Stanley Cup champions from the doldrums which have put them in fifth place in the National Hockey loop.

## Cuban Dribblers Get Bid To Play Coast Quintets

NEW YORK, Jan. 6—Juan Bras, one of the promoters of the trip to the United States by the University of Havana basketball team, says that the Cubans have been requested to play a 12-game series on the Pacific Coast with both college and service teams.

Bras added that he had telephoned the offer to Havana and had been promised an answer by tomorrow. The offer was made by Oscar R. Reishow, Los Angeles promoter, who said the games would be played at Los Angeles and San Diego.

## No College Grid Deaths In '43; 9 in High Schools

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 6—Dr. Floyd R. Eastwood, of Purdue University, has disclosed that there were ten football deaths during 1943 and none on college grids.

Dr. Eastwood's report, submitted to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, said that last year was the second in 12 years without a college football fatality.

Nine of the 1943 football deaths resulted from high school games and the other a semi-pro.

## Amertex Topple Fliers, 37-28

BELFAST, Jan. 6—The Amertex downed the Eighth Air Force HQ Special Service five, 37-28, here last night; Jack Lippert, former USC star and Amertex forward, was high man for the night with 13 points, while Sgt. Don Ettinger, of Independence, Mo., topped the losers with six.

#### Dill Goes to Rangers

BUFFALO, N.Y., Jan. 6—Bob Dill, defenseman of the Buffalo Bisons in the American Hockey League who was suspended indefinitely for slugging Referee Gordon Parsons and breaking Parsons' nose, has been traded to the New York Rangers.

## Lions Triumph On Missed Foul In Last Minute

### St. John's Surges in Last Half to Overcome Beavers, 45-38

NEW YORK, Jan. 6—A missed foul shot in the last minute of play gave the Nittany Lions of Penn State a 37-36 triumph over New York University at Madison Square Garden last night before 13,500 fans.

In the second contest of the double-header, St. John's of Brooklyn broke a 23-23 deadlock at the half to topple CCNY, 45-38, in the 23rd renewal of their inter-borough feud which dates back to 1914. The Redmen have won 13 games and City College ten.

#### Bitterly Contested

With Penn State leading, 37-35, in the final seconds of the first game, Howard Sarath, Violet forward, was fouled while attempting a shot. He was awarded two shots by the referee and made the first but missed the second which would have sent the game into overtime. The game was bitterly contested throughout and New York came from behind to tie the score three times in the second half after the Lions had a 17-16 margin at the intermission.

Penn State moved into a four-point lead in the last half on two shots by Don McNary after NYU tied the count at 31-31. The Violets bounced back and the score stood 37-35 when Sarath got his chance at the foul line.

#### McNary Chased

McNary, who was chased on personal fouls shortly before the game ended, led both teams with 19 points and Sarath was high for the Violets with nine.

Throughout the first 20 minutes of the nightcap, Saint John's and CCNY performed like two wonder fives. Good, hard hitting basketball was abundant on both sides and the fans were treated to the best exhibition of the season.

In the second half, when City suddenly stopped driving, the Redmen put on the pressure and Joe Lapchick's men started to put the game on ice. Saint John's were handicapped by the absence of Dick McGuire, sensational freshman who is bedded with influenza, but captain Hy Gotkin collected 17 points.

## Stagg Honored At Chicago U.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6—Amos Alonzo Stagg, named "Coach of the Year" for the job done with the College of the Pacific football team, has returned to Chicago for festivities prepared in his honor by Chicago University where he, formerly coached.

After being the honor guest at several banquets, Stagg will be presented with a gold football between halves of the Chicago-Purdue basketball game tomorrow night.

The climax will come Saturday night when the "Order of the C," Chicago University Lettermen's Association, presents him with the "Coach of the Year" award between halves of the Chicago-DePaul basketball game.

## CAGE RESULTS

- Camp Edwards 69, Tufts 45
- Camp Ellis 62, Toledo University 34
- Canisius 53, Camp Curtis Air 29
- DePaul 45, Washburn 49
- Detroit Tech 54, Induction Center 25
- Drake 48, Simpson 30
- Ft. Leavenworth Fliers 43, Washburn 33
- Great Lakes Negro Varsity 67, Wehr 41
- Hobart 70, Ft. Ontario 21
- Milwaukee 40, Swarthmore 28
- Norfolk Naval 57, Camp Perry 39
- Norfolk Naval Air 61, Duke 28
- North Carolina Pre-Flight 67, Maxton AAF 39
- Northwestern Navy 48, Camp Skokie 33
- Penn State 37, NYU 36
- Pennsylvania 52, Princeton 46
- Pittsburgh 63, Carnegie Tech 33
- Rice 45, Baylor 27
- St. Francis 40, Cathedral 33
- St. Johns 45, CCNY 38
- Texas 49, Southwestern 48
- Virginia 39, North Carolina 36
- West Virginia University 83, West Virginia Tech 28
- Yale 61, Camp Thomas 53

#### By Al Capp

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LOUT?—YOU ARE NOW FREDDIE MCGURGLE!!  
THASS ME—HUH?

# U.S. Units Seize Half of Vittore in New Italy Drive

## Nazis Wage a Fierce Fight For Town; Fifth Army Gains on 10-Mi. Front

ALLIED FORCE HQ, Jan. 6—Americans and Germans fought fierce hand-to-hand battles in San Vittore today as U.S. units of the Fifth Army stormed the enemy stronghold in a new offensive which carried them forward an average of a mile on a ten-mile front.

With half the vital Nazi bastion guarding the route to Rome in their possession, the American troops drove the desperately resisting Germans back inch by inch in bitter street fighting reminiscent of Ortona.

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's forces, beginning their drive in rain, sleet and snow, pushed into San Vittore and occupied half of the town, the key to the German defenses of Cassino and the entrance to the Liri Valley.

After wave after wave of American dive-bombers blasted enemy positions, American infantry swept down from the heights around San Vittore and smashed through to the heart of the village.

On the southern sector of the ten-mile front British troops crossed the Pecchio river, a tributary of the Garigliano, south of the Rome road at the base of Mount Maggiore.

On the Eighth Army front Canadians captured a 1,080-foot hill three miles beyond Ortona and took the village of Torremucchio.

Two British destroyers, the Jervis and Janus, it was revealed today, Monday night shelled the town of Pesaro, 120 miles up the Adriatic coast from Pescara.

## Army and Navy Musical To Be Given at Falmouth

FALMOUTH, Jan. 6—Army and Navy talent will be cast together in the first appearance in the ETO of the musical variety show "How Can We Miss?", to be presented in the Home Guard drill hall here Saturday at 8 PM and Sunday at 2 and 8 PM by the Falmouth Red Cross Club.

Veterans of Salerno, Sicily and Tunisia will take part, some as chorus girls and ballet dancers, including Ray Conlin Jr. and Eddie Johnson, Broadway high-lighters.

### A Ghost Is Back

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6—A prohibition bill which would ban all drinks containing more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol "until the termination of demobilization" will be considered by the House Judiciary Committee next week. Commenting on the bill, Rep. Emanuel Celler (D.-N.Y.) said: "The drags are again drunk with power."

## Jet Planes - -

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jet-propulsion engines. The first successful flight of this aircraft was in May, 1941. The pilot was the late P/Lt. P. G. Sayers, chief test pilot of the Gloster Aircraft Co.

Gen. Henry H. Arnold, U.S. Army air chief, asked that a jet-propulsion engine be sent to the U.S. as soon as full information about it was disclosed in July, 1941. The engine which had made the first flight was sent to General Electric Co. in September of the same year, and the first similar engine built in the United States was ready for test in less than six months.

The first flight in the U.S. of an aircraft with two of these engines, built by Bell Aircraft Co., was made Oct. 1, 1942. This was the first successful operation of a combat plane using the jet-propulsion principle.

Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, chief of Eighth Fighter Command, is among those who have tested the new fighter aircraft. Brig. Gen. Lawrence C. D. Craigie was the first Army officer to fly in a jet-propelled fighter in the U.S. and Robert M. Stanley, chief test pilot of the Bell Aircraft Co., was at the controls on the initial flight.

## AFN Radio Program

- 1402 kc On Your Dial 1420 kc
- 2103.9m. Friday, Jan. 7 2113.3m.
- 1109—GI Live.
- 1113—Personal Album—Ginny Simms.
- 1130—Bandwagon.
- 1145—The Casino Players (BBC).
- 1215—Concert for Chowhounds.
- 1230—Curtain Call.
- 1255—Quiet Moment.
- 1500—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Barackes Beer.
- 1400—Vesting Hour.
- 1430—Sign off until 1745 hours.
- 1745—Spotlight on Bob Allen—Program Resume.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Seven O'clock Sports—Presented by The Stars and Stripes.
- 1905—Comedy—Curavan—Jimmy Duranle and Garry Moore.
- 1910—The Family Hour.
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A., presented by The Stars and Stripes.
- 2010—Fred Waring.
- 2025—"This Is the Army."
- 2030—GI Journal.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2110—Hit Bits.
- 2120—Charlie McCarthy Show—with Edgar Bergen, Dale Evans and Ray Noble's Orchestra.
- 2145—Roundup Time.
- 2155—Suspense.
- 2225—Final Edition.
- 2230—Sign off until 1100 hours, Saturday, Jan. 8.

## Story Wins Witness A Shower of Kisses

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 (UP)—A slim 21-year-old blonde, charged with murder, sprang to her feet in a courtroom here, seized a young man who had just finished his testimony and showered him with kisses.

It was alleged that the blonde, Rosalie Walsh, fatally shot Alberta Morrow, 28, because she suspected the other girl was having an affair with 27-year-old Anthony Van Arkle.

Miss Walsh kissed Van Arkle after he had testified that the shot that killed Miss Morrow was fired accidentally. He said he would marry Miss Walsh if she were acquitted.

## 'Lost' Forts Hit Secret Factory

### Lucky Accident Permits Smashing of Vital Nazi Nut and Bolt Plant

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Schaurte, one of the owners, is in Canada as a prisoner-of-war.

From other forces which attacked Kiel, for the second straight day, and airfields in southwestern France, came reports of fierce German interception. All types of Nazi fighters, plus even four-engined FW200s and He177s, were hurled against the American fleet of bombers and fighters.

One apparently new German defense weapon was reported by combat crewmen, who told as well of the usual rocket gun interceptors. The new weapon seemed to be a "towed bomb," which trailed behind enemy planes on a cable and exploded as the Nazis pass over Fort and Lib formations.

### Like a 100-Pounder

Dornier 217 bombers were described as the planes using the new weapon, which appeared to be a bomb about the size of a USAAF 100-pounder. The exact nature of such a weapon would be difficult to distinguish if used with the Do217s, since that German plane has a section of its fuselage projecting behind the rudder which can be extended as sort of a dive brake when the ship is used for dive-bombing.

Previously, Fort and Liberator crews have told of aerial mines, dangling from German interceptors, which were exploded over Allied formations.

Neutral reports yesterday helped to fill out the picture of what the Allied raids on Germany have done in the last month and a half.

Kiel, which has been battered by nearly 7,000 tons of bombs from USAAF formations in the last ten months, is beginning to show vast areas of destruction through the shipyard and docks sections of the city, reports from Sweden declared.

The big Deutsche Werke, one of Germany's prime shipyards, were almost completely destroyed in the two-day attack on the port, according to the Stockholm newspaper Aftonidningen. The paper said that about 1,800 persons were killed in the two raids.

## Fighters - -

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fighters, and at least one Heinkel 177, the four-engined heavy bomber used on long-range attacks on Atlantic convoys.

Bomber crews on all the missions were enthusiastic about the support. "Our fighter escort was like something from heaven," said T/Sgt. Edward Gressler, of Grand Rapids, Mich., Liberator radio-gunner who went to Kiel.

Maj. Warren Poling, of San Antonio, Tex., task force leader in a Lib., reported, "Our fighter cover was superb."

S/Sgt. Edward Carter, of Ball City, Neb., top-turret gunner in a Fortress over Kiel, said of the fighter support: "Two Ju88s dove on us and were jumped by two of our fighters. In a few seconds all that was left in the air were our two fighters and scattered bits of Ju88s."

### Science Course Available

Applications for a natural science course, Jan. 17-22, at the University of Leeds are still being accepted. Applications, with the CO's endorsement that the applicant is eligible for leave or furlough, should be sent to the Chief of Special Service, Hq. SOS. Cost for enlisted men and women is £1 12s. and for officers £3 12s.

## Terry and the Pirates



## They Fought to Show the Army



Virginia Cruzon

Dorothy Garner

Battle over, two redheads win a tour of ops—oops, camps.

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 6—Newest combat zone is Hollywood, where the studio gals are actually fighting these days for the right to show themselves to the boys in the Army camps.

Most of the battles have been verbal, but occasionally the girls have gone in for all-out physical encounter, complete with scratching, ear-biting and that best of female indoor sports, hair pulling.

Two redheads—Virginia Cruzon and Dorothy Garner—staged the best of the recent rough and tumbles. Their studio had ruled that one of the two might go

on tour so, with feminine logic, they decided to settle the rivalry with a little hair pulling.

When it was over, Virginia's recently acquired title of "the servicemen's pin-up girl with the most beautiful eyes" was untarnished, but Dorothy had to be patched up in the studio emergency hospital, where with great presence of mind she remembered to get her makeup back on straight before posing for pictures.

The studio called it a draw, decided to let both girls go.

## News From Home

# Nelson Reported Waiting OK On Vast Reconversion Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (UP)—Industry must be leveled off gradually from its war-time peak to normal peacetime standards and the process must be started before the war is over.

This sweeping statement is reported to have been made by Donald Nelson, War Production Board chief, who is now believed to be awaiting White House approval to go ahead with definite plans for industrial reconversion.

Government sources emphasized that the measures for reconverting industry to peacetime standards must be enforced as rigidly as those used in prosecuting the war.

Industrial officials are said to feel that the leveling-off must be controlled to avoid speculation and monopoly.

Joseph Edwards and five children, Cornetta, 13; Janette, 10; Rudolph, 7; Naomi, 5, and Charlotte Ann, 3, were killed here before firemen could penetrate smoke and fast-spreading flames. Edith Edwards, 14, was rescued through a rear window.

### Ex-Polo Star Found Dead

LITTLE SILVER, N.J., Jan. 6—Police listed as accidental the deaths of Charles Sivele Lee, former seven-goal polo player, and his wife Elizabeth, both 58, who were found overcome by illuminating gas in their apartment. Lee, born in England, came to the U.S. with Harry Payne Whitney and played polo with Tommy Hitchcock.

### Gen. Arnold Gets New Award

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6—For his achievements in organizing and developing American air power, Gen. Henry H. Arnold, USAAF chief, has been voted the Poor Richard Club's annual achievement award. The gold medal will be presented at the club's annual dinner Jan. 17.

### Train Wreck, but None Injured

BURNSIDE, Ky., Jan. 6—Eleven cars in the middle of a long Southern Railway freight train jumped the tracks on the Cumberland river bridge near Burnside and plunged a hundred feet into the bottomland below, but no one was hurt.

### Tax Trouble for Martha Raye

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6—Internal Revenue Collector Harry C. Westover filed a lien against film actress Martha Raye to cover \$18,315 income-tax the government claims she still owes on her 1942 earnings.

### Angell Succeeds Phelps

NEW YORK, Jan. 6—Dr. James Rowland Angell, president of Yale University until 1937, assumed his duties as director of New York University's Hall of Fame, succeeding the late William Lyon Phelps. Angell will continue as educational consultant of the National Broadcasting Co.

### Ida M. Tarbell Dead

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 6—Ida M. Tarbell, dean of American women writers, died today at the age of 86.

### Peoria Papers Merge

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 6—The morning and evening Peoria Journal Transcript and the evening Peoria Star have merged their mechanical, circulation and business departments but announced they would continue to publish their own "separate, independent and competitive" week-day editions. On Sundays the papers will publish a combined Journal-Star.

### Love Springs Eternal

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Jan. 6—Ben J. Walker, a Negro who claimed he was 113 years old, was married for the second time here. His wife gave her age as 52.

### Baltimore Fire Kills Seven

BALTIMORE, Jan. 6—Trapped by fire on the top floor of their three-story N. Carolina street home, Mr. and Mrs.

# Marines, Army Push Eastward In New Britain

## New Landing Near Arawe Meets Strong Jap Resistance

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Jan. 6—U.S. Marines, strongly supported by tanks and planes, made extensive gains in their drive east along the northern coast of New Britain, while other Sixth Army troops, at Arawe, drove toward Borgen Bay against heavy Jap resistance.

A secondary landing was made by Marines at Tauli on the southern coast of the Arawe peninsula near Cape Gloucester and this force last night was thrusting southeast against strong Japanese resistance.

All enemy attempts to win back the Cape Gloucester airdromes were smashed back.

After defeating this attack, Marines opened a push eastward with tank support.

U.S. air forces gave full support to the land forces in these operations. Six Jap planes were shot down out of a formation of 20 which met our fighters over Rabaul. Five more are claimed as "probables" for the loss of two U.S. planes.

Extensive Allied patrolling round Sidor on New Guinea evoked only slight enemy resistance. Americans on this beach-head advanced along the coast, both west and southeast as well as inland. U.S. engineers hope soon to begin building airstrips at Sidor.

The first Japanese attempt to interfere with Allied shipping off Sidor was defeated Sunday afternoon. P40s shot down two bombers and three fighters from an enemy force of nine bombers and 16-20 fighters for the loss of one P40.

Australians are well round the corner of Hunon peninsula in their coastal drive northward. Advanced elements reached Cape King William area. Some resistance was encountered, but abandoned equipment indicated Japanese retreat is faster than an orderly withdrawal.

## Lend Lease Now Totals 18 Billions, FDR Reveals

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6—Placing Lend Lease aid to America's allies at \$18,608,000,000 up till the end of November, President Roosevelt, in his 13th Lend Lease report to Congress, today credited Lend Lease with the increasing power of the Allied offensives.

Although the first 11 months of 1943 accounted for \$10,356,000,000 of total Lend Lease aid since the program was begun in March, 1941, a table submitted with the President's report showed that since last August the flow of supplies to other members of the United Nations has diminished each month.

Since the inception of Lend Lease, the report revealed, Russia has received \$3,550,000,000 worth of exports and the United Kingdom \$5,980,000,000.

### Airport Off Approved List

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 6—Western United and American Airlines cancelled landings at San Diego at the direction of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, which complained of "faulty maintenance" at Lindbergh Field. H. A. Hook, CAA regional director, said heavy construction equipment had been left standing on a new runway which intersects Lindbergh Field's only runway for big commercial transports.

## Raft & Co. - -

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seas service and expressed a preference for the ETO. He'd like to stay here, but if the War Department decides otherwise he'll have to follow orders.

A few days before he left the States Raft finished work on his latest movie, "Three Cheers for the Boys," which tells about the work of the Army's Special Service Division and USO-Camp Shows in entertaining U.S. troops at home and overseas.

Blonde June Clyde is married to Maj. Thornton Freeland, who returned to the States from Britain, where he was a film director at the outbreak of the war, to join the U.S. Army. Louise Albritton, a Universal contract star, played with Marlene Dietrich in her last film before coming overseas.

By Milton Caniff

