

## Parley Brings Turkey to Brink of War

### Fifth Drives Wedge Deep In Nazi Line

#### Then 8th Army Crashes Across Moro River On Adriatic

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Dec. 7 (AP)—Stabbing its way on to the heights six miles southwest of Mignano, and overlooking the flooded Garigliano river, the Allied Fifth Army today had driven a deep wedge into the intricate web of fortifications of the German winter line protecting the highway to Rome, in the face of repeated Nazi counter-attacks.

The second anniversary of Pearl Harbor found U.S. troops, who, in a few months have become masters of mountain fighting, slogging their way steadily forward against the combined obstacles of a strongly entrenched enemy, rain and mud, flooded creeks, minefields and barbed wire entanglements.

Acquitting themselves equally well against the reinforced Nazis and the weather, the Eighth Army suddenly crashed its way across the Moro river, before the enemy could establish new fortifications on its northern bank.

#### Extent of Advance Not Known

How far Gen. Montgomery's advance guards had gone beyond the river today was not disclosed, but the thrust along the comparatively level ground of the Adriatic coast brought the British to within 13 or 14 miles of the vital port of Pescara, eastern terminus of the lateral road.

Massed German infantry, tanks and artillery meanwhile stubbornly held the inland line around Orsogna, which was retaken two days ago by the Eighth Army in an extremely costly counter-attack, and around Guardiagrele, three and a half miles southwest of Orsogna.

The Nazi command appeared to be willing to pay an increasingly high price to delay Gen. Montgomery's offensive in that area, and thus save, if only for a short time, the important town of Chieti, capital of Abruzzo province.

#### Hard to Judge Gains

The full evaluation of the latest Fifth Army gains on the south side between Mignano and Cassino is difficult because of official reticence regarding the full extent of the simultaneous advance by the Americans in the area north of Mignano.

A one-mile thrust in the area west of Filignano, four miles north of Venafro, was announced, but Gen. Clark's headquarters omitted to mention how far the previous gains in that sector had progressed.

In air action, Fortresses and Liberators bombed two airdromes near Athens, shooting down ten German fighters.

### Dr. Gallup Insists Troop Vote Could Elect a President

PRINCETON, N.J., Dec. 7—Dr. George Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, said today that if servicemen could vote in the coming Presidential election through a simple method they probably would decide the outcome of the election.

The famous poll conductor said that the civilian population apparently was evenly split between Democrats and Republicans. He estimated that there would be 6,000,000 ballots from servicemen if they were encouraged to vote by making it easy for them to do so. Gallup said their vote would be split 39 per cent Republican, 61 per cent Democrat.

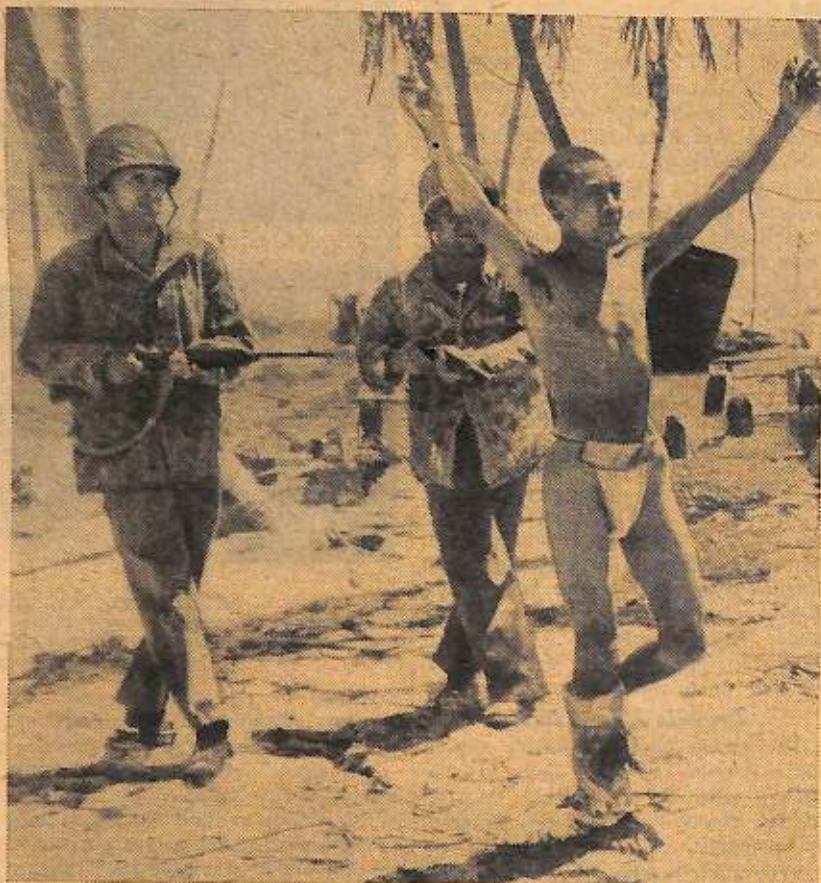
That, he added, would bring the combined civilian-servicemen vote to 46,000,000 and divide it 47 per cent for the Republicans and 53 per cent for the Democrats.

### Germans Fear Invasion Of Jutland Before Xmas

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7 (AP)—Swedish travellers coming from Denmark say the Germans expect a British invasion of Jutland before Christmas.

Such fears may be motivated by the reported inspection trip made by Rommel of the Danish west coast. The Germans have been fortifying heavily the entire Jutland area, where they have important airfield bases for fighter planes used in the defense of Berlin and northern Germany. About 200,000 Germans are stationed in Denmark.

### What Would Tojo Say About This?



Unlike his dead brothers strewn across the Tarawa battlefield, this son of Nippon decided to say "Uncle!" to these serious-looking Marines and stay alive in a prison camp. But there's no future for this Jap back in his homeland—he defied his religious law when he was taken alive in battle, and folks back home would frown on that.

### 6 Big Airfields Opened in Day As U.S. Starts 3rd War Year

A HEAVY BOMBER BASE, Dec. 7—The Eighth Air Force opened America's third year of war today by dedicating six great airdromes—four of them heavy bomber bases—built by the U.S. Engineer Corps at a cost of \$40,000,000.

The construction required erection of 2,100 buildings ranging from prefabricated Nissen huts to huge hangars. Trucks hauling materials for the six fields travelled a distance equal to 1,000 times around the Equator.

At this station, where the ceremonies were attended by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, Maj. Gen. Idwal H. Edwards, ETO chief of staff, accepted the field from Brig. Gen. C. R. Moore, chief engineer of the theater. Philip Reed, of the Lend-Lease Administration, was a spectator.

"The men who have built these airports," Gen. Devers said, "have set an example of energy, determination and day in, day out courage. The officers who guided the work set an example of intelligence, planning and leadership."

Commanding officer of the engineer unit which completed building this base is Maj. Richard L. Tracy, Bayonne, N.J. Commanding officers of the engineering units which completed building the other bases are Lt. Col. Arthur M. Jacoby, Philadelphia; Lt. Col. Gilbert B. Hall, Monroe, N.Y.; and Maj. Max G. McCrory, Maertins Ferry, Ohio; Maj. Charles F. Bassett, Flint, Mich.; and Lt. Col. H. R. Hallock, Berkeley, Cal.; Maj. T. J. Trumbull, Albuquerque, N.M.; Maj. Jack E. Stenberg, Larimer, Wyo.; and Maj. C. A. Armstrong, Lexington, Tenn.; and Maj. Edward G. Cook, East Missoula, Mont.

### Disability Help Now Demanded Legion Chief Insists Many Veterans Are Dependent Currently on Charity

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 7—Congress has been urged by Warren H. Atherton, national commander of the American Legion, to pay disability benefits to wounded and disabled veterans of this war immediately.

In an address here, Atherton said that a survey showed that many wounded veterans had received no disability pay and that some were dependent on friends and relatives or charity.

"Congressional committees," Atherton said, "are so busy jockeying for the honor of doing something that nothing is being done. The excuse for this neglect is that the papers can't be found to complete the soldiers' records."

"They didn't wait for a record to send them against murdering yellow dogs. A blindfolded halfwit could find out in half a day that the man enlisted or was drafted, that he has a hole in his head or that he's helpless and hungry."

### Subs Sink 11 Jap Ships, Boost War Total to 905

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—The navy department announced today that U.S. submarines have sunk 11 Japanese ships in Pacific and far eastern waters.

The enemy vessels were listed as follows: sunk, one large tanker, nine medium freighters, one small freighter. These actions were not announced in any previous communique. The unofficial total of Jap ships sunk is now raised to 903 by these successes.

### Report Quarter-Million Killed in Berlin Raids

BERNE, Dec. 7 (AP)—A Basle dispatch to the Gazette de Lansanne reports that Allied raids on the German capital have caused the death of 250,000 people. It is impossible to estimate the exact number of injured, the dispatch added.

## Roosevelt, Churchill Meet Inonu in Cairo; 'Close Unity' Results

### Allies May Get Use Of Dardanelles, Air Bases

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—The Memphis Belle, the B17 which went back to the States with its complete crew after it carried them through 25 missions, has been refitted and is ready to return to a war theater as one of the latest model Flying Fortresses.

The original Memphis Belle, after whom the ship was named, was engaged to the pilot, Maj. Robert K. Morgan, of Asheville, N.C., but after Maj. Morgan returned home the engagement was broken. He since has married a girl from Houston, Tex., but the plane won't be renamed The Houston Belle. She'll remain a Memphis lassie.

### Marshall Raid May Turn Out To Be Invasion

#### Believe Yanks Will Avenge Pearl Harbor Attack By New Stab

PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 7—Heavy attacks by a strong carrier force against the Japanese-controlled Marshall Islands were continuing today, adding weight to the strong belief that powerful U.S. forces were invading the strategic island group in the Central Pacific just two years after the crippling Jap blow on Pearl Harbor.

Only terse details of the attacks were given by Adm. Chester Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, in a closely guarded statement: "Strong carrier task forces attacked the Marshall Islands on Dec. 4. Due to necessity for radio silence, details are unavailable."

Landing operations were not referred to in the official announcement, but there was a belief in many quarters—particularly after the heavy poundings the Marshalls have received in the last two weeks—that the actual invasion day would take place on Dec. 7.

Early yesterday morning the Japs announced an air attack at Wotje, in the Marshalls, the principal fortified base 2,000 miles from Hawaii and 635 miles due south of Wake Island.

Several thousand miles southwest in New Guinea, the steady Aussie-U.S. drive appears to be fast gathering speed. The Australians on Houn peninsula today advanced speedily toward the next goal on the island's northwest coast with strong tank support. On Bougainville in the Solomons, Marines, hampered by incessant rains and mud, inched their way northward along the coast under cover of strong U.S. air support.

### Familiar Face, Familiar Smile Thrill Yanks Far from Home

The door opened in a U.S. Army field hospital at Amirabad, in Persia, last Thursday, and a small group of officers and civilians entered.

American soldiers, bedridden from illness or injuries, looked up with the casual curiosity that attaches to any visitor in a hospital—and immediately a chill raced down the spine of each of them.

Walking slowly along the row of beds in this hospital some 6,000 miles away from home was President Roosevelt.

The news that he had visited the hospital, on the outskirts of Teheran, was disclosed yesterday in news dispatches from Cairo. Chatting with the soldiers, the President said:

"I landed about ten days ago—way over in Morocco. This is the nearest thing to the U.S. I've seen yet."

"I've had a conference with Marshal Stalin and Mr. Churchill during the past four days—very successful, too—laying plans, as far as we can, to make it unnecessary for us again to have Americans in Iran—just as long as we and our children live."

Later the same day hundreds more U.S. soldiers who had not heard of the secret Stalin-Churchill-Roosevelt meeting were amazed when the President came into their camp and broke up the routine of just another day in the Army in Iran.

### Marauder Chief Raised To Brigadier General

MEDIUM BOMBER HEAD-QUARTERS, Dec. 7—Col. Samuel E. Anderson, of Greensboro, N.C., 37-year-old medium bomber chief of Eighth Air Force, has been promoted to brigadier general shortly after winning the DFC "for extraordinary achievement" in developing bombing tactics at medium altitudes.

Before arriving in England last June Anderson represented the operations division of the War Department general staff in the Pacific.

### No U.S. Flu Epidemic

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—The rising influenza rate in various parts of the nation was described by a U.S. Public Health Service official yesterday as a "normal and seasonal increase." He said there was no evidence that there would be an epidemic like that of 1918.

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**Finland's Dark Future**

Yesterday's Soviet communique told of the Nazi-Finnish artillery bombardment of Leningrad. This bit of news focused for a moment the spotlight of publicity on Finland, and it reflected her desperate plight. To understand it fully, a recent German diplomatic defeat must be recalled.

This occurred when Sweden stopped the German traffic of troops and war materials to Norway, which meant that all German reinforcements to Norway and Finland had to take the long and dangerous sea route.

The effect of this action was immediately reflected in both Norway and Denmark. In Norway, the Germans declared martial law, forced the Norwegian police on pain of death to swear an oath of allegiance to Hitler and then deported or attempted to deport all the officers of the demobilized Norwegian army to Germany. Then they arrested or attempted to arrest all Oslo university students. In Denmark they took similar steps in fear of events to come.

With the German High Command nervous, it was not strange to find the Finns also in a highly nervous state. Russian military successes have made a deep impression on the Finns, who now must face the fact that the Germans may soon be forced to evacuate Norway and take with them all seven German divisions operating in Finland, in which case the Finns face the possibility of military collapse.

But while the people, weary of war, called for peace, Finnish leaders bickered. Those in power urged the people to continue the fight in the hope that disagreement between Russia and the English-speaking nations would save Finland. Now that hope has been for ever blasted by the Three Power Conference. And while America is not at war with Finland, Great Britain and Russia area, and conference agreements call for the destruction of all enemy forces and the unconditional surrender of those Axis powers with whom the Allies are respectively at war. There is no escape from this decision for any Axis nation, and in the eyes of Russia Finland is most emphatically Axis.

So, having paid the Nazi piper, Finland must dance to the Nazi tune.

**Deadly Bullets**

While Germany talks of "secret weapons" we produce them and use them in the field:

A few facts about one of our weapons was recently released. It is a new type of incendiary bullet for the .50-caliber machine-guns mounted on Allied planes, and reports from the field state that "it is the most devastating ever produced for aerial warfare."

Gen. H. H. Arnold, commanding the Army Air Force, is quoted as describing the ammunition as "the outstanding small arms development for use against airplanes" and one that has made the .50-caliber machine-gun the best weapon yet discovered for airplanes.

According to a statement by the Remington Arms Co., manufacturers of the new bullet, self-sealing gasoline tanks made tracer ammunition ineffective in setting fire to aircraft. The new bullets, however, explode the self-sealing tanks, passing into them and igniting the fuel. They spread a sheet of fire many feet in diameter and cause enemy planes to burst into flames on impact.

Generated by chemicals in the bullets, the flame burns at blast furnace temperature. Armor plate that can resist them is too heavy for aircraft.

Our fliers used the new ammunition to destroy a Japanese freighter recently. They raked it with incendiaries after dropping their auxiliary gasoline tanks on its deck, and it caught fire from end to end.

The new ammunition is made in a secret area where all workers have to wear a special uniform for quick identification, and it is tested on underground ranges where no visitors are allowed. Other details must remain a military secret till the end of the war; but to the Germans who talk of secret weapons they possess, it is a reality they fear.

**Hash Marks**

For quick thinking we nominate the 2/Lt. who led his men off a landing barge with the command, "Follow me!" He made his leap, landing in a whirlpool, ten feet deep. On bobbing up to the surface for the first time, he gurgled, "As you were!"

Don't let this worry you, but food ration cards issued by the Vichy govern-



ment carry the dismal news, "Valid Until 1970."

Okay, fellows, we surrender. The office is flooded with applicants for the Name In Initials Club. We have today Lee E. Eshelman, Samuel Albert Migliore, George E. Owen, Lloyd Earl Ehler, Melvin Earl Lewis—and now we close the books by nominating for club president JOHN OSCAR HENRY NASH, of a regiment band!

Dear Reader(s)—Since Joe Miller's day and before mother-in-law jokes have been old standbys. We would like to hear YOUR favorite mother-in-law joke. So send it in—it's safe—remember, she's across the ocean now. Just to start the ball rolling, here's what we think is the oldest of all mother-in-law jokes: A cave man was sitting around gnawing a bone one day when his wife rushed in screaming, "Get your club, a tiger is chasing my mother!" The cave man shrugged his shoulders and muttered, "What do I care what happens to a tiger!" (Phew—surely you can do better—so let's have it.)

One of the most delightful anecdotes we've read during this war comes from The Army, Australian Service publica-



tion. At an Australian coastal city, two youngsters of about 12 paddled their canvas canoe up to an anchored troopship and asked the gold-braided officer leaning over the rail for permission to come aboard. "No," was the answer, but the boys persisted until the officer finally lost his temper. "Get out of here," he shouted, "you can't come aboard; so clear off!" "Are you the captain of this ship?" asked the youngster in the stern of the canoe. "No," replied the gold braid, "but I'm the fourth officer." "Then," said the young Australian, "you'd better learn to be a bit more respectful to your superior officers—I'm the captain of this one."

This little bit slipped by the Poets Corner.  
 The way they kiss in Hollywood,  
 And whom they kiss, I wish I could.  
 J. C. W.

**Salvage Unit's Tale: Rags to Riches**

**Worn Shoes March And Old Pants Sit —Like New**

By Philip H. Bucknell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

**A SALVAGE AND RECLAMATION DEPOT, England, Dec. 7**—Stitching in time on mass-production methods gives this part of England a downtown New York atmosphere as teams of GI tailors and shoe repairers prove that war is not all waste.

Half of all clothing and equipment issues in this and other theaters now consists of secondhand materials—pants split by Joe Blow and turned in for salvage being repaired and reissued to John Doakes. Millions of dollars and valuable shipping space are being saved at this and other such installations by these methods, and the American Army is still able to maintain its reputation of being the best dressed army in the world.

The outfit is under the command of Maj. Curtis Miller, of Portland, Ore., who has a full QM setup, spread over 60 buildings and in three towns, but looks upon the salvage side as the apple of his eye, with a clothing warehouse running it a close second.

Not only is there a factory as a permanent base working on a two-shift plan, with GIs sharing sewing machines with English girls, but a Mobile Salvage and Repair Company has been activated under Capt. Robert W. Nesbit, of Wellsville, Pa., designed for working right up to the front lines.

**Travels Like Circus**

The mobile company travels around like a Barnum and Bailey circus in large trailers pulled by tractors with thick-set M/Sgt. Vincent P. Sessa, of Washington, as ringmaster.

"The outfit," claims Capt. Nesbit, "is self-sufficient. We have two trailers each for textile, clothing and shoe repairs. When we set up our installation, canvas tents join the trailers in making one continuous line, with a receiving tent at one end, and the equipment to be repaired passes right through to an issue tent at the other end of the line.

"Shoe repairing is an especially important side of our work as front-line repair troops. In North Africa, particularly in the Tunisian campaign, fighting over rocky ground made the ordinary life of a GI shoe just two weeks. There were outfits similar to this that put most of those shoes back into use in a few days. We can handle 2,000 pairs a week."

The interior of the textile and clothing trailers is a complete tailor's shop. (Textiles composes webbing equipment, cartridge belts, packs, etc., and clothing is the remainder of the uniform.) Each trailer has eight sewing machines driven off the trailer's power plant, which also provides bright lighting for the interior and pilot lights for each needle.

"In battle zones," says Nesbit, "we will work in cooperation with the sterilizing and laundry vans. Each piece of equipment to be salvaged is first either



Cpl. Nurzio E. Forti, Le Roy, N.Y., and Pfc. Donald Boyle, Syracuse, N.Y., both members of a salvage and repair company, "workout" on electric sewing machines in one of their outfit's trailers. The company works behind front lines, reclaiming and repairing uniforms and equipment.

laundered or sterilized—overshoes and raincoats obviously are sterilized, not washed—and then we go right ahead."

The process of reclamation is better observed at the base factory, but Capt. Nesbit refuses to allow visitors to leave his outfit until he has pointed out that 92 per cent of his men have been rated as proficient with the '03 and machine-gun—"they have to know how to protect themselves in case of enemy attack"—and that they put out the best football team in the depot.

The base factory is a building equipped with 120 electric sewing machines, a dry-cleaning and pressing plant and a staff of 130 girls. This is where men learn their jobs before being assigned to mobile companies, and according to Mrs. Rene Watts, the forelady, the men learn the job well. They also, she says, get on with the girls very well—no professional jealousy, as it were.

**Learning New Tricks**

Not only do uniforms go through the cleaning process, but experiments are in process for the reclamation of materials that, in the past, were discarded when soiled. Fatigue gloves, oil-sodden and filthy, are now being put through the machines in an effort to find a formula whereby they can be cleaned without destroying the texture. Another experiment under way is the removal of barracks bag markings.

Next to the laundry is a pressing room operated by a smart squad of Negro soldiers, all of whom had two to eight years' experience in the trade before the war. By the time a cleaned uniform leaves their hands it is as slick and creased as any custom-made suit—with the exception of the tears or rips that first sent it for salvage.

For a clothing establishment, the clothes

of the workers are somewhat bizarre. Both the girls and the GIs compete for strangest costume. The girls have a preference for unsalvageworthy blouses and tip-tilted overseas hats, while the soldiers show the needlecraftsmanship in strange homemade. Pfc Robert L. Yost, of King City, Mo., for instance, has turned a condemned field jacket inside out and fitted it with large patch pockets—a regular GI zoot suit.

On the work side they do really impressive invisible mending. 2/Lt. Victor Covington, of Troy, Ala., who is in charge of the plant, enjoys challenging visitors to point out where the repair has been made, and it is no easy job.

**Many Shades of OD**

"In some ways," he explains, "we are like an ordnance outfit—we do a lot of cannibalizing. A blouse with a hopeless body, but a pair of perfectly good sleeves, will be incorporated as the sleeves part of another blouse. But in this, the repairing part is not as difficult as matching the cloth. There are roughly 40 to 50 different shades of OD in issue, and unless we make an exact match the value of our repairing is lost."

Clothing that has gone through one of these salvage processes is known as Class B, but the majority of it, stacked in issue warehouses, looks every bit as good as new. Many a soldier has come away from his supply room thinking that the sergeant can't be so bad, after all, giving him a new overcoat, not knowing that Class B in brackets shows on the TBA.

Uniforms too badly damaged for reissue to American soldiers in accordance with QM claims about the smartest army are made over for wear by prisoners of war, and are known as Class X issue. Epaulets are sewn down on blouses and overcoats, and only one row of buttons—not with the American eagle—is allowed.

Then there is another salvage job here that pleases Maj. Miller a lot. In a corner is a heap of cloth dolls, made by soldiers in their own time from scraps of condemned uniforms, to be given to British children at Christmas. Owing to the war, not only Uncle Sam but Santa Claus is going in for Class B issue. A lot is being saved all round.

**Dried Egg Chief Shells Out Tips on How to Make 'Em Tasty**

Before he takes a powder for home, the man behind dried eggs is coming to their defense in the ETO.

He is William D. Termohlen, who is chief of the poultry division of the U.S. Food Distribution Administration, and to put it mildly, he's a mite upset at the turned-up-nose reception of dried eggs in GI circles throughout the United Kingdom.

Turned-up noses or not, American soldiers are going to have to put up with powdered eggs. In fact, Termohlen is going home shortly to check on future deliveries to the ETO.

"I can't understand it, the dislike for dried eggs," he said yesterday. "Why, it's just a fresh egg minus the shell and liquid material."

"Really, it takes a specialist to determine whether the powdered egg has been used in lieu of the fresh one, that is, if the stuff has been prepared properly."

Well... With a GI tongue in a GI cheek, the reporter listened intently to what Ter-

mohlen called some cogent advice to mess sergeants. He listed three "musts" as the open sesame to dried egg perfection, namely:

- 1—Do exactly what the book says. Dried eggs, it seems, are prepared by the numbers, too.
- 2—Don't shoot in any extra ingredients, such as flour and vanilla. Let the hen rest on her laurels.
- 3—STIR WELL. This is the prime tip. The more elbow grease the better. As if this weren't enough of a defense of the powdered egg, Termohlen pointed out that it is the basis for all cookery, the foundation garment for pies, bread and what not. Too, don't forget the saving in shipping space, he added.

Getting away from eggs, the American food expert touched briefly on the live poultry situation. It seems GIs in the ETO will dine on turkey Christmas Day, but fowl dinners thereafter will be few and far between.

Oh, well. Now, about Spam, Mr. Termohlen—but Mr. Termohlen was going out the door.

**PRIVATE BREGER**



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"Homelike or not, you'll take your mail like everybody else!"

# Seven KOs Feature Nine-Bout Card at Rainbow Club

## Three Quintets Stay Unbeaten In Depot Loop

### Tread Rollers, Gun Sels, Silvey Stars Keep Perfect Records

By Irv White

Star and Stripes Unit Correspondent

GENERAL DEPOT, Dec. 7—Of the 38 teams participating in this station's basketball tournament, three are undefeated after six weeks of competition. They are the Gun Sels and the Tread Rollers, both with six victories, and the Silvey Stars with five.

The Gun Sels took numbers five and six by mauling the Cardinals, 38-18, and the Ordnance Joes, 34-12. The first victory was not as easy as it appears, since the score was knotted at the half, 11-11. However, T/5 Jack Spriggs, of Coal City, Utah, 6-foot 6-inch center, could not be stopped, hooping 15 points of his team's total, while T/Sgt. Charles "Kudatz" Waskins, of Grand Haven, Mich., looped in ten. It was the first loss in six contests for the Redbirds.

### Had Easy Time

The Tread Rollers had an easy time of it as they continued on their winning way. They bowled over the Tennessee Volunteers, 50-15, and drubbed another Ordnance five, 31-16. Pfc Carl Eberfeld, of Greenfield, Ohio, enjoyed a field day with 14 points in the first and ten in the final.

The Silvey Stars, a late entry in the hoop loop, made up for lost time by notching wins four and five over the Globe Trotters, 28-21, and over the Massey Five, last year's champs, 28-21. Both were tough battles, but the fine shooting of T/Sgt. Chas. Robinson, of Weirton, W. Va., and Sgt. J. Joseph, of New York, played the major role in the Stars' twin win.

Besides the Cards, the Tigers and the Grady Boys sustained their first defeats. The Cardinals recuperated from their loss to the Gun Sels to vanquish the Tigers, 25-23. It broke the Cats' five-game winning streak and was a rough and tumble fight all the way, the lead changing hands five times. Pfc John "Lefty" Provic netted nine points to lead the winners while Boda and Suteley each contributed seven. Especially good defense work was exhibited by Pvt. Sidney Weber, of the Bronx, N.Y.

### Grady Boys Hard Luck Team

The hardluckiest team was the Grady Boys, which was nosed out, 16-15. A foul shot by Pfc David Leonard, of Flint, Mich., in the last seconds gave the Rangefinders their fifth victory. The Grady Boys were behind, 15-8, as the last quarter began, but when 1/Sgt. Walter O'Connor, of Melrose, Iowa, swished in two from the center court and Pvt. Robert Barnes, of Indianapolis, Ind., made his good from an under the basket mix-up, the count was brought to 15-14. Lt. Lionel Greiff, of New York, then tied the score on a foul shot and the count stood at 15-15 for three and a half minutes.

With but 30 seconds to go, Leonard was fouled as he attempted a shot. He made the first of his two tries good to give his team a well-deserved victory, thus breaking the six in-a-row streak of the Grady Boys.

## Giants Score Their Second Touchdown



Bill Paschal, Giant freshman, falling over the line in the first quarter against the Dodgers in a game in which the New Yorkers defeated their cross-town rivals, 24-7.

## 2 Years of War Have Failed To End Sports for Duration

By Louis Burton

New York Journal-American Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—It is two years today since a crowd of 40,000, all but jamming the Polo Grounds, had its attention diverted from the field below where the Giants and Dodgers were battling. Sweeping through the stands with electric impact was the news that Pearl Harbor had been bombed. By the end of the game hundreds had hurried away to tune their radios.

That was the weird climax of sports on Dec. 7, 1941.

In a large way sport was quickly harnessed to the war effort. Coaches and stars enlisted by the dozen and gave the Navy pre-flight schools the form they have today. Hundreds of others undertook physical education work in the Army, Navy and Marines.

Sports, professional and amateur, survived for spectators as well as participants, despite manpower problems.

Only the more expensive and less popular sports closed up, such as polo, college crew, yachting, auto and motor-boat racing.

Major league baseball, except for manpower shortage losses and minor changes in conformity with office of defense transportation requirements, is very little changed. The championship Yankees reflect the manpower situation. Aside from the pitchers, Keller, Gordon and Dickey were the only veterans of the '41

champions who played on this year's winning club.

Boxers, headed by Sgt. Joe Louis, are in the services. Even though the field is reduced practically to the lightweight division, the shows are numerous and the gates are large. There has not been an outstanding outdoor show, however, since Louis kayoed Billy Conn in June, 1941.

Horse-racing thrives. The Florida, California and Saratoga tracks couldn't operate the past year, but purses, crowds and even betting are bigger than ever because money is freer.

College and professional football declined in quality and quantity, but there is still enough around to satisfy the demands of a football-minded public.

Golf, after giving up most of its tournaments, made a comeback through the sheer force of its popularity. The tennis championship tournament was held last September despite an earlier attitude of uncertainty.

Outdoor track benefited by the artificial respiration of Gunder Haegg's visit, but indoor track didn't need it and plans are under way for another full season.

Canada's conscription played hob with big time hockey quality, but the National League continues with a full schedule. Basketball was abated in about the same proportion as football, but its average quality probably remains higher.

The evolution of sports in the third year of war now about to begin will see other changes up and down. A lot depends on how the war's pace is accelerated.

## Diamond Stars Touring Alaska

### Musial, Litwhiler, Borowy, Dixie Walker in Group With Frisch

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 7—The first group of major leaguers to visit American troops in a war theater arrived here Sunday by air.

The USO group, headed by Pittsburgh Manager Frankie Frisch, includes Stan Musial and Danny Litwhiler, Cardinal outfielders; Hank Borowy, Yankee pitcher, and the people's choice, Brooklyn Outfielder Dixie Walker.

The group brought films of the recent World Series and a supply of bats and balls.

They expect to remain in Alaska for two or three months, entertaining with films and answering soldiers' questions about the series.

Walker, Frisch, Litwhiler and Musial are fast talkers, and Borowy the only silent member. Borowy's only comment was, "I guess they figured one American Leaguer could hold his own among four National Leaguers."

## Navy Grid Plan Satisfies Knox

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—The Navy is very much satisfied with the policy of permitting personnel to play football during pre-flight and college training. Secretary Frank Knox said. He wouldn't commit himself as to whether the same program will be followed next year.

The fact that the order enabling Navy trainees to play football wasn't rescinded and Knox is satisfied with the experiment indicates the same course will be followed next year.

More than 125 colleges were in the pre-flight and college training program. Experienced coaches were obtained for the pre-flight schools which compiled excellent records. Navy-manned college teams also have had enviable records throughout the season.

### ASC Angels Triumph

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, Dec. 7—A scrappy, determined ASC Angel team outplayed the Engineer Cornhuskers, 46-30, in a fast game yesterday. Paced by T/5 Fran Hecker and Cpl. Bob Gurr, who scored 16 and 14 respectively, the Angels gained an early lead which they never relinquished. T/Sgt. Reid Moy was the big gun in setting up the scoring plays with his stalwart defensive play.

## New Haven Eagles Drop From Eastern Ice Loop

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 7—After losing 11 games in 12 played, the New Haven Eagles have dropped from the Eastern Amateur Hockey League, leaving the circuit with three members.

The Eagles' demise occurred Sunday night after losing, 3-2, to the Boston Olympics. Manager Nathan Podoloff, of New Haven, blamed the lack of patronage for the withdrawal. A small crowd of 600 saw the game.

Curtis Bay Coast Guard withdrew from the circuit recently, blaming transportation difficulties. The only teams remaining are the New York Rovers, Philadelphia Falcons and Boston Olympics.

### Mauriello to Meet Baski

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—Tami Mauriello, New York heavyweight who outpointed Lee Savold his last time out, has signed to meet Joe Baski, of Kulpong, Pa., in ten rounds at Madison Square Garden Jan. 14.

## Johnson First Ex-Cantab To Receive Eli Letter

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—When Wayne Johnson Jr., of Worton, Md., received a football letter from Yale Coach Howie O'Dell at the team's annual dinner he became the first man in history to win letters from both Yale and Harvard.

Johnson, injured in Yale's opening game against Muhlenberg this year and lost to the Bulldogs for the remainder of the season, played 60 minutes at half-back for Harvard against Yale in 1942.

### Reardon to Head Phillies Farms

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7—General Manager Herb Pennock has announced the appointment of Joe Reardon, former general manager of Scranton of the Eastern League, as head of the Phillies' farm system. Pennock said the Phillies expect to have three teams in their farm system next year.

### Basketball Results

DePaul 44, Glenview 36  
LIU 63, Brooklyn Army Base 47  
Minnesota 59, South Dakota 31

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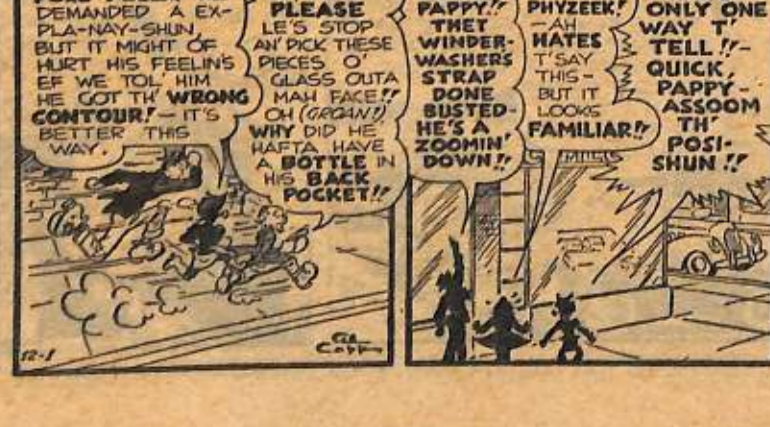
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### APOs Wanted

SGT. Richard Berghouse, Kankakee, Ill.; Robert Benson, Cleveland, Ohio; Lt. Leonard J. Bogay, Trenton, N.J.; Capt. Tom Demery, Key-Bridge Heights, Fla.; Lt. David Flornoy, Lt. Patricia Flornoy, Blue Jay, W. Va.; Sgt. James Gipson, Louisville, Miss.; John Lagrese, Abingdon, Ill.; S/Sgt. Hogan Meier, Bellevue, Ky.; S. Sarsen, Elizabeth, N.J.; Pvt. Eugene Stoaks, E. Cleveland, Ohio; Lt. George Telford, Webster, Mass.; Donald Taylor, Jeannette, Pa.; Maj. Arthur Williams, Hillsdale, N.Y.; T/4 Charles O. Wickeden, Hillsdale, N.Y.; Pfc. Garrett U. Woodward, Erwin, Tenn.; Cpl. Max Daniels, N.Y.; Pvt. Buford Dorris, Nashville, Tenn.; Lt. William Swape Jr., Set. W. Y. Jones, Winchester, Ky.; Billy June Hunstman, Reginald Robinson, Jack Waites, Kilgore, Tex.; Sgt. Warren Walker, Irvington, N.J.; Pfc. Paul Nudelman, Fort Worth, Tex.; Pvt. James Smith, Mount Pleasant, Pa.; T/Sgt. Roger Goddard, Westboro, Mass.; Col. Frank James and Keith Lowe, Lemore, Calif.

### Lost

WALLET containing £3, an American dollar, personal papers and pictures, in Riz Theater, in Burton, or vicinity on Nov. 28. Would appreciate the return of the wallet and its contents to me via Help Wanted.—T/5 George J. Walter.



## Unknowns Give Evening's Card Its Only Thrills

### Excitement in the Feature Event Fizzles Out; Kozak Awarded Decision

Two ETO champions got top billing on last night's fight card at packed Rainbow Corner, but unknowns provided the excitement in a nine-bout card marked by seven knockouts.

Expected fireworks between Pvt. Vince Kozak, ETO titlist from Hazelton, Pa., and Cpl. Roy Hanna, 187-pounder from Tulsa, Okla., failed to materialize.

Hanna, using familiar clinching tactics, hung and clung throughout the match and Kozak won the judges' approval in a below-par performance.

The other theater titlist, Pvt. Bill Garrett, welterweight king from Pittsburgh, had no trouble whatsoever finishing off S/Sgt. Ed Long, 155, of Johnson City, Tenn., at one minute of the second round. Long substituted for Pvt. Johnny Robinson.

Garrett, 152, scored his first knockdown early with a hard right to the head. Thereafter he concentrated on Long's face, hammering with straight lefts and rights.

After a slow start in the second frame, Garrett opened up, and a hard left straight to the chin ended Long's hopes.

### Persley Takes Opener

Arthur Persley, 140-pound Negro flash from New York, wasted no time in scoring a TKO over Pfc Jack Sandridge in the first frame of the opening contest. Sandridge, a newcomer to the Corner from Little Rock, Ark., came out fast, but went down twice in the first 40 seconds.

Then Persley came through with a quick left and right to the face which finished Sandridge at 55 seconds.

### Murphy Scores Again

The third kayo on the card in as many fights came when Pfc Cornelius Murphy, 144-pound Negro from Philadelphia, got his second victory in three starts at the Corner by flattening Pvt. William Olanie, of Pittsfield, Mass., 150, in 1:12 of the first.

Murphy opened the round with a hard left hook to the head and until Olanie's second throw in the towel had things going his way, using lefts and rights to the head.

### Fourth Straight Kayo

The fourth fast finish in a row came at the end of the second round when Pvt. Lafayette Drummond, of St. Louis, Mo., 160, was awarded a TKO over S/Sgt. Jack McLain, of Lansing, Mich., 153-pounder.

Drummond used his left throughout the first stanza, carrying the scrap all the way. Nine seconds before the bell he unleashed a short left uppercut that caught McLain flush on the chin and dropped him. The intermission saved McLain for one minute—but he took it all over again in the second, and Referee Lt. Col. Richards Vidmer raised Drummond's hand at the end of the round.

### Crawls Out of Ring

The fifth bout on the card also ended in a knockout, Sgt. Ray Austin, of Burford, N.C., 145, being awarded a TKO when Pfc Iron Gilbert, of Phoenix, Ariz., 150, failed to come out for the third.

Austin took the advantage early in the opening stanza when he staggered Gilbert with a hard right to the head. He kept slugging until the latter part of the first, when Gilbert recovered a little.

The second was slightly slower, but Gilbert still looked bewildered. Austin kept landing lefts and rights, and at the end of the round Gilbert decided he had had enough and crawled out of the ring.

Two 140-pounders almost interrupted the knockout sequence in the sixth bout. Fans were all set for the first decision when, at one minute, 15 seconds of the third round, Pvt. Horace Vicks, of Fort Sumner, N.M., maneuvered Pvt. Hy Indenbaum, of Bridgeport, Conn., against the ropes, then flashed a knockout left to the jaw.

The fight was Vicks' all the way. He took the first round to size up Indenbaum, softened him up with lefts in the second, when he scored one knockdown, and put the finishing touch on just before the third ended.

After one minute 46 seconds, Pvt. Lawrence Dobbins, 153, of Cleveland, won a technical KO over S/Sgt. Richard Powers, 150-pound infantryman from Peoria, Ill. Only a few blows had been exchanged when Powers dodged a punch and fell through the ropes. He was unable to continue.

In the next to last contest, Pvt. Sammy Johnson, 141, of Jacksonville, Fla., took a decision over Pvt. Joseph Mancuso, New York 146-pounder. Johnson almost put Mancuso away in the third, but the latter's clinch-and-hang tactics saved him.

### Crisler Wants Grid Rule Change

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 7—Fritz Crisler, Michigan football coach and member of the Coaches Football Rules Committee, said he is ready to do something about offside kickoffs. Crisler will propose that the receiving team be given possession on the 50-yard line instead of their 35 as the rule says now.

# Soviets Closing On Escape Line In Dnieper Bend

## Threaten to Trap 2 Large Nazi Units; Reds Gain In Gomel Sector

Russian troops closed in last night on the German escape route from the Dnieper Bend in an advance that threatened to trap two large units of the German Ukrainian army, and apparently ended the danger of a Nazi counter-offensive in the sector.

Between Smyela and Znamenka the Red Army stormed Nazi defenses, inflicting huge losses and capturing a large amount of booty.

After piercing the German lines southwest of Kremenchug the Reds bombarded the railroad line which runs from Kirovograd through Znamenka and then south to Krivoi Rog. The line is the key to German communications in the Dnieper Bend.

The Germans admitted withdrawals northeast of Krivoi Rog but claimed that Soviet attacks elsewhere were repelled.

Striking in terrible weather conditions, the Russians captured several main German bastions as they moved forward in a bid to cut the last German supply line in the Bend.

Dispatches indicated that the Germans were again caught unprepared by the approach of winter. Northwest of Gomel, the Russians captured Germans clad in threadbare overcoats and with women's shawls and skirts around their shoulders.

In the Gomel salient, in new attacks, Gen. Rokossovsky's Russian forces pressed their assault on Zhlobin.

The Russians opened a great gap in the German lines and paved the way for new drives by capturing Alexandriya, the stronghold of a German defense zone 60 miles deep.

# New ETO Provost



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo  
Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckford

## Maj. Gen. Reckford Takes Post Here; Hollar Stays as Deputy

Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckford, of Baltimore, former commander of the 29th division and later chief of the Third Corps Area, has been appointed provost marshal general of the ETO, theater headquarters announced yesterday.

Brig. Gen. G. C. Hollar, of Sioux City, Iowa, who has held the position since June 10, will be Gen. Reckford's deputy.

Gen. Reckford commanded the 115th infantry in France in the last war and was awarded the DSM for "aggressive spirit" in directing operations north of Verdun.

A major general in the Maryland National Guard, Reckford was called to active federal service on Feb. 3, 1941.

# NEWS FROM HOME Invasion Ships Top 'Must' List In U.S. Arsenal

## Project Said to Surpass Drive Before Invasion In Mediterranean

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—The construction of invasion craft has been placed ahead of everything else in the nation's arsenal with the granting of an over-riding priority order, giving landing craft of all types the right of way over planes, high octane gasoline and other urgency production programs.

Authoritative sources said that 4,000 contractors will be turning out the craft. With sub-contractors, the total number of manufacturing firms involved in the vast drive will be approximately 20,000.

The number of invasion craft has not been divulged, but the program is understood to exceed a similar big landing-craft construction program launched last autumn and winter before the Mediterranean invasion.

**Mrs. FDR's Xmas Shopping**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (UP)—Most of the Christmas presents Mrs. Roosevelt buys this year will be War Bonds and Stamps, she explained as she completed her Christmas shopping in 17 minutes in stores here. She said her grandchildren, however, would receive toys.

**New Prison Camp in Iowa**  
DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 7.—Lt. Col. Courtney P. Young, district commander of the seventh service command, announced yesterday that a large prisoner of war camp would be activated near Clarinda on Dec. 15. The prisoners, Col. Young said, probably will be German.

**Georgetown Admits Coeds**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—For the first time in 154 years, Georgetown University, the oldest Catholic institution of higher learning in the United States, has opened its doors to coeds. Eleven women, including a WAVE ensign, have been enrolled for graduate courses.

## Senate Paves Way for Pearl Harbor Trials

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—On the second anniversary of Pearl Harbor, the Senate unanimously approved today a resolution extending for six months the statute of limitations, under which Rear Adm. Husband Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short can be court-martialed in connection with the Japanese attack.

The resolution was revised to meet the objections of Senator Clark (D-Miss.), who accused Secretary of War Stimson and Navy Secretary Knox of a "disgraceful dereliction of duty" in postponing the court.

## Veteran Navy Airman Here as New Attache

Capt. Harold B. Miller, USN, veteran Navy airman, who once served aboard the dirigibles Akron and Macon and piloted fighter planes launched and landed by a "trapeze" under the ships, has arrived in London to serve as naval attache for air. He succeeds Capt. A. I. Maistro, who has returned to the U.S. after 11 months in the ETO.

Capt. Miller, 40, came here from the training division of the Bureau of Aeronautics, Washington. He has written several novels and magazine stories and also a history of naval aviation, Navy Wings.

# GIs Unbend, Rip Out a Gripe On Pants—Too Tight, They Say

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The GIs are singing their own version of the song "Sam, You Made the Pants Too Long." As chanted in the barracks, it becomes, "Sam You Made the Pants Too TIGHT."

That, according to a survey conducted by the morale division of the Army Service Forces, is the chief gripe in the Army. Two out of five men complain their pants are too tight.

Other results of the survey: Four out of every five men said the food was

# Boogie Woogie Goes Into Jam Session



U.S. Navy Photo  
Boogie-woogie Harry James, Brazilian bugle bird who could out-toot any GI getter-upper, goes into a jam session while perched on the hand of his master, Lt. (jg) Frank Baldwin, as Kathleen Greenwood, of Britain's WRNS, looks on.

# Bugle Bird Who Tooted Anthem Goes to a Drunkard's Grave

By Jean Bradnick  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Taps has sounded in the ETO for Harry James, a bugle bird who flew out of the Brazilian jungle to a fame of sorts as a genuine tooter of ornithologic jive.

A semi-tropical bird of brilliant black and yellow plumage, he wound up in the ETO when acquired by Lt. (jg) Frank Baldwin, of Lynchburg, Va., a boarding officer in the London Navy Port Office, from a fast-talking merchant ship steward who claimed to be a brother of New York's famous party giver, Elsa Maxwell.

Chief forte of Harry James—as Baldwin fondly dubbed his winged friend—

was swinging the Brazilian national anthem through his beak. Harry was equatorial hot stuff.

After particularly strenuous jive sessions, Harry was wont to feather his prop from the edge of a cocktail glass, but Baldwin swears his musical pal was temperate, rarely getting to the point where he was all flats, and not so sharp.

Harry's saddened owner could attribute no reason for the bird's sudden demise. He thought it might have been the climate, or possibly the lack of a Harriet.

At any rate, tooter Harry has had his last musical and otherwise toot, and the worms he loved to eat are going to get their revenge.

# List 6 Awards For ETO Men

Award of the Distinguished Service Cross, second highest U.S. military decoration, to 1/Lt. Thomas D. Sellers, of Norfolk, Va., and S/Sgt. A. J. Potter, of Mineral Wells, Tex., for heroism on bombing missions, was announced yesterday by ETO headquarters.

Award of the Silver Star to Col. Robert D. Q. Henriques, Royal Artillery, for gallantry in action while serving liaison officer with U.S. troops during the North African landings Nov. 8, 1942, was announced at the same time.

The announcement also disclosed awards of three Legion of Merit medals to Capt. Arnold Levine, of New Jersey, 1/Lt. Edward N. Hall, of Forest Hills, N.Y., and M/Sgt. William E. Futchik, of Long Beach, Cal., for outstanding service in connection with the maintenance of aircraft.

Lt. Sellers won the DSC for piloting home his heavily damaged bomber after its nose had been torn open by enemy cannon fire, its pilot killed, and Sellers, its co-pilot, severely wounded. "With superb skill, courage and determination," the citation said, Sellers brought the plane into formation, "guided it through two hours of ceaseless fighter attacks and returned the plane and its crew safely."

S/Sgt. Potter, tail gunner on a plane which was attacked by large numbers of enemy fighters, was gravely wounded by cannon fire which also destroyed a window in the tail compartment. "He remained at his post in spite of the seriousness and pain of his wounds and the extreme cold to which he was subjected," the citation said, "and continued to fire upon the enemy, destroying one of its aircraft." Only when the attacks ended, it added, did he consent to first aid treatment.

## Lisbon-Stuttgart Airline

MADRID, Dec. 7 (AP)—A German airline resumed daily service today on the Lisbon-Madrid-Barcelona-Marseilles and Stuttgart line, after three months of service thrice-weekly.

## AFN Radio Program

Operated by Radio Branch, Special Service Division, SOS, ETO.

1402 kc On Your Dial 1420 kc  
213.9m. 211.3m.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

- 1100—GI Jive.
- 1115—Hymns From Home.
- 1130—Billy Ternent and orchestra.
- 1200—South American Way.
- 1240—Bob Crosby Show.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Barracks Bag—a grab-bag of entertainment.
- 1400—Sign off until 1745 hours.
- 1745—Program Resume and Spotlight Band.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—What D'ya Know, Joe?
- 1825—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Sports—presented by The Stars and Stripes.
- 1905—Carnival of Music.
- 1930—Lone Ranger—Hi O, Silver Away.
- 2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A., presented by The Stars and Stripes.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2025—This is the Army.
- 2030—Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2110—Melody Roundup—Western music.
- 2125—Marching On (BBC), dramatized news of the week.
- 2155—Fibber McGee and Molly.
- 2225—Final Edition.
- 2230—Sign off until 1100 hours, Thursday, Dec. 9.

# Navy Launches U.S.S. Wisconsin

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—The 45,000-ton super battleship Wisconsin, the third vessel of the Iowa class launched during the war, slid down the ways here today.

The keel of the 90 million dollar ship was laid 11 months before Pearl Harbor. Of the six ships in the Iowa class, three—the Iowa, the New Jersey and the Wisconsin—are now afloat. The Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky have not been announced as launched yet.

Ships of the Iowa class, according to Jane's Fighting Ships, carry nine 16-inch guns, 20 five-inch guns, 16 1.1-inch guns, 50 machine-guns and four aircraft.

The ship is large enough, Assistant Secretary of Navy Ralph Bard said, to carry the first battleship Wisconsin, which was launched in 1895 and scrapped in 1922. Bard said that the 16-inch gun turret of the ship weighs as much as a modern destroyer and the fire power of the ship is 100 times as heavy as it was three years ago.

# Turkey - - -

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Russians in an offensive against the Rumanian and Bulgarian coasts, the Dardanelles would enable the Allies to pour supplies into the Soviet at a much faster pace than possible over the long Iran land route or the hazardous Murmansk passage.

Turkey's new-found boldness was regarded as based upon not only reassurances of military protection but also on the probability that her bogey of domination by Russia had been blown away—possibly by a Soviet pledge neither to take over nor Communize Bulgaria, Turkey's northern neighbor.

President Roosevelt sent his own plane, piloted by Maj. Otis Ryan, to bring Inoué to the conference, the third historic parley engaged in by the American President and Churchill in the last few weeks.

## Show at Manchester

MANCHESTER, Dec. 7.—"This Is the Army," Irving Berlin's all-soldier musical, which packed the London Palladium for three weeks, opened here today at the Palace Theater. The rest of the schedule: Liverpool (Empire), Dec. 13-18; Birmingham (Hippodrome), 20-25; and Bristol (Victoria Rooms), Dec. 27-Jan. 1.

## Terry and the Pirates

