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Rommel Thrusts Halted on Two Fronts

Double Raid Hits Lorient, Brest Bases

U.S. Bombers Blast Nazi Sub Pens in Daylight; Lose Three Planes

American heavy bombers struck at their fourth Nazi target in eight days over the week-end, less than 12 hours after the RAF had completed ten non-stop nights of pounding the enemy in Europe.

Drowning German flak defenses by the very weight of their bombs, Flying Fortresses scored "excellent" results over the much-battered submarine base of Lorient, in the west of France, in daylight Saturday afternoon.

At the same time formations of Eighth Air Force Liberators fought through strong enemy fighter opposition and heavy flak to bomb the sub-base at Brest.

The Liberators had fighter cover, the Fortresses went alone. Three Forts were lost, two fighters.

After RAF Essen Raid

The double-barreled blasting came after Friday night's saturation raid by the RAF on Essen, home of the German Krupp armament works.

The RAF lost 14 bombers in their tenth night raid in a row. Successively they have pounded Wilhelmshaven, Nurnberg, Cologne, western Germany, St. Nazaire, Berlin, western Germany, Hamburg, western Germany and finally Essen. Every one of the raids, as well as the dove-tailing missions carried out meanwhile by the USAAF, has been directly or indirectly against the manufacture, repair and maintenance of Nazi submarines. Essen, in the Ruhr Valley of western Germany, is a center of the manufacture of U-boat components.

Intelligence officers at bomber stations still were questioning gunners yesterday to check the number of enemy fighters shot down on Saturday's "double-bill."

Drop Flag Over Brest

The best "hit" of the day was claimed by Sgt. Wesley Rankin, of Hollywood, radio operator on a Liberator, who told of dropping an American flag over Brest "just to let them know we're in it."

While the comparatively unopposed bombing at Lorient was reported "excellent," that at Brest was listed in the communique as "good."

Brig. Gen. James G. Hodges, of Washington, was in the Lib piloted by 1/Lt. J. A. Harvey, of Scarsdale, N.Y.

1/Lt. James M. Gill, of Puckett, Miss., bombardier on the Liberator piloted by 1/Lt. Harry L. Jarvis, of Dalton, Ga., said "the visibility was so good that after I released my bombs I could see them fall and burst in the target area."

"It was a quiet trip," Gill reported, "until the right waist gunner, S/Sgt. Gerald C. Burton, of Knoxville, Tenn., yelled over the intercom, 'I've got one, I've got one!' What Burton had fired at was one of the few attacking FWs, and he reports it went down blazing."

Germans Tell Death Toll

German Radio over the weekend officially admitted that the death toll from the RAF's devastating raid on Berlin is expected to exceed 500. STB, Nazi-controlled news agency in Stockholm, reported that 486 persons so far were listed dead, with 377 dangerously injured. Referring to the raids on Hamburg, Cologne and Wilhelmshaven, a German radio commentator said:

"There were many killed and a great amount of debris everywhere. The same was the case in Berlin, where very heavy damage was done."

Yesterday afternoon, RAF formations swept across the Channel at the occupied lands in two sorties. Two enemy aircraft

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AA Chief Says Luftwaffe Will Hit London Again

Gen. Sir Frederick Pile, chief of the Anti-Aircraft Command, yesterday predicted the Luftwaffe again would throw heavy forces at London, and told Home Guardsmen they would be responsible for manning guns against them.

Speaking to 5,000 guardsmen in Albert Hall, Gen. Pile said, "We have been lucky so far. We have had a long time to prepare to deal with a mass attack. . . . The Home Guard will, I think, before the war ends, be manning every type of AA weapon."

Clear Mines After German Retreat



Paving the way for further Allied advances, Royal Engineers in Churchill tanks detect and clear mines along a road near Sbiba Sbeitla on the Tunisia front.

Nazis, Like Napoleon's Hordes, Wearily Retreat to Smolensk

MOSCOW, Mar. 7 (AP)—History echoed down the cold road to Smolensk today.

Driven out of Gzhatsk, the Germans—as did Napoleon's hordes 131 years ago—trod wearily westward along the Moscow-Smolensk high road, which is exactly the same road and conditions are not greatly different.

Gzhatsk, formerly the nearest German stronghold to Moscow, was taken yesterday as a result of two Russian assaults. The River Gzhatsk, along with fortifications on all the approaches to the town, made Gzhatsk one of the strongest defense points on the entire German front.

Moscow Rejoices

Back in Moscow, the peoples of the Russian capital again sighed and laughed with joy as another invader with the cold jaws of winter about him re-enacted a retreat from Moscow.

The analogy between the shattered hopes of Hitler and the King-Emperor of the French is historically startling.

Today's dispatches said that their front read almost like Tolstoy's "War and Peace."

"A man in motion always devises an aim for that motion," Tolstoy wrote. "To be able to go 1,000 miles, he must imagine that something good awaits him at the end of those 1,000 miles. One must have the prospect of a promised land to have the strength to move."

Reds Pursue Nazis

Soviet dispatches said that their troops pursued the Germans west of Gzhatsk, which is only 130 miles of Smolensk along Napoleon's way of retreat.

"The promised land for the French during their advance had been Moscow, during their retreat it was their native land," Tolstoy said. But that native land was too far off and for a man going a thousand miles it is absolutely necessary for him to see his final goal and say to himself:

"Tomorrow I shall get to a place 25

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Explosions Stop Work At Austrian Arms Plant

ISTANBUL, Mar. 7 (UP)—Explosions on Feb. 25 stopped work in several workshops of the important factory at Florisdorf, near Vienna, according to travellers reaching here from Vienna.

More than 1,200 men were put out of work by the explosions, believed the result of sabotage. The official explanation was they were due to firing practice.

Stowaway Wife Flies to Pilot Here

Leading Aircraftwoman Marion Darling, who stowed away on a bomber bound for Britain because official permission to visit her husband here was denied, is back in Canada. The security veil has been lifted. The story can be told.

Records of the Royal Canadian Air Force show that Marion, originally from Boston, Mass., was stationed at a Newfoundland Field with her Canadian WAAF detachment. Her husband, Sgt. Pilot Gordon Darling, was in Britain.

Some weeks ago Marion asked permission to fly to England in a Ferry Command ship to visit her husband. Shocked

Rescue Bomber Men in Channel

Fortress Crew 8 Hours On Raft, Sends SOS Plane Calls Ship

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Mar. 7—Seven men who went on Thursday's bombing raid to Hamm, Germany, were rescued in mid-Channel by a British minesweeper after they had drifted in a rubber raft, numb with cold, for eight hours.

They were part of the crew of a Flying Fortress which crashed in the Channel after a 77-minute battle with German fighter planes. The plane broke up when it hit the water and sank in less than five seconds.

Within a few seconds two rubber life rafts, uninflated, bobbed to the surface. The chilled men—three had been unable to stay afloat and drowned—swam to the rafts. They were so stiff with cold that it was half an hour before they were able to inflate the rafts, lash them together, and drag themselves aboard.

Then began an eight-hour wait for rescue, with waves running 40 feet high. Two of the men had been injured.

Fortunately it was daylight. The men obtained emergency supplies from pockets in the raft, got a box-kite aloft and began sending SOS signals from a portable radio transmitter. Twice during the day planes flew by without seeing the tiny, drifting raft.

At last, just as dusk neared, a British patrol plane spotted the men, circled low and dropped a raft with food, water and flares. Just before 8 PM, a British minesweeper, summoned by the plane, came within sight of the flares and flashlights the cold, exhausted men were using as their last-chance signal for safety.

She came alongside and took the

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Drive Lags in North, 8th Army Beats Off Two Blows in South

Americans Mass for Attack at Kairouan; U.S. Patrols Enter Pichon and Withdraw; British Evacuate Sedjenane

Allied and Axis forces were engaged in a see-saw battle for control of Tunisia yesterday.

In the extreme north, the ten-day-old Axis offensive had "relaxed" and the initiative once more was with the First Army, Allied headquarters said. Earlier British units had withdrawn from Sedjenane to occupy new positions west of the village, and no new enemy thrusts were reported.

On the central front, American troops were massing for an attack on the pass guarding Kairouan. Armored patrols entered Pichon, west of the pass, Friday but withdrew without engaging the enemy.

In the south, Rommel made two desperate attacks from the Mareth Line at the British Eighth Army, both of which were driven off with heavy casualties, Allied headquarters said. Fighting was continuing yesterday.

Rommel Strikes At Eighth Army

Nazi Field Marshal Rommel made a desperate attempt Saturday and yesterday to break through the lines of the British Eighth Army, hemming him in at the southern end of the North African Mareth Line.

Two vicious tank attacks were smothered in the fire of British anti-tank guns, without losses to the Eighth Army, but despite the loss of at least 21 tanks in the two futile jabs, Nazi infantry still were trying to force their way into the British lines late yesterday afternoon.

The first attack was launched at dawn and the second an hour later. By 10 AM it was evident that the Germans were making a genuine try for a break-through. The battle soon turned into a duel between British guns and German tanks with the area in front of Poujane and Hallouf, from where the German attacks developed, strewn with smoking and shattered Nazi vehicles.

(An early Berlin broadcast claimed the German tanks had penetrated British lines and had inflicted casualties and taken prisoners well behind the front, but last night Berlin said the attack was a reconnaissance "only.")

'No British Losses'

A communique from Allied Headquarters said the attacks had been held without any British losses.

There was intense air activity prior to the German attack. Allied Air Force Headquarters said that nearly 100 American P40s established virtually a shuttle-service to the German Panzer concentration points.

South of Gabes Allied fighter-bombers discovered a huddle of German armored and "soft-shelled" vehicles and unloaded clusters of 40-pound bombs. German fighter opposition was driven off with the loss of one Me109 during the early preparatory stage of the battle and another yesterday.

French Troops May Get U.S. Uniforms and Guns

RABAT, French Morocco, Mar. 7 (AP)—French troops, operating with the Allies in North Africa, may soon be wearing American uniforms, it was disclosed here today. French leaders said conferences on the subject had been held. French insignia would be used, it was explained.

Fighting French leaders said some equipment had been received from American sources, particularly rifles, but that the need for clothing was great.

Axis Drive Slows On North Front

The widespread Nazi offensive in northern Tunisia has relaxed and the Allies have regained the initiative on that front, Allied Force Headquarters in North Africa announced yesterday.

The lull came after more than a week of bitter tank and infantry fighting, climaxed by the withdrawal of First Army units from the village of Sedjenane before repeated and costly blows by German forces. The Allied units were reported to have taken up new positions to defend the flat lands beyond the village, leading down to the Mediterranean.

On the central front, further south, American forces were massing to the west of the pass leading through the mountains to Kairouan, which is only 25 miles from the port of Sousse.

Americans Reach Pichon

U.S. armored patrols, consisting of armored cars and infantry, reached the western entrance of the pass at 4:30 PM Friday when they entered the town of Pichon, evacuated by the French in the face of superior forces two weeks ago when the Rommel offensive began. The Americans, numerically small, did not attempt to hold the town, however, but withdrew without a brush with the enemy.

Just east of the town, the Germans hold a line running north and south and forming a screen for the pass defending Kairouan. The valley itself is largely no-man's-land.

Further south, Allied armored patrols penetrated to within two miles of Gafsa on Saturday. They encountered Italian forces and took 12 Italian prisoners.

Foe Paid Big Price

British troops withdrew under cover of darkness Thursday from Sedjenane after eight days of fighting in which Allied Headquarters estimated the enemy lost 3,000 to 4,000 men killed, wounded or captured.

The British took up positions covering Tamara, eight miles west of Sedjenane, and the Germans, apparently in need of rest and regrouping, did not establish contact immediately, although patrols penetrated the hills north and south of the new British positions. Some were taken prisoners.

German radio said last night the German drive was continuing and Axis forces had captured Cape Serrat, on the coast, in a surprise thrust. The radio also said an attack by Allied troops in the region of Medjez El Bab was frustrated.

Into the attacks on Sedjenane the Germans hurled heavy infantry forces, supported by masses of armored cars. Dive-bombers strafed the roads leading from the town and bombed the place itself heavily. Loss of the village was not regarded as serious, provided the new positions can be held and an important road, leading from Djebel Aboud to Beja, kept out of enemy hands.

Allied losses in tanks and men have been fractional compared with the Axis, United Press reported.

U.S. Planes Hit 88 Ships From Fields in Africa

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Mar. 7 (AP)—Eighty-eight vessels, ranging from barges to large freighters, have been hit by American bombers since the start of the North African campaign. Thirty-three were sunk, 15 severely damaged and 40 less seriously damaged, it was announced.

cial sources. There was also plenty of sympathy for the American girl in Canadian uniform who had flouted a stack of regulations a foot high, who was very AWOL—and who was so much in love with her pilot-husband that she took the chances she did just to see him again.

Pending decision on her case they placed Marion under formal arrest—in the custody of her husband. He was given seven days' leave.

Then Darling's outfit was ordered to another theater of operations and Marion went to work in the Air Ministry.

Now she's back in Canada again, probably the only American-born girl to ever steal a trans-Atlantic ride in a British bomber and get away with it.

RCAF authorities brushed that off in a hurry. They didn't know Marion.

"There was a plane on our field getting ready to make the trans-Atlantic hop," Marion explained later. "I seized my opportunity, when nobody was looking, climbed aboard and hid myself behind some baggage."

Eight hours later, when the ship was well on her way toward a British destination, the crew found Marion and promptly put her under a kind of high-altitude arrest.

When the ship landed in Britain, Marion was turned over to RCAF authorities.

There was huffing and puffing from offi-

Victory Over Japanese Convoy 'Coach's Dream of Perfect Play'

Commander and Pilots Prayed for Such a Chance; Three Cruisers Among 22 Ships Sunk; No Sign Now of Survivors

The United States victory over the Japanese convoy in the Bismarck Sea last week was described as a "football coach's dream of the perfect play" by Assistant Secretary of War Robert Lovett in Washington yesterday.

In the battle, the U.S. Air Force, aided by a few Australian fighter and reconnaissance planes, mopped up a complete Japanese attacking squad of ten warships and 12 cargo and transport vessels, sinking all of them and sending approximately 15,000 enemy troops to their deaths in shark-infested waters.

Praising Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, commanding general of the Allied Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific area, for his "superb technique and planning," Lovett said:

Prayed for a Chance

"This action was planned long in advance. Gen. Kenney wrote me several weeks ago that he had callouses on his knees from praying for a chance at one of these convoys." Pilots who took part said they had been "sitting around since Christmas" waiting for just such a whack at a convoy.

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific announced yesterday that three light cruisers were among the 22 Japanese ships sunk in the battle. Seven destroyers and 12 transports composed the rest of the destroyed convoy.

The 136 Allied planes which did the job tackled an air umbrella of 150 Jap fighters and put 102 out of action, of which 63 were definitely confirmed as shot down, headquarters said. The whole action was described in Washington as a war's greatest air victory over naval units.

Assistant Secretary Lovett explained the bombing was done at all levels and the Jap convoy was given no respite.

'Every Trick in the Bag'

"We threw every trick in the bag at them and then the bag itself," he said. "We operated a continuous shuttle service over the convoy."

All-round cooperation, he said, was the keystone in the victory. "This was definitely a team fight. The ground crew chiefs did a fine job. They got the planes into the air and then swatted it out waiting for the boys to get back from the long haul. The whole army air force is as proud as it can be."

Australia celebrated wildly the victory in what it called a strange, unorthodox battle—perhaps the most lopsided licking the Japanese Navy ever received. In terms of losses, those of the enemy compared to the Allies outrank the Midway, Coral Sea and Solomons engagements.

Pilots Tell Thrillers

Pilots jubilantly told stories of wreckage strewn 300 miles across the sea from Cape Gloucester almost to Lae harbor mouth.

2/Lt. Edward T. Solomon, of Suffolk, Va., who graduated from flying school only six months ago, said: "We've been sitting around since Christmas waiting for a good convoy job. Boy, we went in so low we could catch fish in our props. They tried to bring their big guns against our formation, but we were so low they couldn't keep up with us."

"By 3 PM Wednesday there were only two good ships left, and we made a job of them. When we left I saw four ships afire, two more listing. There were lifeboats, debris and Japs everywhere in the water."

"I got my destroyer right in the stern with a direct hit through the hatch. A cloud of black smoke belched out of the hatch. Some other B25s got another destroyer. I saved one bomb for a transport which I got amidships and she blew up."

Gets Two in 45 Minutes

Luck rode with 1/Lt. Paul Stanch, of Audubon, N.J., pilot of a Lightning, who got his first chance against Zeros and bagged two while protecting Flying Fortresses.

"We had just entered combat and I had to turn right into a formation of about 30 Jap fighters because of mechanical trouble."

"I was all alone going down in a dive, with five Zeros on my tail. Another P38 drove them off. Then I saw two Zeros on the tail of another Lightning. I got one of those babies, then lost contact."

"A flight of fighters I thought were ours turned out to be Zeros going in to attack three Fortresses. I waited until I got in close range and with long bursts followed one right down to the water. That was my second in 45 minutes. I ran out of ammunition at this point with another firing at me. If I had run he would probably have got me, but I turned right into him and he beat it."

'Not a Ship Afloat'

Complete destruction of the convoy was confirmed by air reconnaissance, which failed to reveal a single Jap ship afloat. Mitchell bombers and Beaufighters swept the Huon Gulf, hunting down barges and lifeboats which were the only remnants of the convoy. One Mitchell bomber found three Japanese lifeboats carrying an estimated 300 Japanese. It returned to report: "No survivors."

Allied planes dropped 226 tons of bombs, headquarters announced. Eighty direct hits were observed and 63 near misses or hits. Allied losses were one heavy bomber and three fighters shot down, and a number seriously damaged, others receiving minor damage. All but the four destroyed in combat returned to base.

Technicians Give £1,632 to Orphans

Lockheed Workers Make Largest Single Contribution

The largest single contribution to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund was recorded yesterday with the receipt of £1,632—about \$6,528—from American civilian technicians of the Lockheed Aircraft Overseas Corp. in the British Isles.

This donation, bettering the largest single contribution previously received by almost £1,100, boosted the Fund's total to £16,155 (\$66,568), collected since it was launched Sept. 26, and it will provide 16 orphans with education, clothing and extras for five years.

In turning the Lockheed money over to the administrators of the War Orphan Fund, Henry H. Ogden, general manager of the plant, requested on behalf of the employees that the money be used to help children in Northern Ireland. Most of the Lockheed personnel have been working in Ulster.

"The kids in Ireland have certainly helped us feel welcome," a spokesman for Lockheed said. "In a small way, our gift can be counted as a token of our gratitude for their hospitality."

Dr. Norman E. Nygaard, chaplain of the Lockheed organization, told how the record-breaking sum was raised.

"It started when we 'passed the hat' in December," he said, "to get funds for a Christmas party for the kids in Northern Ireland. We collected £534, enough to provide parties for 4,000 at 12 different clubs and hospitals."

"When the bills were paid we had £200 left over and an employe committee decided to make this money the nucleus of a drive to raise £1,000 for the War Orphan Fund."

"Mr. Ogden organized the campaign,



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

The largest single contribution to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund, £1,632 ss., is handed over to Winifred Rose, fund secretary, by Henry H. Ogden, representing the Lockheed Aircraft Overseas Corporation, which collected the amount from its employees in the British Isles. Dr. Norman E. Nygaard, Lockheed chaplain, and Cpl. Jake Miller, of Minneapolis, Stars and Stripes Northern Ireland representative, looks on.

setting a modest quota for each department. Depot Engineering, one of the smaller departments, turned in over double their quota and challenged the rest to match it. When the last shilling was accounted for we had an over-subscription of 62 per cent."

During the campaign, it was said, an inter-hut communications system called the "Nitwit Network" announced that refreshments would be "on the house"

for anyone visiting the main "studio" and dropping a donation in a bucket. In a few hours the bucket was filled.

"Raising the money turned out to be a lot of fun," Dr. Nygaard said. "And the contributors are looking forward to more fun when it is hoped that their adopted nieces and nephews may come out and visit them, eat with their foster uncles in the mess halls and take in the movies."

Japs Shunning Combat With American Pilots

NEW DELHI, Mar. 7 (AP)—American fighting pilots have thrown the fear of God into Japanese flyers over India, Burma and China, Brig. Gen. Clayton Bissell, commanding the Tenth U.S. Air Force, indicated at a press conference here.

During the entire month of February, he said, the China Air Task Force had been unable to get a single Jap plane into combat. On Feb. 23, he added, 25 Jap planes attacked an American base in north-east India but fled in scattered disorder when American planes took off.

In Burma the Jap pilots were so shy that one American, Maj. Grant Mahoney, of Vallejo, Cal., destroyed 11 out of 12 planes on a Jap field, without fighter opposition—and then went back the next day and got the 12th.

Eagle Club Schedules Two Juke Box Dances

Juke box dancing on Wednesday and Friday between 6.30 and 9 PM heads the program for the coming week at the American Red Cross Eagle Club.

On Tuesday a movie will be shown at 2.30 PM, while at 7 o'clock an informal "at home" gathering will be held. The house committee meeting will be held at 3 PM Wednesday and the regular BBC broadcast at 3.30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Red Cross Club at Telaviv

CAIRO, Mar. 7 (AP)—The American Red Cross has opened its third club for U.S. troops in the mid-east at Telaviv, Palestine. Others are now operating at Alexandria and Cairo.

Help 'Wings for Victory' Fund

T/4 Andrew Krastek, of Mafield, Pa., and Pfc George W. May, of Dover, Pa., stick stamps they bought at the opening ceremony of the "Wings for Victory" on a bomb bound for Germany, and then cancel them with: "Dear Adolf—May your life be short." Both soldiers are in London on furlough.

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo



The pilot of an American Flying Fortress and his bombardier stole the show in a Trafalgar Square "Wings for Victory" rally Saturday, one of several in London marking the opening of a war savings drive.

Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commanding the U.S. Army's Eighth Air Force, spoke at Bermondsey, and Air Force men and bands participated in other rallies.

The Trafalgar Square rally was well under way, with speeches from RAF and civilian leaders, when someone noticed two Americans crawling over a big Lancaster bomber on display. They were 1/Lt. Ross C. Bayles, Flying Fortress pilot from Caldwell, Idaho, and his

bombardier, 2/Lt. Paul M. Thomas, of Houston, Tex.

Pushed before the mike, Lt. Thomas' Texas drawl drew cheers from the crowd as he declared: "When our air force is as big and as experienced as the RAF, we'll make a British-American team that nobody'll be able to stop."

In his Bermondsey speech, Gen. Eaker said that "during 1943 I confidently expect American bomber effort in England to grow from its present token size to full equality and partnership with the RAF. We are just getting into the fight."

"I like Bermondsey's motto, 'Bomb for Bomb,' but I would like to make one addition—a thousand bombs for every Hun bomb."

Nazi Warship Concentration Reported at Norwegian Base

A powerful concentration of German warships has been assembled in the Trondheim area of Norway, according to dispatches to London newspapers, and British sources said yesterday there was a possibility of a breakout in force to attack the supply route to Russia.

Unofficial naval sources said there was a possibility the German fleet was concentrated "for one big fight against heavy odds rather than face scuttling as the high sea fleet was in 1918." Other sources, however, said it was much more probable the fleet concentration was ordered because Adm. Doenitz believes the far north is his best strategic location.

The far north concentration ties down many powerful allied units because of the

necessity of a close watch, naval sources pointed out, and strategically it is a major menace to convoys carrying supplies to Russia.

The London newspapers said the Trondheim area squadron consists of the Tirpitz, 35,000-ton sister-ship of the Bismarck; at least two cruisers of the 10,000-ton Hipper class, which mount eight-inch guns, and a number of fast destroyers. Some sources said the aircraft carrier Graf Zeppelin, which was laid down at Kiel in 1938, also was there, along with the 26,000-ton Scharnhorst, reported at Skaggerak three weeks ago.

The reports were given considerable credence in Washington, the Associated Press said yesterday. Speculation centered on the possibility that the Nazi high command planned a surface campaign, as well as an undersea offensive, against supply lines between Britain and Russia this spring.

Washington observers believe the German fleet could be overwhelmed by the Allies, but the last thing the Germans wanted was a pitched battle—the odds against success were too great. Belief in Washington was the Germans would try to attempt raider tactics.

For effective assaults on allied convoys the Germans could organize at least three task forces, observers said—the Scharnhorst could lead one, the Tirpitz another and the carrier Graf Zeppelin a third.

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miles off where I shall rest and spend the night.

"And during the first day's journey that resting place eclipses his ultimate goal and attracts all his hopes and desires."

Dispatches did not say that Hitler's shivering hordes were running for Germany or even for Smolensk, but they were being driven westward looking for places to make a stand and regain their breath for further batterings from the Red Army.

In the rapid move to the west from Gzhatsk and south from Olenino and southwest from Rzhev, the Reds struck into the "Viazma Triangle"—the great, strongly fortified German area defending the Yartsevo-Smolensk line, capturing 20-30 places in that attack.

The Viazma Triangle is the last bastion of the Germans' offensive-defensive quadrilateral before Moscow. Viazma itself lies 40 miles southwest of Gzhatsk on the railway from Moscow to Smolensk.

Comparatively little activity seems to be taking part on other sectors of the front, although the Germans are still speaking of heavy attacks on both sides of Staraya Russa, south of Lake Ilmen.

Rescue - - - -

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bomber crew aboard. They were so cold, tired and weak that several were unable to stand upright.

The seven survivors were 1/Lt. Robert F. Brubaker, bombardier; 2/Lt. Rollin P. Ball, navigator; T/Sgt. Edwin L. Barber, Memphis, tail gunner; T/Sgt. Le Roy M. Wolfington, Claremore, Okla., waist gunner; T/Sgt. William G. Dickson, Selma, Ark., top turret gunner; S/Sgt. Donald G. Wells, Lincoln, Neb., radio operator; S/Sgt. James M. Bechtel, Grant, Neb., waist gunner.

Men 38-45 Get New Draft Class

They Won't Be Called Yet But Are Available When Needed

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (AP)—Selective Service today ordered local draft boards to put no more 38- to 45-year-old men in Class 4H, and to transfer men now in that classification into regular classes, but not actually to draft them.

The action has the effect of establishing the order in which men over 38 would be called up "if and when the armed forces determine they can be used in the military establishment," as the manpower commission put it.

There was, however, no indication from the Selective Service, War or Navy departments as to whether this foreshadowed a call to the colors for men over 38.

The chief aim of the new order was to induce men over 38 to go into farming. The order provides that any man aged 38 who is farming now, or takes up farming by May 1, will be re-classified promptly into farm deferment.

Raids - - - -

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were shot down over the Channel by Allied aircraft.

Saturday night bombs were dropped over East Anglia, but the Air Ministry reported no damage or casualties.

The bombing by the Fortresses at Lorient was "excellent," the official communique reported; it was one of the few times since American heavy bombers began operations here last August that the term has been employed.

Bombardiers reported hits squarely on the target area, and a naval power station was left in flames. A railroad bridge received direct hits and part of it was destroyed.

The first salvo of bombs to drop from the Fortress bellies apparently caught the center of the ack-ack defenses, crewmen reported, because flak stopped as the planes roared over the target.

The raid was the best example to date of high-altitude, daylight precision bombing, with "not one bomb wasted," as 2/Lt. Kenneth Moberly, of Moberly, Mo., put it. "That bridge went right into the water in pieces. Around the sub pens—where the RAF had been—there was nothing; it looked just like a desert."

With less opposition than on many other missions, the bombardiers had time to set their sights on pin points.

"It was the sweetest bombing run I ever saw in my life," said 1/Lt. Lloyd Patterson, of Ontario, Cal. "Our bombardier (Lt. V. Williams, of Dublin, Tex.) kept saying long before he let them go:

"This is going to be sweet. This is going to be sweet."

Maj. Paul D. Brown, of Orange, N.Y., leader of one group of Forts, reported: "The bombing today was very good and we encountered only weak enemy opposition."

Some Fort groups didn't even get a shot at enemy fighters, but Maj. Brown's group claimed one down. S/Sgt. Robert Cole, of Beverley, Mass., ball turret gunner, reported pounding 50 rounds into a fighter which he "passed along" to the tail gunner, S/Sgt. C. A. Nastal, of Detroit, who added another 100 rounds. The fighter went down in smoke.

Americans Get 'Fire Baptism' At British Unit

U.S. Infantrymen At Battle School Study German War Technique

By Bryce W. Burke

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A BRITISH BATTLE SCHOOL, England, Mar. 7—Three U.S. soldiers—two officers, and a sergeant—are getting their "baptism of fire" here in what is known as the "toughest training school" in England.

Six days a week for the next few weeks these three Americans, along with approximately 100 officers and men of the British forces, will spend 13 hours of every 24 learning the basic tactics of "fire and movement" based on lessons learned in France, Libya and other battle zones.

These men from an infantry unit, who were invited to attend the school, are Capt. Julius B. Sadilek, of New Orleans, La.; 1st Lt. Ralph G. Pritchard, of Augusta, Ga., and Sgt. Forrest F. Austin, of New Orleans. A fourth student, Sgt. Sidney Peskin, also from New Orleans, injured his back and had to withdraw from the course.

Every effort is made to produce actual battle conditions for this training. Movements are carried out on the "double" and under live fire from machine-guns, mortars and other light infantry weapons. The "enemy" follows German military technique as closely as possible.

Demonstration Squad

The students first learn the part each individual plays in a tactical movement by watching it executed by a special demonstrating group of instructors. They then carry it out to the tune of bullets and bursting explosive charges. At the beginning, the training is done in small squads, later advancing to movement by platoons and then to companies. The final two days of the course are devoted to a 48-hour non-stop maneuver with both sides using live ammunition and supported by artillery, tanks and sometimes planes.

In addition to learning tactics in the field the men also are taught the proper procedure for clearing houses of enemy troops and snipers, crossing rivers and streams, laying mines, setting and detecting booby traps, as well as the proper use of all types of infantry weapons.

The school is under the direct supervision of a lieutenant-colonel, a veteran of 14 years in the British Army who was injured while fighting against the Germans in France in 1940.

The "battle inoculation" course, as it is called by the colonel, is designed to accustom the men to think and act quickly when they are put under fire and to impress upon them the importance of team spirit.

'Run, Crawl All Day'

The first day of training was spent, as one American officer said, "running and crawling all day." On the second day the new students were put over the mile-long obstacle course believed to be one of the toughest tests of endurance yet devised at any training center.

"A half hour on the obstacle course produces about the same sensation as three days of fighting," the colonel said. This course is a series of water holes, embankments, wells covered with barbed wire, streams, shell holes, tunnels, barbed wire entanglements, and "Stinking Charley," a bridge under which the soldier must pass with the water up to his neck.

All along this course charges of explosives are detonated as the soldiers go through. Machine-guns fire just over their heads and grenades explode close to them.

At the end of the course the soldier must fire five rounds from his weapon at bobbing targets about 300 yards away.

General Impressed

"I was very much impressed and amazed that men can get into physical condition to go through it," Brig. Gen. James P. Hodges of the U.S. Air Force said after watching the demonstration. "I also was impressed by the fire and spirit of the instructors, demonstrated in a very practical way by all of them from the commanding general on down."

"It was the toughest thing I've ever had to go through and I believe everyone here will agree with me," Capt. Sadilek said after he had run the course.

Many of the students were absolutely exhausted at the finish and barely had strength enough to get back to their quarters "on the double." Others were heard saying "That's a course, that one," and one British major, crawling on his back under barbed wire, said, "God! The things I do for England!"

The colonel said they were very pleased to have the Americans at the school and expressed the hope that more would arrange to take the course. He suggested that any who wished to attend should have their commanding officer get in touch with The Stars and Stripes for the necessary information.

Nazi Anti-Personnel Bomb

The Ministry of Home Security gave warning yesterday against a small new German anti-personnel bomb, saying a number had been dropped in the last few days and may be scattered over a wide area.

The Ministry said the bombs were the size of a large round cigarette tin, weighed about four pounds and were liable to explode at the slightest touch.

Historic Cambridge Host to Yanks

Soldiers Get Chance To Study With English

By Charles W. White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

CAMBRIDGE, Mar. 7—Historic Cambridge University is host these days to groups of American students in OD—officers and men who chose to spend seven-day furloughs in the lecture rooms and libraries of one of England's oldest institutions of learning. Similar courses, open to American troops, also are available at Oxford University.

Typical of the enlisted men attending the one-week special session here was T/5 Eli Comay, of Detroit. Comay had his seven days coming, heard about the student plan and applied through the Special Service Officer of his regiment.

"I like this place fine," he said, apologizing for the fact that he'd missed a lecture on William Shakespeare.

Attendance at the lectures is not compulsory, he hastened to explain, so if a man didn't feel like getting up, well nobody called the roll.

Comay looked around the time-stained stones of Magdalen College, where he was billeted in Benson Court.

"Beautiful old buildings here," he remarked, "lots of atmosphere."

"I was going to Wayne University, in Detroit, before the Army got me."

The quarters at Benson Court which he shared with Cpl. Lyman Ogg, of Syracuse, N.Y., were almost like a GI dream of heaven—bedroom, sitting-room, a nice big fire.

Ogg, a Princeton graduate, now attached to SOS HQ, attended lectures faithfully. He's interested in political theory and international law.

It Was a Good Leave

All in all, it made a fine leave, Comay declared. He met some attractive women students—"only I've forgotten their names."

Besides Cpls. Comay and Ogg, a number of U.S. officers attended this week's lectures. They included one colonel, at Christ's College; Lt. M. S. Bull, at Corpus Christi; Col. F. E. Bridgetts, New York, at Sidney Sussex; Maj. J. P. Hartman, at Trinity Hall; Capt. C. P. Patton, Trinity; Capt. J. H. Proper, Schoharie, N.Y., Trinity; 2/Lt. E. F. Hurren, at Sidney Sussex; Lt. J. F. O'Connell, Holyoke, Mass., Trinity; Lt. D. C. Gallup, Dallas, Tex., at Westminster College, and Lt. R. Chantigan, Philadelphia, Westminster College. Caswell Smith, of the American Red Cross, stayed in Wesley House.

According to regulations, the fee for enrollment is £3 12s. for officers, £1 12s. for enlisted men, which covers lodging, food and service for the week. Next courses start on March 8, 15 and 22. Applications can be obtained from unit COs or Special Services officers. The courses themselves are handled through the Educational Advisor, Canadian Military Headquarters, London. A number of Canadian other ranks and officers



T/5 Eli Comay, of Detroit, Mich., on furlough at Trinity College, Cambridge University, chats with Constantine Momtchiloff, of Sofia, Bulgaria, fellow student.

have attended the Oxford and Cambridge courses.

The Cambridge program began with assembly at 5 PM Monday at Stuart House, Mill Lane, to receive programs and allocation to colleges. At 8:30 PM there was a lantern lecture on "Cambridge," by G. F. Hickson, MA.

Tuesday, at 9:30 AM, the Rev. Dr. J. S. Whale, President of Cheshunt College, talked on "Old Problems in any New Order."

At 11:30 AM there was a talk and discussion on India by Sir Hubert Sams, Fellow and Bursar of Selwyn College, former Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs in India. In the afternoon there was a tour of the various Cambridge colleges, and in the evening an "at home" with Prof. and Mrs. G. M.

Trevelyan, of Trinity. At 8 PM a party was given by the English-Speaking Union, with dancing.

Wednesday students heard J. T. Sheppard, Provost of King's College, on "Homer's Odyssey," visited King's College, and attended a lantern lecture on "The Flight of Birds," by Prof. J. Gray.

Prof. D. R. Hardman, authority on Shakespeare, lectured at Caius College. Prof. E. A. Walker, St. John's College, discussed "The Influence of the USA on the Development of the British Empire." A visit to famous Ely Cathedral under guidance of the Dean, the Very Rev. L. E. Blackburne, was scheduled for Friday; for Saturday, 10 AM, "Problems of Modern Turkey," by Prof. Ernest Barker, Fellow of Peterhouse, Emeritus Professor of Political Science.

U.S. Railroaders Rescue Engines

Special to The Stars and Stripes

ALLIED FORCE HQ, North Africa, Mar. 7—A bunch of American railroad men, "boomers" from almost every line in the States, staged a "rescue" of four damaged locomotives from Sened just as that town was being evacuated before a fierce German thrust.

Under the command of Maj. Roy P. Moss, former superintendent of the Texas and Pacific R.R., three lieutenants, 55 trackmen and two engine crews repaired bomb-damaged track, patched up the four locomotives, piled them with valuable equipment and pulled out for Gafsa just as advance German units reached Sened.

The men who did that job were part of the American Railroad Engineer units now operating a 100-mile line in half the original running time and getting ready to take over the whole North African railroad net.

Shelter Offered for 10 Big Feet, 13D to 14D

Lt. Robert A. Willard, of New York has two pairs of big shoes—sizes 14D and 13D—which he discovered in old barracks bags at a Northern Ireland salvage depot. He says they are good enough for re-issue.

An Air Force officer has three pairs of 14AAA to pass along to anyone who wants them.

"They have been left over from my days in the enlisted ranks, were made especially for me last year and the size is not likely to be found in QM supplies," he says.

Line forms on the right. Telephone or write to this office and we'll get the gunboats for you.

Air Support HQ Opens Mess Hall

AIR SUPPORT HQ SQUADRON, England, Mar. 6—The opening of a new mess and recreation hall was celebrated with a dance and supper last night.

"The Flying Yanks," with T/Sgt. Pacifico leading the band, furnished music. Three USO stars, Julia Cummings, Peggy Alexander and Olya Klem, were on the program.

Brig. Gen. Robert C. Candee and staff officers of Eighth Air Force Support Command were guests.

The committee in charge included Cpl. W. E. Collins, master of ceremonies, and M/Sgt. George Trotter, T/Sgt. Anthony J. Santos and Sgt. C. D. Lorraine.

Flight Was 'Practice,' But Wound Strictly GI

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Mar. 7—Unscathed in several flights over enemy territory, Capt. Henry J. MacDonald, 26, of San Francisco, is nursing a hole in his right shoulder big enough to put his fist into after a training accident here.

He was towing a sleeve target behind his A20A fighter-bomber for practice firing of Flying Fortress crews. A stray shot crashed through the cockpit, hitting Capt. MacDonald. He lost consciousness and his plane went into a dive.

Recovering, Capt. MacDonald pulled his ship out and landed safely in a nearby field. Capt. MacDonald was hurt once before on a training flight. That was in California in 1941 when his plane struck telephone wires, lost a wing and crashed in flames.

New Production Plan

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7—The War Department has called on all its supply branches to speed up production of munitions and other war supplies by an extension of the sub-contract system. Branch offices were ordered to bring the matter to the attention of prime contractors and direct them to assign part of the work they are doing to other plants.

U.S. Specialists Advise Medics On Discoveries

Top-Ranking Scientists On Call For Any Serious Cases

SOS HEADQUARTERS, Mar. 7—American soldiers in Britain who become seriously ill are receiving daily attention of top-ranking U.S. specialists—best in their lines at home, and here in uniform to help.

These specialists, working from the Office of the Chief Surgeon at Services of Supply, are known as the Professional Services Division. Members of this division are on call to all U.S. Army hospitals in the British Isles. The division is composed of eminent authorities in specialized branches of surgery and medicine, particularly those relating to battle casualties. When combat operations occur in this theater, members of Professional Services will be available.

Besides giving advice in actual cases or operating if necessary, these medical officers are responsible for seeing that American troops benefit by latest scientific developments. At present they are devoting considerable time to supervising courses, and in some cases are themselves lecturing to unit medical officers and hospital staffs.

Close Allied Liaison

It is their duty to maintain close liaison with British and Canadian Army medical services and with research agencies in order that the latest findings in medical practice and research can be supplied in cases arising during military operations.

Heading Professional Services is Col. James C. Kimbrough, who has been in the U.S. Army Medical Corps 25 years and is a specialist in urology.

Chief Surgical Consultant is Col. Elliott C. Cutler, professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School. Lt. Col. William S. Middleton, professor of medicine and Dean of the University of Wisconsin Medical School heads the staff of medical consultants.

Among the outstanding senior consultants in surgery are: Lt. Col. J. B. Brown of Washington University, St. Louis, plastic surgery and burns; Lt. Col. Rex L. Dively of Kansas City, Kans., orthopedic; Lt. Col. Royal Davis, Northwestern University, neuro-surgery; Lt. Col. Ralph M. Tevell of Hartford, Conn., anesthesia; and Lt. Col. Derrick T. Vail, University of Cincinnati, ophthalmology. Lt. Col. Vail is now engaged in important research on the subject of war blindness.

Serving on the medical staff as a senior consultant in treatment of chemical warfare casualties is Lt. Col. Perron H. Long of Johns Hopkins University. Another distinguished member of the staff is Lt. Col. Lloyd Thompson, senior consultant in psychiatry and professor of psychiatry at Yale University Medical School.

Joined in 1904, Vet. Back Again

—ND ENGINEERS, England, Mar. 7—A captain who retired from the Engineers in 1932 as a master sergeant after 28 years' service, and returned to duty at the beginning of this war, is this unit's candidate for the "oldest soldier" title.

John L. McKinnon, of Bangor, Me., enlisted in the Engineers in 1904, went to the Philippines during the insurrection, helped build Corregidor in 1913; served in Cuba in 1906, was at Vera Cruz and with Gen. Pershing in Mexico in 1916.

In World War I, McKinnon became a first lieutenant and trained combat engineers, but reverted to the rank of master sergeant at the close of the war and was assigned to the trades school at Fort Belvoir, Va.

After retiring from the Army Feb. 28, 1932, McKinnon joined the Federal police force in Washington. When war loomed, he left, became a captain and commanding officer of headquarters and service company of the unit to which he now belongs. He has been in England for almost a year.

Cambridge Red Cross Fits Programs to University

CAMBRIDGE, Mar. 7—Bob Armstrong, American Red Cross program director here, has fitted his entertainment schedule to the fact that this historic town on the River Cam is the home of one of the world's foremost universities.

Daily tours are conducted through seven of Cambridge University's ancient college buildings and quadrangles. U.S. soldiers visit Pembroke, Trinity, King's, Clare, St. John's, Peterhouse and Corpus Christi colleges. Visits also are arranged to Ely Cathedral.

The regular entertainment program includes movies, dancing, bridge and a Thursday night "quiz" session.

Invitation to Moose

American members of the Moose are invited to get in touch with the Jubilee lodge chapter in London by writing to Alfred J. Heins, PD, 15 St. James Ave., West Ealing, W.13, or by telephoning Ealing 4651.

Private is Piano Soloist

BELFAST, Mar. 7—Pvt. Lester Hebbard, of Rockaway, L.I., pianist, will present a recital here Sunday, Mar. 21, under auspices of the International Club of Belfast.

Yanks Have Eagle Club Branch In Italian War Prisoner Camp

A branch of the American Eagle Club has been formed in an Italian prisoner of war camp.

In a letter received by Mrs. Francis Dexter, of the Eagle Club's information desk at London, Pilot Claude Weaver, RCAF, who was one of the first of the Americans to arrive on this side with the Canadians, writes:

"We are in a comparatively large camp having over a thousand officers, 28 of whom are Americans. They range from the U.S. Army to the American Field Service, and we also have three members of the American Eagle Club here."

"They are F/O D. A. Newman, San Diego; F/O D. P. Williams, Carlsburg, N.M.; and P/O Bill Wendt, Hibbing, Minn. We've formed our own branch of the AEC. We have a dormitory and all mess together."

"Also our own CO, Col. Max H. Cooler, U.S. Army."

Weaver, who comes from Oklahoma City, was one of the brighter spirits of the Eagle Club in the days before Pearl Harbor. He was known to his buddies and the MPs as the guy who wore a yellow muffer, red tie and high laced boots with uniform. His first letter received by the Red Cross in December asked for this equipment to be sent out to him. "Sunny Italy," he wrote, "is not so sunny where I am."

He gives names of some of the later arrivals at the camp. They are: Lts. H. C. Rideout, Ashburnham, Mass.; R. M. Adams, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; L. C. Kennedy, Phoenix, Ariz.; David Westheimer, Houston, Tex.; Russ Gardiner, Atkinson, Wis.; Fulmer S. C. Brach, Newark, N.J.; Capt. H. J. Wynson, Youngstown, Ohio; and Larry Allen, Associated Press war correspondent.

The address is P.G.21 P.M. 3300, Italy.

Beau Jack Outpoints Zivic for Second Time

Fritzie Rallies At End After Being Pounded

Beau, Outweighed By Ten Pounds, Displays Savage Attack

NEW YORK, Mar. 7.—Beau Jack came within one leg of permanent possession of Fritzie Zivic Friday night. The stubby Augusta (Ga.) Negro reasserted his superiority by outpointing the 29-year-old Pittsburgher in their 12-round fight at Madison Square Garden.

There were few dissenters to the decision. Zivic's ten and a half pound weight advantage at 146 was more than offset by the victor's stamina and blazing speed. But Zivic's age told the real story. He was able to fire few shots compared with Beau's machine-gun attack.

It was a fight with two distinct phases. The first saw the Negro wearing out his gloves on Zivic's face and body, winning the first six rounds as he pleased. In the second phase the old campaigner, with his twisted, cheroot nose and grey, glacial eyes, moved up to take command.

Tried to Finish Zivic

There was practically nothing Zivic could do in the early rounds to halt the withering attack of the brown buzzsaw. He did not have time to organize his defense, let alone counter-attack. Instead he resorted to clinching.

The seventh appeared still more decisively Jack's as he landed the bout's hardest blow—the same kind of right uppercut that kayoed Tippy Larkin. After the fight Fritzie said: "That smack spread all over my mouth and had me spitting blood."

However, in the anxiety to finish Zivic, the raw Jack started missing punches wildly and gave Zivic an opportunity to recover. Then, just before the bell, Fritzie started hitting Jack with everything as the crowd applauded the slug fest.

With the eighth round Fritzie became sharper, winning at least the three remaining rounds. Jack obviously slowed down as Zivic landed several terrific body belts. But, as in their first match last month, Fritzie started too late. His fine boxing in avoiding many of Beau's hardest punches—Beau must have thrown four for every one that connected—couldn't compensate in scoring for Jack's energy and aggressiveness.

Conn Suggests Charity Bout

PITTSBURGH, Mar. 7.—Home here, furloughing from Camp Lee, Va., Cpl. Billy Conn, former world light heavyweight champion, suggested that the War Department promote a heavyweight title bout between himself and Sgt. Joe Louis.

Conn said that he is willing to fight free and thought Louis would do the same. Billy proposed that the ticket purchasers also buy war bonds, ranging from \$10,000 for ringside seats down to \$25 for the bleachers.

The War Department, which cancelled the proposed Louis-Conn fight last Summer, revealed at Washington that plans have been received for holding the fight, but refused to divulge details, emphasizing that the matter was entirely in the hands of Secretary Stimson who personally issued the no-fight order last year when he learned the contenders would receive a portion of the proceeds with which to pay off obligations owed to Promoter Mike Jacobs.

Redbird, Pill Roller Fives Win Cage Games at Belfast

BELFAST, Mar. 7.—In a pair of basketball games on the Red Cross court here, the Redbirds, an Ordnance team, defeated the Royal Ulster Constabulary, 19-9, and the Pill Rollers eked out a 20-18 victory over the GIs.

Pfc Robert Bell, of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, starred for the Redbirds with 12 points. Pfc Frank Pribyl, of Elyscan, Minn., paced the Pill Rollers with six field goals, and T/Sgt. Joe Durkin, of South Bend, Ind., led the GIs with four baskets.

Callura Signs for Wilson Fight
BOSTON, Mar. 7.—Canadian Jackie Callura, NBA world featherweight titleholder, has signed for a 15-round title-setting fight with Jackie Wilson, held by the New York boxing committee as the featherweight titlist.

Weekly Sports Quiz

- 1—What players have hit three home runs in one game while playing for teams in the American and National Leagues?
 - 2—Who was the longest driver of a golf ball?
 - 3—Name the youngest and oldest managers in big league baseball.
 - 4—What boxer defeated Gene Tunney before Tunney won the heavyweight title?
 - 5—Who was the lightest titleholder in world boxing?
- Answers will appear tomorrow.

Dixon Trails Don Burnham

Dartmouth Miler Takes Intercollegiate Event At Indoor Meet

NEW YORK, Mar. 7.—Dartmouth's Don Burnham upset Frank Dixon, NYU Negro recently crowned national indoor mile champion, in the mile feature at the national intercollegiate indoor championships at Madison Square Garden.

In a strictly two-man race, Burnham set a pace of 63 and two-tenths seconds in the first quarter, then trailed Dixon in a lockstep until the bell lap. As both sprinted, Burnham matched Dixon stride for stride around both turns, drew even ten yards from the tape and won by inches with the final lunge.

The time was disappointing—four minutes, 16 and two tenths seconds—and it was the principal reason for Dixon's defeat. He should have realized a faster pace was necessary to kill off Burnham's sprint. Ed Walsh, Manhattan, finished third, 25 yards behind.

Nowicky First in 1,000

Bob Stewart, of Fordham, captured a lackadaisical 600-yard run in one minute, 14 and six-tenths seconds over Jeff Kirr, Penn., and Frank Cotter, NYU. Glenn Masten, Colgate, turned in the meet's best finish, making up a 25-yard deficit in the final lap to beat Dick Phillips, Tufts, by a nose in the middle time of nine minutes, 25 and eight tenths seconds in the two-mile event. Leroy Schwartzkopf, Yale, defending champion, was third.

Joe Nowicky, Fordham, was an easy 1,000-yard winner in two minutes 14 and seven-tenths seconds over Gerald Karver, Penn. State. Ed Conwell, NYU favorite, took the 60-yard sprint in six and three-tenths seconds.

Columbia's Bill Vessie contributed one of the meet's outstanding performances, winning the high jump with a new meet record of six feet seven and one-eighth inches.

Vault at 14 Feet

Dick Morcom, of New Hampshire, was the pole vault winner at 14 feet and went on to annex the individual high scoring honors with a second place in the broad jump and third in the high jump.

New York University won the team title with a record total of 48 points. Fordham finished second, Cornell third.

- Other results:
- 35-pound weight throw—Bill Fisher, Harvard, 50 feet eight and one-half inches.
 - 60-yard high hurdles—Tom Todd, Virginia, seven and four-tenths seconds.
 - Shot put—Barney Mayer, NYU, 52 feet three and five-eighths inches.
 - Broad jump—Howard Yielding, Army, 22 feet 11 and three-fourths inches.

Pep-Angott Bout Cut From 15 to 10 Rounds

NEW YORK, Mar. 7.—The New York State Boxing Commission has ordered that the Willie Pep-Sammy Angott bout at Madison Square Garden next week be reduced from 15 to ten rounds so no title will be at stake.

Pep is recognized in New York as the world featherweight champion. The National Boxing Association has recognized Angott as the lightweight title holder, but he retired because of bad hands, and when he failed to defend his crown the title was declared vacant. Angott later decided to resume his career.

Although Angott doesn't claim the lightweight title, the Commission held that should Pep defeat Angott at the 15-round distance he might make a bid for the title. Under the New York boxing laws a title cannot change hands unless the bout is for 15 rounds.

Willie Pep Drops Transparenti
HARTFORD, Conn., Mar. 7.—Willie Pep, New York version of world featherweight champion, kayoed Lou Transparenti, of Baltimore, in the sixth round of their scheduled ten-rounder after giving him a royal shellacking.

Reds Recall Two

CINCINNATI, Mar. 7.—The Reds have recalled for active duty Garion Del Savio, infielder, and Tony De Phillips, catcher, both of whom went into retirement last year. They played for Birmingham, Red farm club, in 1941.

Penn Stater Takes Aim



Jimmy Lawther (4) of Penn State gets set for a shot at the NYU basket as Jerome Fleishman of NYU tries to bat the ball out of his hands. The Violets won, 49-40.

Ball Players in the Air Force Are a Credit to Birdie Tebbetts

WACO, Tex., Mar. 7 (AP)—Appropriately enough they're called "Birdie's Boys"—this gang of guys who gave up brief baseball careers to fight for greater glory.

They are the light in the life of Sergeant George R. Tebbetts. Sergeant Tebbetts, you know, is the same Birdie Tebbetts who earned diamond fame with the Detroit Tigers.

The group is made up of Tebbetts' kind, ball players who came to the Waco Army Flying School where Birdie began his military life toward the closing days of the 1942 season.

Bruce Campbell, Buster Mills, Sid Hudson, Hoot Evers, Herb Nordquist, Mike Mandjack, Lou Batterson, Nick and Mike Popovich to name some of those to whom professional baseball is no stranger.

Got Them In Army

They all came in as privates, eager to work and earn any rating possible.

The reason they're called "Birdie's Boys" is that directly or indirectly they all are in the army air force through Tebbetts' efforts. Soon after being stationed here in August, Tebbetts was assigned to recruiting.

They sent Birdie to Detroit—his old stamping ground—and it proved a wise move. Those who were anxious to join up went to Tebbetts; Birdie went to those whom he felt had something the armed force could use.

The story is that one night Birdie dropped in to pay a social call on a young lady he knew casually and before the evening was over had talked four of her brothers into enlisting.

When they called Birdie back to Waco he immediately took stock of his boys who had landed there and found he hadn't done badly so far as baseball talent was concerned. Naturally, talk immediately arose concerning a team when spring rolls around. And if this talent remains together, the Waco Army Flying School will take a back seat to no one in service diamond circles.

At Officers' School

The only hitch is that Birdie may not be around to enjoy the fruits of his labor. Right now he's at the Army Air Force Officer Candidate School in Miami Beach earning his lieutenant's bars through a course in physical training. Sure, he wants to come back, but it's not certain that he will.

If and when he returns, he'll have reason to be pleased with his early efforts, because almost without exception his boys are doing excellent jobs of fitting themselves into the army scheme and carrying out the duties to which they have been assigned.

Most of them are taking part in the post's giant physical training program, and handling several hour-long classes a day also is serving to keep them in the peak condition they usually lose over the long winter months.

American Hockey League

Washington 7, Buffalo 3.
Pittsburgh 4, Indianapolis 2.

Jack Johnson Called No. 1 Heavyweight

Corbett Next With Tunney Third, Louis Fifth, Dempsey Sixth

By James L. Johnston
New York Post Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Mar. 7.—Jack Johnson is, I think, the greatest heavyweight champion the world has had under the Marquess of Queensberry rules, stretching back late in the 19th century.

Here is how I'd rank the heavyweight champs, considering boxing skill, footwork, all-around cleverness, feinting ability, deftness in dodging, punching, strength, sportsmanship and ability to fight back when hurt.

Jack Johnson first because his boxing ability, defensive tactics and knowledge of ring craft. The day he won the title from Tommy Burns in 1908 he would have beaten any other fighter who ever became champion.

Brought New Science to Boxing

James J. Corbett is second. Unexcelled cleverness, terrific speed and the finest pair of legs a boxer ever possessed—these attributes are all his and they beat the great John L. Sullivan.

Gene Tunney is number three because of his record, ring skill and style with which he made his opponent do what he wanted him to do. He brought new science to the lovers of boxing. His two contests proved it.

John L. Sullivan is fourth. Champion for 12 years, meeting all comers, he fought with bare knuckles for hours. Fairly clever and a terrific puncher, he was possibly the strongest and the toughest fighter ever-crowned.

Fitz Too Easy to Hit

Joe Louis ranks five on my list. Skilful, aggressive and a hard puncher with dynamite in each fist, Louis would be bewildered by the dazzling speed of some of the old timers, but would be thoroughly courageous. He proved that the night he came off the floor to beat Jimmy Braddock.

Jack Dempsey is sixth, although I believe Louis is no better than the Dempsey that took the title from Jess Willard. He possessed a fierce fighting instinct and always hastened to annihilate his foes. Speed, sickening body punches, proven aggressiveness and his strength terrorized his opponents.

A good, fast boxer with the ability to take terrible punishment with no sign of being hurt, Jim Jeffries ranks right behind Dempsey. Bob Fitzsimmons, number eight, might have been top man but for one thing. Though a knocker-outer and a deadly puncher, Fitz was so easy to hit himself that most of his followers nearly died of heart failure at all his bouts. He was too light and his hands were too brittle. Often he broke them on his opponents' heads and elbows.

Braddock a Clever Boxer

Jack Sharkey, ninth, was a good puncher and clever, but he was too temperamental to be a really great fighter. He was past his prime when he became champ.

Tommy Burns, close to Sharkey, was small-sized and not much heavier than a middleweight. A good boxer, he licked cleverer men and could hit hard enough to koya anybody.

Jess Willard, 11th, was a big, strong man, but too timid. He did not know much about boxing and his heart wasn't in the game.

Finally, Jimmy Braddock. The night Jimmy won the title he looked his best, though actually he was way past his keenest days. A clever boxer and a hard puncher, he was very courageous.

Hockey Sticks Mean a Lot To the Puck Pushers

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (AP)—"Boy, give me my No. 5 iron." You've often heard that said on the golf links, and undoubtedly you've said it yourself on more than one occasion.

But did you ever hear a hockey player say to the trainer: "Give me a No. 5 stick." Maybe not—but just as they have them numbered in golf, so do they have them numbered in hockey. That's why you'll see a player, coming back to the bench after breaking his stick, show great care in getting a replacement.

Derry Quarterfinals

LONDONDERRY, Mar. 7.—Quarterfinals have been reached in the table tennis tournament at the U.S. Naval Base here minus two favorites who were eliminated in the early rounds. Matt knocked out of the running as was Annino Kursh, PM2C. Favorites now are Irving Geno, PM2C, of Elizabeth, N.J., and Geno Greenstein, S2C, of New York.

Phillip Chosen Captain

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Mar. 7.—The record-smashing Illinois hoopsters have elected high-scoring Andy Phillip, forward, captain of the quintet for next season.

Basketball Results

- Friday's Games**
- Manhattan 59, CCNY 46.
 - St. Bonaventure 44, Canasus 46.
 - Sierra 49, Ithaca 40.
 - Pensacola Naval Station 62, Jacksonville Naval Station 32.
 - Washington State 40, Idaho 39.
 - Washington 53, Oregon State 33.
 - Denver 49, Colorado Mines 41.
 - Stanford 53, California 45.
 - Whittier 62, Redlands 44.
 - San Diego State 62, Wilmington Coast Guard 25.
 - UCLA 42, Southern California 37.
 - Mason Dixon Conference Tournament
 - Gallaudet 45, American University 40.
 - Delaware 41, Catholic University 40.
 - Southern Conference Tournament Semi-final
 - Duke 56, Citadel 37.
 - George Washington 47, Davidson 40.
- Saturday's Games**
- Penn 58, Columbia 49.
 - Dartmouth 62, Princeton 33.
 - Army 58, Navy 46.
 - Amherst 59, Williams 46.
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 - West Virginia 56, Duquesne 38.
 - Montclair Teachers 53, St. Francis 44.
 - Lafayette 49, Lehigh 28.
 - Muhlenberg 78, Lebanon Valley 54.
 - Temple 32, St. Josephs 28.
 - Harvard 55, Yale 38.
 - Toledo 68, LaSalle 46.
 - Brown 55, Tufts 43.
 - NYU 75, Rutgers 57.
 - Albright 76, Westchester Teachers 35.
 - Rider 53, Queen's College 26.
 - Pratt Institute 45, Brooklyn Poly 43.
 - Marshall 63, Xavier 40.
 - Villanova 71, Gettysburg 51.
 - George Washington 56, Duke 40.
 - Great Lakes 53, Kentucky 39.
 - Geneva 64, Carnegie Tech 51.
 - Oklahoma 52, Missouri 37.
 - Wooster 64, Kent State 29.
 - Kansas 47, Kansas State 30.
 - Northwestern 63, Ohio State 54.
 - Notre Dame 47, Marquette 47.
 - Denver 64, Colorado Mines 41.
 - Corpus Christi Naval 57, Dow Chemical 24.
 - Washington State 63, Idaho 31.

Bid to Garden Tournament Accepted by Fordham Five

NEW YORK, Mar. 7.—Fordham has accepted an invitation to compete in the National Invitation Basketball tournament opening at Madison Square Garden March 18.

The Rams have won 15 of 19 games this season. Western Kentucky and Creighton have already accepted bids. The remaining competitors will be selected this week.

Galan Signs Dodger Contract

NEW YORK, Mar. 7.—The Brooklyn Dodgers have announced the receipt of a signed contract from Augie Galan, reserve outfielder, who was recently rejected by the Army because of a trick knee. Galan is the seventh Dodger to enter the fold, including Manager Leo Durocher.

Five Air Force Finals on Tomorrow's Card

Spring Training In North Tests Florida Jaunts

War Measure May Prove Southern Trips Are Unnecessary

By Dillon Graham

Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Mar. 7—It looks as though next season will give us a pretty good answer as to the real value of spring baseball training. Along about June there may be some evidence as to whether the lack of the usual warm sessions in Florida, or California, has handicapped the players in getting in shape, particularly the pitchers.

In past years, many players and several managers have said the spring drills were too long, that three weeks would suffice instead of the customary six weeks.

Then some have held that the early training over such a long period has done more harm than good. Several Brooklyn players felt that the hot Havana sun took too much out of them.

Publicity Value

It is certain that the publicity value of the trip has been one of the chief reasons for spring training. It served to get baseball news in the home town papers weeks before the season opened. It also spread the gospel of baseball in the hinterlands, particularly the exhibition games on the way north.

It was a proving ground for recruits. But most clubs bring their likely prospects up to the majors the last month of the regular season and get perhaps a better chance to inspect them then. And even after spring experiments, it often is mid-season before a manager has definitely made up his mind as to a rookie's ability.

Recall two instances when managers changed their minds very quickly down South. At Sarasota in 1938, Joe Cronin of the Red Sox spoke very highly of a Coast league youngster named Ted Williams. Well, before I could get a yarn out about the kid, he had been shipped to Minneapolis.

Started in 1886

And, at St. Petersburg the same year, Frank Frisch was raving about the baseball possibilities of pro football's newest star, Sammy Baugh. But, a few days later, just about the time the papers were using my little profile on Slinging Sammy, Baugh was shipped off to the Rochester farm. So, baseball writers have learned to keep their fingers crossed when they write pieces about rookies, even when managers are enthusiastic.

Some of the spring trips were pretty expensive but several clubs, through economies and guarantees from the Southern cities, managed to get back a good slice of their expenditures. And the rest could be written off to advertising.

Cap Anson started it all. Back in 1886 he took his champion Chicago White Stockings to Hot Springs, Ark. And a decade later, the Baltimore Orioles went to Macon, Ga. In 1901 Connie Mack's Athletics trained at Jacksonville, Fla. And five years later, John McGraw created quite a sensation by taking his New York Giants clear across the country to Los Angeles. Savannah and Hot Springs were favorite spots for years but in recent seasons Florida and California have drawn most of the clubs.

Giants Lead N.Y. Clubs With 14 Players Signed

NEW YORK, Mar. 7—The New York Giants lead the Dodgers and the Yankees in the contracts signed department with 14 on file.

This includes three rookies signed Friday: Ray Coombs, right hander, who led the International League in earned run average with 1.99 for Jersey City last year, winning 17 and losing 11; Bill Voiselle, right hander with Oklahoma City last year, who had a September try-out with the Giants, and Outfielder Vic Bradford, who hit .342 and knocked in 107 runs for Jacksonville last season.

Senesky Sets New National Basketball Scoring Mark

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 7—George Senesky, St. Joseph's blond whirlwind, set a new national major team season's scoring record with 515 points.

Though held to only nine points as Temple downed St. Joseph's, 32-28, Senesky had no trouble surpassing the old mark of 509 points set by Stanley Modzelewski, of Rhode Island State in 1941.

Double-guarded by Temple's Nelson Bobb and Marvin Blumenthal, Senesky hadn't over a dozen field goals in the entire game.

Canadiens Tie Leafs, 2-2
TORONTO, Mar. 7—The Montreal Canadiens tied the Toronto Maple Leafs, 2-2, moving to within a point of the fourth place Chicago Black Hawks.

All-American Seeks Navy Wings



Sam Chapman, former All-American grid star at the University of California and center fielder for two seasons with the Philadelphia Athletics, is training to become a Navy flier at a Southwestern U.S. base. Chapman volunteered for the Naval Reserve in 1941 and served as a chief specialist in athletics before applying for flight training.

Baseball Fans Can Munch Peanuts Without Fear of OPA

By Bob Considine

International News Service Sports Writer

Bob Considine made a special trip to Washington to investigate rumors that shoe rationing, prospective meat rationing and a peanut shortage might strike at the pillars of organized baseball.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7—The reported hot dog and peanut drought won't be as severe as has been reported, spokesmen for the OPA told me yesterday, adding, "We don't want to cause a panic."

There isn't any prospect that the fans will have to surrender a ration coupon when they buy a dog at the ball game or tear off a corner for their coupon for a sack of double-jointed goobers. The OPA has decided that the ball park concessionaires will be classed as "institutional users of food" like hotels and restaurants. Such institutions will be permitted to serve 80 per cent of what they served last December and the baseball concessionaires will be allowed 80 per cent of the food they dispensed during a fixed period last summer. That ought to be enough indigestion for one nation.

Philly Heads Seeking Deals Three New York Teams

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 7—Bill Cox, head of the syndicate which bought the decrepit Phils, said that he and Manager Bucky Harris will confer with representatives of the Giants, Yankees and Dodgers in an effort to secure players.

Cox added that he had heard of them had signed up. Albie Glossop, second baseman, became the first official holdout when he rejected what he said was the club's last offer.

12 Yankees in Fold

NEW YORK, Mar. 7—The New York Yankees have received signed contracts from Pitchers Johnny Murphy and Marvin Breuer and Catchers Ken Sears and Rollie Hemsley, bringing the total to 12.

The ball players will be able to get and wear out all the spiked shoes they need, the OPA's shoe department man said. It was thought for a time that the ball players might have to buy working shoes out of their limited coupon allotment. Most of the players wear out three or four pairs of playing shoes a season, so it appeared they'd either have to wear spikes home after the games or go about barefooted or in non-rationed slippers.

But that's all straightened out now. The ball players' shoes will come under an OPA heading covering shoes of "particular types" including certain kinds of work shoes for crippled feet and other types.

The ball players supply two items of their equipment out of their personal funds. They are the gloves and the shoes, though some players who have tieups with sports goods firms get the gloves free. But as far as we know, no baseball shoe company has ever broken down and put a ball player on the free list.

They are expensive, too—from \$15 to \$25 a pair. The leather in them is so soft and the shoes so light that depreciation sets in the first time the shoes are worn. One grinding hook slide will represent six months of wear in ordinary shoes.

George Washington Upsets Duke for Southern Title

RALEIGH, N.C., Mar. 7—The underdog George Washington Colonials won the Southern Conference basketball tournament by licking the Blue Devils of Duke, conference champions, 56-40.

Runners-up for the Conference title, the Colonials, seeded second in the tournament, advanced to the finals by beating scrappy Davidson, 47-40 Friday night. Duke trounced The Citadel in the other semi-final, 56-37.

Wings Squash Bruins, 5-0

DETROIT, Mar. 7—The Detroit Red Wings gained a three-point lead over the idle Bruins in the National Hockey League race by squashing the Chicago Black Hawks, 5-0, here last night.

Jimmy Collins, Old Time Player, Manager, Dies

BUFFALO, N.Y., Mar. 7—Jimmy Collins, considered by many as baseball's greatest third baseman, died here yesterday of pneumonia at the age of 73.

Just recently Collins was boomed for a place in baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y. The honor eluded him despite the fact that he got a large vote annually.

He was manager of the Boston Red Sox, who won the first World Series in 1903 over the Pittsburgh Pirates. Noted for his speed, grace and deft handling of bunts, Collins had a lifetime batting average—in 19 years in the majors and minors—of .296, a fielding average of .929 and he got 1,999 hits.

Collins entered the majors in 1895 with the Boston Braves. He quit the game in 1910 as manager of Providence.

Fight Workouts Start at Belfast

Veteran Irish Trainer Coaching Servicemen At Red Cross Club

By Paul Lange

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BELFAST, Mar. 7—Boxing workouts are under way at the Red Cross club here, marking the start of The Stars and Stripes Northern Ireland boxing program.

Arthur Anderson, of Belfast, veteran Irish trainer and coach, who has been associated with boxing for 31 years, is in charge of the workouts which are conducted each night, Monday through Friday, and Saturday afternoons.

The Irish veteran has been instructing at Queen's University here since the start of the war. Prior to that he coached at a Methodist college. In addition to his instruction at the University, he also coaches fighters of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. He has trained a number of RAF, British Army and Navy champions.

Anderson appeared in Madison Square Garden in 1922 when three of his fighters appeared in the New York ring, including Battler Nelson.

A practice ring is in use and all equipment is available. The boxing is open to all servicemen in Northern Ireland.

Fighter Wins Twice in a Night

A FIGHTER STATION, Mar. 7—Winning decisions in both the semi-finals and finals of the heavyweight elimination contest on the same evening, Cpl. Dick Ebling, of Kenmore, N.Y., 190, representing a Fighter Squadron, proved himself to be "the outstanding boxer" at this station.

After warming up at the expense of a Briton, LAC Coates, he went on to the finals against a fellow-Yank, Pfc Jack Lakin, of Houlton, Me., 185, who went down for the count twice. Lakin entered the finals as the result of his outpointing Pvt. Andy Tall, of Shelton, Conn., 170. Tall made the mistake of fighting out of his class, and appeared to lack the smart boxing which brought him an easy victory two weeks ago. Both Lakin and Tall are assigned to the same Service Squadron.

Pfc. Joe Aldersee, of New York, 160, entered the ring as a last-minute substitute, and lost a decision to LAC Davis, of the RAF.

Displaying over-confidence and a desire to finish his man quickly, S/Sgt. Sammy Warcholak, of New York, 140, found the going a little tougher than he had expected in winning a close decision from his British opponent, AC Johnson. This was Warcholak's second victory in as many fights on this side of the Atlantic. He's a Service Squadron man.

Hogan Gets Induction Order

FORT WORTH, Texas, Mar. 7—Ben Hogan, one of the nation's top golf stars, has been ordered to report for a final induction examination on Mar. 25. Hogan is in Tulsa, Okla., where he has been taking private flying lessons for several months.

Mickey Cianci Among Finalists At Rainbow Club

Yonkers, Indiana Golden Glove Champ, Rand Daviss Back

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Tomorrow night ten sluggers will battle for championship crowns in the finals of the Eighth Air Force boxing tournament as an added feature of the regular Tuesday Stars and Stripes fights at the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner. There also will be five regular bouts on the program to round out the ten-bout card.

Air Support and Service Commands will have four men each represented in the title tilts, while Bomber and Fighter Commands will have one each.

Cpl. Mickey Cianci, of Philadelphia, is the star of the Service Command quintet. Out for the senior welterweight crown, Cianci will be the crowd's favorite after his splendid work in the semi-finals in which he defeated Pfc Paul Buntent, of Bridgeport, Ind., of Fighter Command. Buntent hardly laid a hand on Mickey all night, and the Philadelphia boy was an easy winner all the way through.

Must Weigh in at 2 PM

The remaining Service Command entrants are: Pvt. Gene Donato, of Steelton, Pa., 138; Pvt. Sam Bravo, of Chicago, 145, and Pvt. Edward Foster, of Pishomingo, Okla., 180.

The Air Support leather throwers are headed by Cpl. Harold Raskin, of Chicago, 190. Raskin, former Chicago Golden Glove semi-finalist, showed two weeks ago in the semi-finals that he has a hard punch and plenty of endurance. Sgt. John Ruth, of Philadelphia, 147, went three rounds in the semi-finals with a man who had 20 pounds on him in a contest in which no decision was given. Air Support may have another winner in Sgt. John Bird, of Ilesin, N.J., 165, who also showed up well in the semi-finals. Cpl. Thomas Collins, of Suffern, N.Y., 135, advanced to the finals through a default in the semi-finals.

The lone entrants from Bomber and Fighter Commands are Pfc Peter Lombardi, of New York, 133, and Sgt. Charles Sanza, of Philadelphia, 165. Both boys have been in the Corner ring twice and have yet to be licked there.

All Air Force finalists must weigh in at the Rainbow Corner by 2 PM tomorrow afternoon.

Venezia Seeking Fourth Win

In the non-tournament bouts three boys stand out, all of whom have showed well in their previous appearances. Pvt. Rand Daviss, a whirlwind Negro from Grand Rapids, has split in his two fights, taking the first in a scrap that earned him the compliment of a future Beau Jack from Stanton Griffis, Madison Square Garden chairman.

Pvt. Johnny Venezia, of Detroit, 147, already a three-time winner, will be making his first start since he scored a surprise upset over 1st/Sgt. John Wooten a month ago. Venezia lost to Pvt. Lawrence Drouillard in his first fight and hasn't been stopped since.

After knocking Pvt. Frank Missella off his unbeaten throne last week, Pvt. James Yonkers, of Elkhart, Ind., will try to make it three straight tomorrow night. Yonkers, a terrific puncher as well as a clever boxer, was an Indiana Golden Glove champion.

Four Newcomers

Cpl. Alvah Payne, of Eldorado, Tex., 147, had the misfortune to run into Pvt. John Robinson in his first fight at the Rainbow Corner on Feb. 16, losing to Robinson on a decision. He may be able to get on the winning side of the fence tomorrow night in his second appearance.

Another Negro boy making his second try is Pvt. Ernest Eans, of Birmingham, Ala., 155. He battered out a second-round TKO in his first scrap two weeks ago.

Four newcomers will finish off the card. They are: Pvt. Alfred Berenguer, of New York, 135, a Medic with ten amateur fights behind him; Cpl. William Carlton, of Philadelphia, 154; Sgt. Tony Carmarillo, of Los Angeles, 147, with eight amateur contests, and Cpl. Pat Sullivan, of Staten Island, a Medic, 147.

'Derry Boxers Assisted By Veteran U.S. Trainer

LONDONDERRY, Mar. 7—An experienced boxing trainer will assist in conducting workouts for U.S. Navy fighters here. He is M. Mulcahy, S2 Coy., of Elizabeth, N.J., who before entering the service trained Kenny LaSalle, Ben Brown, Dave Chacon and Willie Neyland. Mulcahy claims his fighters chalked up victories over Fritz Zivic, Ken Overlin, Gus Lesnevich, Babe Risko, Tony Zale and Freddie Cochrane.

Pirate Shortstop Quitting

BUFFALO, N.Y., Mar. 7—Gene Geary, shortstop of the Pittsburgh Pirates, says that he's quitting baseball for the duration to continue to work in a local war industry. The Pirates bought Geary for a reported \$22,000 from Minneapolis, where he batted .310 last year.

Blondie

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by Chic Young



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Five-Ocean Navy

Two years ago a complacent America debated the wisdom of building a two-ocean navy. Colonel Knox has now revealed that a monster five-ocean navy would be in active service before the end of 1945 despite expected sea losses, and that this powerful U.S. force would be four times the strength of the fleet in existence when the war began in 1939.

"New warships and auxiliaries are sliding down the ways in unbroken procession," said Colonel Knox, adding that "in addition to the Navy yards, 293 private yards are building vessels for the Navy compared with 108 a year ago."

Continuing his statement the Secretary of the Navy pointed out that from aircraft factory testing lines new and improved models of all types of planes were now taking the air in swarms to join the fleet, whose authorized quota had been increased from 15,000 to 27,500 planes.

"Under the stress of global requirements," said the Colonel, "our original plan for the construction of a two-ocean Navy has been amplified to provide for the creation of a giant armada capable of seeking out and driving the enemy from all the world's ocean ways."

The American public knows full well the role the U.S. Fleet has played in this Second Great World War. Though this role is not so well understood by the British public, the success of the North African occupation and the recent defeat of Japanese forces in the South Pacific are well known and those who stop to reason why can come to but one conclusion . . . the American Fleet.

The air arm, of course, is growing increasingly important; but the combined operation, for the balance of this war at least, will be the decisive factor in any Allied success. In the combined operation our Navy will play a leading role, and if it is a five-ocean navy, so much the better.

This Was It

London was raided by a few German planes the night of March 3-4; but what a piddling affair it was compared to the RAF smash delivered on Essen the night of March 5-6.

The British raid on Essen was described by the Air Ministry as "a very heavy and concentrated attack from which 14 of our bombers are missing." It was, in fact, the heaviest and most devastating raid in all air-war history, and it followed by only a few short days the heavy air assault on Berlin.

Essen is the home of the great Krupp armament works. The destruction or even partial destruction of Essen's great armament factories will have a paralyzing effect on any planned German offensive effort. That the Allied attack on the Krupp works and Essen was a real success was attested to by all returning pilots. A war correspondent at a RAF station reported: "I have never seen crews come back looking so cheerful. This was it. It was by far the most outstanding show of the last six months and perhaps the heaviest air attack of the war."

Two factors stand out as a result of the recent round-the-clock air raids on Germany. One is the fact Germany lacks planes needed to defend the Fatherland against air attack. Two, Germany lacks even the force needed to retaliate in a small way for heavy attacks delivered against Berlin, the capital city.

Nazi radio has recently admitted Russian air units dominate the skies in certain key sectors on the Eastern front. This admission taken together with the fact Allied planes can now bomb almost at will over Germany and German-occupied territory, means the Luftwaffe, Hitler's pre-war secret weapon, is no longer a potent weapon.

With American plane production rapidly rising, the Luftwaffe will never again master the skies in this war, and those who hold the skies this year will win the war.

Hash Marks

A unique sign in black and red letters greets everyone entering the premises of a certain quartermaster depot in N. Ireland—"God Helps Him Who Helps Himself, BUT God Help Him Who Helps Himself Here."

The power of woman is great. The first American nurse has arrived in Guadal-



canal—the day after she arrived most beards, grown after weeks of careful cultivation, disappeared.

Pvt. Herman Segall, of the Bronx, now in this country, is a top competitor for honors in "global warfare." Reading from east to west, Herman's dad was born in Poland; his mother in Russia. Herman first saw light of day in New Zealand. Two kid sisters and a brother were born in the Bronx; London was the birthplace of an older brother and sister. With all the advantages of an international aspect, Herman still says, "Give me New York."

It was our good fortune the other night to attend a dance given by a group of medics deep in the heart of England. Every time a smoothie started in from the stag line the boys would invariably give out with the old wolf cry, woowooo (well, you know what we mean). Later in the evening they had several "ladies' choice" dances; and, keeping in the spirit of things, a nurse gave the old wolf cry. "Say, you can't do that," chided a lieutenant, "you're stealing our stuff—we're the wolves." "Sure, I know," quipped the young lady, "but we nurses are the WOLVERINES."

The other day a young second lieutenant was doing his best to help a couple of nurses do a good job of seeing London for the first time. During a lull in the conversation—and sight-seeing tours—he suggested, "Perhaps you would like to see the wax museum." "Sure, that would be grand," replied one of the nurses—then turning to her girl friend, she whispered, "Did 'ja hear that, Dolly, they've got a WACKS museum. Those girls get all the breaks."

We always thought it was the woman who was to blame in a case like this, but



we see the tables have been turned. A New York woman is suing for a separation because her hubby insists on doing a strip-tease act every time they go to a party.

J. C. W.

'Blitz Course' for Army Mechanics



Soda Jerk to Motor Expert in 60 Days Of Study

By Bryce W. Burke

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

THE AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, England, Mar. 7—U.S. soldiers, whose pre-induction experience amounted to tightening a loose screw here and there or occasionally changing a tire, are being turned into first rate automobile mechanics at the Motor Transport School here.

Truck drivers, clerks, farmers, a draftsman, milkman, soda jerk, and newspaper reporter are among the 90 students now taking the "blitz" course in mechanics, during which they learn Army vehicles piece by piece, literally from the ground up.

At the end of the two months of schooling most of these men, who are from practically every type of organization in the Army, will be able to do anything to a truck from making emergency repairs in the front lines to a complete rebuilding at a rear base.

Drive the Army Way

The trainees, from privates to master sergeants, are first taught to drive the Army way. Some of them have never driven, others drove before and after entering the Army, but, regardless, they all drive for a week singly and in convoy. During this time they learn simple maintenance, how to check their vehicle before and after driving, and the operation of a motor pool. To keep the students on their toes the instructors continually "sabotage" the vehicles.

The embryo mechanics then move into the shops where they learn to completely dismantle and reassemble motors. Engines from peeps, staff cars, and trucks of all sizes, are broken down to the last bolt and nut and then rebuilt, either from



Stars and Stripes Photos

At the Army's motor transport school in England, S/Sgt. Lester P. Backus, of Dayton, Ohio, gives instruction on generators (top) to students (left to right) Pfc Roy H. Isenberg, of Huntington, Pa.; T/5 Stanley J. Margerum, of Washington; and Pfc Stanley Meischke, of Philadelphia. Above, a pinion gear is checked by S/Sgt. Melvin Flowers, Rockbridge, Ohio, and Sgt. Preston Thompson, Pollock, La.

the original components or parts cannibalized from other motors.

As an example of the cannibalizing work done in the plant, 1st Lt. James A. Gibson, of Salt Lake City, Utah, in charge of the school, pointed to two trucks which he said were resurrected from the scrap heap and rebuilt from salvage parts.

"They're as good as anything in England now," Lt. Gibson, a former employe in a Buick factory said.

After being dismantled and rebuilt, the motors are mounted on blocks for test runs—another stage of the training where sabotage plays a part and where your best friend may stuff the exhaust with waste cloth or drop the spark plugs into the crank shaft.

The engine section is under the supervision of W/O Edward B. Wright, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., formerly a research engineer for Texaco. In his spare time Wright built and raced midget autos.

There are six enlisted men attached to the unit as instructors, one of these, T/4 Reid J. Moy, of Galway, N.Y., worked with Wright at the Texas company's Beacon (N.Y.) research laboratory testing gasoline and oil. He now instructs the students on different parts of the chassis.

Even Fix Lawn-Mowers

Pfc Leroy A. Werkheisel, of Stroudsburg, Pa., helps the budding mechanics find a use for the parts they have left. Werkheisel kept the truck fleet of a beer-distributing company in working order before his Army days.

"Give Werkheisel a job to do and he'll do it or have it done," Lt. Gibson said. Werky even has charge of the lawn-mower, and when asked if he could fix it, said, "Sure, I've sharpened lots of lawn-mowers."

S/Sgt. Melvin S. Flowers, of Rockbridge, Ohio, whose mechanical work before induction consisted of keeping the neighbors' threshing machine in operation, also is a member of the chassis section staff.

S/Sgt. Lester P. Backus Sr., of Dayton, Ohio, a former refrigerator service man, is instructor in the carburetor and electrical units department. T/Sgt. Joseph T. Panepinto, of Clairton, Pa., is in charge of supply and general motor maintenance instruction. M/Sgt. Harry F. Biesecker, of Cashtown, Pa., instructs on convoy driving.

After the first week of driving, the course is separated into four parts. Approximately half of the remaining seven weeks is spent on study of the various sections of the chassis—differential, gears, brakes and others. The remainder of the time is devoted to the carburetor and electrical parts, disassembly and re-assembly, tune up and trouble shooting.

"When we get a man with some ex-

perience we turn out a first-rate mechanic," Lt. Gibson said. "A man who never has worked with motors before coming here needs additional practical experience after he leaves. We would like to keep some of the men here as instructors, but the unit commander always insists on them coming back to the organization."

"The majority of the students are very interested," Mr. Wright said. "It's all up to the individual how much he gets out of the course."

The instruction is not limited to enlisted men. Each class of officer candidates spends time studying transportation there, and a class of officers is scheduled to take a 24-hour course soon.

Still Need Equipment

Lt. Gibson said the school is still in the building stage and is short of some tools and equipment. He added that Col. Walter G. Layman, commandant of the entire school center, plans to raise enrollment of the transport school to 300 in each class. The motor transport section is in charge of Maj. Thomas C. Burnett, a former professor from San Antonio, Tex.

"It depends a lot on a person's initiative how much he learns here," Cpl. Leslie F. Williams, Pasadena, Cal., said. "It's here to learn if you want to learn it."

A Negro soldier trying to fit some bearings into a transmission, T/5 Wille J. Jackson, former chauffeur and cook in Los Angeles, said, "I've learned considerable since I've been here. We can do a lot of good in our companies, and when we get back to the U.S. it will be a trade for us."

M/Sgt. Howard Linnert, who rattled milk bottles before daylight in Cleveland, said the course was "swell." "They start at the beginning and give you everything. They go through every part down to the last bolt and nut," Linnert said.

Among others attending the school are: S/Sgt. Dave Symansky, of Troy, N.Y.; T/5 Stanley J. Margerum, who worked for the city refuse department in Washington, D.C.; Pfc William Farr, a draftsman from Philadelphia; Pvt. Frank J. Sillyman, an Oakland, Cal., truck driver; Cpl. James E. Evans, who jerked sodas in the corner drug store in Joice, Ia.; Pfc Anthony Massella, a truck driver, of Rochester, N.Y.; Sgt. Preston Thompson, a cement finisher, from Pollock, La.; Cpl. Harry C. Owens, who drove a bus through the streets of Washington, D.C.; S/Sgt. Leonard Novitsky, of DuBois, Pa.; Sgt. Joel W. Hall, of Patterson, Ga.; T/5 John Van Westen, a farmer, from Bigelow, Minn.; Cpl. Ralph Nye, of Detroit, Mich.; T/5 Blen Law, of Jane Lew, W. Va.; Pvt. Homer Neil, of Palm Springs, Cal.; and Cpl. Edward J. McConnell, of Altoona, Pa.



"Yeah, there's time. Guess I'll go in and take a shower."

NEWS FROM HOME

Urges Return Of Prohibition For Duration

Bryson Says Liquor Ban Would Aid War Work; Farm Labor Deferred

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7—A bill to bring back national prohibition for the duration of the war has been introduced in Congress by Rep. Bryson, California Democrat, and referred to the Judiciary Committee, of which he is a member.

Bryson said he proposed the liquor ban in order to limit hangover layoffs from war production plants.

Meanwhile, Grenville White, New York lawyer who is sponsoring a compulsory manpower bill, told senators drinking was a major cause of absenteeism. He suggested earlier closing hours and rationing of liquor "the way they do in Canada and England."

Bryson's bill would outlaw manufacture, transportation or sale of liquor in the United States and its possessions for the duration of the present war and thereafter until termination of mobilization as determined by the President.

Farm Workers Deferred

Other developments of major interest in the capital during the weekend included a ruling by the Manpower Commission under which local draft boards were instructed to defer farm workers, even if induction quotas for the Army could not be met, and a plan to establish huge farms under State and Federal control to save what was called a "tremendous waste of manpower on small farms."

Presidential possibilities for 1944 attracted the attention of political observers, as President Roosevelt went into his eleventh year in office. Most political observers seemed agreed that if the war is not over in '44, the President could practically renominate himself for election if he wished.

Army authorities, still tinkering with the GI ration, turned to spinach, and reported that mess-halls weren't serving enough. Boiled with bacon and beef stock, an announcement said, the greens taste good and add needed elements to the diet of fighting men. An "eat more spinach" campaign for the troops was indicated.

Didn't Spend It All

NEW YORK, Mar. 7—Mrs. Pat di Cicco, the former Gloria Vanderbilt, still had something over \$4,000 left from her \$136,000 income last year, after supporting herself, paying for her wedding and

Gen. Marshall Won't Be a Field Marshal

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, declined to endorse the proposal that he be given the rank of Field Marshal. The Army and Navy Journal said today.

The Journal said Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox suggested creation of the rank in a letter to Sen. Walsh, Chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, in support of the Navy-sponsored bill to create the rank of Admiral of the Fleet for Adm. Ernest J. King, Chief of Naval Operations.

Sen. Reynolds, Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, was quoted by the publication as saying he had been ready to introduce a bill to create a Field Marshal's rank but was told Gen. Marshall did not want the rank.

keeping several relatives in the style to which they are accustomed. Pat is now in the Army, 18-year-old Gloria is keeping the home fires burning.

Kaiser Acquires Airplane Firm

Miracle Shipbuilder Buys Fleetwings, Inc., to Make Big Cargo Plane

NEW YORK, Mar. 7—Henry Kaiser, the miracle man of shipbuilding, has purchased the aircraft manufacturing firm of Fleetwings, Inc., Bristol, Penn., it was announced here.

Pioneers in the manufacture of stainless steel planes, Fleetwings Inc. have two plants, employing about 5,000 people. Kaiser became a dominant figure in war production when he streamlined shipbuilding by an assembly-line method and produced a complete 10,500-ton "Liberty" ship in 24 hours from keel-laying to launching. Now he is branching into plane manufacture for the production of huge cargo planes to beat submarines.

Londonderry Dance

LONDONDERRY, Mar. 7—U.S. Navy personnel will hold a dance next Saturday at the Royal Navy Hall. An American swing band will play.

All-Purpose Helicopter Plane Developed for Use in Combat

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7—The U.S. Army Air Force today announced development of a new helicopter, able to rise and descend vertically, fly forward or backward, spin like a top in mid-air or hover motionless over one spot. Tests have been so successful an order has been placed with the Vought-Sikorsky Co. for production.

No prepared landing field is necessary; any field or parking lot large enough to clear the whirling rotor blades can be used. Equipped with floats it would be able to operate from land, water, snow, marsh or thin ice.

It cannot stall, since, should the motor fail, the craft simply windmills slowly to the ground.

Design of the new machine is based on earlier plans of Igor Sikorsky, designer of Navy combat planes.

The helicopter weighs 2,400 pounds, has a length of 38 feet, a height of 12 feet and can accommodate a pilot and a passenger. Two propellers, one 36 feet in length, on top of the fuselage, and another, eight feet long, at the tail, provide the power.

Army authorities said the ship could do

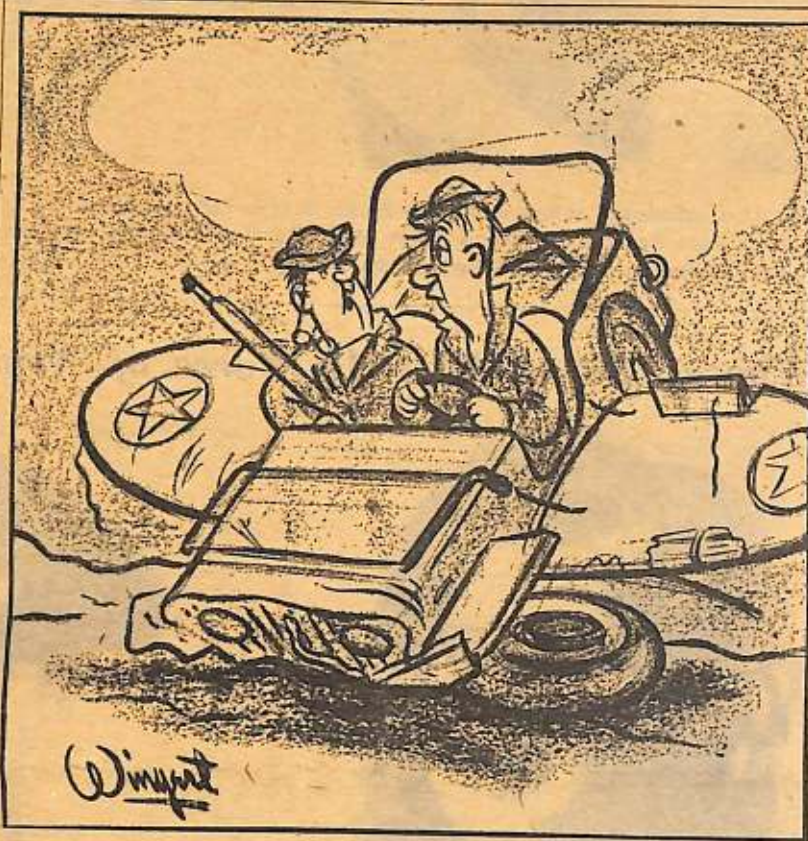
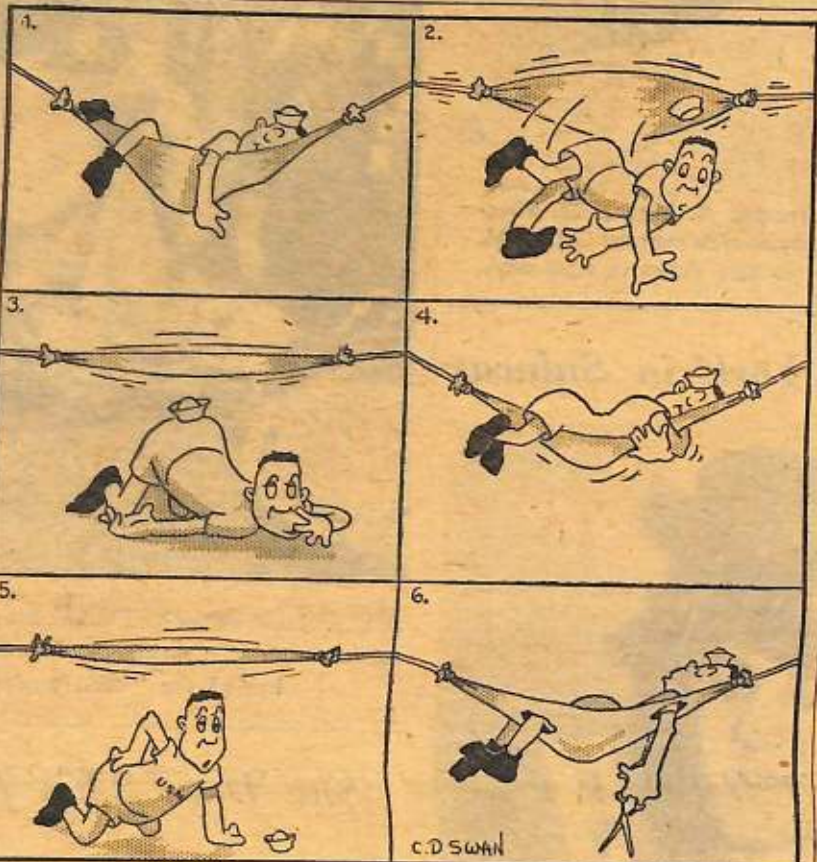
things undreamed of with other types of planes. It could, for instance, hover over troops on the ground, drop a telephone wire and relay fire control data from a perfect observation altitude.

Another use, suggested for the strange-looking windmill plane, might be that of aerial ambulance over jungle areas or other inaccessible spots. Finally, the fact that it could operate from the deck of almost any ocean-going ship opens up possibilities for its use in sea warfare.

Sikorsky demonstrated his first helicopter in 1940 and the new machine represents improvements resulting from experiments with the earlier craft.

Launch More Ships

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7—The United States Maritime Commission has announced the launching of five more merchant ships—bringing the total off the ways since Pearl Harbor to 1,053. Total launched since Jan. 1, 1943, is 211, the Commission said, including 164 Liberty ships, 34 long-range cargo vessels, six tankers and seven special ships for the Navy.



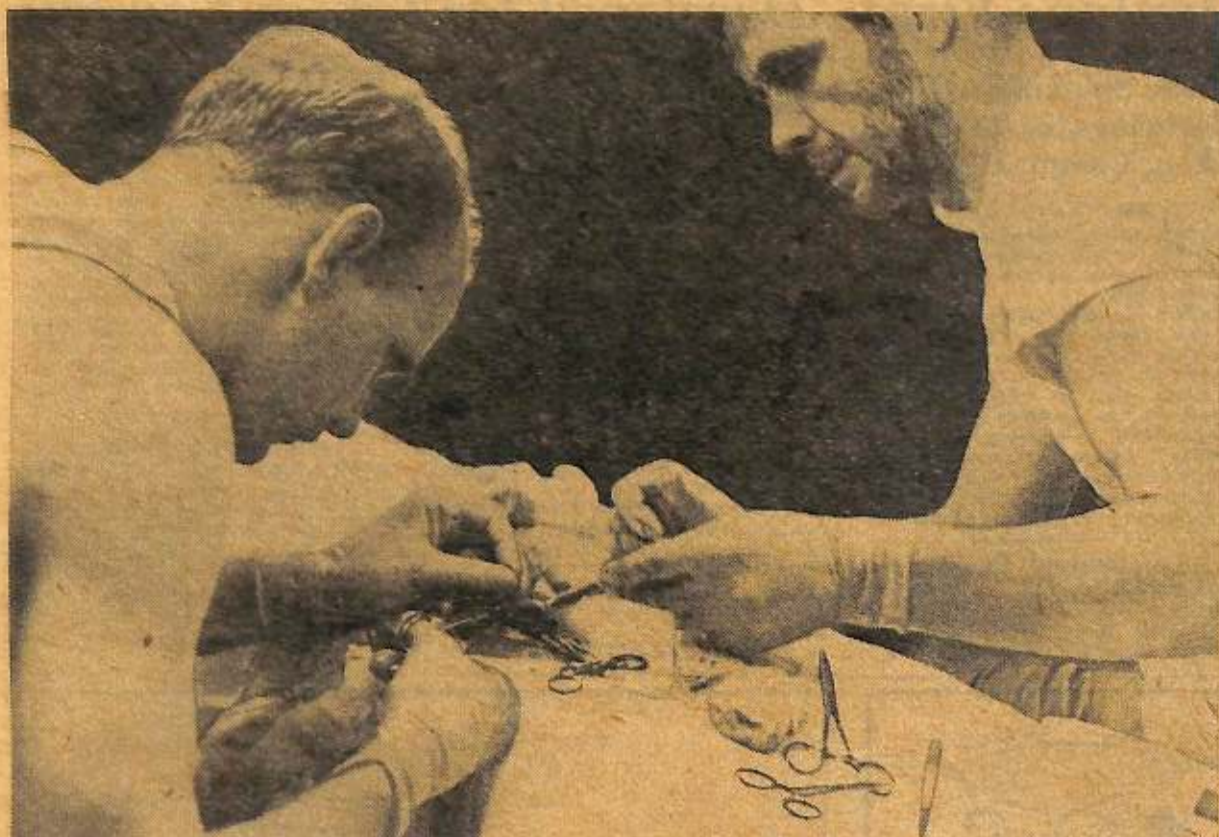
TERRY & THE PIRATES



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Appendix Removed Beneath the Sea



Keystone Photo
Aboard a submerged submarine of the Pacific fleet in Jap-controlled waters, Thomas A. Moore, 22, Pharmacist's mate, first class, of Chino Valley, Ariz. (left), performs an appendectomy on crew member George M. Platter, of Buffalo, while Radioman Richard Stegall assists. Platter returned to light duties in eight days.

A Beggars Jam Session



Keystone Photo
A U.S. Naval officer and Nikki, his pretty date, drop in at a beggars jam session outside Casablanca, Morocco. The African hepcat standing behind the "solid senders" collects coffee money.

Corporal Finds 'Miss Air Force of New York' in Subway



Cpl. Leo Bender (above) looks at a photo he found in a subway of an unknown girl which he entered in a contest to select "Miss Air Force of New York." Bender's entry (left) won the title—the only title she has as he doesn't even know her name.

She Does This for Hours on End

This is Eloise Hart, silk stocking model, who poses like this for hours on end. Yes! On end.



Cigarettes—Six Bucks a Pack



Keystone Photo
With a handful of Chinese paper money, equivalent to six American dollars, a member of the American Air Force in China gives a Chinese merchant that sum for one pack of real American cigarettes.