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## Frankfurt Blasted by Fortresses

### Second Blow at City in 5 Days; Libs, Marauders Hit Northern France

American Fortresses, raising the European air offensive to a new pitch by the tenth U.S. heavy-bomber raid on the Continent in 12 days, attacked the railway and industrial center of Frankfurt in southwest Germany yesterday for the second time in five days.

Liberators, also escorted by USAAF fighters, meanwhile struck at military objectives in northern France. Marauders, making two raids in one day, with RAF, Dominion and Allied Spitfire escort, fanned out over targets in the French Pas de Calais at the same time, and RAF Typhoons and Hurricanes bombed targets in the same area, a few hours after British Mosquitoes raided western Germany by night and other RAF bombers raked French airfields.

Frankfurt, heavily battered city of a half million near the junction of the Main and Rhine Rivers, was attacked by USAAF heavy bombers for the fourth time since last October.

#### Report Seeing New Fighter

One of the first groups to return from the 400-mile penetration reported seeing a new type of Focke Wulf fighter with a long nose—"fast as hell."

"About three minutes into France, 15 FWs rolled right through our formation without warning and kept right on going," said Lt. M. G. Hemphill, of Jackson, Miss. "The attack was some surprise and we had hardly fired our guns before they were gone. Then P47s showed up and we didn't see any more German fighters the rest of the way."

Eight-tenths cloud covered Frankfurt, crews said, and bombardiers employed the recently announced new technique to locate the target.

#### Out to Obliterate City?

The second attack on Frankfurt in five days, on top of the USAAF's biggest-ever day raid on the city Jan. 29—800 bombers, 700 fighters, 1,800 tons—suggested that the Allied air forces were now obliterating the great industrial city with its chemical and aircraft component works.

The day's operations began shortly after breakfast. Nearly 200 Marauders with fighter escorts swarmed out over the Channel and returned without loss. They reported meeting little Luftwaffe opposition and light to moderate flak on their way into the target.

Several Marauder formations reported excellent bombing. 1/Lt. Lyle R. Wolfe, of Wood River, Neb., spoke of "a Niagara of destruction," and S/Sgt. Robert Hawkins, of Austin, Tex., told of "a heavy carpet of bombs laid on our target."

## Bill Proposes to Simplify Income-Tax Form in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)—Rep. Frank Carlson (R., Kan.) has introduced a bill designed to save 30,000,000 income-tax payers from the bother of filing complicated returns.

The bill would create a single personal income tax with one base and one set of rates and exemptions, through merger of the regular income and victory levies. It would also make the so-called short form of return available to taxpayers with incomes up to \$5,000 instead of \$3,000 as at present.

#### Mexican Bases for U.S.?

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)—Rep. Carl Hinshaw (Rep.-Cal.) introduced a resolution in the House today authorizing negotiations with Mexico for the acquisition of lower California and part of the state of Sonora.

## New Medal Is Created For Combat Heroes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8—President Roosevelt has created a new medal which will be awarded to all members of the armed forces, except those in the Air Forces, who have distinguished themselves in action against the enemy. The award will be known as the Bronze Star Medal. Air Forces personnel will continue to receive the Air Medal for distinguished service against the enemy.

# Reds Seize Nikopol, Ore Center

## U.S. Wounded Bombed In Italy; 2 Nurses Killed

ANZIO BEACHHEAD, Feb. 7 (delayed) (UP)—A Nazi plane dive-bombed an American evacuation hospital on the Anzio beachhead today, killing 26 and wounding 43, including 12 women nurses.

Those killed included two women nurses, four doctors, four wounded infantrymen and 16 enlisted men. One of the wounded nurses was not expected to live.

Witnesses said the German plane swooped down to 500 feet and dropped eight small anti-personnel bombs on seven tents, all of which were well marked with red crosses and were a mile from the nearest military installation.

## Enemy Attacks In Anzio Area Are Broken Off

### Both Sides Regrouping For Major Battle; Bitter Fighting at Cassino

While German forces fought bitterly yesterday to maintain their hold on Cassino in Italy, Nazi counter-attacks in the Anzio bridgehead area dwindled, with both sides consolidating their positions for the expected resumption of heavy battling.

Land fighting in the area just south of Rome was limited for the most part to patrol activity and artillery dueling, but the Luftwaffe gave the Allied invaders their heaviest attack in ten days.

Wave after wave of enemy planes swept in from the north, and in all about 120 German aircraft were over the area during the day. Of these 19 were shot down and 12 damaged for the loss of four American ships.

Already elements of five German divisions have been identified in the bridgehead area, and Marshal Kesselring was believed to have built up his counter-offensive force to formidable proportions. Meanwhile, at Cassino the Germans were fighting grimly to hold on to the last mile of ground separating the Americans from the Rome road—that via Cassina.

The battle swayed to the upper slopes of 1,600-foot-high Abbey Hill, where the Americans were within a few hundred yards of the hill's crest. Below the hills and to the east, American forces made further advances in the streets of the northwest fringes of Cassino itself, but the major part of the city remained in German hands.

Routine patrolling continued in the Garigliano sector and in the area above Cassino, and there was little news beyond mere patrol activity on the Eighth Army front.

In the air, Allied planes continued to pound Cisterna and Campoleone in the bridgehead area, and Viterbo, strategic point on the main Florence-Rome railway 40 miles north of Rome, and Leghorn, 165 miles northwest of Rome, were bombed by mediums.

#### Two U.S. Subs Lost

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)—The Navy announced today the loss of the U.S. submarines Cisco and ESS44, bringing to 19 the number of submarines lost since Pearl Harbor.

## Beckham Bags Nos. 17 and 18, Becomes Leading Fighter Ace

Maj. Walter C. Beckham yesterday scored his 17th and 18th victory against the Luftwaffe to become the ETO's leading-fighter ace.

The De Funik Springs (Fla.) Thunderbolt pilot, who since late November has been second only to Capt. Walker Mahurin, of Fort Wayne, Ind., in total numbers of enemy destroyed, tied Mahurin's score of 16 last week. Yesterday, Maj. Beckham shot down an Me109 and a FW190 for his fifth double victory.

One Lightning pilot, 1/Lt. James M. Morris, of Detroit, claimed four Nazi fighters and an enemy locomotive as his day's kill yesterday. It was the first time four German fighters were claimed on one operation, although a P47 pilot, Maj. James Howard, has been given credit for four kills on a previous mission, despite the fact he claimed only two.

## Yanks in the Marshalls Kill 29 for 1 in Seven-Day Battle

PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 8—Nearly 29 Japs were killed for every American soldier who died in the seven-day battle for 32 islets of Kwajalein atoll in the Marshalls, Adm. Chester Nimitz announced last night in a special communique.

The casualty list showed that 8,122 Japs were killed and 264 captured, while 286 American dead were counted and 1,148 wounded.

The announcement shattered belief in many military quarters that the U.S. attack in the Marshalls would prove as expensive in lives as the assault on the Gilberts when more than 3,000 Americans died in the costliest single operation in Marine Corps history.

The following is a break down of the casualty list:

Roi-Namur Area		
U.S. FOURTH MARINE DIV.		JAPANESE
129	Dead	3,472
436	Wounded	not listed
65	Missing	91
not listed	Prisoner	
Kwajalein Isle		
U.S. SEVENTH ARMY DIV.		JAPANESE
157	Dead	4,650
712	Wounded	not listed
17	Missing	173
not listed	Prisoner	

## Uneasy Japs Expect New Blows; USAAF Blasts Foe in Southwest

As the first battle of the Marshall Islands ended, fresh U.S. moves in their island-hopping to Tokyo were expected by the Japanese last night while the USAAF picked up the spotlight of action with heavy air blows in the Southwest Pacific.

More than 150 Navy torpedo bombers and Helldivers, escorted by Corsairs and Hellcats, struck Rabaul one of the heaviest blows in recent weeks, dumping 40 tons of bombs on airdromes and shooting down seven planes, possibly four others.

In the Admiralty Islands, north of New Britain, Fifth Air Force heavy bombers, escorted by P38s, smashed Jap airfields and harbor installations in a heavy assault, while light bombers blasted enemy shipping near Wewak.

In the Tanibar Islands area U.S. aircraft bombed and strafed enemy-held villages. Navy air patrols shot down an enemy reconnaissance plane over Hansa Bay. At Madang, U.S. aircraft bombed enemy installations at Gragat Island and Erima plantation.

Australians continued their advance up the coast of Huon peninsula yesterday, moving within 16 miles of the American Sixth Army Force at Saidor.

According to Vichy radio, quoting an enemy report, the uneasy Japanese, expectant of another U.S. island push toward Tokyo, claimed American troops had landed in the Kuriles island. The report, however, proved false, as U.S. naval forces merely shelled the island and no land troops even were involved in the operation.

## Willkie Declares He's Out To Block a Fourth Term

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 8 (AP)—Wendell Willkie made clear today he would welcome the Republican nomination for president if he could achieve it by "speaking out on what are my beliefs."

"If this brings me the nomination for president, fine," he said. "If it doesn't, well, the people have a right to choose whom they please."

He said issues in the coming campaign were "difficult to define."

"Last time the issue was the third term," he explained. "This time the big question is almost permanent power, and I'm interested in breaking that power, no matter who may hold it."

## Glider Bombers Menace to Allies

### Radio-Controlled Weapon Is Admitted Potent Threat to Ships

NAPLES, Feb. 8 (AP)—When the great invasion of the European Continent begins, one of the big responsibilities of Allied forces will be to prevent any concentrated use by the Germans of rocket-propelled glider bombs. There is no breach of security in saying that this new aerial weapon of the Nazis is a potent threat against shipping.

An invasion fleet at anchor is like so many sitting ducks unless air cover can intercept the control plane from which gliders are directed by radio.

Anti-aircraft fire is only partially effective against small winged projectiles because they sweep down on targets and are difficult to hit. After Prime Minister Churchill disclosed the use of these projectiles at Salerno and again at Anzio, restrictions have been lifted and correspondents may give some details of the rocket bombs.

From descriptions pieced together by several eye-witnesses, the bomb is about 20 to 30 feet long with tail fins acting as a rudder stabilizer, and it has a wingspread of about 15 feet. Apparently it is armor piercing, since one penetrated the thick deck plates of a ship at Salerno.

The bomb is released from the belly of a twin-engined Heinkel which drops its flaps and slows while the rocket shoots ahead into the pilot's vision and is apparently visually controlled by him. The glider can make a sharp turn, in or on a target, and from the side if necessary. Although the rocket apparently is under good control at all times, except when the control plane is interfered with, many of the bombs fall in the water because the pilot has lost control at the last minute or overshot the mark.

Whether the enemy can muster a large fleet of these gliders for use against the invasion is not known, but in any case the air forces must assume that they can. Witnesses say that when the rocket is in flight there are red and green lights at the tail, apparently from the propelling charge, and that it makes a loud screaming sound.

## Male Recruiter of WACs Puts His Heart Into Work

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 8—Sgt. Charles E. Burt, 55, one of the Army's oldest parachutists, made a new leap on recruiting duty here.

Assigned to enrol WACs while recuperating from injury in his first combat leap in North Africa, Burt enlisted Irma Edmonson—but not as a WAC. He signed her up, instead, as his wife.

## 5 Divisions Smashed in Big Victory

### Nazis Lose Half of Vital Supply of Manganese; Narva Faces Shelling

Nikopol, grimly defended ore town on the Lower Dnieper—on which the Nazis depended for a large share of their vital steel-hardening manganese—fell by storm to two advancing Soviet armies yesterday a few hours after the Russians cleared the last Germans from the Dnieper's left bank and liquidated the enemy's 75-mile bridgehead after a four-day offensive.

Two orders of the day by Marshal Stalin, one following the other within an hour in a rare succession of good news for the Russians, announced the victories last night.

Capture of Nikopol and smashing of the five Nazi divisions trapped there coincided with Red Army gains all along the front—from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

#### Narva Suburbs Cleared

The Russians improved their positions along the Estonian border in the north, cleared Narva's eastern suburbs of the last snipers and brought up their heavy artillery to positions commanding the heart of the town. A hundred miles to the southeast, the nearest of two approaching columns was less than 15 miles from the Nazi Baltic base at Luga, and the important junction of Batetskaya 20 miles east already was outflanked.

West of Novo Sokolniki, on the road to Riga, the Reds were reported exploiting a new breakthrough aimed at the Latvian border. Farther south, the Germans announced big Russian attacks on Vitebsk, the Nazi White Russian base. And in the Dnieper Bend, Red infantry and artillery drew the ring tighter around the remnants of ten trapped divisions west of Kirovograd. Moscow reports said the enemy here ran out of bread several days ago. They were being shelled and bombed continuously.

The fall of Nikopol was described by Allied military writers as a disaster for the Germans. These sources estimated that half of Germany's manganese was being taken from the mines deep in the Dnieper Bend.

#### Never Able to Hit Peak Output

German manganese production at Nikopol was far less than the Russian pre-war production of nearly a million tons. Destruction of the great Dniepropetrovsk dam seriously hamstrung operation of the Nikopol works.

South of Nikopol, Gen. Tolbukhin's army wiped out a bridgehead ten times the size of that at Nettuno in Italy—a strongly fortified zone 75 miles long and 22 miles deep. Its fall freed Tolbukhin's army for a tremendous smash in concert with the armies of Gens. Vatutin, Konev and Malinovsky to clear the whole Ukraine, strike at Odessa and perhaps punch through to the Dniester River and Rumania.

Thousands of trucks, cars, carts and mobile guns were abandoned by the Germans at their bridgehead as they fled toward the Dnieper to escape the trap closing on Nikopol, United Press correspondent M. S. Handler wrote in a Moscow dispatch.

"As more and more vehicles converged toward the river," he said, "the whole movement strangled itself and thousands of trucks lay bumper to tail light unable to move forward, backward or sideways."

"Once the great jam started, low-level Stormoviks flew up and down the roads machine-gunning and shelling the stranded convoys. The German drivers panicked, jumped from their seats and scattered into the fields. Hundreds tried to escape across the Dnieper, but the Russian force moved across their path and wiped them out."

## 2 Votes Balk Senate Move To Kill Federal Ballot Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (UP)—The Senate by a vote of 44-42 narrowly defeated a move yesterday to sidetrack the Green-Lucas bill, providing a uniform federal ballot for soldiers, in favor of a plan for state control of the servicemen's vote.

Sen. John H. Overton (D., La.) offered the amendment in floor debate on the Green-Lucas measure, which would provide the federal ballot. The House last week passed legislation leaving the matter to state control.



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Crumbling Resistance

Two Russian victories in the Dnieper bend were announced by Marshal Stalin last night in orders of the day issued within an hour of each other.

The first order reported that troops of the 4th Ukrainian front had heavily defeated seven German infantry divisions south of Nikopol, and had broken through to the left bank of the Dnieper throughout the whole length of the bridgehead.

The second order of the day announced the capture of Nikopol by troops of the 3rd Ukrainian front operating on the flank of the 4th Ukrainian front.

Evidence that these operations were on a large scale is afforded by last night's official report, which speaks of 3,000 enemy slain in a thrust which captured more than 80 places.

With the entire eastern front in flaming action, the great battle of attrition continues. Germany, it appears, cannot stand the strain, for everywhere Nazi defense lines are crumbling. And as they crumble, back into Russian hands fall the rich coal and metal deposits located in the Dnieper Bend. Lost to the German war machine these vital raw materials may speed the collapse of the Nazi home front.

Labor's Record

Bad news travels fast. Labor strikes and lockouts are no exception, for in time of war such news is sometimes sensational.

The loyalty of American labor, on the other hand, seldom makes the headlines, for in time of war such loyalty is expected and often taken for granted regardless of circumstances; but in fairness we would like to give you a report from the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America.

Recently this union issued a report to its members in the armed forces. Those on the job at home felt that those in the service should be told what they were doing to increase production and strengthen and stabilize the entire home front in their effort to back up the Commander-in-Chief in policies that would lead to the speediest victory and the establishment of a lasting peace.

Topping their long list of achievements was a record of no strikes since Pearl Harbor, for the electrical workers had given their solemn pledge to produce the war goods you would need without interruption, and they have kept their pledge. And while you GIs may all be proud of your record in training and battle, the men you left behind on the production line are equally proud of the recent tribute paid them by the Under-Secretary of War, Robert P. Patterson, who said: "As we turn toward the tougher struggle ahead, it is gratifying to note the excellent record made by your union in observance of its no-strike pledge. With that kind of backing our soldiers will move into the decisive phase of the war with an overwhelming superiority of fire power and equipment over the armies of Hitler and Hirohito."

The record of America's electrical workers has been supported by the vast majority of all labor in America. Strikes have been the exception, not the rule, and workmen and women at home have broken every production record in their all-out effort to provide weapons of war on time to fill every need.

We are proud that we have been asked to pass this report on to you by those serving loyally on the home front.

Distinguished Unit Badge

Here is the latest information regarding recent changes in regulations for wearing the Distinguished Unit Badge.

Previously two citations were necessary before the badge could be worn individually by members of the unit cited. But now the Distinguished Unit Badge will be awarded to individuals assigned or attached to organizations receiving one citation in War Department General Orders for outstanding performance of duty against the enemy.

The badge is a blue ribbon set in a gold colored frame of laurel leaves and is worn just above the pocket on the right breast of the uniform. A bronze oak leaf cluster is added to the ribbon for each additional citation.

Individuals who were members of the organization at the time of the action in which the unit distinguished itself are entitled to wear the decoration permanently even though they are transferred to another unit. Those who are assigned or attached to the unit later may wear the badge only as long as they are members of the unit.

Hash Marks

Now we have a report on a guy who was apparently "ETO-Happy" even before he left the good old U.S.A. Just before leaving the States, Pfc William J. Smith mailed a package to his wife. Shortly after arrival here he received the same parcel at mail call—he had absently put his wife's address in the upper left hand corner and generously spread his own name across the middle.

Cause for Divorce, No. 6453437: A Chicago woman won a divorce when she



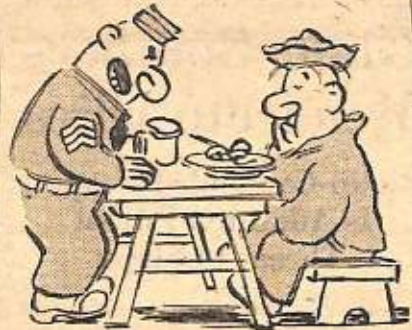
complained that her hubby struck her for refusing to chase fire engines with him.

Leave it to the air corps GI, he'll come through every time. Two fellows from a Marauder base found themselves stranded a long way from home with the scheduled hour for their return from pass rapidly approaching. There were no mechanical vehicles to be found in the town; but they finally succeeded in trading a resident out of a horse—for £7. They rode the nag back to base bareback; tied up at the orderly room and went happily to bed.

Cpl. Johnny Kerr and T/S Mickey Freeman, who run that popular AFN program, "Barracks Bag," have come through with a new one: They have received so many requests from officers that they are appropriately christening their Thursday show "Musette Bag."

Lt. J. L. Green, a Thunderbolt pilot over here, is one man who doesn't believe in stopping his "job"—even when injured. Sent to a hospital for bruises sustained in a crash landing, Green was soon up and around and back at work—"escorting" newly arrived bomber pilots to the hospital mess hall.

The man with the reddest face in the ETO this week is a certain 1/Sgt. who is continually jumping on his boys for

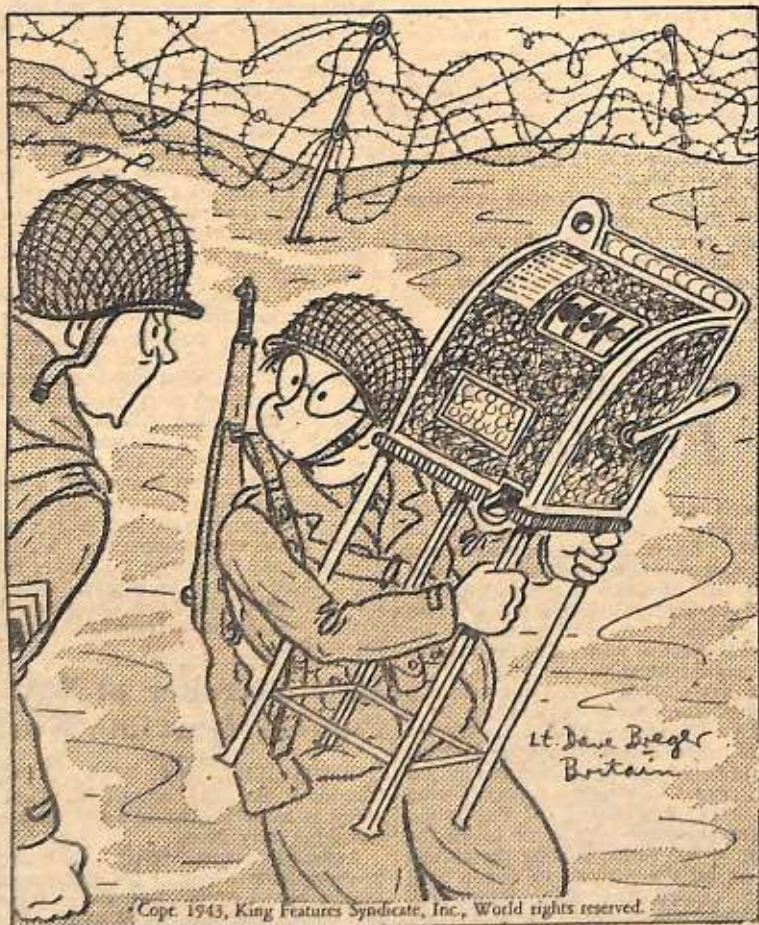


sneaking up to eat early chow. The other day he jumped a GI in the early line, bawling him out without a let-up—the poor guy couldn't get a word in. At long last the sarge stopped to catch his breath, whereupon the GI sighed in a pitiful voice, "Gee, Sarge, I thought it was OK for me to eat early chow without a pass—I'm on KP!"

Berlin radio bawls that Germany will fight to the last man—but fails to give his nationality.

J. C. W.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Can't you think of some other kind of recreation for a fox-hole?"

Puerto Rican QM Unit Now Serving in the U.K.



"Home is here," says T/S Pedro Colon, Caguas, P.R. (right), as he indicates to Cpl. Juan Hernandez, Aguas Buenas, P.R., the position of Puerto Rico on a map of the world. These men are members of an all-Puerto Rican quartermaster service unit working at QM supply depots.

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A U.S. QM DEPOT—From sunny Puerto Rico hundreds of native troops have come to swell the huge number of American forces now stationed in this theater and to add even more racial variety to an army which increasingly reflects the "melting pot" conception of the American scene. They compose the first all-Puerto Rican unit in the ETO—a quartermaster service group.

In their language, diversity of racial origin, these troops have brought to this country a portion of the exotic warmth and quick life of the West Indies, but in all other respects they are essentially GI.

Except for a brief period in the U.S. before embarking for this theater, 99 per cent of the officers and men had never left their island home. They still find the English climate bitterly cold in contrast to tropical Puerto Rico, where the temperature never falls below 70 degrees nor seldom rises higher than 90.

All of the officers are of Puerto Rican birth.

Commander of the unit is dignified, cultured Lt. Col. Fortunato Roman, of San Juan, P.R., a former district supervisor of schools in his country. A graduate of the University of Puerto Rico, he served in World War I as a second lieutenant in the old 376th Infantry Regiment, a Puerto Rican outfit which was robbed of combat experience by the signing of the Armistice.



Lt. Col. Fortunato Roman

"The principal mission of this service unit is to handle supplies of all kinds," Col. Roman stated, "and for over two and a half years we have been doing a lot of that."

At present most of the men are engaged in the unloading and storing of QM supplies at three large supply depots and providing skilled carpenters and plumbers for building and installing fixtures there. Huge quantities of cement to be used for construction of concrete runways at American airfields have passed through their hands.

"All of them," said Col. Roman, "have been imbued with the idea that they must give their all not for the sake of individual

recognition, but for the good and honor of Puerto Rico as a whole."

The unit was formed and trained in Puerto Rico under the jurisdiction of the Army's Antilles Department which includes Cuba, Santo Domingo, Curacao, Trinidad and the Virgin Islands.

They have brought with them torrid Latin-American rumba and tango music played by a unit band complete with "maracas" and "bongo" drums. They have played for several local dances, one at a nearby Italian prisoner-of-war camp, and their English neighbors have fallen for their rhythms. Every other man in this orchestra, led by Sgt. Jesus M. Cora Jr., of Guayama, is a singer as well as an instrumentalist.

A small number of officers and EMs had traveled to other lands before the unit left home. Maj. Jose Figuaras, of San Juan, the executive officer, attended Tuskegee Institute, famed Negro college in Alabama, graduating in 1917. In civil life he was a government architect.

Spanish is spoken universally by both officers and enlisted men, but all commands are given in English. Maj. Figuaras explained that back in Puerto Rico training instructions were given to the men in English and they would not comprehend with equal precision literal Spanish translations of the standard commands.

W/O Fernandez Miura occasionally breaks out in the unlovely idiom of New York's Bronx (Prospect Avenue version). Born in Puerto Rico, he lived in New York for many years, enlisting in the Army while resident in Puerto Rico.

S/Sgt. Justo J. Torres, of Ponce, a mess sergeant, has used admirable imagination in seeing that his cooks prepare meals as nearly as possible to the taste of the men, which in typical West Indian fashion runs to hot peppers and spiced dishes. Most of these condiments are not easily obtainable, but Torres uses what he can get to flavor GI dishes in a manner reminiscent of Caribbean style cooking.

The cooks here use probably more black pepper, green peppers, cloves and cinnamon than do the kitchens of any other unit of comparable size in the ETO, and in ways that average GI cooks would think outlandish.

"We buy green peppers, garlic and pimientos in the towns near our locations when we can," Sgt. Torres says, "and we use them to flavor our stews and beans." This correspondent is constrained to admit that Puerto Rican GI cooks have not forgotten the art of seasoning. I tasted their highly spiced Puerto Rican rice soup and found it fiery—but good.

The enlisted personnel of the unit is composed predominantly of men from the rural districts and country towns of Puerto Rico. Many of them formerly worked in the sugar, tobacco and fruit-growing industries of the island.

Cpl. Vicente Escobar operated a loading wagon on a sugar plantation from 6 AM to 6 PM, and admits it was slightly back-breaking stuff. He says he prefers his army job as head of a labor detail at a supply depot. He has also been excited by the views of two continents he never dreamed he would ever get to see while a laborer employed by the Farjardo Sugar Company.

Another former sugar worker, Pvt. Louis Paret, from Mayaguez, is no rabid advocate of the army life as a permanent profession, but says it beats life on a sugar plantation. He worked as a civilian for a large Puerto Rican sugar concern hauling truckloads of sugar cane from field to refinery. Now he drives U.S. trucks laden with cement from rail-head to depot.

There are also teachers and plumbers, stenographers and cement masons, doctors and carpenters, many coming from divergent social and racial groups, but all united by the bonds of language and all national traditions and fired by a high desire to help win the war quickly. Puerto Rico has come to the ETO.

This Is The Army

SGT. Sam Basefsky thought he was making a big hit on a date when he gave the girl a jar of peanut butter he received in a Xmas package. Several weeks later he met her again and the girl complained the peanut butter "hadn't made much difference." Basefsky headed for the nearest pub when she revealed she had been massaging her face with it.

Footsore and weary after taking part in a night compass problem, several officers of an ETO infantry division headquarters concluded they didn't know an azimuth from an arthroscope and decided the best way to reach a destination was to ask a policeman. Lt. Col. Robert Archer, of Baltimore, Md., and Maj. Lloyd Marr, ex-Ranger from Richmond, Va., were on the beam and got home first. Others wandered around the moors until dawn after seeking directions along the way from soldiers whose only replies were: "Sorry, sir, you're on your own."

FACTS-AND-FIGURES dept., latest comment: S/Sgt. Al Sheets, supply sergeant, claims there is only one chance in 577,069,219 that two soldiers in the same organization will have identical laundry marks—and Sheets has 'em. (So have others, to judge from recent reports on this matter.) They are Cpl. Arthur Coleman, ASN-12055714, and Pvt. Paul P. Ciraulo, ASN-39105714.

If old soldiers never die, Cpl. Richard Mitman, of South Bend, Ind., ought to live from now on. He's served with the Federal troops in Mexico, the Lincoln Brigade in Spain, the Chinese against the Japs, and with the Canadians before he transferred to the U.S. Army in England.

TWO five-day courses for the study of character and industries of northeast Scotland will be open for U.S. servicemen at the University of Aberdeen Feb. 21 and March 20. A four-day course covering the British economic system and post-war economic problems also starts Feb. 21 at the University of Manchester. Fees are £1 12s. for EMs and £3 12s. for officers. Send applications, indorsed, by COs, to Chief of Special Service, HQ, SOS.

Inspecting officers pointed accusing fingers at a Pfc when they failed to find the quarters of an infantry division basketball team up to standard. So Pfc Blackout, the team's cocker spaniel mascot who wears his stripe, ETO ribbon and dog tags—showing K9 blood type and nearest relative "unknown"—was tossed into the doghouse and put on a meatless diet for two days. When he got out he faced charges of being AWOL, which cancelled recommendations for a good conduct ribbon.

Notes from the Air Force

"MILK Run" is a comparative term, and new Luftwaffe tactics are beginning to give the USAAF communicative writers a headache by splitting single USAAF bomber attacks into milk runs for some groups and concentrated hell for others. During the Battle of Central Germany on Jan. 11 some groups cut straight for the target, spilled their bombs and came home with only flak scars. Other groups, and even combat wings, passing through the same areas within five minutes, had to fight off relays of savage German fighters who stuck with them most of the way home.

The same thing happened, in a lesser way, on the Brunswick-Hanover haul, but it remained for a veteran Liberator outfit to run into the worst dogfight of its career on what for everyone else was a thick cream run to the Pas de Calais.

The Lib unit, whose planes flew to Ploesti and home, was bounced by FW190s while making a run over military installations in the Pas de Calais Jan. 21. To hit only the target they made more than one run, and the fighters slashed into them in head-on attacks that Lt. W. H. Barker, Coffeyville, Kan., navigator, said were "the worst of my 14 missions. . . pretty much scientific slaughter." Lt. Arthur Anderson, Rockford, Ill., pilot, said he saw one Lib blazing, saw its pilot salute and then the ship exploded. On the same haul some Fortress groups didn't see a thing, they said at interrogation; others ran into the dirtiest flak they'd ever met.

All of which may explain why the general story of a mission doesn't always agree with some individual experiences.

Col. Glenn C. Nye, of Raleigh, N.C., is back with his Marauder group after an official trip home which included a highlight every pilot in the USAAF wants—piloting a B29. Col. Nye went home to report on B29 tactics and results in the ETO, stayed long enough to handle the controls on the new super-heavy bomber.

1/LT. PAUL VANCE, of Alpine, Utah, Flying Fortress pilot who stayed at his post although his left leg was nearly torn off by a chunk of flak, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, America's second highest military decoration. Vance is back in the States, and the DSC probably will be presented to him in the hospital.

Vance distinguished himself last October during an attack on Munster. After being hit, Vance turned the controls over to the co-pilot while he applied a tourniquet with his interphone extension cord and a bandage of his white scarf. He stayed to aid and advise the co-pilot during the bombing run, and did not leave his seat to lie down until friendly fighter formations joined the formation on the return trip.





# Jones' Grand Slam in Golf Voted Greatest Sports Feat

### Tops Babe Ruth in Ballots Cast by Nation's Sports Writers

NEW YORK, Feb. 8—The nation's sports writers believe that Bobby Jones' grand slam of golf in 1930 is the greatest athletic achievement of all time.

Bobby, now Maj. Robert T. Jones Jr., in the USAAF in the ETO, won the Associated Press feature service poll with a vote more than double that of his nearest rival, Babe Ruth.

Jones won four major titles in 1930, the British Open, British Amateur, U.S. Open and U.S. Amateur.

He took the British Amateur by a one-up verdict, then swept through the British Open. Returning to the United States, the Georgian ran up against MacDonald Smith in the U.S. Open and had to sink a 40-foot putt on the last hole to win. He then overwhelmed the American amateur field, winning the semi-final from Jess Sweetser, 9-8, and crushing Gene Homans in the final, 8-7.

Jones set a record which still stands in qualifying play with a 36-hole total of 66



Bobby Jones and 68 for 134 over the Sunningdale course in England.

# Max Meyer Seeking to Buy Controlling Interest in Bums

NEW YORK, Feb. 8—Max Meyer, wealthy New York jeweler and a life-long baseball fan, is attempting to close negotiations for the purchase of controlling interest in the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Meyer, representing a syndicate, conferred lengthily with the executors of the Charles Ebbets estate, which owns 50 per cent of the stock, but nobody would admit how far negotiations went. Meyer recently sold his interest in the Boston Braves and expressed his intention of "getting back into the game."

Armed with an option for 25 per cent interest in the club, obtained from other heirs, Meyer talked with Branch Rickey, who said he had no comment. Rickey's status with the club is safe, even if it is sold, because of a long contract, but Leo Durocher's position is considered precarious and rumor has Casey Stengel, Meyer's friend, as manager if Meyer gains control.

## Cage Standings

Eastern							
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Dartmouth	8	0	1.000	Columbia	1	5	.167
Pennsylvania	5	2	.715	Princeton	1	5	.167
Cornell	2	5	.285				

Big Ten							
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Iowa	7	0	1.000	Illinois	2	4	.333
Purdue	7	1	.875	Michigan	3	7	.300
N. western	5	1	.833	Chicago	0	5	.000
Ohio State	6	2	.750	Minnesota	0	6	.000
Wisconsin	5	2	.714	Indiana	0	7	.000

Big Six							
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Iowa State	5	0	1.000	Kansas	2	3	.400
Oklahoma	6	1	.857	Nebraska	1	4	.200
Missouri	3	3	.500	Kansas State	0	6	.000

Southern							
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Maryland	1	0	1.000	Davidson	1	1	.500
W. and M.	1	0	1.000	Citadel	0	1	.000
N. Carolina	7	1	.875	N. C. State	0	3	.000
Duke	3	1	.750	VMI	0	3	.000
Duke	2	1	.667	Clemson	0	4	.000

Southwestern							
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Arkansas	7	1	.875	SMU	3	6	.333
Rice	7	1	.875	Baylor	0	3	.000
Texas	5	3	.625	Texas A&M	0	5	.000
TCU	3	5	.375				

Pacific Coast							
Northern Division							
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Washington	8	0	1.000	W'ngton St.	3	5	.375
Oregon	5	5	.500	Oregon State	2	8	.200
Idaho	4	4	.500				

Southern Division							
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
California	3	0	1.000	UCLA	1	3	.250
S. California	1	2	.333				

## Kentucky Defeats Illinois To Avenge Former Loss

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 8 (AP)—Kentucky's Wildcats clawed their way to a 51-40 triumph over Illinois last night before a capacity crowd of 4,000. It was the 12th win this season for Kentucky, which previously had lost only to Illinois at Champaign, 43-41.

Going into the second half trailing 25-21 Coach Rupp's Wildcats got hot with freshman Guard Rudy Yessin pouring in seven points during the spurge while Tingle garnered 12 and Brannum 16 during the full game. Illinois' Patrick, however, led the scorers with 19.

## Li'l Abner



## Gehrig Leads Field In War Loan Poll; Ward Cuff Second

NEW YORK, Feb. 8—With the fourth War Loan sports popularity contest reaching the home stretch of its third week, the late Lou Gehrig, old "Iron Horse" and pride of the N.Y. Yankees, continues to lead the race.

Only two major changes have been noted in the standings: Mel Ott has vaulted over Babe Ruth into third place and Jimmy Braddock, former heavyweight champion, has jumped from 20th to ninth position.

The standings are as follows: Gehrig, 3,420; Ward Cuff, 2,439; Ott, 1,403; Ruth, 1,308; Don Budge, 1,099; Christy Mathewson, 786; Jim Thorpe, 776; Sid Luckman, 744; Braddock, 608, and Jack Dempsey, 499.

## Quebec Seeks Affiliation With Major Leagues

NEW YORK, Feb. 8—Ford Frick, National League president, has disclosed a request from a baseball combination in Quebec for assistance from the National League in forming an inter-provincial league. The combine seeks major league affiliations for clubs and hopes to start operations in May.

## Diamond Dust

# Lip's Trip Gives the Deacon More Than Usual Headaches

CAMP BLANDING, Fla., Feb. 8—Leo Durocher, Brooklyn Dodger manager, added further confusion to the already mixed up Brooklyn managerial situation when he declared he will go overseas after all. Last week Durocher said the overseas USO trip was highly unlikely because papers failed to arrive from Washington. Brooklyn President Branch Rickey said if Leo went overseas he would have to get someone else to run the club during spring training and until Leo returned. Lip's latest utterance apparently will send Rickey in search of a substitute manager again. . . . READING, Pa.—George "Whitey" Kurowski, Cardinals' third baseman, is holding out, having returned his unsigned contract. Kurowski is disqualified for military service due to the loss of a bone in his forearm in a childhood accident. . . . BUCHANAN, Ga.—Whit Wyatt, Dodger pitcher, hopes to play baseball again this year, but cannot be sure. Wyatt's draft deferment is due to dependency and not to farming. With dependency deferment the right hander may be allowed to play ball, but if his classification is changed to farmer he would probably have to remain on his 1,000 acres here. "I am in great shape and my arm feels fine. I don't believe it will bother me this year the way it did early last year." Wyatt said. . . . LOS ANGELES—Lou Novikoff, the Mad Russian of the Chicago Cubs outfield who put on a widely publicized hold-out last year, became one of the first to sign a contract for next season. Novikoff, who hit .280 in 78 games for the Cubs last year, said he agreed to terms in a long distance telephone conversation with Jimmy Gallagher, Cubs' business manager.

# Two Lightweights Steal The Show at Rainbow

## Hal Surface Annexes India Tennis Crown

BOMBAY, India, Feb. 8 (Reuter)—Hal Surface, the U.S. Davis Cup player, reached the final of the All-India Lawn Tennis tournament by beating Ifikhar Ahmad, India's number two player, in the semi-final, by 2-6, 6-3, 12-10, 6-3.

The Indian player got his revenge in the men's doubles when, with Prem Pandi, he beat Surface and his fellow American, Ned Singer, 6-2, 5-7, 6-0, 6-4.

## Phoenix Open To McSpaden

## Jug Victor in Playoff After Nelson Blows Up In Final Round

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 8—Harold "Jug" McSpaden, Philadelphia pro who reports to his draft board soon, won the \$5,000 Phoenix Open, beating Byron Nelson, of Toledo, Ohio, in the playoff round with a one below par 70.

Nelson shot a 72 after blowing up on the last nine holes. At the first of the last nine each had 35.

Jug and Nelson wound up tied at 273 strokes Sunday when Nelson shot a sizzling 65 to gain a tie at the end of 72 holes, necessitating yesterday's playoff.

McSpaden gets \$1,000 in war bonds and Nelson \$750.

Sammy Byrd, former big league outfielder, and Craig Wood were tied for third, each winning \$500.

## Armstrong Jolts Lew Hanbury

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8—Henry Armstrong, former triple champion, won another comeback bout last night with a kayo over Lew Hanbury, of Washington, in the third round of a scheduled ten-round.

The one-time featherweight, lightweight and welterweight champ dumped Hanbury with a left in the third round and Hanbury took the count on one knee, then jumped up ready to fight, but Referee Eddie LaFond ruled he was down for the full count. Hanbury protested futilely.

Armstrong had the better of the fight over his aggressive opponent until the end. The customers razzed the decision roundly.

The 31-year-old Armstrong weighed 139 and Hanbury 137.

## Coast Puncher Is Defeated By New Yorker; Shinn Wins Decision

An ETO champion and two of the best welterweights in this theater were the pre-fight headliners at Rainbow Corner last night, but a pair of terrific lightweights provided the bulk of the excitement, as Pvt. Art Peresley, 136-pounder from New York, outpointed Pvt. Jesse Puente, of Los Angeles, 135.

In the welter feature, billed as the attraction of the card, Pvt. Dick Shinn, San Francisco flash, eked out a close victory over previously unbeaten Pvt. Dick Menchaca, former Texas and Chicago golden glove titlist. Champion Pvt. Bill Kingsland, of Redondo Beach, Cal., had little trouble with Sgt. Bill Lockett, Pittsburgh 160-pounder, TKOing the Pennsylvanian in 1:55 of the second round in the co-feature.

Peresley and Puente started throwing leather from the opening bell and from thereon it kept pounding. Peresley, who has dropped three decisions to Menchaca, was in top shape. In the first round he continually found the range to Puente's stomach with a hooking right, then followed through with lefts and rights to the head.

Through most of the second he concentrated on Puente's face, shooting straight lefts that rarely missed the target. By the end of the stanza the Californian's nose was bleeding slightly.

Peresley was out for a KO in the third, but Puente, former two-time San Francisco diamond belt feather champ, kept coming. Peresley again used his straight left and a swishing right uppercut in close.

### A Boxing Exhibition

Shinn and Menchaca gave the crowd some of the best boxing yet seen at Rainbow. Menchaca, from Port Arthur, Tex., exhibited his usual bobbing, weaving style, feinting, shooting the left, then throwing a right to the stomach and coming in close before Shinn could get near him. Shinn, after a faulty first round, when he was continually off in timing and balance, moved in near the close of the stanza and in the second clouted Menchaca to the head with a hard right hook.

By the third Shinn had slowed Menchaca to a walk and the vaunted footwork of the Texan was not enough to stop Shinn from pounding him with jolting straight lefts to the head.

Kingsland was never in any trouble, winning easily over Lockett in a tussle that had some aspects of a pugilistic farce. Lockett opened up with a hard right to the head at the bell of the first, but Kingsland shook it off and then started to work. After catching Lockett against the ropes in the first with a barrage to the stomach, the champ opened up in the second, maneuvering Lockett into a neutral corner and dropping him with a right.

The card opened with Pvt. John Barzee, of New York, 127, winning his fourth straight bout this season, taking a decision from Pvt. Murray Sellers, New York, 129, in an action-filled bout.

Barzee took the offensive after the early part of the first and kept charging in with lefts and rights, both boys throwing plenty of leather in the infighting. Late in the second frame, Barzee suffered a bloody nose, but kept coming in throughout the third.

### Negro Makes Comeback

In a return bout, Pvt. Lafayette Drummond, 156-pound Negro from St. Louis, decisioned S/Sgt. Allen Reado, of Seattle, Wash., 149, to whom he had lost their first encounter.

Pvt. Morris Shapiro, well-known 157-pound scrapper from Philadelphia, scored a TKO over Cpl. Nick Papacristi, Canton, Ohio, 163-pounder, in 1:09 of the second round.

After a comparatively quiet opening stanza, Nick was out of the ring for the nine count at 15 seconds of the second from lefts and rights to the head, his nose starting to bleed. After Shapiro threw punches to the body and head, Referee Tom McDougal stopped the scrap.

Downing his opponent twice in the second and once in the third, Pvt. Anthony Pontarella, 168-pound New Yorker, took an easy decision over Pvt. Ysias "Wahoo" Espinosa, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., 166.

The quickest KO of the night came in the final bout, when Pvt. Roger Sanchez, of San Antonio, Texas, 130, KO'd Pvt. Norris King, of St. Louis, 126, in 50 seconds of the opening stanza.

In other bouts: Pvt. R. V. Jones, Carthage, Ark., 153, outpointed Pvt. Lawrence Casati, Brooklyn, N.Y., 157.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8—During a recent Pitt-Carnegie Tech basketball game the officials were a little late in coming out for the second half, so Pitt Coach Doc Carlson and Tech mentor Maxie Hannum took the floor with their teams, Carlson blowing the whistle and Hannum tossing the ball for the center jump. Each side dropped in a bucket before the tardy officials came out, stopped the game and ordered it restarted under their supervision. Carlson is famous with eastern court fans as the guy who throws towels in the air and fights with the fans.

When Albie Booth, mighty mite of Yale a decade ago, assumed the presidency of the Waterbury, Conn., Kiwanis club, the retiring president tossed him a football instead of the usual gavel. And sure-fingered Albie muffed the toss.

The story is now going around that Georgia Tech's Eddie Propkop played most of the last half of the Sugar Bowl game in a dazed condition due to injuries. If he did, it was the best exhibition of sleep running ever seen in this country. . . . Bob Steuber, ex-Missouri and DePauw star, has now turned up in a basketball uniform at Marquette where he is finishing his Naval Training.

Chicago U's basketball team is so young that its members have no worries over being drafted, but they worry anyway. Most of them are sweatin' out the fact that their fathers are being taken by Uncle. . . . Lt. Cmdr. Harry Kipke, former Michigan coach, has been promoted to officer in charge of all midwest colleges having Navy Pre-Flight programs.

Minneapolis friends of Bernie Bierman expect him to be discharged from the Marines next year when he reaches 50. If he is, Bernie has said that he will return to Minnesota as Gopher coach. . . . Although they finished third in the western division of the National pro football league, the Detroit Lions reaped a profit for owner Fred Mandel for the first time. He had sunk a quarter of a million bucks in the club.

When Bob Dill, new hockey bad man reported to the Rangers in New York, reporters asked him, "What are you alleged to have done to Referee Parsons in Buffalo that got you suspended?" "Alleged, nuthin'," came back Dill. "I busted him on the head." In his opening game for the Rangers he didn't maim anyone, but he handed out plenty of punishment with his body checking.

## CAGE RESULTS

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- Lost
- IDENTIFICATION bracelet with my name on it.—1/Sgt. Royal Pichette, 32254350.
- CAMERA, Argus 35mm. in light-brown case. Reward. Jan. 26 at Rainbow Corner snack bar. Reward. —Pte R. S. Pennington, 37374553.
- WALLEY, brown leather, containing identity cards and personal papers. Reward.—Lt. F. L. Morrison, 0-415787.
- WRIST WATCH, Seeland, Swiss make with pink face and green hands; Jan. 8 near Birmingham. —Lt. Vandermaertre, 0-681254.
- IDENTIFICATION bracelet, gold. OM insignia and American flag, my name and 1916 on it.—T15 Alojzy Kaperkowiak.

- Found
- MUSETTE BAG. Someone left his in place of mine at the Cheerio Cafe, Fiddinston, Feb. 1. G-1865 in marking on one I now have.—Cpl. Richard A. Heller, 39040273.
- NURSE'S HAT. Nurse took mine, left hers at the Edinburgh Red Cross Club, Jan. 24. Mine has ASN G-4438, hers C-1661. Will re-exchange.—Lt. M. Agnes, Gaffahan N-744438.
- Welsh St. David's Day Service
- AMERICANS in the ETO are invited to these services, March 2 at 6 PM, in St. Benet's, Welsh Methodist Church, Queen Victoria St., London, EC.
- St. Louis Police Department Reunion
- AT Victory Club, London, Feb. 21, 8 PM. Other occasions at 9:15 AM and 5 PM, Feb. 22.—Sgt. Leo Siroclau.





NEWS FROM HOME

7 Textile Plants Are Seized on FDR's Orders

Army Acts in N. England; WLB Subpoenas Striking Toolmakers' Chiefs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8—By order of President Roosevelt, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson today took over operation of seven Fall River (Mass.) textile plants affected by labor disturbances, and the War Labor Board cracked down at the same time on union chiefs who called a toolmakers' walkout involving 44 war plants in Michigan and Ohio.

The President's order provided that Stimson might return the textile plants to their owners when production returned to normal.

Meanwhile, in Cleveland, two WLB lawyers, accompanied by a deputy U.S. marshal, interrupted an executive board meeting of the Mechanics Educational Society of America to serve subpoenas on the union's president and secretary.

They were summoned to appear before WLB today to testify concerning the call for a mass walkout unofficially estimated to have involved 2,500 to 3,000 workers.

Most of Chicago's 36 iron foundries stopped operations, meanwhile, because of a strike called by the Molders and Factory Workers Union (AFL) in a wage dispute with WLB.

The number of workers striking was estimated unofficially at 3,000.

World Cotton Output Down

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8—The world cotton crop for the 1942-43 season was estimated today by the Cotton Textile Institute at approximately 27,250,000 bales—about a third of a million bales smaller than that of the previous season and the smallest since 1935.

Congressman to Retire

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8—Rep. Thomas F. Ford (D., Cal.) announced he would retire from Congress after nearly a dozen years in office "to go home and do just what I please."

Poet Found Starving

NEW YORK, Feb. 8—Edgar Lee Masters, one of America's best-known poets, author of "Spoon River Anthology," was disclosed to be recovering from malnutrition and pneumonia at a convalescent home.

New Carrier Launched

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 8—The aircraft-carrier Ticonderoga, sixth of the 25,000-ton Essex class launched since the U.S. entered the war, slid down the ways yesterday.

Railway Blamed in Wreck

GALLUP, N.M., Feb. 8—The Interstate Commerce Commission said today that the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad's failure to provide proper block signals was responsible for a train wreck here Dec. 18 which killed three persons and injured 48.

Lodge Successor Still Secret

BOSTON, Feb. 8—Gov. Leverett Saltonstall announced he had chosen a successor to Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., who resigned to go overseas as an Army officer, and would disclose his selection tomorrow.

New Series of Destroyers

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Feb. 8—The USS Lowry, first of a new series of Navy destroyers to be launched on the Pacific coast, slid into the water today at a Bethlehem Steel Co. shipyard.

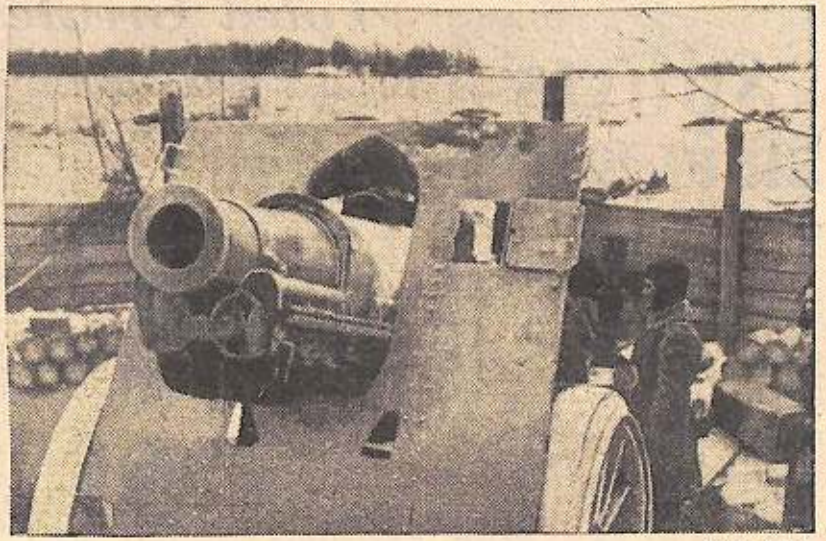
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1100—GI Jive.
1115—Hymns From Home.
1130—South American Way.
1200—Jubilee (Special Performance).
1230—BBC Theater Orchestra (BBC).
1300—World News (BBC).
1310—Barracks Bag—A grab-bag of entertainment.
1400—Visiting Hour.
1430—Sign off until 1700 hours.
1700—Sign on—Billy Cotton's Song Shop (BBC) and Program Resume.
1730—Lone Ranger—Hi-O-Silver Away.
1800—World News (BBC).
1810—GI Supper Club.
1850—What Do You Know, Joe?
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
1905—Carnival of Music.
1930—Kate Smith Program.
2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
2010—Fred Waring Program.
2025—Human Interest in Books.
2030—Ray Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge.
2100—World News (BBC).
2110—R.A.F. Orchestra.
2130—Fibber McGee and Molly.
2200—James Melton Show—Red Skelton.
2230—One Night Stand with Paul Martin.
2255—Final Edition.
2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Thursday, Feb. 10.

Germans Use Rockets and Heavy Siege Guns in North Russia



A German infantryman is illuminated by rockets launched by the Nazis to light up the area at night as a guard against Russian sneak attacks. This picture was taken a few miles from Narva, enemy stronghold shelled yesterday by the Russians.



Russian artillerymen inspect one of the many siege guns which the Germans used to bombard Leningrad. This weapon was captured last week during the Soviet surge toward Estonia, relieving the northern city of a two-year bombardment.

Believes Capital Is Out of Berlin

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (Reuter)—The opinion that the German government had been moved from Berlin was expressed here today by a British source.

He said that more than twice the tonnage of bombs had hit Berlin as had been dropped on any other German city. This, he said, was half the total weight of bombs dropped on the British Isles in the entire war.

Despite tremendous blows at German fighter strength, the Briton said, Goering still possessed as many fighters as he had six to eight months ago.

"We have been unable to cut the numbers markedly," he said, "but we have been able to prevent an increase."

House Resolution Seeks Jewish Entry to Palestine

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8—Public hearings on a resolution which would pledge U.S. support for the free entry of Jews into British-mandated Palestine opened today before the House Foreign Affairs Committee coincident with an appeal by 400 Jewish leaders for \$32,000,000 to rescue their co-religionists from Europe.

The resolution would commit the U.S. to take measures "to the end that... there shall be full opportunity for colonization so that the Jewish people may ultimately reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth."

U.S. Planning to Pipe Oil 1,250 Mi. Across Arabia

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)—A 1,250-mile oil pipeline from the Persian Gulf area across Arabia to the eastern shore of the Mediterranean will be built by the U.S. government, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes announced.

In issuing the announcement for the Petroleum Reserve Corp., of which he is president, Ickes said that the line would provide a standing reserve of one billion barrels of oil for the U.S. Army and Navy.

The project, Ickes explained, will be covered by an "agreement in principle" between the U.S. government and two oil companies—the Arabian-American Oil Co., owned by Standard Oil Co. of California and the Texas Co., and the Gulf Exploration Co., owned by the Gulf Oil Co.

USS Atlanta Is Launched; Replaces Pacific Casualty

CAMDEN, N.J., Feb. 8 (AP)—The cruiser Atlanta, successor to the ship which went down off Guadalcanal in Nov., 1942, came off the slips into the Delaware River Sunday at the New York Shipbuilding Company's yards.

The people of Atlanta, Ga., had bought \$63,397,000 worth of War Bonds for the construction of the ship.

Leningrad Price Was Highest Hitler Paid—and Got Nothing

By Henry Shapiro, United Press Staff Correspondent

MOSCOW, Feb. 8—Hitler paid more heavily for Leningrad than any other point in Russia and, in the end, suffered defeat without one of his troops setting foot in the city except as a prisoner.

This is the balance sheet, without taking into account his losses in the recent battles in which Leningrad was finally freed—losses of which the details are not yet known:

- 500,000 men lost
5,000 guns
8,000 machine-guns
12,000 tanks
4,400 planes
200 ships, including 1 cruiser
17 destroyers
20 submarines and 155 transport ships

"Kill Germans and still more Germans" was the Russian motto. Thus the Leningrad Youth Groups turned themselves into guerrilla units and set as the mark of each group a minimum of 100 Germans. One group killed 400, and, in all, 45,000 Germans died from the bullets of snipers.

On the debit side, too, Hitler has this boast, made on Nov. 8, 1941: "Leningrad will raise its hand in surrender sooner or later. No one can relieve it. No one can break through our ring. Leningrad will die of starvation."

Leningrad starved, but it did not die, and Hitler lost enormous prestige by the failure of his armies to achieve that last few miles between their front lines and the city itself.

The first major attack on the city was made in August, 1941, when Hitler threw 30 infantry divisions, four armored divisions and more than 1,000 tanks and 6,000 guns into the battle. In three weeks the Germans had lost 170,000 men and had not advanced an inch. They were held chiefly by the workers' battalions from Leningrad and the Baltic Fleet.

It was after that that Hitler began to claim starvation as an ally.

But Russian marines, working in temperatures of 70 degrees below freezing, built a road 300 miles long across Lake Ladoga and re-established contact with the rest of the country. Hitler had lost

Love Conquers All; It Even Licks Ban on V-Mail Kiss

NEW YORK, Feb. 8—Cupid found a friend today in the cold, austere precincts of the New York post office.

Chicago postal authorities last week banned lipstick kisses after Valentine Day, Feb. 14, on V-mail with the assertion that they smudged and made micro-filmed letters unreadable.

The New York post office announced today, however, that lip-kissed letters would be acceptable provided the kisses were placed in a corner where they would not interfere with the writing and provided the lipstick were not too smeary.

Hitler Has Flu

ZURICH, Feb. 8 (Reuter)—Reports reaching Switzerland tonight—unconfirmed by an official German source—said Adolf Hitler was ill at his headquarters with a bad attack of influenza.

Manstein-Hitler Row 'Detailed'

GENEVA, Feb. 8 (Reuter)—A report of an argument about strategy which nearly caused an open break between Hitler and Field Marshal Von Manstein was published today in the Journal de Geneve.

Last summer, when Hitler explained to Manstein his plans to meet the Soviet offensive, it was said, Manstein replied, "Wrong, quite wrong, my Fuehrer—for Heaven's sake, who told you that?"

Witnesses believed that Manstein's career was ended, but he is still taking orders—and beatings in Russia.

According to the Journal de Geneve, Hitler's latest orders are to prevent the Russians crossing the Dniester River at all costs, because the consequent loss of the Ploesti oilfields and the collaboration of the Balkan satellite states would mean an early end to the war.

The newspaper said that differences of opinion between Hitler and Manstein began in the Crimea. Manstein, it said, once interrupted a staff officer, who was describing the defeat of the Russians, saying, "I want no propaganda here, captain. Tell the gentlemen openly what happened—our casualties, and what a mess we are in. Tell them, too, that neither my soldiers nor myself know what business we have got in this filthy country."

Ex-Model Asks New Trial In '42 Murder of Woman

BEDFORD HILLS, N.Y., Feb. 8—Counsel for Madeline Webb, former model serving a life sentence for her part in the robbery-murder of wealthy Mrs. Susan F. Reich in New York in 1942, went before a scheduled session of the Appellate Division today to appeal her conviction and seek a new trial on the ground that she was "only an innocent pawn."

Miss Webb's sweetheart, Eli Shonbrun, and John D. Cullen were executed for Mrs. Reich's slaying after a sensational trial. Chief evidence against the girl was that she made a telephone call which lured the wealthy refugee to the hotel where she was bound with tape about nose and mouth, causing her to smother to death.

U.S. Flying School Grads Totaled 165,000 for 1943

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8—USAAF Training Command graduated 165,000 men from flying schools last year, the House military aviation sub-committee said today. Since 1939 the Air Forces have trained 100,799 pilots, 20,086 bombardiers, 18,805 navigators, 117,218 gunners and 55,891 ground and air combat crewmen and technicians.

U.S. Renews 'Quit War' Warning to Finland

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull disclosed today that the United States recently renewed a warning to Finland to get out of the war.

Hull said that the U.S. had warned Finland to get out of the war or to suffer the consequences of continuing to fight on the side of Germany.

Terry and the Pirates



YES, IT'LL TAKE A LOT MORE EVIDENCE THAN A JAP CODE FOUND IN HER WASTE BASKET TO CONVINC ME SHE'S A SPY... BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET AT THE SICK CALL LINE-UP...



IT'S MY HEAD AN' STUMMICK SIR... AN' I GOT KINDA SPOTS ON MY SKIN HERE AN' THERE



HOLY SMOKE! SERGEANT—DON'T ALARM THE OTHERS—BUT HAVE THIS MAN ISOLATED—AND GET ME A LIST OF THE PHAGES THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS AVAILABLE! HURRY!

