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Maj.-Gen. C. L. Chennault's Order of the Day

FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL YEAR which ends 10 March, the Fourteenth Air Force has destroyed more than 1,200 enemy planes, more than 500 of them were shot down in air combat. These figures do not include more than 190 probables nor the hundreds damaged in air combat, nor the probables and damaged, left by our bombers and fighters on burning enemy airdromes.

"In destruction of enemy aircraft, as in the destruction of enemy installations and supply lines, our missions have been invariably outnumbered by enemy air strength. But through surprise and combat proficiency we have destroyed more than eight enemy planes in air combat for every plane of ours that he has shot down.

"Fighters and bombers of the Fourteenth Air Force since March 1944 have sunk nearly 600,000 tons of enemy shipping, with 270,000 additional tons probably sunk and nearly 450,000 tons damaged. This is a total of more than 1,300,000 tons.

"At least 18 enemy naval vessels not included in the tonnage totals were destroyed by our fighters and bombers, 14 were probably destroyed and 18 were damaged.

"During the year we destroyed more than 2,600 smaller craft on which the enemy depends so greatly for supply lines on the coast and in the occupied river valleys of interior China. More than 500 of the craft in this category were probably destroyed and more than 9,000 damaged.

"Since June, units of the Fourteenth Air Force have killed more than 30,000 enemy troops and nearly 10,000 troop horses and pack horses. More than 700 enemy locomotives have been destroyed and 450 have been damaged. We have knocked out more than 100 bridges on enemy lines of communication and we have damaged nearly 250.

"As modern air forces go, all this has been done by few with little, often under extremely adverse weather conditions and over the world's most unfavorable terrain. It has been made possible by incredibly more pilot and crew sorties per month than might be expected, and by indefatigable effort and devotion to duty on the part of ground personnel supporting the operations.

"Not least among the accomplishments of the Fourteenth Air Force in its second year was the protection of more than two million Chinese refugees evacuating areas of Central and South China. For the first time since the Japanese attacked China, hundreds of thousands moved under the sheltering wings of the Fourteenth Air Force, ahead of the Japanese armies, free from wanton strafing and bombing, aided by our surgeons and flight nurses.

"Fourteenth Air Force transport units and attached combat cargo squadrons have dropped thousands of tons of supplies and munitions to Chinese armies operating against the enemy, and have transported across enemy lines supplies essential to the operations of advanced bases. Repeatedly, in co-operation with the China Air Service Command and the Engineers, they have completed the evacuation of our bases without material loss to our arms or gain to the enemy. It is notable in this connection that the enemy has thus far been unable to capitalize the bases we have evacuated under pressure of his ground forces.

"In sharp contrast, we have made untenable many of the formerly significant Japanese air bases in China, and have widely extended our zones of air supremacy and air superiority against a repeatedly surprised and always reluctant enemy. Many times outnumbered, we have beaten him to the ground. He no longer dares attack in the daylight hours, and his air strength is waning on all our fronts."

C. L. CHENNAULT,
MAJOR GENERAL, USA

Chinese SOS Truckers Will 'Keep 'em Rolling' For China

KUNMING.—Transportation is one of the important elements in the problem of supplying Chinese forces fighting the Japanese in western China.

This fact is emphasized in plans for the new Chinese Army Services of Supply on which an integrated staff of American and Chinese officers is now at work, which call for important expansion of transportation facilities behind the Chinese armies.

The new Chinese SOS has headquarters here and works closely with Chinese Army headquarters under General Ho Ying-chin and with the Services of Supply, US Forces commanded by Maj. Gen. G. X. Chesley.

New trucks now coming over the Stilwell Road will be operated principally by Chinese Motor Regiments being organized and trained by American instructors in India and China. These Chinese units will move, most of the tonnage required for the support of Chinese armies.

"For each American soldier brought into China," declared Col. C. C. Benson, Washington, D. C., Transportation Officer, SOS, USF, "about one third of a ton of supplies a month has to be airlifted over the hump or brought by truck more than 1,000 miles from Lado."

Every additional American soldier that we bring into China must be carefully weighed against the needs of the 14th Air Force for fuel and the needs of the Chinese armies for arms and ammunition.

Chinese truck drivers and mechanics live in their own country, eat homegrown food and wear clothing produced in China. They are patient, hard-working and eager to learn all we can teach them about American trucks and American maintenance and repair practices.

A year and a half experience training Chinese tank units in India has convinced me that Chinese truck and maintenance units, given reasonable training, can and will do a good job. Long before we can afford to import additional American troops for SOS duties in China, I confidently expect to see well-trained Chinese units doing most of the work."

The tonnage now moved in for support of American forces is not up to standards for many other theatres. Men frequently make sacrifices of convenience and comfort items for tonnage put to fighting needs. Often soldiers get only two cartons of cigarettes in a month, light as they are in weight. Much soldier food is grown in China. Some candy is manufactured in China to save precious hump tonnage.

Legion Head Disapproves WD Policy On Communists

WASHINGTON (ANS).—The War Department's recent disclosure that Communists may be granted commissions if they meet loyalty tests drew both praise and criticism last week-end. The commander of the American Legion, Edward N. Scheiberling, said, "Fifty-one percent loyalty is not enough when the security of our country is at stake. The new policy for our Armed Forces states that no Communist or other person of alien loyalties may be promoted to officer rank unless his alien loyalty overrides his loyalty to the United States."

Earl Browder, president of the Communist Political Association, hailed the War Department's statements as "a great victory for American democracy." He said in a statement, "what this means is that the Army has found not the

ATC Chief Lauds SOS 'Hump' Help

The splendid co-operation that the Ground and the Air Forces bring to bear against the enemy in the China Theater was again illustrated this week in a letter from Brig. Gen. William H. Tunner, commanding general, ICD-ATC, to the office of Lt. Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer, commanding general of the China Theater.

In his letter Gen. Tunner announced that the ATC, during the month of January, had airlifted more tonnage to China than ever before in its history, and added:

"This record could not have been achieved without the co-operation and sincere efforts displayed by certain other agencies. The assistance which the Services of Supply in the China Theater has rendered has been of inestimable value in the successful accomplishment of the mission of this Division."

I would be grateful if you would convey to all concerned the appreciation of the India-China Division for all the help given to this Command."

In an indorsement to Gen. Tunner's letter, Brig. Gen. Mervin E. Gross, acting Chief of Staff, China Theater, added: "The Commanding General wishes to express his appreciation to the officers and men (of the SOS) for the splendid co-operation you have extended to the India-China Division of the Air Transport Command in handling air-lift tonnage for the China Theater."

Brooklyn (CNS).—When a subway cop caught Wally Thall smoking on a subway platform he gave him a \$2 summons, then another cop, "What's the idea?" the cop demanded returning, "For \$2," replied Thall, "I'm entitled to a smoke." Hauled into court, Thall paid \$10 instead of \$2—for stubbornness.

slightest evidence to justify any discrimination against Communists as a group and has placed them in the same category as Republicans and Democrats, to be dealt with on their individual merits."

58 OF 60 MEN KILLED IN HOUR AND A HALF

TWO JIMA (ANS).—An indication of the cost of early fighting on Two Jima was given with the story of how Lt. Frank J. Wright, Pittsburgh, landed on the beach with a platoon of 50 men.

"By the time he crossed the island an hour and a half later, two of the 60 remained," said T/Sgt. Keyes Beach of the Fifth Division.

US Flag Hoisted On Iwo



US Marines hoisted the American flag atop Mount Suribachi, volcano at the southern tip of Iwo Jima, which was captured February 23. American Marines climbed the precipitous, almost vertical side of the 600-foot volcano to plant the flag upon this fiercely wrested battlefield. (Radiophoto)

Political Crisis Seething In Italy

ROME (ANS).—Escape of Italian pro-Fascist Gen. Mario Roatta during his trial on war crimes charges produced Italian political crisis Tuesday which, the Associated Press said, may topple the government of Premier Ivanoe Bonomi and open Premiership to Count Carlo Sforza who declined Italian Ambassadorship in France only this week and whose appointment as Foreign Minister in the Bonomi Cabinet was vetoed by Britain last year is unlikely to be opposed again by London because the new Allied program in Italy involves Allied control only over the Ministries of Air, War and Navy.

ROME (ANS).—The Associated Press reported that approximately 1,000 Italians shouting "death to the King" and waving red flags demonstrated before the royal palace Tuesday but were driven off by mounted police after one person was killed. Two others, one a British soldier, were wounded. Crown Prince Umberto was inside the palace but did not appear.

The demonstration followed a mass meeting of 10,000 in the colosseum square against the Government of Premier Ivanoe Bonomi, protesting the escape of Gen. Mario Roatta, Fascist leader being tried for war crimes.

ROME (ANS).—The Associated Press reported Wednesday that convicts and person awaiting trial for Fascist crimes burst out of cells in Regina Coeli prison Wednesday as riots and sporadic bomb explosions intensified Italy's political crisis, touched off by escape of Fascist Gen. Mario Roatta from hospital while awaiting trial.

Police quelled the prison riot with tear gas streams but the political crisis mounted as the Communist party issued a formal warning that all Communist ministers and undersecretaries will resign unless Premier Ivanoe Bonomi immediately effects sweeping changes in Italy's internal policies.

Vinson Named To Succeed J. Jones

WASHINGTON (ANS).—President Roosevelt nominated Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson on Monday to succeed Jesse Jones as Federal Loan Administrator—the job which the Senate refused to give to Henry A. Wallace as new Secretary of Commerce.

Vinson's nomination won verbal approval in Congress in which Vinson had served for 14 years as Democratic representative from Kentucky before being appointed judge in a District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Both Wallace and Jones, who have been at loggerheads on most issues endorsed selection. The Whitehouse said it would not name Vinson's successor as Stabilization Director until after he had been confirmed by the Senate.

Chicago (CNS).—These are America's 10 most popular comic strips, according to a recent magazine survey: Joe Palooka, Blondie, Li'l Abner, Little Orphan Annie, Terry and the Pirates, Dick Tracy, Moon Mullins, Gasoline Alley, Bringing Up Father and The Gumps.

Rhine-Germany's Tough Frontier

LONDON, Mar. 8.—The Rhine—Germany's river of destiny and her toughest frontier—is 85 miles long, 44 miles being in German territory.

For most of its course, the Rhine is more adaptable to defence than the other great rivers of Europe and for at least 2,000 years various nations have disputed the possession of this waterway that formed the

foundation of Germany's former economic importance.

In its lower reaches the Rhine is wide and deep but the banks are flat. Between Duisberg and Wesel the river narrows to under 500 yards with sloping banks. At Duisberg, the Ruhr port, there is the biggest inland harbor in the world. There is not much left of this port today.

Between Mainz and Cologne the steep, wooded banks are covered with vineyards and numerous old castles crown the heights. The Rhine becomes progressively swifter as the course narrows. Napoleon in 1806 began the unification of Germany by merging about a hundred principalities into "The Confederation of the Rhine" but it was Bismarck who, by taking Alsace-Lorraine from France in 1870, made the Rhine all German.

After 1850, the industrial revolution changed the face of the Rhine. It became a main artery of a metropolis in 20 years under the influence of Krupp.



HOLLANDING RESORT. American soldiers accompanied by 100 boys, Dutch children, were on grounds of Hoesbroek Castle in Holland. Castle houses 125 children who are cared for by the Nuns. Children wear national costumes and entertain their country's liberators.

REDS NOMINATE HITLER FOR NOOSE PROCESSING

MOSCOW (ANS).—The newspaper Pravda declared this week that Adolf Hitler must not be sent into exile on an island like Napoleon, as has been suggested, but "needs the rope." It said firm and specific decisions have been reached by the United Nations on those guilty of the war.

Stateside Stuff

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace issued a statement shortly after his confirmation as a Cabinet member Friday, asserting that the aim of his department would be to aid the war effort "help develop the fullest use of all manpower, woman-power, money, credit, ingenuity and science, to produce even more for peace than we have learned to produce for war, so that the peacetime standard of living may be continually rising."

TRENTON, N.J. (ANS)—Gov. Walter Edge said last week the Fair Employment Practice Bill similar to the Anti-discrimination Bill passed by New York State Assembly will be introduced to New Jersey Legislature when it reconvenes March 12. The New York Legislature measure which is now before the State Senate in Albany provides penalties for employers who discriminate in hiring practices because of race, religion or national origin.

ALEXANDRIA, LA. (ANS)—Pvt. Arthur Board, 19, of Baltimore, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for drawing his bayonet on an officer, striking him and failing to obey a direct order, it was announced Saturday by Camp Livingston Infantry Advanced Replacement Training Center. Board was convicted by court-martial for violating the sixth Article of War. The sentence will be reviewed by the Judge Advocate General in Washington.

ATLANTA, GA. (ANS)—A Bill to tax Georgia bachelors and divide the proceeds among the State's spinsters on Valentine's Day was introduced in the House last week although its funding sponsors, most of whom are married, admitted the measure was submitted too late to receive consideration at this session. Under its provision every Georgian who has reached 30 without being married would be subject to \$100.00 tax with levy increasing \$10.00 a year every year he continued as a bachelor. If the bachelors would present an affidavit showing they had proposed to at least three spinsters during the preceding three years they would be exempted from the tax.

DETROIT (ANS)—FBI Agents Saturday night captured Thomas (Pete) Norris, 32, and John Vox, long term convicts who had escaped last week from the State Prison farm at Angleton, Tex. Two loaded guns were found in their hotel here. Norris has been sentenced to terms exceeding 300 years for murder and robbery.

RIVERSIDE, CAL. (ANS)—Screen actor Robert Cummings, 36, and Mary Elliott, 23-year-old actress, were married Saturday night by the actor's mother Rev. Ruth Cummings. Cummings, an Army flight instructor, is on leave to make the picture "The Bride is from Raleigh."

HOLLYWOOD (ANS)—An eight pound six ounce son was born last Saturday night to the wife of actor James Craig. They also have five year old James junior.

HELENA, MONT. (ANS)—Eleven earthquakes in three days shook Helena last Saturday accompanied by roaring and rumbling. No deaths, injuries or major damages were reported.

MINNEAPOLIS (ANS)—Chosen from among thousands of conscientious objectors who volunteered their services, 36 men are being slowly starved at the University of Minnesota to test the effect of "starvation" diets now common in Europe. The information obtained during the experiment will be used in rehabilitation programs in war-torn countries.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—War Secretary Stimson announced last week that a special badge will be awarded to Army medical personnel serving with combat units under fire. The badge was authorized after combat troops suggested that such medical men were entitled to recognition in the form of a badge and, extra duty. However, the Army said the latter proposal would impair the medical noncombatants status and the new badge was authorized as an alternative.

SAN FRANCISCO (ANS)—A successful operation has been performed at a naval receiving hospital to remove a fused 20-mm projectile from the body of Seaman 2nd Class Dewey Dupre of Opelousas, La. The chief danger was that the sensitive type projectile might explode on contact with the operating instrument, but bomb disposal experts consulted with physicians and the operation was completed successfully.

LOS ANGELES (ANS)—Although she testified she didn't want her husband to leave their home, Mrs. Lavada Harding filed a suit for divorce last Thursday, charging her husband struck her, tore her clothes off and associated with other women. "If he leaves, I can't afford to keep house," she said, adding that she would continue to live in the same house with him even if she was granted the divorce. Action was continued.



SEEING THE SIGHTS—With most of the fires in Manila quelled, American soldiers can see points of interest. Crossing bridge in colorful grounds of Chinese pagoda are Mary Ann Rivers, Manila, followed by Sgt. Joe Hipp, Garden City, Ky.; Pfc. John Doty, Manitou, Colo.; and Pfc. Charles Stuart, Fort Arthur, Tex.

REP. GORE OF TENN. ON DUTY AS PRIVATE IN ETO

PARIS (ANS)—SHAEFF disclosed that Rep. Albert Gore, Tenn. Dem., has been on active duty as a private and has been learning firsthand how the Allied Military Government operates in occupied Germany. He recently conferred with Lt. Gen. W. B. Smith, chief of staff to Gen. Eisenhower, and other staff officers.

Gore, who is 37-year-old, entered active duty at his own request and has been under fire with infantry troops.

ANTI-DEMOCRATIC RIOTS IN ROMANIAN CAPITAL

MOSCOW (ANS)—A Tass dispatch from Bucharest reported Monday that pro-Fascist bands were rioting in the streets of the Romanian capital and tearing pictures of United Nations leaders from buildings. It said the Fascists were firing on homes of democratic leaders under the protection of the Ministry of the Interior headed by former Prime Minister Radescu who resigned as head of the government last week.

14th AF Scores Heavy Toll On Jap Rail Stock, Planes, Ships Despite Bad Weather

HQ, 14th AIR FORCE, CHINA—Fighting the dread bug-a-boo of adverse weather, the 14th Air Force scored heavily against the Japanese during the month of February. With 78 enemy aircraft destroyed, five probably destroyed and 90 damaged, enemy aircraft combat losses in ratio to combat were probably sunk and 36 with a total 36,000 tons were damaged during the month.

A 200 foot gunboat was sunk and two Jap naval vessels were damaged. Not included in any tonnage totals were 67 river craft and other vessels of less than 100 feet sunk nine probably sunk and 298 damaged.

CACW Heaps Havoc On Enemy Shipping

HQ, 14th AIR FORCE, CHINA—

Continuing its powerful drive against Japanese transportation facilities in Central and Eastern China, Brig. Gen. Winslow C. Morse's hard-hitting Chinese-American composite wing of the 14th Air Force during the month of February destroyed 94 locomotives and 216 trucks.

Composed of both American and Chinese personnel, the Chinese-American Wing has in the past three months wiped out 280 locomotives, probably destroyed seven and damaged 118 during the same period 163 railroad cars were destroyed, 869 damaged, and 375 trucks destroyed, and 556 put temporarily out of action.

The CACW did not restrict its drive to disrupt Japanese transportation to trains and trucks. During December, January and February one gunboat, five steamboats and 116 other boats were blown up, gutted by flames or sent to the bottom, 10 other probably destroyed, and 979 boats of all categories damaged.

The Japanese Air Force was in no way neglected during this three-month period of CACW operations. Thirty-two Japanese aircraft were destroyed in the air and 159 on the ground. An additional 11 were probably destroyed and 148 damaged.

Japanese ground forces were not ignored in co-ordination with Chinese troops during December, January and February. Enemy soldiers killed totaled 979. In addition 1,161 horses were killed.



FOURTEENTH CHIEF OF STAFF, Brig. Gen. Albert N. Hegenberger, new Chief of Staff of the Fourteenth Air Force, succeeds Brig. Gen. Edgar E. Glenn. Previously Gen. Hegenberger was Chief of Staff for the Second Air Force in the United States.

BRITISH FLEET READY FOR PACIFIC ACTION

MELBOURNE (ANS)—Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, British Naval commander in chief, said this week that the British fleet now is ready for its first action in the Pacific after overcoming serious operational problems. He said the fleet would operate from powerful American built bases which may be used jointly with the American fleet.

31 Nations Due At 'Frisco Meeting

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The United States announced this week voting rules to be followed by the World Security Council in handling of future international disputes, and disclosed that 31 nations have been invited to join the Big Five at San Francisco next month to organize a new League.

France declined the offer to join the United States, Britain, Russia and China in sponsoring invitations but will attend as a delegate. Poland was not invited because its government has not yet been reconstituted on a broader democratic basis as decided upon at Yalta.

Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Mich., Rep., announced he has accepted Pres. Roosevelt's invitation to serve as one of the United States delegates saying he had received Whitehouse assurances in the "exchange of cordial and friendly letters with the President," that he will be free to act as he sees fit during deliberations.

Voting rules provide that any one of the Big Five nations may veto the use of force or other enforcement measures against itself or any other country involved in the dispute. This means the League could not use force or economic sanctions against any disturber of peace unless such action is approved by all of the Big Five plus two other members of an eleven nation council.

No council member, large or small, which is involved in a dispute would have a vote in preliminary council decisions attempting peaceful settlement of dispute.

Churchill Visits Troops In Germany

LONDON (ANS)—Prime Minister Churchill was back in London Tuesday following a week-end tour of the Western front during which he stepped on German soil and told American and British troops "one good, strong heaven" by both Eastern and Western Allies would bring an end to the European war.

After conferring with Allied military leaders, Churchill visited Ninth army troops and pleaded in vain with Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson for permission to ride in a tank to the Rhine for a look at Dusseldorf.

The score on Japanese locomotives was 149 destroyed and 117 damaged. The 14th Air Force operations during February also accounted for 452 enemy troops and 243 enemy troop-horses killed in the same operation.

The heaviest strike of the month was the bulls-eye scored on the Jap airfield at Tsing-Tao, on the Shantung Peninsula, February 10.

Results of February operations brought cumulative totals of 14th Air Force damage to the enemy to the following figures for the overall period since July 4, 1942:

Two thousand one hundred and ninety four Japanese planes destroyed and more than 1,200 were shot down in combat. Four hundred and nine enemy vessels sunk, and destroyed representing a total tonnage loss to the Japanese of more than 800,000 tons of shipping at the hands of the 14th Air Force. More than 300 represented by 169 enemy vessels listed as probably sunk and nearly 570,000 tons of enemy shipping damaged, totalling a tonnage aggregate in sunk and destroyed, probably sunk, and damaged of nearly 1,950,000 tons.

Not included in cumulative tonnage categories the 14th Air Force as of March 1 had destroyed more than 3,000 enemy vessels of less than one hundred feet, had probably destroyed 587 and had damaged more than 10,000.

Thirty-two enemy naval vessels had been destroyed, 20 probably destroyed and 31 damaged.

These statistics, it was pointed out, should not be confused with figures released in connection with the second anniversary.

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Roanoke, Va. (CNS)—Lt. Martin Wilbourn was in a hurry when he rushed through his home town of Roanoke. He just had 5 minutes between trains to marry his beat girl, whom he kissed on the station platform, then headed north for overseas duty.

WEEKLY REVIEW

THE CHINA LANTERN OF THE WAR

Seek License For "Ridie-Talkies"

Gen. Eisenhower's western front offensive, going ahead with accelerated momentum, continued to hold the world's news spotlight this week as word of important progress was announced from SHAEF.

The major victory termed the greatest in the west since D-day came with the First Army's capture of Cologne, fourth largest city in Germany.

The most important railway junction in the western Europe, Cologne, has long been regarded by the Germans as one of the greatest strongholds of their inner-defense ring and occupies a paramount place in the pattern of Allied strategy.

While the First Army triumphantly entered Cologne, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army smashed through German defenses before the middle Rhine and advanced 32 miles to reach a point 20 miles west of the ancient town of Coblenz at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers.

GERMANS DISORGANIZED
Disorganized German resistance proved a slight obstacle to the Third Army's advance and threatened to bring Coblenz within reach of Allied artillery momentarily.

The easy capture of Cologne released many First Army troops to pursue the Germans fleeing to Bonn, directly to the south. Further north, the Canadian First Army met a better organized Nazi Army on the approaches to Xanten which guards the Rhine City of Wessel, eight miles to the east. While offering stiff resistance to the Canadians, the Germans in the Xanten sector were slowly but surely giving ground.

NINTH BLACKOUT LIFTED
After a spectacular 15-mile advance to the western edge of the Industrial Ruhr, the news blackout on Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's Ninth Army was lifted last Friday. Week-end found the Ninth fighting its way through a suburb of Dusseldorf, having achieved a rout of the once powerful Nazi Eleventh Army.

Typical of the progress of events on the western front was the merging of the American Ninth and the Canadian First armies between Geldern and Kevelaer Saturday morning, driving the Germans across the Rhine after they had destroyed three of their own major bridges over the river at Dusseldorf.

Other German bridges were blown up by retreating Nazis at Krefeld and Dieringen, near Dusseldorf, while many units of the Ninth reached the banks of the river of destiny.

With the Third Army going ahead at a pace rarely seen in the European conflict, the First Army pausing on the heels of one of the war's great victories in the west, the Canadian's moving towards Wessel, the Seventh Army nearing Saarbrücken and the Ninth Army alone reporting more than 100,000 German prisoners taken, Eisenhower's biggest offensive since Normandy bid fair to maintain its historic pace.

Pacific

After having moved steadily northward for almost three years, Gen. MacArthur last week altered his course and headed south, marking the occasion by seizing Palawan, westernmost isle of the Philippines.

Long and narrow, Palawan dominates South China Sea approaches to Thailand, Indo-China, Malaya, Singapore and the Netherlands East Indies.

IMPORTANCE OF PALAWAN—MacArthur's conquest of the island was designed to sever Jap shipping lanes to the East Indies, secure the safe passage of our own vessels and the security of the Philippines as a base of operations. US control of Palawan means that not only have we cut Jap communications, but also nullified their conquests to the south.

Catching the enemy off guard, MacArthur's veteran troops landed virtually unopposed on Palawan's 275-mile long east coast and captured Puerto Princess, capital and principal port, as well as two nearby airfields. Losses were termed "very light." Forty First Division troops did the job.

BURIAS AND TICAO CAPTURED
Two tiny islands, Burias and Ticao, off the west coast of Luzon's Bicol Peninsula in the Sibuyan Sea also yielded to MacArthur over the week-end, this time to elements of the US Eighth Division, and again opposition was light.

Although small, Burias and Ticao are large enough to serve as possible springboards against enemy positions on the Bicol Peninsula which stretches south-east towards Samar and Leyte where MacArthur made his first landings last October. This

COLOGNE GREATEST VICTORY SINCE D-DAY

MAC ARTHUR CHANGES COURSE, GOES SOUTH

TWO JIMA ADVANCES MEASURED IN YARDS

REDS IN ALL-OUT ATTACK TOWARDS STETTIN

5th ARMY PROGRESSES IN BELVEDERE AREA

CHINESE CUT SUICHUAN-KRUHSIEN ROAD

MANDALAY, LASHIA ON VERGE OF FALLING.

last Allied acquisition also acts as a buffer for American troops on Leyte.

LUBANG

Before week's end, still another island, Lubang, fell to MacArthur. Eighteen miles long by eight miles wide, Lubang is off the northern tip of Mindoro, outside Manila bay. Its capture makes available the shortest sea route through the Philippines to Manila, cutting in half the 300-mile roundabout course it was necessary for American ships to travel around the Jap held islands of the southern Philippines.

In winning Lubang, Twenty-Fourth Division troops overwhelmed "negligible resistance."

FIGHTING ON LUZON

While khaki-clad Americans reach out to conquer elsewhere in the Philippines, fighting continues on Luzon. MacArthur said this week that six of the ten Jap divisions on Luzon have been destroyed while the remaining troops have been bottled-up in the mountains. Under continuous attack, the Japs are in critical condition. Some 225,000 of them have been killed on Luzon and Leyte, vast quantities of food, munitions, guns, trucks and clothing have been destroyed or captured.

American progress continues on all Luzon fronts and telling air blows blast Japanese shipping to Formosa and the China coast.



FOX HOLE DELUXE—Though hardly enjoying the comforts of home, Pfc. Elmer C. Harter of Cambridge City, Ind., looks quite at ease. He lined the hole with pine boughs before crawling in.

TWO JIMA

Marines on Two Jima continued to measure their advances in yards as the bloody battle for the Volcano Island entered its third week. By week-end the Leathernecks had covered the Jima where the decisive phase of the fighting was expected to take

and 12 miles north-west of Rongelap.

Throwing cavalry and tanks into the battle the Red Army extended its salient into the Nazi corridor between Stettin and Danzig and drove German communications between the two cities had been cut, isolating Nazi troops against the sea.

STARGARD CAPTURED

Monday's Russian communiqué disclosed that the Red Army had taken Stargard, 19 miles south-west of the docks of Stettin, giving the Russians a double-track railroad and a parallel highway directly to the port which serves as Germany's sea outlet.

The Russians also took the road junction of Naugard, in a drive to outflank Stettin, while Polzin, 27 miles south of Russian-held Koenigsberg, also fell.

After a 25 mile advance Tuesday, the Russians captured Germany's last Baltic defense east of the Oder. Cammin, Trepow, Regenwalde, Plathe, Griefenberg and Guben were included in 360 towns which Marshal Stalin's communiqué listed as captured in Pomerania.

Italian Front

Action in Italy was confined largely to control of cities and Allied bombing of communication targets in the Brenner Pass area. Germans were cleared from the entire coastal area below Valtellina Comacina inland lake at the eastern end of the Allied line by Italian troops attached to the British 8th Army.

The 5th Army made slight advances in the main Belvedere sector, south west of Bologna, occupied several more hills and a number of villages despite stiff resistance and newly arrived enemy reinforcements.

A number of dominating peaks and the town of Castel Daino, 20 miles west of Bologna was captured by the 5th Army in the strongest advance made in weeks.

China

Early this week the Chinese launched an attack against the Kwangtung province town of Kwanhsien, 165 miles north of Canton in an effort to break the Japanese hold on the Canton-Hankow railway. By Tuesday Chinese forces from the north had almost surrounded Suichuan, Kiangsi province, city midway between Hongkong and Hankow, former site of one of the biggest week-end air strikes in eastern China. The Chinese announced that they had cut the highway between Suichuan and Kankasien.

Sea

The capture of Old Lashio two miles north of the main town of Lashio and its two main airfields by Chinese troops highlighted the war in Burma this week. Lashio is at the end of the Burma Road and at the head of a railway to Mandalay which lies 145 miles southwest.

Lashio's capture threatened to cut off the last escape ground to the east for enemy forces bottled up in Mandalay.

A British column has driven to within four miles of Mandalay while the British 14th Army tightened its grip on the stricken city with a spectacular 25 miles dash across open country to seize Meiktila.

British armored units craved the Irrawaddy and severed main Japanese land, air and water links upsetting the enemy's entire strategy in Burma.

Coal Union Demands Royalty On All Bituminous Mined

WASHINGTON (ANS)—United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis opened negotiations for a new contract with operators last week by demanding his union be paid ten cents royalty for every ton of bituminous coal mined in the United States. He said that the proposed royalty would amount to \$60,000,000.00 and would be used to build up a medical and rehabilitation fund for his union and would not actually be paid to the miners themselves.

Lewis, who recently notified the government that he wants the miners paid on March 27 to determine whether they will strike if his demands are not met, said the government should keep out of current negotiations.

Miners' other contract demands including proposals that the agreement run indefinitely subject to cancellation on 20 days notice, that it cover all employees except superintendents and one foreman

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The American Telephone and Telegraph Company has asked the Federal Communications Commission to give it radio wave bands for mobile service between moving vehicles and for service for rural subscribers.

A spokesman for the company asked the Commission to allocate at least a single 10 megacycle band to common carrier service and sharing of frequencies between rural subscribers telephone service and urban mobile telephone service.

He said that several new and broad bands have appeared after the Federal Communications Commission in 1935 and 1936 placed telephone service between moving vehicles. He added that approximately 100,000 mobile telephone calls are made now to station service along a major trunk route.

Radio telephone service for rural subscribers, he said, would enable the company to furnish service to many thousands of families living in areas where no telephone service now is available because there are no lines.

Union Leader Raps Workers, Chrysler

NEW YORK (ANS)—R. J. Thomas, President of the United Automobile Workers Union, whose members ended strikes in a number of Detroit plants Monday, rapped Chrysler Corporation for the strikes but asserted that the corporation did not excuse workers for striking while the war is on.

From my knowledge of the Corporation, there is no excuse for the strikes, UAW is 64,000 strong, nevertheless, despite all provocations it would still be a mistake for workers to make until complete victory is won, he said. Thomas' comments followed the opening session of UAW Executive Board meeting. Chrysler plants have resumed production but other workers at Detroit manufacturing Company plants still remain idle.

OVER RANK PROMOTION SEEBIES END STRIKE

FOUR HUNDRED CALLED AWAY

A thousand Seabee members of the 40th Construction Battalion ended a two-day hunger strike Monday in protest against alleged discrimination in awarding promotions to the rank chief petty officer, the Navy announced.

The Seabees were veterans of 20 months service in the Pacific and were said to have presented a plan to give ratings to men brought in from outside battalions.

The entire question was referred to Washington for a decision. The Navy said that no disciplinary action was planned.

POSTHUMOUS AWARD FOR GI ETU BAZOOKA HERO

PARIS (ANS)—Supreme Headquarters announced the posthumous award of Congressional Medal of Honor Tuesday to Pvt. John R. Towle of Tyrone, Pa., bazooka man of 82nd Parachute Division who single-handedly broke up a German attack on his unit as it attempted to relieve British airborne troops at Arnhem last September.

Towle was killed by mortar shell after routing the personnel of two tanks with bazooka fire and killing nine Nazi infantrymen with another round as they ran through the doorway of a house trying to flee.

14th Air Force Highlights Of '44-45



ABOVE LEFT—Kowloon Docks, Hong Kong, as it was being struck by Liberators October 16, 1944. Ship (left center) turns its toward attack bomber.

ABOVE:—Tengchung, during one of the many raids during July 1944. Fourteenth Air Force Mitchells breached the walls, making possible the storming of the town by Chinese ground forces.



ABOVE:—Chai Lian, French Indo-China, marshalling yards struck by Liberators November 27, 1944.



ABOVE:—Samah Bay, Hainan Island, struck July 28, 1944.



ABOVE:—Kenghuang Bridge, on the Menam Yom River, Thailand, hit by Mitchells November 11, 1944.



ABOVE:—Samsoh, on the West River, struck by Fourteenth Air Force on September 14, 1944.



ABOVE:—Changsha, hit by Liberators supporting Chinese troops fighting to retake the town after Japs had occupied it a few days earlier.

Army Tops Middies 50-48 In Finale

Army, beaten but once in 31 cage games over a 2-year period, won the mythical Eastern championship by defeating Navy, 50-48, at Annapolis.

The game was fought evenly throughout, and the score was tied three times in the opening period and twice in the second half. After trailing, 25-24 at the half, Army took the lead early in the second half and never trailed again, though Navy did knot the score twice.

With the score tied at 35-all, Perry Nelson, middle forward, was ejected on personal fouls. Army moved out front with five quick points and never relinquished the lead.

In the closing minute of play with Army leading 50-44, Robbie Howe and Augie Black hit long shots to put Navy back in the game, but Black missed two shots as time ran out. The gun sounded as the Middies had a chance to shoot again.

Football Star Doug Kenna was high for the cadets with 15 points, Bobby Dobbs, hit long shots to put Navy back in the game, but Black missed two shots as time ran out. The gun sounded as the Middies had a chance to shoot again.

This game was the twenty-second renewal of service rivalry, and Army's thirteenth victory. Army's only defeat this season was an upset at the hands of Pennsylvania after the Kaydets had run their win string to 27 straight. Navy's only previous loss this year was a 38-69 defeat by professional-studded Bainbridge Naval Training station team.

Five Canadians On Hockey 'All' Team

ST. LOUIS, MO. (ANS)—This year's All-National League hockey team, chosen by the "Sporting News," is almost entirely Montreal. With Flash Hollett, Detroit Red Wings defenseman, the only exception.

For the all-league front line, the paper picked the high-flying Canuck's first attacking wall, with Hector "Toe" Blake, left wing, Elmer Lach at center and Maurice "The Rocket" Richards at right wing.

Richards and Lach are currently engaged in a red-hot battle for the National Hockey League scoring honors with Richards in second place. Despite the fact that he's just hung up a new record for goals scored in one season.

Alongside Hollett, the lone non-Canadian on the team, Emile Bouchard, of the Canadiens, completes the back line, and Bill Durnan, of the Habits, is in the nets. Dick Irwin of Montreal is coach of this year's first team.

The second team is dominated by players from the Toronto Maple Leafs. Dave Sweeney, Schreiner, Toronto, and Billy Mosienko, Chicago, are the wings and Bill Cowley, Boston, is the center. Babe Pratt, Toronto, and Earl Siebert, Detroit, are the backline and Frank McCool, Toronto, is the goalie. The second array is coached by Jack Adams, Detroit manager.

Ky. Tops Tenn. 39-35 For SE Crown

Kentucky won the Southeastern conference championship basketball tournament by tripping Tennessee, 39-35, with a spurt in the last three minutes of a hotly contested game.

The game was fiercely fought, and never more than three points separated the two teams until the final minutes. Kentucky led 18-17 at the half, and the two outfits were tied at 39-all when Kentucky started its streak, scoring nine points and holding the Volunteers to five.

Jack Parkinson led the winners with 15 markers and Jack Tingle had nine. Bob Kemper and Joe Gauparovich each had seven points to lead Tennessee.

In the semi-final round, Kentucky beat Alabama, 52-41, and Tennessee advanced to the finals with a win over Georgia Tech, 41-37.

American University won the Mason-Dixon conference tournament, beating John Hopkins in the final, 70-36. American beat Randolph Macon and Bridge-



FOURTEENTH MITT MIXERS. Capt. Mark M. Conn, center, Arverne, L.I., watches his boys go through the paces in preparation for all-base boxing show to be held March 12 as part of the Fourteenth Air Force's second anniversary celebration. Corp. Fred Andrews, left, Salem, Ore., squares off with Sgt. Johnny Babie, right, Detroit, Mich.

Iowa Downs Illini, 43-33 To Win Big Ten Basketball Title

Iowa's battling cage team won its first undisputed Big Ten cage title in history by downing Illinois, 43-37, in the last game of the conference season.

Leading all the way and holding a 26-14 lead at the half time, the Hawks beat the Illini five at their opponents' specialty—speed. Dick Ives paced the Hawks with 14 points and sparked the court play as his team-mates literally ran the Illinois cagers into the ground.

The game was a rough and tumble fray throughout with 42 fouls being called, 25 on Iowa. Illinois lost three players via the foul route including Kirk, who fouled out after making his six points.

The last time that Iowa figured in the conference title was in 1926, when there was a four-way tie for the title. Before that they tied Wisconsin for the championship in 1923.

Pop Harrison's team this year scored 1,030 points, a new high for Iowa, along with winning more games with a higher point average than any previous Iowa team.

Jim Seyler led the Illini with 12 markers, while the two top scorers, Junior Kirk and Howie Judson, were held to only six and two points respectively. Kirk and Judson were effectively stifled by Clayton and Herb Wilkinson, for Clayton netted 7 points and Herb, 6 markers, in addition to their stellar guard jobs.

Minnesota downed Wisconsin, 54-50, winning a battle of centers. Kleggie Hermensen, Gopher center, and White Ray Pat-Hill, Badger pivot man, buzzed in 21 points. The Gophers led 23-22 at half in the tight battle.

Another corn state team, Iowa

State, cinched the Big Six basket ball title by beating the leader, Kansas, 61-39, in the final game of season. Missouri beat Kansas State, 45-42, to gain a .550 mark for the season's standing.

After picking up a 27-21 margin in the first half the Cyclones surged out to a 40-23 lead in the first seven minutes of the second half. Kansas later cut the lead to ten points, but never got any closer than that.

Bob Mott, 17-year-old freshman center, Bill Block, guard, and Jim Myers, forward, dominated Iowa State's scoring. Mott made 18 points, Block 12 and Myers 11. Myers total, however, was enough to net him the Conference scoring title with 121 points, seven more than Arthur Peterson, of Nebraska.

Iowa State scored eight victories in 10 conference games, while Kansas had a record of seven and three. The team came up to the wire with an identical record. Iowa had previously lost to Kansas and Missouri.

Utah won the Big Seven cage crown, downing Brigham Young in the last game of the season, 56-51. The score was tied twelve times, and Brigham Young led 32-29 at the half. The lead changed hands seven times after the half.

With a minute and a half to go and the score knotted at 51-all, Murray Satterfield slipped in a goal and Lee Hamblin added a free throw for the Ute victory. Guarded by two men all evening, Utah's All-American Arnie Ferrin still hit for 15 points, while Satterfield led with 19.

Utah accepted a NCAA western bid after the victory but loses Ferrin before the tournament to the Army.

OREGON, WASH. STATE IN TIE FOR TITLE

Washington State cinched a tie with Oregon for the northern division Pacific Coast league cage title by beating Idaho, 49-30, while Oregon dumped Oregon State, 47-38, in the final northern division game.

Vince Hansen netted 15 points for Washington State to bring his total to 253 points in 16 games. This is a new all-time northern division scoring record, breaking the former 16-game season mark of Cal. State at 224 in 1943 and also the 20-game mark of Oregon's Laddy Gale who hit 249 in 1938.

The Cougars led from the open-

ing minute and never were in danger.

In the Oregon-Oregon State fracas, the Websters were trailing at the half, 17-15 but started to roll in the last half to gain a 12-point lead with two minutes to play. Ken Hays had 13 points and Dick Wilkins, 11, to lead the winners, though Red Rocha took top honors for state with 16 markers.

Washington State and Oregon will play off the tie next week in Eugene, Ore, with the winner taking a NCAA bid for the Kansas City tournament.

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

| Conference | Champion | Runner-Up |
|--------------------------|--|--------------|
| Eastern Independent | Army | Navy |
| Eastern Intercollegiate | Penn | Cornell |
| League | Iowa | Ohio State |
| Big Ten | Iowa State | Kansas |
| Big Six | Utah | Colorado U. |
| Big Seven | Rice | Arkansas |
| Southwest | N. Carolina | Duke |
| Southern | Kentucky | Tennessee |
| Southeastern | American U. | Ottelberlin |
| Ohio Conference | Akron | John Hopkins |
| Mason-Dixon | UCLA | So. Cal. |
| Pacific coast (Northern) | Washington-Oregon tied, playoff next week. | |
| Pacific coast (Southern) | | |

First Of Series Of Fights For Area Titles, Monday Nite

HQ., 14TH AIR FORCE:—A card of ten boxing bouts, the first of an announced series of all-base bouts, which will include sluggers from the Ground and Service Forces as well as mittmen from the 14th Air Force, will be held at the Hangar, at APO 827, on Monday night, March 12, at 10:30 hours, it was announced this week by Capt. Mark Conn, New York City, 14th Air Force Base Special Service Officer.

The boxing tournament is to be part of the second anniversary celebration of the 14th Air Force's activation date.

Engineering Takes 1340 Hoop Title

1340TH AAF BU, CHINA:—

The 1340th basketball league came to a rousing finish when Engineering topped Traffic Control, with whom they were tied for first place, at the end of the final half of the championship hoop contest. This marked the culmination of a series of fast-moving engagements in which Air Traffic consistently offered a sharper offensive, but finally toppled because of a weak defense.

Pfc. Louis Bass, Louisville, Ky., special service sports director, was largely responsible for the success of the 1340th league, and with his 156 points was the league's top scorer.

Other leading scorers were Lt. Fred H. Tingey, Brigham City, Utah, 114 points; Pfc. Arthur Bridges, Shrewsbury, Mass., 111; and Pfc. Emile W. Edwards, New Orleans, 107.

134th teams were represented in all local basketball leagues. The officers' team won the Base league title; the enlisted men's five tied for first place in the final half of the Wing league and made a creditable showing in the Base to now completing plans for touch football and softball schedules, with eight teams lined up in each league.

BASKETBALL SCORES

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|---|------------------------------------|
| Army 64, Maryland 34 | Indiana 65, Illinois 55 |
| Long Island 48, Oklahoma 33 | NYU 85, Temple 54 |
| Albright 85, Elizabeth Town 45 | Canisius 52, Syracuse 46 |
| Akron 81, Woodbury 48 | Albany 50, Colgate 45 |
| Oklahoma Aggies 46, Tulsa 33 | Phillips 62, Arkansas 34 |
| Valley Forge hospital 40, Camp Patrick Henry 32 | Kentucky 57, Florida 35 |
| Tennessee 59, Mississippi 37 | Georgia Tech 68, Georgia 44 |
| Washington College 46, Loyola of Maryland 33 | John Hopkins 33, Gallaudet 22 |
| Bridgewater 71, Western | Marquette 41, Wisconsin 50 |
| American 48, Randolph Macon 34 | Rhode Island 90, Providence 62 |
| Westminster 75, Geneva 69 | Alaska Tech 47, Bowdoin Airbase 46 |
| Missouri 45, Oklahoma 39 | Iowa Pre-flight 50, Minnesota 30 |
| Iowa State 61, Kansas 39 | Missouri 45, Kansas State 42 |
| Kentucky 68, Louisiana State 37 | Alabama 51, Tulane 31 |
| Georgia Tech 60, Miss. State 43 | Tennessee 50, Auburn 39 |
| American 59, Bridgewater 55 | John Hopkins 41, Wash. Col. 32 |
| Army 50, Navy 48 | Iowa 43, Illinois 37 |
| Minnesota 54, Wisconsin 50 | Utah 56, Brigham Young 31 |
| Washington State 49, Idaho 30 | Oregon 47, Oregon State 38 |
| Kentucky 39, Tennessee 33 | American U. 70, John Hopkins 95 |
| Albright 61, Gettysburg 41 | CCNY 78, Fordham 38 |
| West Va. 61, Carnegie Tech. 35 | Hamilton 51, So. Da. State 35 |
| Oklahoma 52, Isalile 38 | St. John 51, Ellis Island C. G. 46 |
| Temple 72, St. Josephs 47 | Connecticut 67, Rhode Island 59 |
| Westminster 76, Akron 74 | Wyoming 42, Utah State 39 |

Army Keeps IC4-A Cinder Crown

Army rolled up a record score of 731 points to defend its IC4-A track and field title. Navy came in second with 553 markers which also broke the old mark of 48 set by NYU in 1943.

In a special race, Jim Rafferty of the New York Athletic club won the "Long Zepherin" mile in 4:30.4 with Gunder Haeg running last in a field of five. Forest Eflaw was second, Don Burnham, third; Rudy Simms, fourth.

Army placed in each of 13 events and won three, including the first three places in the shot put with Doc Blanchard, Ralph Davis and Jim Hamilton finishing in order. Blanchard tossed the metal ball 48 feet, 81 inches to win.

Arturo Godoy won his first

Better than thirty entries have been received for the bouts, and for the last three weeks the embryo champs have been hard at work sparring, bag-punching and doing their road work under the direction of Capt. Conn and Sgt. Paul Packard, New York City, SOS Special Service, both of whom have provided excellent training facilities for the men.

A preliminary survey of the entrants fails to disclose any Madison Square Garden names, as most of the leather-pushers seem to prefer to let their fighting do their talking for them.

Some will admit to some previous Golden Glove activity. Sgt. Johnny Babie, Detroit, Mich., has had 56 bouts under his belt. Pvt. Richard Donough, Cleveland, Ohio, 123 lbs., was the city Golden Gloves champion several years ago.

Though the majority of the fighters have not been matched as yet, several bouts have been definitely scheduled:

S/Sgt. Joe Rusignio, San Jose, Cal., 155 lbs., is matched with Sgt. Frank Slaughter, Chesapeake, Md., 160 lbs., SOS, in a middleweight three-rounder. Rusignio has chalked up four wins in previous GI bouts in China, while Slaughter is an unknown in the local ring.

A mixed officer-enlisted man bout will bring Lt. Murray Chasin, Atlanta, Ga., ASC, 123 lbs., against Corp. Elliot Norat, Wash., D.C., at 175 lbs.

A heavy bout brings together Sgt. Johnny Babie, Detroit, Mich., 170 lbs., and Corp. Fred Andrews, Salem, Ore., 170, in what is billed as the feature three-rounder.

All the bouts will be three-rounders, of two minutes duration, and will be fought under the National Collegiate Rules, with modifications. The ten bouts will have representatives from all the classes from 115 pounds to the heavyweight division.

The handling of the entrants has been strictly professional. In addition to Capt. Conn, who was a member of the national Golden Gloves team that toured Europe in 1935 and Athletic Director for the Board of Education in New York City, and Phil Packard, who promoted some of the outstanding boxing shows in India, the fighters are being handled by Sgt. Ben Neglia, Brooklyn, N.Y., who has 20 years experience as a trainer and fight manager.

A novel feature of the evenings entertainment will be a bout between two Chinese boxers. The exhibition will be conducted under Chinese rules, which are similar to the French 'savate', in which the boxers use both their hands and feet.

Basketball To Be World-Wide Sport

HOUSTON, TEX. (ANS):—Basketball will become a world-wide sport when the war is over, and the rules have already been translated into several languages, according to James W. St. Clair, director of Physical Education at SMU and president of the National Basketball Rules Committee.

St. Clair reports growing interest in the American cage sport in such places as Spain, Portugal, France and throughout South America. GIs in Asia can attest to the enthusiasm for the game displayed by the Indians and the Chinese.

Reports have trickled back to the United States that basketball tournaments played under almost impossible conditions of the South Pacific islands.

One Marine correspondent told of how the natives watched enraptured as two Marine teams battled for the title on a certain rock down there, and when the game was over borrowed a ball and started shooting baskets themselves.

Iowa State, taking the final relay event, defended its Big Six track crown by beating Nebraska's 49-33. The Cyclones won two events but placed in every one. Missouri was third with 28 points.

Babe Herman Ends Colorful Career

'Babe' Herman, who wormed his way forever into the hearts of the Flatbush faithful in the days when the Dodgers were at their daffiest, has called it a career, and in keeping with some of the incidents which featured his 24 year diamond stint the news services which announced his retirement had his name wrong.

They called him William, but those familiar with the lore of Brooklyn baseball know that there was only one and there never will be another like Floyd Caves Herman.

Left-handed through and through, some of the 'Babe's' exploits were unbelievable, and others often attributed to him are outlandish falsehoods. But there's enough of the real Herman to keep them talking for many years.

In the first place, Flerd Holman (as they say in Ebbets Field) was a murderous hitter. He stood at the plate loose as a goose and lashed out at anything that came near him. Those who missed the Babe in his heyday but who have seen Ted Williams swing have an excellent idea of what Herman looked like at the dish.

One day years ago in a game against the Chicago Cubs Babe missed a chance to write his name forever in the baseball records through no fault of his own, but because of something that could only happen in Brooklyn.

The Dodgers were trailing by three runs in the eighth inning and Babe blasted the ball over the right field fence into Bedford Avenue with the bases loaded. That should have done it, but the Dodgers kept the rally going and a few moments later Babe came up to find the bases loaded again.

Whether Babe would have hit his second homer with the bases loaded in one inning can never be said now—he never got the chance. Johnny Fredericks wandered too far off first base and got picked off for the third out before the Babe got a shot at the pill.

They tell stories how the Babe was always getting hit on the head with fly balls; they report how the Babe in his days as a first baseman threw balls into the stands hitting the paying guests; and anyone who happens to think of something funny hangs it on the Babe. Most of it is false, though he did get bearded just once at Ebbets Field with a fly ball.

One day at the Polo Grounds in a game against the Giants the Babe trotted into the clubhouse with the ball in his pocket after grabbing a fly ball while the winning run scored on the second. He thought it was the third out.

Another time when Mrs. Herman was in the hospital the Babe took his son to the ball park. When he went to visit her after the game she asked him where the boy was. "Gosh," he replied, "he must have left the kid at the ballpark," and he dashed off to retrieve his offspring.

Fred 'Dixie' Walker is the current idol of the Gowanus Canal clan, but there's many an old-timer (and some not so old, 'cause they start coming to the park early in Brooklyn) who'll admit Walker's good, "but he can't hit 'em like Babe Holman."

Snead Garners 3rd Straight Golf Win

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. (A)—Slammin' Sammy Snead, winning his third straight tournament, beat par by 22 strokes for a 286 score and the first prize of \$1,000 in the \$5,000 Jacksonville open.

Snead's triumph, which boosted his earnings this year to over \$13,500, came after triumph at New Orleans where he beat Byron Nelson in a playoff at Gulfport, Miss., last week.

Slammin' Sammy's rounds on the par 72 course were: 69-65-66-66. PGA champion Bob Hamilton shot four strokes under and came up with second prize money. Nelson, for the first time this year, was lower than second—finishing in a tie for sixth on a 275, one stroke behind Sammy Byrd, Ky. Laffoon and Bruce Caltari.

Jug McSpaden shot his worst golf of the year in the last round of the tourney, garnering a 75 after being tied with Snead at 200 at the end of the third round.

Snead is top favorite to take first again as the pros move to Miami this week for another of the winter season's golf tourneys.

SPORTS SHORTS

New York university set a new Madison Square Garden basketball scoring record in the next to the last cage twinnbill this season when the Violets slugged Temple, 85-64. The previous mark had been 84 points scored by Fordham in 1943 when the Rams whipped Rhode Island, 84-75.

John Keshin, owner of the Chicago team of the new All-American Pro Football league, announced the signing of Lt. Col. Dick Hanley of the Marines, former Northwestern coach, as tutor of the pro team. Maj. Ernie Nevers, former Stanford All-American, signed as assistant.

Halfback Lou Zintini and guard Chuck Riffle, stars of the Cleveland Rams of National Football league were inducted into the army at Cleveland. Both played at Notre Dame.

Allie Reynolds, Cleveland Indians' righthand pitcher was rejected for military service at Oklahoma City. He said he may not return to Cleveland this season as he is in war work and recently suffered a head injury while playing basketball.

Valley Forge hospital won the basketball title of the Third Service Command, squeaking out a win over Camp Patrick Henry in the championship game, 40-36.

In a warmup game for the coming Rice Paddie softball league season, the Gremlins silence the Signalmen, 8-1, at APO 627. The Gremlins jumped on Elsey in the first inning as Gould, Janowitz and Broedlow smashed out hits for two runs. They scored one in third, fourth in the sixth and added a final tally in the seventh inning.

Only a clearly defined "play ball" from the manpower officials in Washington will bring 4-F athletes from their farms or war jobs back to the game, says Lou Boudreau, manager of the Cleveland Indians. "I'm talking about the permanent 4-Fs. Some men in Washington must decide whether these men are more valuable in the war plants or on the ballfield," clamis Boudreau.

Sportswriters are tagging Ray Sugar Robinson, "the uncrowned king of the welterweights" after his quick knockout win over George Costner, who had scored 23 knockouts prior to his bout with Robinson. The first round K. O. was Sugar's fifty-second win in fifty-three bouts.

Alan Ford, Navy trainee and Yale swimming star recently bettered the world's 100-yard free-style record for a 20-yard pool, speeding over the distance in 49.1 seconds. The previous mark had been set in 1925 by Johnny Weismuller.

The federal government has been petitioned by the All-American Amateur Baseball Federation to assure the continuance of baseball unless "extreme emergencies arise on our war fronts to otherwise dictate."

The Tri-State Baseball League has been organized this week despite all wartime restrictions. Franchises were granted to Asheville, Greenville and Spartanburg, S. C. and Knoxville, Tenn., with two other cities expected to join soon.

The annual exhibition game at Baseball's Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N. Y., has been cancelled, Will Harridge, president of the American League, revealed. The cancellation was in line with the major leagues' program to curtail transportation 25% during the '45 season. The game had been scheduled to be played on July 9 between the Detroit Tigers and the New York Giants.

L. A. Blois, world shotput champion and tackle for the New York Giants of the National Pro Football League, has been making in action in France since February 2. "Big Al" was the world record shotputter and star football player, both as an amateur and professional. The 250-pound, six foot seven-inch New Jersey athlete was never beaten in 55 college time meets, marking six times, bettering almost two dozen records.

NOT THROUGH YET - - By Jack Sords



Major Leaguers Open Spring Training Season Next Week

Baseball's major league ballclubs start their Spring training next week with the smallest player squads in the history of the modern game. With the dim manpower outlook all the team will operate on a day to day basis until they learn just what will be done in Washington with regard to the "work or else" legislation. The Washington Senators already started the ball rolling on Wednesday at College Park, Md., and the Cubs opened with their pitchers and catchers Thursday at French Lick Springs, Indiana. The other teams in the league will wait till next week to begin activity.

With the manpower questions still unanswered, the usual balloohoo about contract signing is conspicuous by its absence. The clubs are making few announcements on agreements, and some of them won't say a word. The New York Yankees, for instance, simply announced that they have signed 16 players and lost one to the armed services, but no names were mentioned.

In addition, many players have complicated the situation by refusing to divulge whether they intend to play or not until legislation one way or the other is passed in Washington. A rundown of the 16 major league clubs and their training bases reveals that all the clubs are suffering from manpower difficulties:

AMERICAN LEAGUE— Browns, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Apparently less affected than most, they will start with practically the same lineup that won the first pennant for them last year.

Tigers, Evansville, Indiana; Suffered a severe loss in the re-induction of Dick Wakefield, but they still have Trout and New-houser returning.

Red Sox, Pleasantville, N.J.; The entire catching staff plus Tex Hughson and Bobbv Doerr gone. Prospects none too good.

Athletics, Frederick, Md.; Face the loss of first sacker Bill McGhee, and are relying on dischargees for a pitching staff.

Senators, College Park, Md.; The same old story this year of trying to play American baseball with Cuban players. Prospects dark.

White Sox, Terra Haute, Ind.; Lost relief hurler Gordon Maltzberger to the draft this week. Have 39 hopefuls on the roster.

Indians, Lafayette, Ind.; It is reported that Lou Boudreau is considering war work for the duration, and are relying on the Cleveland fans.

Yankees, Atlantic City, N.J.; Everything depends on Shirlweiss, Borows and Johnny Lindell.

NATIONAL LEAGUE— Cardinals, Calro, Ill.; Looks like the draft boards will break up the champs. Musical is gone.

WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBOIS

Has Pete Gray, the one-armed outfielder, got a paper-hanger's chance to stick in the major leagues? The answer, according to Luke Sewell, manager of the St. Louis Browns, for whom Pete will play next summer, is an emphatic 3-letter Yes.

Although Sewell has never seen Pete play, a lot of GIs who Luke visited during a recent tour of the China and Burma-India theaters have and they told the stubble-bearded Browns boss that Pete will do OK. The said that Pete was one of the best fielding outfielders of all time, that he was a deadly hunter and a base-runner who ranks with the best. Luke listened to their chants and came home determined to start Pete in centerfield when the Browns open the season.

The only thing I'm concerned about," Luke admitted, "is his hitting. I can't see how a fellow can hit major league pitching with one arm. I never could do very much with 2."

Gray is no Babe Ruth, and that's a fact. But he hit 234 with Memphis last year, scored more than 100 runs and stole something like 50 bases. That's a higher batting average, more runs scored and more bases stolen than anyone on the pennant-winning Browns achieved in 1944.

If Pete makes good he won't be the first one-armed star to have done so. A check of the records reveals that "way back in the away-back era of big league ball, the Chicago club of the old Union Association had a one-armed superstar. He was Hugh "One-Arm" Daily, a pitcher in the '80s, who once struck out 19 men in a single game, a record that still stands in the books. Although Daily had but one wing, he was regarded as a splendid fielding pitcher and opposing batters seldom tried to bunt on him. He was a speedy lead afoot and on bunts he would come charging in like a wing-foot water buffalo and steam the ball to first as quickly as a man with 2 arms.

Pete Gray, too, is an excellent fielder. His technique is intricate. In fielding a fly, he catches the ball, then tosses it into the air, meanwhile tucking his glove under the nub of his right arm. Then he grabs the ball with his bare left hand and fires it into the infield.

GIs at home and abroad are pulling for Pete and so is every other fan in the country. And 5 will get you only 4 on Broadway that Pete will come through with no anti-Gray money in sight.

VIOSELLE, BUTCHER OFF HOLDOUT LIST—GREENVILLE, S.C. (ANS)—Bill Violesse, big right-handed pitcher who won 21 games for the New York Giants last season, revealed that he had signed his 1945 contract two weeks before the last season ended. Violesse told "Scoops" Latimer, Greenville's sports editor, that his 1945 contract calls for \$10,000, twice as much as he received last year.

The Giant ace is 4-F in the draft, and it is hardly likely that he will be reclassified since he is almost totally deaf.

Max Butcher paid a surprise visit to the Pittsburgh management, dashing into the Pirates office, but before he left he signed his 1945 contract—the first Pirate to do so.

Butcher opened the conversation with "I am not satisfied with the terms." He was hustled into President Bill Benenwanger's office and when they emerged a short time later, the big right-hander said, "We have come to terms and all's OK."

Butcher won 13 and lost 11 last season, hurling five shutouts.

SHOOTING RIOT AT CUBA FIGHT CLUB—HAVANA, CUBA (ANS)—A fanatical demonstration which led to gunfire caused the death of a 17-year old student and the wounding of 14 others, mostly women, as fight fans protested the decision awarded Carlos Perez over Kid Tuzero in a 12-round bout for the Central America and Caribbean middleweight championship.

The crowd, numbering over 10,000, whistled and roared for ten minutes. Men began hurling chairs toward the ring and as the police tried to restore order shooting broke out. Many other persons were mauled and trampled in the wild rush toward the exits as the shooting began.

Irish Name DeVore Chief Grid Mentor

SOUTH BEND, IND.—Hugh DeVore, Notre Dame All-American end in 1933 and assistant at South Bend the last two years, was named head coach to succeed Ed McKever.

DeVore coached the freshman line at Notre Dame in 1934, moved to Fordham under Jimmy Crowley was head coach at Providence college for four years and then moved to Holy Cross before returning to Notre Dame in 1943.

Racing, banned for the duration by government order, got its first encouraging news on the resumption of the sport when Maj. T. H. McCree, president of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, returned from a Washington conference with the war mobilization office. McCree said, as a result of his interview with Maj.-Gen. Lucius Clay, Deputy Director to Jimmy Byrnes, he expected racing of some limited sort to be okayed during the coming year.

Logistics "Secret Weapon" Which Beat Japs, Says Nimitz

(ANS)—The American answer to the most gigantic logistics problem in naval history—the job of supplying provisions, fuel, and ammunition for the great naval force that pounded two Jima and the Honshu coast of Japan itself—has just been revealed by Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz as "America's secret weapon" which has upset all Jap strategy.

The US Navy removed the need for warships to return thousands of miles for refueling and repair simply by taking its own supply base and repair depot right along with it. Everything from dry docks to quonset huts bobbed along right with the fleet.

Installations include floating cranes, hotels, repair units, bakeries, offices, refrigerated warehouses, wells, dry docks, and repair ships. The floating base has more than 12,000 workers, many of whom live in a floating hotel nicknamed the "Ritz Carlton".

Among the 400 pieces of floating equipment are three fresh water tankers and a ship that does nothing but supply bakery goods.

For the recent operation against two Jima and Japan itself—an operation which involved the largest concentration of warships in naval history—Squadron Ten of the Pacific Fleet Service Forces provided:

Enough food to feed Columbus, Ohio, for 30 days.

Enough spare clothing to clothe 1,500,000 persons.

Enough candy, shaving cream, tooth paste, and miscellaneous items to stock 6,000 drug stores.

Enough fuel oil to make up a train of tank cars of 10,000 gallons each extending for 238 miles.

Enough gasoline to run 30,700 automobiles for a full year.

Enough lubricating oil for one complete oil change for 466,000 automobiles.

And....more than 100,000,000 cigarettes!

Lindell Awarded Silver Star Medal

Capt. Keith G. Lindell, Albuquerque, New Mexico, a fighter pilot of the hard-hitting Chinese American Composite Wing of the Fourteenth Air Force, was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action by Col. T. Alan Bennett, deputy commander of the CACW, this week at a brief ceremony at an advanced China Air Base.



Capt. Lindell, a graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point, already received the Purple Heart for the same mission. The citation accompanying the award said in part: "He was a pilot of one of the fighter craft that strafed an enemy airdrome in China. Heavy ground fire was sent up by the enemy and on the second run over the target his plane was struck by a shell. It entered the cockpit and exploded, sending shrapnel fragments into his chest and left leg.

Despite loss of blood and the pain from his wounds he made three additional strafing passes bringing his total of planes destroyed on the ground to four and sharing in the destruction of one enemy plane in the air. On the return trip to his home base he strafed two additional airdromes."

Capt. Lindell came overseas in July, 1943, and has successfully completed 60 combat missions.

Pilot Acquitted Of Manslaughter

KUNMING (ANS)—A thirty-one-year-old lieutenant-colonel commander of a fighter group and veteran of 80 air missions was acquitted Friday by a General Court-Martial on a charge that he committed voluntary manslaughter by firing two pistol shots to end the agony of a sergeant gunner pinned in the burning wreckage of a B-25 bomber.

The court of seven colonels deliberated for a half hour before returning the verdict. The Defence Counsel contended that the defendant acted irrationally under a great emotional strain.

HERO PENALIZED FOR SEEKING ACTION

PARIS (ANS)—Maj. William Barret of Los Angeles, holder of the British DBC, United States Air Medal and the Purple Heart was sentenced by Court-Martial on Saturday to be reprimanded and to forfeit \$300.00 pay for being AWOL in an attempt to return to combat.

Barret had been at a replacement depot awaiting reassignment. After several months of inaction he left the depot and spent 34 days travelling from one front to another trying to persuade commanders to put him to work.

China May Become Cotton Exporter

CHUNGKING (Air Mail)—A freakish plant with brownish blossoms and palm-like leaves may not only make China self-sufficient in the production of high-grade cotton but also enable her to export it to other countries.

The plant was discovered in 1919 but wide-scale cultivation was not started until 1935. In the summer of 1919, Fu Yu-nan, then director of the Industrial Bureau of Kaiyu in southern Yunnan province, happened upon a two-foot high bush growing among wild grass on his plantation outside the city. After examining it closely, he told one of his laborers: "Take good care of this plant. I'll raise your pay if it grows; but you'll be fired if it doesn't."

The laborer gave the plant good care and in three months the blossoms grew into bolls and then burst, releasing a high-grade, long-staple cotton with a fibre of from 32 to 40 mm long. It resembles the cotton raised in Egypt and is therefore called perennial Egyptian cotton.

In 1935, when Mr. Fu became chief of the forest bureau for the Yunnan district, he began to cultivate the plant at Kaiyu on a small scale. Since then, more and more wasteland has been turned over to its cultivation. To-day more than 58,000 acres in Yunnan are used for cotton-growing.

China had formerly depended upon Egypt and the United States for her supply of long-staple cotton. The war stopped her imports. Wide-cultivation of the freakish plant partially filled her needs. China also grows cotton in the Yellow River and Yangtze River valleys but the cotton grown there is short-staple, like that of India and Russia.

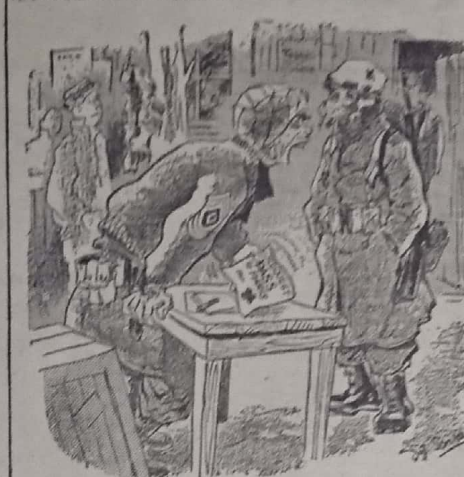
A program for increasing production of long-staple cotton in China calls for the cultivation of 670,000 acres of uncultivated land in Yunnan. The planners think that acreage will give China self-sufficiency in the production of high-grade cotton. If the program is successful, it will be extended to waste and marginal lands in Kweichow, Kwangsi and Kwangtung provinces, thus in time providing a surplus for export to other countries that need long-staple cotton.



INTERESTED AUDIENCE—Sitting atop boxes, Dutch youngsters watch closely as Sgt. Bill Yeost of Millvale, Pa., checks ammunition cases lining the streets of this town in Holland. Sergeant Yeost is a member of the 54th Antiaircraft Battalion of US 9th Army. (Signal Corps Photo).

The Wolf

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"PARIS-SHARIS! Who d'ya think you are—Charles Boyer?"

by Sansone

NY PASSES ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL

ALBANY, N. Y. (ANS)—The State Senate, in a move hailed as establishing a landmark in social legislation, passed Ives-Quinn Anti-discrimination bill this week providing fines and imprisonment for employers, employment agencies or labor unions which willfully exercise religious or racial prejudice in hiring workers. The vote was 49 to six and the bill was sent to 49 to six and the bill was sent to

GERMANS TO REBUILD WAR DAMAGED RUSSIA?

WASHINGTON (ANS)—

Pres. Roosevelt at the first Press Conference since his return from Yalta said last week he didn't think it was a bad idea to use German ex-soldiers after the war to repair the damage in Russia, where he got a first hand look at some of the German destruction in the Crimea.

The question came up when newsmen remarked that the Russians had suggested Germany should provide the labor to rebuild ravaged areas. The President, in his report to Congress, said the United States does not intend to impose slavery on the German people.

New York (CNS)—Police were baffled when they captured a suspected jewel thief here. They knew he had \$400 in stolen "ice" on his person but they couldn't find it. Finally one enterprising detective peeked under the man's toupee and there, nestled against his egg-bald dome, discovered the missing "rocks".

Pacific Requires 3 Times More Shipping Than War In Atlantic

NEW YORK, March 8.—Declaring that the United States would not be able to send liberated countries enough supplies to restore them to their normal life until after Japan was defeated, American Under Secretary of State Joseph Grew revealed the following facts about what the war in the Pacific entailed:

Because of the vast distances involved it took three ships in the Pacific to do the work that one could do in the North Atlantic.

It took 1,000,000 tons of shipping to place 100,000 American troops on Luzon and to supply them for the first 30 days of the campaign there.

More shipping tonnage was required to put 40,000 American Marines on two Jima than for the entire invasion of French North Africa.

Pilot Father, Baby Both Doing Well

1349TH AAF BU, CHINA—Capt. Kenneth C. MacGillivray, Flint, Mich., Mobile Squadron's operations officer, had plenty of troubles on his mind when he took off recently on a routine flight to one of the Division's bases in China, what with wife expecting and communications with "Uncle Sugar" being what they are.

To make matters worse, before he reached his destination, weather conditions, which were bad enough when he took off, developed into a storm of gale proportions. Every field within flying radius closed down. Backing 125 mile headwinds, he flew on, hoping a break in the overcast would permit an instrument landing. When his gas began to run low he expected the worst. And the worst did happen when the plane's tanks ran dry, both engines conked out and he and his crew had to bail out.

The "walk out" was without serious incident. Capt. MacGillivray's summed it up as follows: "The Chinese were very helpful. They fed us and put us up for the night. The next morning we started to walk. About 20 miles out we were picked up by a unit of the Chinese Combat Command who cared for us till an Ambulance arrived to take us away. It was rough going through all those snow drifts and dangerous mountain trails. My chief discomfort, however, came from worrying about my wife's condition."

But it's all over now. Everything is "ding how," with the captain sporting a broad smile and passing out "rain checks" on cigars. For when he reported back to his office there was a wire on his desk informing him he was the proud father of a 7 pound 5 ounce baby boy.

No Basket Cases In War, Says WD

WASHINGTON (CNS)—There have been no "basket cases" among soldiers wounded in this war the War Department revealed in an announcement disclosing that 6927 Army men lost one or more limbs up to Jan. 1.

Of that total, 331 men suffered the loss of 2 limbs. The remaining 5595 soldiers lost one arm or one leg. Only one triplicate case has been reported, Corp. Ralph A. Brown, 28, of Youngstown, Ohio, who is in Walter Reed Hospital after having had both legs amputated at mid-thigh and his right arm amputated above the wrist.

EISENHOWER APPEALS TO GERMAN OFFICERS

PARIS (ANS)—Gen. Eisenhower's Headquarters appealed to German Army officers by radio this week to "reconsider situation of Germany and of their men," and surrender to the Allies.

The broadcast pointed out that "Germany has in the west wall of her most powerful defense in the west and the Allies have reached the Rhine and Ruhr. In the east the Red Army is standing before Berlin. The end is merely a question of time. The responsibility for the outcome of the war no longer rests with the German officer, but the responsibility for his men remains. The decision is up to the German officer."

NO BUST FOR VD

WESTERN FRONT (CNS)—It is in violation of War Department policy to break a non-com to private solely because of contraction of VD, according to a recent story in the Paris edition of Stars and Stripes which cites a ruling of the Inspector General. The War Department, the article said, recognized the reluctance of soldiers to report the disease because of fear of punishment.

Answer to Cross-Word Puzzle.

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| RARE | SHOP | ASE |
| IDEA | SOLE | STA |
| PAS | REED | GIRL |
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Pilot Downs Five Japs In 19 Trips

AN ADVANCED CHINA AIR BASE—A "hot pilot" according to the men of the Yellow Scorpions fighter squadron in West China, is their "number two ace," Lt. Lester L. Arasmith, St. Joseph, Mo.

The Scorpions, nicknamed by Tokyo Rose because of their smashing victories in the battle for Burma, are justifiably proud of their veteran commanding officer, Maj. James J. England, Jackson, Tenn., who is among the tops in the field in the China Theater.

With 10 victories. But when Arasmith joined the outfit recently and calmly proceeded to pile up a record of five victories in only 19 combat missions, the Scorpions suddenly found themselves blessed with a second hero and a new Theater record.

And by way of clinching the squadron's long record of world-beating, 20-year-old Arasmith is possibly the youngest "ace" in combat today.

His "baptism of fire" was the huge December Hankow raid. The Mustang fighters hung up an impressive score of victories and dapper Pilot Arasmith hung up three all by himself. As he came back over the field, he did a victory roll while his crew chief, S. Sgt. James E. Webb, Lebanon, Tenn., who was anxiously "sweating out" his rookie pilot's return on the flight line, puffed up with pride and wiped the perspiration from his brow.

Next on the Arasmith list was an encounter with the Japs during a railroad strafing sweep. He and three buddies were jumped by 12 enemy fighters. But even Arasmith can hardly be called foolhardy, so the four Americans made one pass at the Jap formation, shot down three and went home fast. One of the three belonged to Arasmith.

He scored his fifth Jap, making him an ace, according to World War I standards, as part of a flight of six Mustangs out on a punitive mission. His flight ran into 12 Japs again over Sinsiang in North China. The ensuing dogfight lasted nearly half an hour and the Americans destroyed six of the enemy and damaged four.

The diminutive flyer, who never has been hit, earned a new name after his fifth victory and fourth Jap destroyed on the ground. The name is "Hotshot Charlie" because, according to his buddies in the Scorpions, he's the perfect living image of Mill Caniff's creation bearing the same name in "Terry and the Pirates."



Q I enlisted in the Navy when I was 16. Now they have discovered my true age and are going to discharge me. Is it true that I will get a dishonorable discharge and am I out of luck on mustering out pay?

A If a man is under 17 when discharged, his enlistment is cancelled and he gets a discharge "under honorable conditions," and transportation but no mustering out pay. If he is over 17 when discharged, he gets the same "under honorable conditions" discharge and the mustering out pay.

Q My wife recently divorced me and was awarded \$20 a week alimony and support by the court for herself and our 3-year-old daughter. How much will she receive in family allowances?

A The maximum amount payable to a divorced wife is \$42, even though the court order may call for more than that. Your former wife would receive the \$42 allowed a divorcee wife, plus the \$30 for the child, a total of \$72.00.

Q Does the wife of a serviceman have to be dependent to receive a pension if he is killed in action?

A No. The wife does not have to be dependent in order to receive the pension.

Q Can a serviceman marry an Army nurse if they are both overseas?

A This matter can be handled only by their Theater Commander.

GI DISCHARGED BECAUSE HE CAN'T WEAR ODS

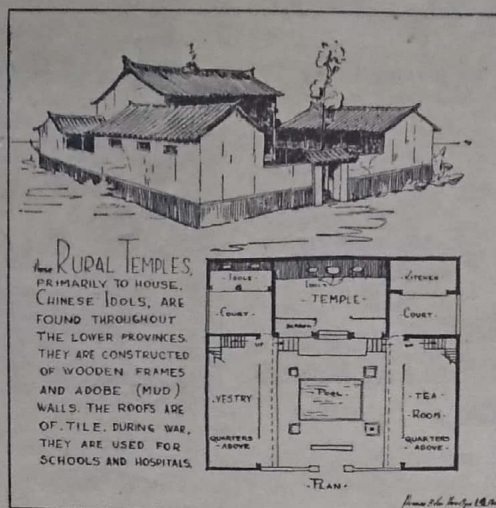
CAMP MAXEY, TEX. (CNS)—Men have been discharged from the Army for many reasons—some good and some bad—but the discharge of Pvt. Albert L. Van Derscheuren, of this post, is one of the strangest of all. Pvt. Van Derscheuren was returned to civvies because he is allergic to wearing ODS. After exhaustive tests, Army doctors were convinced that he developed a severe rash whenever ODS got close to his skin. The rash cleared up quickly when the ODS were taken away.

115 GI BLACK MARKETERS GET CHANCE AT COMBAT

PARIS (ANS)—Brig. Gen. Rogers, commanding United States Army's Seine sector, announced last week that 115 out of 156 American soldiers recently convicted of stealing and selling army supplies to the black market will be given a chance to redeem themselves in combat as members of a special fighting unit.

Gen. Eisenhower ordered the new chance for all men except leaders and those who refused to help clear up the thefts. The ratings of all the men will be wiped out and all will begin combat training on March 7 as privates. The men passed through a severe screening before getting the new chance.

— LINES ON CHINA —



Industrial Flying Holds Key To Jobs In Post-War Aviation

By Camp Newspaper Service
The Aeronautics Administration believes that more than 90% of post war opportunities in jobs related to aviation will come within the field of industrial flying. That includes flight instruction, crop dusting, hunting of animal pests, forestry, power communication and oil line inspection, aerial photography, fishing industry charter flying and light freight air freight.

Some of the possibilities in each of these categories are listed as follows by the CAA:

Flight Instruction—A distinct possibility of steady employment in a moderately active market. The Civilian Pilot Training Program may be partially revived through a future appropriation by Congress, which has legalized the extension of the program for 2 years. As private planes become easier to fly, the Flight Instructor will probably change into a salesman-instructor who will teach each purchaser as part of the sales contract.

Crop Dusting—"Considerable increase is expected in crop dusting and spraying of insecticides and larvicide in the destruction of insects such as grasshoppers, fruit fly, and other destroyers, through use of highly effective new poisons developed during the war. Already burned-over rangelands have been reseeded from the air where planting on the surface would have been impossible or too costly. Other crops, especially grains, will probably be planted by air just as rice is now."

Hunting of Animal Pests—"This started as a sport, but has developed into a profitable enterprise. Bounties and sale of skins of coyotes, wolves, etc., pay well."

Forestry—"Smoke spotting carrying of fire-fighting parachutists, dropping of equipment and food to fire-fighters, radio directions to ground crews."

Power Communication and Oil Line Inspection—"Low level flying to spot and report breaks, leaks and other trouble, long before the ground inspector can find them. This is being carried on now to a small extent, successfully. The war has produced many more miles of oil and gas pipeline, and power lines."

Aerial Photography—"A steady increase of good pre-war business is expected, because of better equipment, more experience, etc. Photographing of private estates, real estate developments, golf courses, mapping for survey, crop planning, soil conservation, flood control, restoration programs, map making, etc., are logical extensions. Spotting of cattle, other animals on range, and census counting of farms and game animals can be done by photography."

Fishing Industry—"Spotting schools of fish for commercial fishing boats, and planting of fingerlings in remote lakes difficult of access by ground."

Charter Flying—"This has always been an important item in the industry. It is expected to increase. Although with it will probably be a sizeable rental plane service barely started before the war."

Light Weight Air Freight—"There will be greater possibilities here than in any commercial

transport field. War cargo planes, converted, can load tree-ripened citrus fruits in Florida, unload them a few hours later in New England, and return the same day with freight or some product native to the Northern States; Middle West restaurants can serve Maine lobsters caught within 24 hours, or berries fresh from the West Coast. Experimental flights of such common vegetables as lettuce and spinach already have been flown more than 1000 miles and sold at a profit. With fleets of scheduled and non-scheduled freighters, the possibilities are enormous."

"The various fields mentioned above," the CAA says, "are only the framework for planning. Imagination and ingenuity can lead to still more opportunities. Although we have listed these suggested fields in Industrial Aviation from a pilot's standpoint, it should be remembered that each enterprise must operate from an airport, and must be backed up by the men on the ground—mechanics, repairmen, radio operators, field managers, welders, metal workers, traffic controllers, tower operators, weathermen, and all the other allied professions."

"The CAA offers the results of its survey as a guide and not as a guarantee."

"The aviation industry," it says, "will exist only as a part of the total economic structure, and any predictions must be predicated on general post-war economic conditions."

G. I. Shakespeare In China

Neglected
If I ever get the time
There's a lot I'd like to do;
Several things I left undone,
And one I left was you.
But I have done some thinkin'
Since I went away;
I've coined some pretty phrases
I'd like to try and say.
I've tried, "Bon soir, Cherie,"
"Bambina, come sit,"
But they are vain and can't express
Just what my feelings are.
What I'd like to really say
As best my English can
Is, "Darling, look into my eyes;
Come let me hold your hand."
"Let's go and see the parson,
The war is fought and won;
So, if I ever leave again,
You won't be left alone!"
—T. Sgt. Charles E. Brown

No Doubt
The difference between
A retreat and a rout—
Giving in
Before you give out!
Stint
I don't do this altogether
For love of seeing my name in
print—
Only about ninety percent.
—Pfc. David Corn, Jr.

HOLLYWOOD — and — BROADWAY

(ANS)—The Stone Family—Fred and his three daughters—are all back on the Broadway scene. The former musical comedy star and daughter Dorothy are at the New York City Center in a revival of the Kaufman and Hart crack-pot "You Can't Take It With You." Paula's doing eight broadcasts a week interviewing visiting Hollywood friends, and little sister Carol makes her New York debut in the drama "Dark of the Moon." . . . United Artists is about to put life in the famel Esquire pin-ups, with "The Varga Girl" scheduled for early production. . . . "Little Caesar," James Cagney, Petrillo and his musicians' Union is under investigation by Congress. In attempts to curb some of Petrillo's dictates, two bills are up for consideration in the House. One of them would subject him to criminal trial for demanding fiddlers who don't fiddle, and the other would prohibit him from interfering with educational broadcasts involving music. "The Hasty Heart" hit comedy now running at Manhattan's Hudson Theater has been purchased for the movies by Warner Brothers. Warners also bought two other Howard Lindsay-Russell Crouse successes, "Arsenic and Old Lace," and "Life With Father." . . . Helen Hayes is returning to radio after a three-year absence with a Sunday night 15-minute show. . . . "God Is My Co-Pilot" had its movie premiere at the Grand Theater in Macon, Ga., hometown of the author, Col. Robert Lee Scott. The picture stars Dennis Morgan, Alan Hale, Raymond Massey, Dale Clark and Andrea King. . . . Eddie Bracken, Sad Sack of "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek," and "Hail the Conquering Hero," are now on the air with a half-hour show Sunday nights, he used to play in the "Our Gang" comedies. . . . Show biz hits fix! Warner Brothers are coming out with "Mr. Broadway," a film based on the life, times and lingo of "Variety." . . . Fred Allen, who is confining himself to guest appearances on the air, keeps up the Jack Benny feud. He said he went to see Benny's latest picture which has 52 featured players in it. The ticket cost \$1.10. At any rate, quipped Fred, Benny was worth two cents. . . . Dinah Shore has a new home in Beverly Hills. On the library shelves are 44 cookbooks. Also displayed is the printed comment of a New England critic who marveled at her success because "she varies and squeaks." Maybe a little of the Tennessee-born lady's southern hospitality would take care of that guy. . . . For the record: Al Goodman, the conductor, started his music career by studying voice at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. . . . Phil Baker taught himself to play the piano and accordion. In his first stage appearance he won a 50-cent prize. Now he dishes out those \$64 questions. . . . Alfred Drake, who was in the original "Oklahoma" cast and presently is the star of the Theater Guild's latest musical success, "Sing Out Sweet Land," is the papa of a seven-pound girl.

Wac Winnie Aids Recruiting In NY

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md (CNS)—When GIs at Aberdeen were asked to pick their favorite soldier, they voted the honor to Winnie, the Wac, bubbled-over heroine of Corp. Vic Herman's camp paper cartoon feature. That meant that Herman and Winnie's model, Pfc. Althea Semanchik won a free trip to New York where Althea aided in that city's Wac Recruiting drive. Althea, who is better looking than Winnie, works at the Instrument Section of the Fuze Chronograph Department at Aberdeen where she plots azimuths, work for which she was trained by the Army at the University of Pennsylvania. Her aim in life: to go overseas.



Althea

China Lantern Crossword Puzzle

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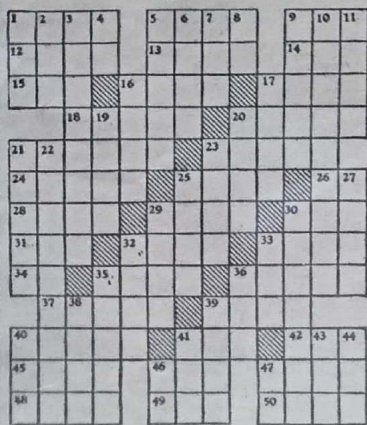
- 1 Unusual
- 6 Retail establishment
- 9 Viper
- 12 Mental image
- 13 Perforation
- 14 Music: as written
- 15 Dance step
- 16 Stem of thick grass
- 17 Female
- 18 Caudal appendages
- 20 Title of respect
- 21 A tax
- 22 Heavenly body
- 24 Turkish decree
- 25 To diminish
- 26 Teutonic deity
- 28 Solo
- 29 To drill a hole
- 30 Turkish title
- 31 King Arthur's sword
- 32 Headgear
- 33 To glide easily
- 34 Symbol for silver
- 35 Group of animals
- 36 Period of excess of solar year over lunar year
- 37 Fruit of oak
- 38 Broad, thick piece of stone
- 40 To breathe loudly in sleep
- 41 Total
- 42 Wing
- 45 Image
- 46 Evergreen tree
- 47 Turkish title
- 48 Tableland
- 49 Before
- 50 Manufactured

VERTICAL

- 1 To tear
- 2 Girl's name

- 3 To hold in check
- 4 Babylonian deity
- 5 Ledge on which things hang
- 6 Garden implement (pl.)
- 7 Ancient Hebrew letter
- 9 To one side
- 10 Advantageous
- 11 Tropical tree
- 16 Prevalent
- 17 Contest
- 19 Opera by Verdi
- 20 Fashion
- 21 Crown
- 22 Overbearing
- 23 To comb, as wool
- 25 Edibles
- 27 Ancient
- 28 By birth
- 30 Southern State
- 32 At this place
- 33 Resort

(Answer on Page 8)



WORLD EVENTS IN PICTURES



BLASTING THROUGH THE "DRAGONS' TEETH" Men of a Third US Armored Division push through a hole in the Siegfried Line, advancing farther into the Reich. Latest reports announce that Gen. George B. Patton's troops have breached German lines in the Kyllburg sector. (Radiophoto)



A RED-LETTER DAY—Pvt. Morris Gilkerson (left) of Holton, Kans., is happy with batch of 18 letters, first in over a month, but Pvt. Homer C. Wright of Tusculum, Mo., really has something to shout about. He hit the jackpot with 50 letters and is the envy of all his buddies in Germany.



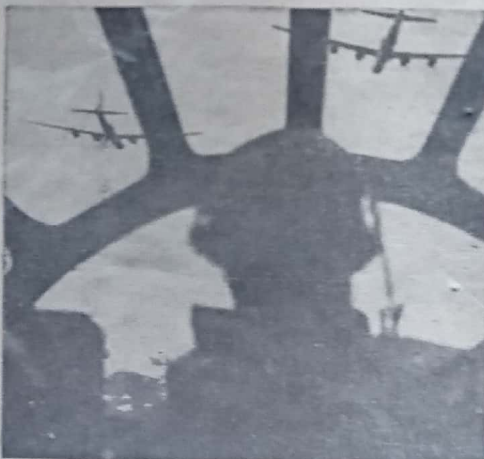
DROPPING IN—Like giant mushrooms, parachutes safely deposit infantrymen on Jap-infested Corregidor to assist amphibious troops in driving out the enemy. In foreground, with feet just about to touch the ground, Paratrooper makes a perfect landing on the rocky pinpoint fortress. (Signal Corps Photo.)



NAVY'S NEWEST light cruiser, USS Fargo, named for North Dakota town, goes down the ways at shipyard in Camden, N.J. Mrs. Fred Owen, wife of Fargo City commission president, christened ship.



WORLD'S LARGEST transport, this Vultee plane will carry 204 passengers and 15,000 pounds of baggage, mail and express. Streamlined slipper is 13 times the size of standard commercial aircraft, and is powered by six engines which produce power equal to that of 353 automobiles. Plane is 182 feet long.



HIGH OVER MALAYA Two B-29 Superfortresses of Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey's XX Bomber Command are visible through the nose of a third Superfort as the giant bombers begin a bombing run over the important railway yards and repair shops utilized by the Japanese at Kuala Lumpur, north of Singapore. Bombs can be seen dropping from one of the planes. This mission was carried out from India bases last month and crews reported good results. (USAAF Photo.)



"FASHION PARADE" Girls of USO troop 289 playing to American and Chinese soldiers of the Chinese Combat Command, west of the Salween River in southwest China, conducted a "fashion parade" with GI recruits from the audience. To a howling audience dancer Patricia Flynn presented Pfc. Harold Schultz of Woodside, N.Y. Schultz, it is alleged, represents "Staff Sergeant Heavy Maintenance of 1945." (Signal Corps photo.)



SECRETARY OF COMMERCE Henry A. Wallace, former Vice President of the United States, was sworn in March 2 as Secretary of Commerce by Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black. Wallace's nomination to the Cabinet post by Pres. Roosevelt was confirmed March 1 by the Senate. He pledged the Department of Commerce to continue to play "a full part" in the nation's war effort.



DEMONSTRATING sign above, Jay Twigg of Boston emphasizes silence concerning war maneuvers. His daddy, Lt. Edward J. Twigg, is a doctor serving aboard combat ship. Cocker spaniel agrees.