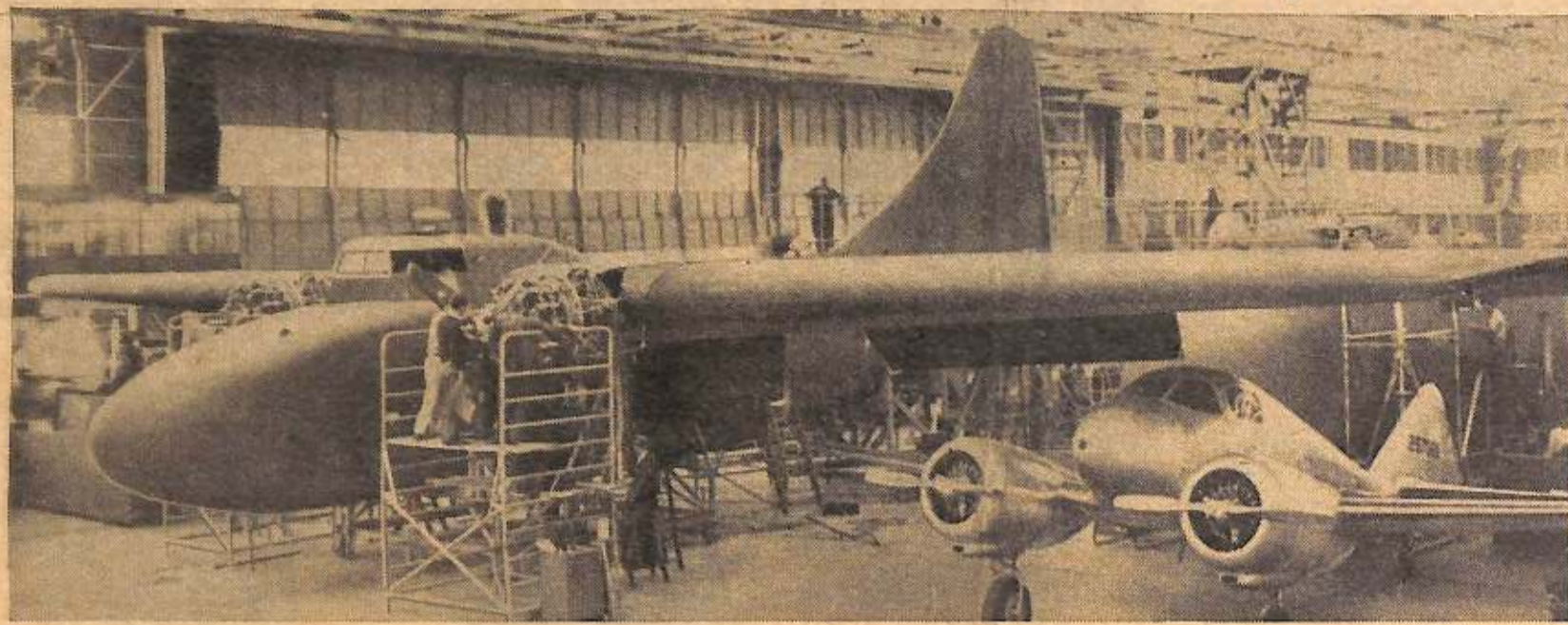


The Curtiss Caravan—New U.S. Wooden Transport Plane



Associated Press photo

The big plane on the left is the Curtiss Caravan, or C76, which is built almost entirely of wood. Tuesday, this big transport plane, probably to be used as a paratroop carrier, completed a successful flight at St. Louis.

It has a wing span of 108 feet and is 68 feet long. Its low fuselage, built just three feet from the ground, insures rapid loading and unloading. The Curtiss AT9 trainer alongside serves as a comparison.

Congress Gets Bill Proposing Discharge Pay

Six-Month Bonus After War Suggested as Session Opens

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6—A Bill which, if passed, would give all members of the U.S. armed forces six months' or a year's pay after their discharge was among the bills introduced in the House of Representatives today as the 78th session of Congress opened.

It was one of several bills of interest to servicemen. Others proposed the lowering of the voting age to 18; the providing of free laundry and dry-cleaning service to men in the forces and the unification of the armed forces by the creation of a Department of National Defense, composed of Army, Navy and Air Force representatives. Another bill would guarantee employment to discharged soldiers.

(Details were not available in London last night on any of these bills, but full information was requested from Washington. It was recalled in connection with the employment legislation that Congress had already passed a law stipulating that all men called into the forces under Selective Service be taken back by their employers within 40 days after discharge.)

Test Air Raid

It was the first congress for 25 years to convene with the nation at war and, as if to impress upon new and old members the gravity of the times, a test air raid put them on the alert 90 minutes before Vice-President Henry A. Wallace banged the gavel in the Senate and the chief clerk, South Trimble, rapped the representatives to order in the House.

By the slimmest margin in 10 years, the Democrats kept control of the House and returned Sam Rayburn to the speakership.

Mr. Rayburn defeated Rep. Joseph W. Martin, of Massachusetts, who automatically became Republican minority leader. The voting, which was on strict party lines, was Rayburn 217, Martin 206.

More than 150 bills, covering a wide variety of subjects, were introduced in advance by the re-elected members on the opening day. Thousands more will be introduced before the session ends.

House Bill No. 1 was a proposal for (Continued on page 4)

'America's Enlisted Men Her Leaders of Tomorrow'

PORT BELVOIR, Va., Jan. 6—America's army is a "citizens army," without "officer caste" and with enlisted men who may be the nation's future leaders, Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, Federal Works Administrator, reminded graduates of the Engineer Officers Training School as they received their commissions today.

Recalling Napoleon's boast that "every soldier carried a marshal's baton in his knapsack," Gen. Fleming said: "You may not find in the barracks bags of your associates many marshals' batons... but you will march with, and lead, future mayors, law-makers, merchants, captains of industry, college professors, lawyers, and doctors of America. Indeed, the now obscure 'file closer' in the rear rank may be a future president in disguise."

U.S. Forces in North Africa Now Fifth Army Under Clark

Formation of a U.S. Fifth Army in North Africa under the command of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, heretofore deputy to Gen. Eisenhower, was announced yesterday at Allied Force Headquarters in that theater. No details concerning the size or disposal of the unit were disclosed.

Its formation places two armies under the direct command of Gen. Eisenhower in the forthcoming offensive to oust the Axis from Tunisia. The other is the British First Army, commanded by Lt. Gen. Kenneth Anderson.

Gen. Clark, who gives up his position as deputy commander-in-chief in North Africa to take charge of the new army, is the youngest lieutenant-general in the U.S. Army. It was he who led the daring Allied secret mission into French North Africa to lay the groundwork for the landings there.

Canadians in Africa

Allied Headquarters announced at the same time the arrival of a detachment of officers and non-commissioned officers from the Canadian Army from England to obtain battle experience with the First Army. First Canadian battle unit to arrive in Africa, it includes men from a large variety of combat outfits—armored, infantry, artillery, supply, communications and medical.

Designation of the U.S. forces in Africa as the Fifth Army coincides with reports of increased participation by Americans in the fighting there. Axis news sources reported last week the arrival of the first American armored division in that theater.

An army in the U.S. Army is composed of one or more corps and may include any number of troops. It is usually formed for a definite combat or defensive purpose. There are, for instance, several armies in the United States charged with the defense of specific sections of the coasts and borders. No official designations have been announced, however, for U.S. forces in Britain or in the southwest Pacific.

Maryland Soldiers Get Turkey For Kindness to British Mayor

By Paul C. Lange
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

SALISBURY, Jan. 6—Ten years ago, J. Sidney Rambridge, then Mayor of this historic English city, attended the bi-centennial of Salisbury, Md. He had a grand time.

Today, at a turkey dinner at the Red Lion Hotel here, Mayor Rambridge repaid the hospitality he received on that trip by entertaining 41 soldiers from the American Baltimore who are in England with an infantry unit.

Many of the servicemen attending the affair today remembered the visit of Rambridge. When U.S. troops, comprising Maryland boys, arrived in Great Britain several months ago, Rambridge visited the unit with Mrs. Rambridge and their daughter, Kathleen. He was given a reception at the camp, which included a guard of honor of 50 Salisbury, Md., soldiers.

Eugene M. Carey, first sergeant of the company comprising the largest number of Salisbury boys, was all smiles at the banquet.

"This fellow Rambridge is grand," he said. "Sure is swell of him to go to all this trouble of entertaining us. We will remember it for years to come."

Col. I.S. Dierking Is Ireland Chief

Succeeds Brig. Gen. Collins As Commandant of Troops There

BELFAST, Jan. 6—Col. Irwin S. Dierking has been appointed commandant of American troops in Northern Ireland succeeding Brig. Gen. Le Roy P. Collins, now commanding general of Western Base section.

Col. Dierking, a native of Jeffersonville, Ind., will celebrate his 26th year in the U.S. Army on May 12. He served as a doughboy in the last war and spent 18 months in France and in Germany with the Army of Occupation.

Col. Dierking was born Aug. 18, 1894. Following his graduation from West Point in 1917, he was attached to the Infantry in the last war. In 1920 he was appointed captain and seven years later was transferred to the Quartermaster Corps. He was appointed major in Sept., 1935, and lieutenant colonel in Aug., 1940.

Father Decorates Son

PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 6 (AP)—Adm. Chester Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet, yesterday awarded the Silver Star to his son, Lt. Chester Nimitz Jr., 27, a submarine officer, whom he had not seen for three and a half years.

The menu might have come from Maryland: Roast turkey and sausages, apple sauce, creamed and chip potatoes, Brussels sprouts, Christmas pudding with brandy sauce and coffee.

The 41 boys who attended the event were 1st Sgt. Carey, S/Sgt. Marion L. Adkins, James M. Farlow, Sewell R. Fields, Laurence Hancock and Herman Townsend; Sgts. Arthur M. Lockwood, Edgar M. Morris, Charles A. Parker, John F. Parker, William F. Pryor, Frederick W. Simpkins, Blair L. Crockett, Ernest L. Esham; T-4 William B. Wilkinson; Cpls. William O. Beach, Joseph R. Henchcliffe, Ross Lombardo, Harold C. Whitman, Phillip J. Neptin, Albert R. Shockley, Albert T. Bacon, George H. Lewis; T-5's Bernie Kelley, Avery N. Hearne; Pfc.s Jessie G. Church, Walter S. Givans, Edward W. Goswellen, Edward W. Hales, Emerson H. Hubbard, Norman W. Morris, Joseph W. Layfield, Vernon Townsend, Benjamin Adkins, Burord Iuffman, Herman Mumford, Woodrow W. Williams; Pvts. Johnnie C. Long, George W. Taylor and Albert F. Truitt.

Officers attending included Col. E. N. Slappey, Capt. William L. Spry and Capt. Roy A. Powell.

British Capture Strategic Hills West of Mateur

Mopping Up as Fighting Flares Again in North Tunisia

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan. 6 (AP)—British troops attacking 20 miles west of Mateur drove the enemy from strategic hills and are now mopping them up in the first activity on the northern front for some time, the official spokesman announced today.

The British infantry were strongly supported by RAF fighters and hurri-bombers. They also attacked strong German positions in the hills south of the road.

After three hours the British troops, who opened the attack at 4 AM, gained their objectives, except for isolated machine-gun posts which were being mopped up later in the day.

Although the Germans still dominated the road, balking the movement of British transport, the hill position which was gained dominated territory to a considerable distance east and west.

Commandos Participate

British commando troops took part in the attack, and other famous units participated.

The battle was a typical infantry attack on machine-gun posts in infantry positions. The British were supported by artillery, but other units were not involved.

Hurri-bombers, supporting the advance, attacked troops columns, rail-heads and gun positions. The RAF enjoyed the most successful day for some time, shooting down four German FW109s over the lines in two engagements and one JU87.

The Flying Fortresses, resuming the attack against Rommel's supply line to the south, appeared over the port of Sfax just in time to catch an Italian cruiser and plaster it with bombs, the 12th U.S. Air Force announced.

Two other ships in the harbor were also hit, in addition to the power station, which was the original target.

B26 bombers attacked the German airfield at Kairouan. Large fires and heavy columns of smoke were seen by the returning planes. All the bombers and P38 escorts returned safely. This was the third attack on Kairouan in three days. Yesterday the bombers attacked a railway yard, and on the previous day they concentrated on German tanks in that region.

There was no fresh news from the Fondouk area, west of Kairouan. The Germans were re-grouping east of Fondouk while the French were doing the same just south of the town. British forces in the Medjez El Bab sector made a reconnaissance.

Subs Sink Fewer Ships, But Situation Still Bad

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (UP)—Submarines sank fewer Allied ships in December than in previous months, Elmer Davis, director of the Office of War Information, disclosed tonight.

"December was a relatively good month, but the situation is still bad enough to be considered serious," he said. "We continue to build more ships than get sunk, but Germany is also producing more submarines monthly than are sunk by the Allies."

Nazis Quit Road to Oil In Caucasus

Cossack Horsemen Routed Tanks Before Capture Of Mozdok

By Henry Cassidy

Associated Press War Correspondent

MOSCOW, Jan. 6—The German southern forces, losing in days what it took them months to win, abandoning the route to Russia's oil riches, have been turned back from the foothills of the Caucasus under the pressure of the Red Army's winter offensive.

The painful retreat started at the eastern end of the Caucasus from where their lines were shattered by the Russian occupation of Mozdok, Nalchik and Prokhladny.

It was hastened by the Red Army advance down the Don towards their rear as well as by the fierce charges which rolled back their front.

Where the Germans would be able to make a new stand was not yet clear, but they have already left the gateways leading to Grozny and across the mountains towards Baku.

Risk Another Trap

There were no reports of activity from the western Caucasus, where the Germans were blocked northeast of Tuapse and in the Novorossiisk sector on the Black Sea coast. They were apparently trying to hold the line there in accordance with their usual tactics, clinging to advance positions as long as possible despite the risk of encirclement.

It was these tactics that led to the isolation of their 22 divisions before Stalingrad.

The Caucasus campaign is now the fastest moving of all, being unhampered by the deep snow and bitter cold which are gripping the middle Don and central fronts. The season of most intense cold is starting in central Russia.

Cossack Cavalry vs. Tanks

Don Cossack guards, swinging their sabres in mounted action, then dropping them to the ground to fire modern automatic weapons, played a large part in the Caucasus campaign.

They raided the German flanks in the rear and cut through the enemy defenses in attacks, leading to the fall of Mozdok on Jan. 3.

The Germans used tanks against the horsemen, Izvestia said, but the Cossacks withstood the counter-attacks, outmaneuvered the machines and rushed into their objective.

The thickly fortified German line of pillboxes, dug-outs and minefields now lie behind the Russians in this sector. Five hundred land mines were removed by Red Army engineers from a single small hill at the approaches to Mozdok.

Caucasus Drive Began Dec. 24

The Russian offensive in the Caucasus which started on Dec. 24 was estimated to have cost the enemy more than 11,000 dead up to Jan. 4 as well as much material captured or destroyed.

The occupation of Tsimlanskaya southwest of Stalingrad simultaneously carried the Russian forces within 125 miles of Rostov where the entire line of German communications in the Caucasus would be cut.

On Jan. 4 Soviet troops broke through the German fortifications at the close approaches to Nalchik and captured the (Continued on page 4)

Gas and Oil Cut Sharply in East

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—The Office of Price Administration today banned all pleasure driving by holders of A, B, and C gasoline ration cards on the Atlantic seaboard, and has prescribed the cancellation of gas rations as the penalty for failure to obey.

Simultaneously the O.P.A. declared that the rations of oil for heating of all buildings except those used for residential purposes in the east would be cut substantially within the next 24 hours.

The drastic prohibition on pleasure motoring was reinforced by an O.P.A. warning that even more serious measures were being prepared to be ready for immediate use "if the current situation gets worse."

Enforcement agencies in the 17 eastern States and the district of Columbia are being asked to help the Federal Government in preventing pleasure driving by reporting violations to the local rations boards.

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Hush Marks

New Year's Day wouldn't be complete for Lieut.-Colonel Charles A. Beauchamp and Major Jack W. Rudolph unless they had a Beauchamp-Rudolph reunion. For the last three years they have run into each other on January 1. In 1941 they met in Baltimore; 1942 in South Louisiana (what a place) and 1943 in England. The odds are 50-50 on Rome or Berlin for '44.

Lt. Joe Woodward, of Greenville, S.C., now with the Signal Corps over here, passes on this nifty. A cat was sitting



beside a tennis court showing great interest in the doubles match in progress. A second feline strolled by and said, "Say, I didn't know you liked tennis." To which the first meowed, "I don't, but my old man's in one of the racquets."

New York newspapers are carrying the story that daredevil rope tricks whereby a student may have to hang head-down from a height of 15 feet, clinging by an arm or foot, are part of the training introduced in New York schools as a wartime measure. How times change—we used to have to "stay-in" after school for the commando tricks we tried in the classroom.

Rumor clinics are working overtime back in the States scotching stories that may lead to breaks in Anglo-American and Chinese-American relations. That's fine, but please, please don't tamper with that fanciful rumor, the soldiers' dream, "We may go home in '43."

Overheard at an office door (not necessarily a war office)—"I don't like yemen. I want you to tell me what you really think—even if it costs you your job."

The WACKS are back in the home-front headlines. One member, a former chorus girl, found the organization



"dull," and went AWOL from Ft. Des Moines and did a strip-tease in a Des Moines theater. It was the girl's mother who told the military police where to look. She took the matter calmly, commenting, "my daughter always has liked a change."

J. C. W.

Camouflage School on Wheels



8th Air Force Learns Things Aren't What They Seem

By Andrew A. Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, Jan. 6—A traveling camouflage school, designed to acquaint every man in the Eighth Air Force with the fundamentals and fine points of the art of concealment, will visit every air force unit in England within the next few months.

"All the men could not get to the school," said 1st Lt. Thomas B. Lee, New York City, assistant camouflage officer of the Eighth Air Force Service Command, "so we are taking the school to them."

The traveling school, first of its kind, was designed by Maj. Charles M. Ackley, Clearfield, Pa. With a personnel of 20 enlisted men and officers, this school will demonstrate to 100 men a day the proper procedure for the erection of gun emplacement nets, for draping vehicles, putting up a plane net and mixing powdered camouflage paint. While defensive camouflage will be emphasized, tactical camouflage for use in front line positions also will be given at the school.

In this respect, instructors are equipped with sniper suits for concealment on various types of terrain to demonstrate the tricky business of sniping to air corps personnel.

"Camouflage," Maj. Ackley indicates, "is anything which misleads the enemy as to your location, your strength, or your purpose. It is any and every means of hiding or disguising yourself from the enemy."

Instructors at the traveling school will



Planet Photos

At top—A U.S. soldier in sniper's dress lies alongside of a soldier dressed in ordinary khaki field dress. At bottom—Pfc Chester Rogers, Chicago, and Pvt. Harry Dover, Sentry, Ark., exhibit the camouflage uniforms.

stress the importance of personal concealment.

"The object of personal camouflage," Lt. Lee said, "is to identify yourself with something that is already there. If that is impossible, an alternative is to get yourself or your vehicle close to two strongly contrasting objects, so that your contrast to your background is relatively slight in relation to the natural contrasts."

In the concealment of vehicles breaking the outline is of extreme importance.

"Good camouflage does not mean completely hiding the object. If the outline and shadows are broken, the object will not be readily visible from the air or from a distance on the ground."

Concealment in Grass

Troop discipline is important for the maintenance of a concealed position. If the men are allowed to break a maze of paths, the position will be obvious to an enemy air observer.

"When grass is growing normally," Lt. Lee explains, "each blade casts a small shadow, and gives grass a dark appearance from the air. If troops are allowed to trample on it, the blades are turned over and the flat side shines."

Part of the traveling school's collection of props is a walk-through exhibit, demonstrating the various types and tricks of camouflage. The art work for this exhibit was done by 2nd Lt. James O. Mahoney, Dallas, Texas, a mural artist before the war.

A Signal Corps color film constitutes part of the inside schooling. The film illustrates the proper use of the multi-colored sniper suit, and its effectiveness in combat.

The instructors of the school have designed a "combination Thunderbolt—P38—Spiffire" made of a fibre spun from a rayon-like thread made from seaweed pulp. This mock plane can be sewn together in great numbers and used as a decoy to lure bombs from enemy planes, which might otherwise be dropped on the McCoy.

These decoys are also important as a means of deceiving the enemy about movements. An outfit can move out overnight and by setting up the dummy squadron of cloth planes the movement can be kept from the enemy observer planes.

Lecturers on the tours will be 2nd Lt. Jack A. Barber, Lubbock, Texas, and 2nd Lt. Samuel C. Carpenter, Lincoln, N.C. Lt. Lee will lecture to the officers, while Lis. Barner and Carpenter will lecture to the enlisted men at the airfields.

Enlisted personnel of the school who will carry out practical demonstrations in the field are: T/Sgt. Robert R. Kelly Jr., Houston, Texas; T/4 James R. Burnett, Elfrida, Ariz.; T/5 Harry L. Dover, Gentry, Ark.; Pfc George H. Frazee Jr., Lansdale, Pa.; T/5 Charles H. Moeller, Baker, Ore.; T/5 Joseph G. Chizar, New York City; Pfc Albert Stremlow, Clinton, Iowa; Pfc Joe Martino Jr., San Antonio, Texas; Pfc Chester P. Rogers, Chicago.

U.S Activity in Arabia Increases; Bedouins May Soon Drive Jeeps

ADEN, Jan. 6—If the popularity, activity and numbers of American troops in Arabia continue to increase at the present rate, Bedouins will be forced to give up their camels for jeeps.

As these little vehicles scoot past caravans against the classical Arabian setting, robed camel drivers look at bronzed young Americans with pleasure, tinged with astonishment.

A sultan said to G. R. Waddell, AP correspondent who had accompanied some Americans into the palace gardens, "My people and I have the utmost faith that we are fighting with those who are right and strongest."

"It is comforting to see our faith so well represented in these Americans, our allies."

Of what American activity in Arabia consists cannot be said, but it will undoubtedly produce a most beneficial product of the war—that of cementing true understanding between Arabs and Americans.

Life of the average American in Arabia is very different from what he is accustomed to. Fruit, beer and ice are unobtainable. There is no grumbling,

however, and Americans are remembering their frontier heritage. They have fitted themselves into existing conditions and are making a very good best of things.

American civilians undertaking war work in Arabia have impressed Arabs and British alike with their drive, enthusiasm and ability to get things done in a climate that usually saps the white man's energy in a few months.

The staccato beat of a typewriter may be heard for half a mile across the desert at high noon, originating from some lonely American desert camp where business is carried on as usual. American efficiency and attention to detail cause amazement in a country of such heat. Young civilians and soldiers, their teeth gleaming very white in their sun-baked faces, work shirtless in visible heat.

Their friendly attitude towards British Arabs is a great asset. Their readiness to share their privileges with others is most noticeable. Few of them have ever been in a British colony before and they appear interested to see the colonial system at work. Arabs are taking part in administrative work, and education and medical facilities are being expanded.

Ham and Eggs

From the home front we learn that American home cooking will soon be sent overseas. As a result of work done by Army experts in the Chicago Quartermaster Depot's research laboratory, in cooperation with home front food industries, GIs in England, Australia, India and Africa will soon be able to enjoy ham and eggs, American style.

Hereafter, the report claims, tins of ham and eggs, canned by a new process, will go on shipment along with the standard canned products already supplied to field units abroad.

In the twenty-five years since 1918 American dieticians have learned much about the effects of nutrition on the physical health and mental well-being of individuals. Not only has it been found desirable that soldiers in the field receive nutrition which has a marked distribution of essential vitamins, but also it has been found wise that these soldiers be given a diet that varies in taste as well.

And although we suspect that Army food will always be Army food, still the ham and eggs now being canned for our mess halls makes numerous mouths water in anticipation. So come on Army... bring on those Ham and Eggs.

Aircraft

In recent months, the "Experts" have attempted to sell both the American army and public on the fact that American planes were inferior to those used by the Axis.

Lieut. General Arnold, forced into the controversy, strongly defended the American planes and asked the public to wait until our planes had been tested in battle before jumping to hasty conclusions as to their quality.

The remarks by General Arnold were in turn treated critically by the "Experts."

Now the proof is beginning to trickle in, and General Arnold has been vindicated. The P38... a ship the "Experts" swore couldn't turn fast enough or shoot hard enough, bagged five enemy craft for every one lost. Pilots are using this plane, designed for one purpose only, as an all-purpose craft, and the P38 has come through with flying colors.

The Fortress, the other American plane to receive the brunt of "expert" criticism, is still knocking down everything the enemy has been able to send against it, in bags of forty to fifty enemy planes at a crack.

And speaking of planes, the two types mentioned have operated against the best Germany and Japan can put in the sky; but they are no longer "our" best.

Encouraging

The war in the South Pacific rolls bitterly on with recent developments favoring the United Nations.

For example, all recent attempts to reinforce and supply Japanese troops beleaguered at Guadalcanal have failed. More important still is the fact that each such attempt has been weaker than the one preceding. In their latest effort, Japanese destroyers approached Guadalcanal last Saturday, but were unable to make a landing before they were driven off. These enemy ships did manage to unload some metal supply drums at sea in the desperate hope some of them would float ashore. American torpedo boats, however, put out and sank all they could find.

The Japanese squadron which made this last attempt consisted originally of 10 destroyers. It was repeatedly attacked by our dive bombers as it approached Guadalcanal. One destroyer was hit and believed to have been sunk; another was set on fire.

Following this latest air and naval engagement, Colonel Knox, United States Secretary of Navy, spoke with more optimism than he used two months ago. He said that he now doubts the accuracy of reports the Japanese are preparing another big-scale offensive in the Australian northeast operational area. This may well mean that Colonel Knox feels the Japanese no longer have sufficient naval strength left afloat in that area to risk such an attempt.



"Who ever told you you were hard to fit?"

Major Leagues Will Still Play 154-Game Card

Clubs Override ODT Short Schedule Suggestion

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—The major league baseball heads meeting here have overridden the suggestion of the Office of Defense Transportation that the number of games be reduced and have voted for a full 154-game schedule. Only 15 clubs were represented with the Washington Senators failing to send a representative.

However, the clubs did vote to train at home or close by as well as later opening and closing dates for the season with the reduction of East-West intersectional trips from four to three.

No Drastic Changes

In this special meeting called by Commissioner Kenesaw Landis, the club-owners decided to open the season April 21 instead of April 13 and close Oct. 3 instead of Sept. 26.

The meeting failed altogether to produce the drastic changes observers expected to be the aftermath of the Landis conference in Washington last week with ODT Director Joseph Eastman. It had been reported that Landis would urge confining the East-West trips to two and reduction of the 25-man traveling squads to 20. But these moves failed to materialize.

It was agreed to restrict the training camp sites to the area north of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi excepting the St. Louis clubs who will be permitted to train in Missouri.

Landis Satisfied

After the meeting Landis told newshawks that he didn't know whether the ODT would "be satisfied with what we have done here today, but I am astounded by the number of travel miles saved by condensing the Spring training trips within a specific radius."

ODT chief Eastman did not seem disappointed. From Washington he said he was "greatly pleased" by the club-owners' decisions, adding, "The only request I made was that they hold the travel to a necessary minimum. At no time have I undertaken to say what the minimum is."

The 154-game season has been the major league standard since 1920. Three East-West intersectional trips was the rule prior to 1936.

Whirlaway Will Retire At the End of 1943

CORAL GABLES, Fla., Jan. 6.—Whirlaway, the turf's greatest all-time money winner, will be retired at the end of the 1943 racing season, Ben Jones, his trainer, told the United Press yesterday.

Jones said that his decision was made after several conferences with Whirlaway's owner, Warren Wright, who, Jones said, plans to use Whirly for stud purposes.

NY May Train Without DiMag

'Spring Training Won't Concern Me,' Says Yankee Star

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—Joe DiMaggio, hard-hitting centerfielder for the New York Yankees, told a San Francisco Examiner sports writer yesterday, "Spring training won't concern me this year." Then, when asked if that meant he was quitting baseball, he added, "I'm not saying; you can draw your own conclusions."

The Examiner said that DiMaggio's statements were made in a longdistance telephone interview from Reno where the Yankee star presumably is visiting his estranged wife, former movie actress Dorothy Arnold, who is said to be planning a divorce.

DiMaggio's comment on the Spring training came when asked if he thought the Yankees' abandonment of the Florida training camp would affect his playing next year.

Players Pick Own All-Stars

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 6.—Now that all the experts have picked their All-Star and All-American teams, radio station KGO here has released the All-American team selected by the players themselves. They were chosen in a ballot of 1,700 letter men throughout the whole country.

The team would line up as follows: Ends—Dave Schreiner, Wisconsin, and Pete Pihos, Indiana.

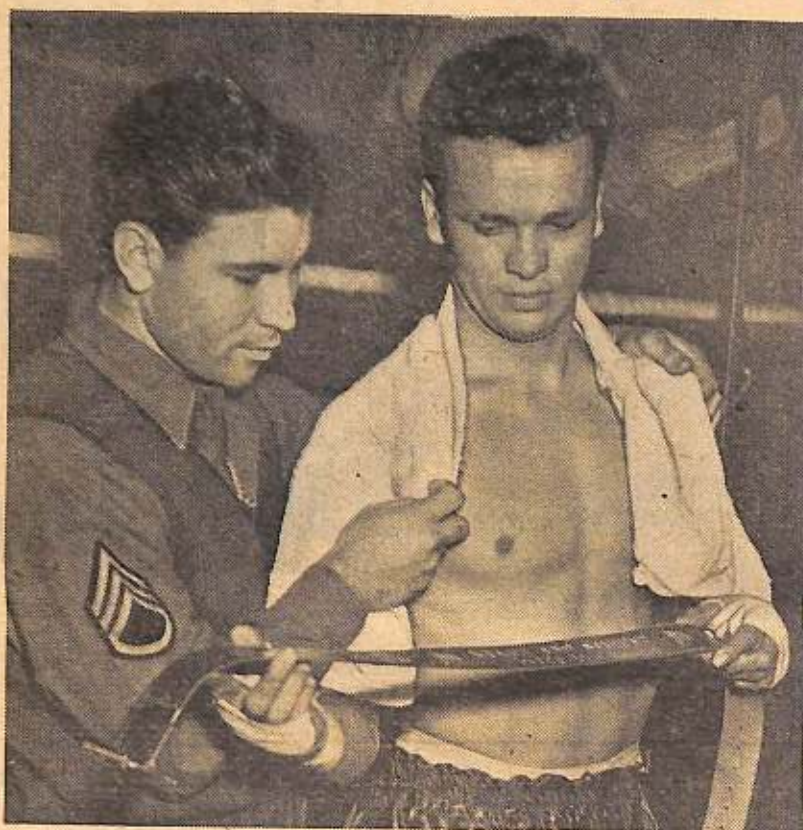
Tackles—Dick Wildung, Minnesota, and Al Wistert, Michigan.

Guards—Chuck Taylor, Stanford, and Lindel Houston, Ohio State.

Center—Joe Donnanovich, Alabama.

Backs—Bob Steuber, Missouri; Frank Sinkwich, Georgia; Paul Governali, Columbia, and Monk Gafford, Auburn.

Wins First Stars and Stripes Belt



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Pvt. Lawrence Drullard, Duluth, Minn., (right) examines his reward for knocking out Pvt. John Osmun, Boston, Mass., in the first round of the fight cards at the Rainbow Club Tuesday night. The reward was a belt awarded to him by The Stars and Stripes which is sponsoring the bouts each week.

Rams Use Cage Blitz Tactics Against Rhode Island State

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Basketball enthusiasts are still agog over the goofy game played at Madison Square Garden Saturday night in which Fordham upset Rhode Island State, 84-75. The Garden's record cage crowd of 18,394 developed stiff necks watching the torrent of shots alternating from both ends of the court at a dizzy speed, bettering a half-dozen Garden scoring records.

Last season Fordham Coach Ed Kelleher concentrated on defense against the Rhode Islanders' perpetual motion play and lost to Coach Frank Keane's team in an extra period. Because Kelleher was expected to use the same system Saturday, the Rams were 9-5 underdogs. But the Rams surprised the Rhode Islanders, abandoning the defensive tactics and pitting blitz against blitz. This successful strategy held the Rhode Islanders to a mere 75 points, whereas they had previously averaged 92 points per game, including their defeat of Fort William by the adding machine figure of 124-59.

Pudgy, middle-aged Keane, took the defeat philosophically. Though one of the nation's most successful basketball mentors, Keane refuses to take the game over-seriously. "Basketball," Keane thinks, "is just a game invented so boys could have fun playing it. I just send them out there to have fun—win or lose. If anyone beats us—so what? I just pivot and go home. I can always eat my supper."

Asked if he reads experts' books on basketball technique, Keane answered, "Sure, I read them all. But we always do the opposite from what the books say. That's why other coaches call me 'unsound.'"

"I'm always willing to give the other fellow one basket if we can get two in the exchange. We don't expect to win every game, but as long as the boys and I have a good time I figure that we're playing the right kind of basketball."

Basketball Results

- Creighton 42, Duquesne 40.
- Columbia 64, Fort Monmouth 50.
- Geneva 45, Rider 43.
- Kansas 60, Olathe Naval Air Base 32.
- Northwestern State 34, Phillips 27.
- Lawrence 56, Oshkosh Teachers 33.
- McPherson 49, 94th Div. Art. 31.
- Missouri 31, Central 28.
- St. Benedict's 43, Rosecrans Field Flyers 35.
- Indiana State 74, George Field 28.
- Carlton 46, South Dakota 44.
- Washington State 53, Bradley Tech 38.
- Depaul 68, Chicago 20.
- Kentucky 64, Fort Knox 30.
- Navy Pier 45, Advanced Navy Aviation School 37.
- Indiana 42, Butler 27.
- Wisconsin 41, Hamlin 37.
- Great Lakes 48, Purdue 41.
- Michigan 29, Michigan State 26.
- Albion 36, Detroit Tech 34.
- Eastern Washington 51, Gonzaga 39.
- Montana 44, Utah State 43.
- Montana State 39, Idaho 37.

Lions' Coach Joins Navy

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 6.—Will Edwards, coach of the Detroit Lions, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the Naval Air Corps and will report for duty tomorrow.

Soldiers Urged To Try Out for Boxing Cards

Next Bouts Scheduled Tuesday Night in Rainbow Club

By Mark E. Senigo
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Before hundreds of cheering servicemen who crammed International Hall of the Rainbow Corner Tuesday night, American boxers, fighting under American rules in an atmosphere reminiscent of the Golden Glove tourneys in the States, opened the first round of the weekly Stars and Stripes fight cards.

The next fight card is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 12, in the Red Cross Rainbow Club, Shaftesbury Ave., London.

It was from bouts such as these in 1917 that some of America's great fighters got their first chance to show their wares in the ring. One of them not only became champ of the AEF but went on to the heavyweight championship of the world. His name was Gene Tunney.

Main Purpose of Bouts

The aim of these Stars and Stripes fights is not to produce a Gene Tunney. Of course, if one shows up he won't get the back of anybody's hand.

However, the main purpose of these bouts is to teach men how to fight and at the same time provide an incentive for an increased boxing program in the ETO. From the participants' point of view, he is learning the finer points of a great sport. And the spectator is getting a good show.

The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee wants fighters—lightweights, flyweights, heavyweights, bantamweights—all weights. The only way it can get them in the ring is to have some knowledge of their background and their fighting skill. Novices will not take beatings from semi-pros in these bouts.

Fighters Asked to Write

Soldier-fighters who want to participate are urged to write, giving ring experience, weight and present condition. From these letters, which are filed, the future cards will be made up. The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee will do all in its power to see that men outside of London who are in condition will get a chance to fight at the Rainbow Corner.

Those men who wish to fight should send letters containing their weights, past experience and condition to Gerald Fitzgerald, Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Ave., London.

Armstrong Tilt Date Changed

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 6.—Hammering Henry Armstrong, former king pin of three boxing divisions, is going through with his scheduled fight with Jimmy McDaniels here for the 16th fight in his amazing comeback campaign, but an anticipated sore throat will postpone Hank's scheduled matches against Al Tribuani in Philadelphia and Beau Jack in New York.

Reason is that Armstrong wants to have his tonsils out before he leaves sunny California for the cold East. He thinks it will be February first before he's back in fighting trim.

From New York, Promoter Mike Jacobs has announced that the Armstrong-Beau Jack brawl will be staged Feb. 18 instead of Jan. 29. The Philadelphia engagement with Tribuani, originally scheduled for Jan. 18, is expected to be rescheduled for early February. Both fights are contingent upon Armstrong's eyes passing the close inspection of the New York and Pennsylvania Boxing Commissions' doctors.

Helen Jacobs to Join WAVES

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Helen Jacobs, former women's tennis champion, will start training soon as an officer candidate in the WAVES, women's auxiliary of the Navy.

News on the Air

News is broadcast on both the Home and Forces programs at 7 AM, 8 AM, 1 PM, 6 PM and 9 PM. An additional broadcast is on the Home Service at Midnight. Sports news from America is presented by The Stars and Stripes on the Forces at 7 PM every day.

NEWS FROM HOME

U.S. Forming 'Free Battalions,' Including Austrian, FDR Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—President Roosevelt told his press conference yesterday the Army was organizing a number of what he termed "free battalions," among them an Austrian battalion. He said, however, reports that the Archduke Otto was controlling the organization of an Austrian unit were false. It was wholly a War Department matter, the President said.

He asserted that he understood several committees of Austrians were spreading word of the unit among their countrymen in the United States, and he believed Otto was a member of one committee. The Archduke, who is pretender to the Austrian throne, has two brothers who have gone into the battalion as privates, the President said.

Chicago Blast Injures 100

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 (AP)—An explosion and fire in the alley pits of the South Bowling Alley injured more than 100 persons here yesterday. Several firemen were injured when a wall of the one-story building with 20 bowling alleys caved in. Many persons were treated for minor burns.

One man, Frank Werner, said he was blown through a glass door when a strong gust of hot air and smoke swept through the building. "Fifteen people piled up on me when I hit the street and about 75 others pushed out with us," he said.

Most of the patrons, seeing smoke, had already begun to leave, Werner said, and many were waiting for their clothes at the cloakroom.

Hedy Would Pay Own Taxes

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 6 (AP)—Hedy Lamarr has started action against Loew's, Inc., charging that she failed to receive a promised \$500 weekly raise. She contended that her employers should pay her \$2,000 weekly instead of her present \$1,500. Despite the Government's ruling limiting income to \$25,000 per year, it is up to her, she said, to pay the Government all she received over \$25,000.

Kuhn Shuns Publicity

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—In the first mass denaturalization trial in American history, Fritz Kuhn, the 47-year-old, erstwhile German-American Bund chief, yesterday asked and received permission



Forts and Libs Blast Armada In New Guinea

U.S. Bombers Smash 50,000 Tons; Navy Bombards Japanese Airfield

The Allies in the Southwest Pacific have struck hard at Japan along four fronts within the last 48 hours with a smashing aerial blitz on Rabaul harbor, in New Guinea, a naval bombardment of Jap airfields and advances on land in both New Guinea and Guadalcanal.

Flying Fortresses and Liberators roared down upon a formidable Japanese naval concentration at Rabaul on Tuesday and with 1,000-pound bombs sank or set on fire eight Japanese merchantmen and supply vessels and hit a destroyer tender with a destroyer tied alongside. A tenth vessel probably was destroyed.

It was estimated that more than 50,000 tons of shipping was destroyed.

Liberators shot down three out of between 12 and 15 Zero fighters which attempted to intercept and Fortresses shot down a similar number of between eight or ten enemy fighters.

Airfield Bombed

In Washington, a Navy Department communique reported that "on Jan. 5, during the darkness of early morning, the United States task force of surface units successfully bombarded a Jap airfield at Munda on New Georgia Island.

"As the task force retired, it was attacked by Japanese dive-bombers. Four Wildcats intercepted and shot down four of the enemy dive-bombers and probably destroyed two. All the Wildcats returned safely after the remaining enemy planes had withdrawn.

"During the afternoon Flying Fortresses, escorted by Lightning fighters, attacked an enemy heavy cruiser at Buin on the Island of Bougainville. The results were not observed.

"Our fighters were attacked by 25 Zeros and float-type biplanes. Three enemy planes were shot down and two others probably destroyed. Two U.S. fighters were lost.

Buna Being Cleared

Meanwhile, Australian and American troops were closing in on the Japanese at Sanananda Point, their last stronghold in the Buna area of New Guinea. Medium bombers and attack planes bombed and strafed enemy installations.

Further up the New Guinea coast, Jap installations and occupied villages near Lae were bombed and strafed by an Allied heavy unit.

American troops on Guadalcanal have gained high ground positions in the vicinity of Mount Austen, a 1,514-foot peak, and have captured an enemy field. Six Jap counter-attacks were repulsed and 150 of the enemy killed.

It appears to be the first advance of the American ground forces on the island for weeks.

The immediate purpose of the advance undoubtedly was to prevent the Japanese from bombarding the field from the heights.

Pacific Council Meets

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—The Pacific War Council met this evening with President Roosevelt in the chair to discuss the possibility of strengthening supply lines by opening new air routes across the Pacific.

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the issuance of non-negotiable bonds to the Federal Reserve Banks and to terminate the Treasury's power to issue interest-bearing certificates.

Congress, at its opening, was unanimous in its determination to achieve victory and the preservation of freedom, but sharply divided on domestic policy and uncertain of the scope and details of its program for peace.

Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, was expected to tell the democratic caucus that Congress would no longer yield to bureaucrats, and that Congress "must reassert itself."

While full harmony within the Democratic Party hung in the balance, the Republicans, too, attacked "bureaucracy and waste," and called for many changes in the war-time functioning of the Government—all pointing to stormy and possible bitter days ahead in Washington.

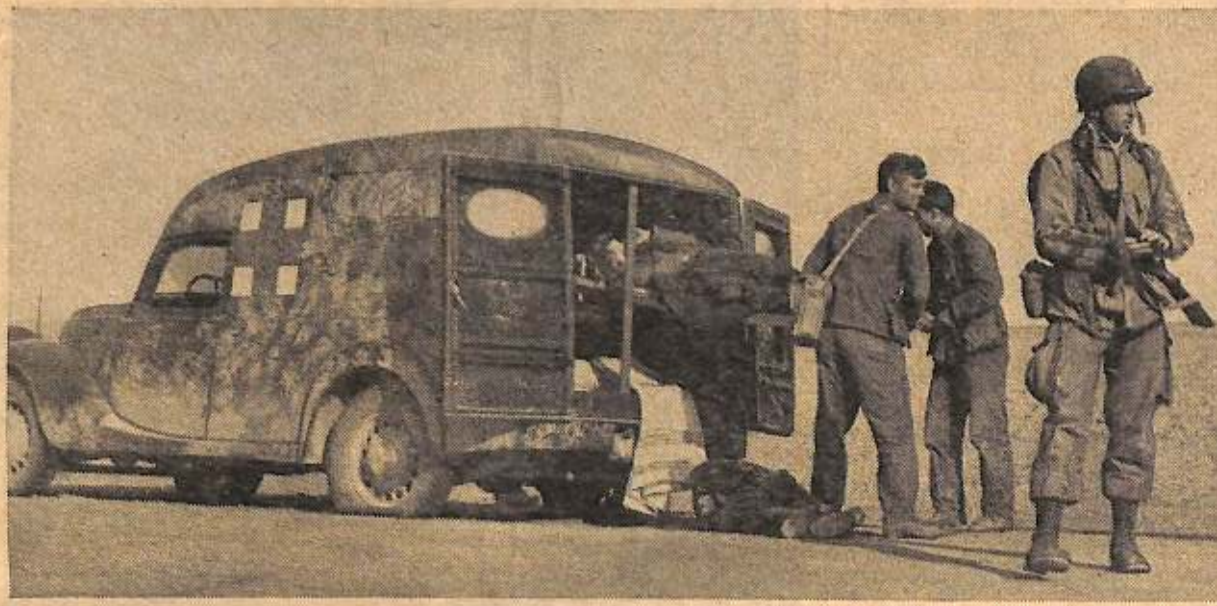
Tomorrow President Roosevelt is to address a joint session of the Senate and House of Representatives on State union. In some quarters it is expected that the President will refer not only to the progress of the war and domestic problems, but also give some clue to his ideas for peace.

The President announced yesterday that the presentation of the Government's budget to Congress, originally scheduled for Friday, might be delayed until Monday. He told his Press conference that he had finished his message, but printing difficulties made it possible that copies would not be ready on Friday.

Art Classes for Servicemen

Art classes for American servicemen will be started in two weeks under the auspices of Special Services, London Base Command, it was announced yesterday. Those wishing to attend the classes have been requested to register at 33, Davies Street.

Nazis Hit Ambulance Carrying Own Men



German prisoners carry a badly wounded comrade out of a U.S. ambulance riddled by machine-gun fire from a German plane, as Maj. William Yarborough, Seattle, Wash., stands guard on the road. The dead ambulance driver lies on the road beside the truck.

81 Get Awards In Middle East

Three Raid Leaders Get Special Mention for Attacks

CAIRO, Jan. 6 (UP)—In two ceremonies yesterday at two unnamed United States air bases in the Middle East, 81 flying officers and men received Distinguished Flying Crosses from Brig. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, USAF commander in the Middle East, "in recognition of outstanding achievement while participating in aerial fighting."

Three officers were specially cited, Lt. Col. John (Killer) Kane, Shreveport, La., bomber pilot recently promoted to the command of a heavy bombardment group. Kane led the bombing attack on Naples the night of Dec. 4 which destroyed many naval supply facilities badly needed by the enemy in Africa.

Another was Col. George F. McGuire, Coffeyville, Kan., decorated for work during a heavy bomber raid the night of Nov. 15. McGuire commanded a group of nine planes which got into a running fight with enemy aircraft south of Benghazi. His citation said: "His cool courage was an example of fine leadership. McGuire succeeded in forcing the withdrawal of enemy aircraft on eight occasions. The formation remained unbroken and returned without loss of personnel or equipment."

The third, Maj. Chris H. W. Reuter, Franklin, Tenn., participated in the successful air raid on Tripoli Nov. 24.

List of Men Decorated

- The others decorated were:
- Majors John E. Carmack, Decatur, Ga.; Mai. R. Fennell, Stanwood, Wash., and Paul J. Long, Patton, Penn.
 - Capt. Harold S. Wells, Cos Cob, Conn.; Eugene V. Raphael, Cumberland, Md.; Robert J. Benish, Long Beach, Cal.; Thomas T. Omohundro, Wagner, Okla.; Robert W. Zant, Grand Rapids, Mich.; James A. Anderson, Cleveland, Ga.; Charles E. Blankenhorn, Great Falls, Mont.; Thurman D. Brown, Plant City, Fla.; Bruno Del Missier, Seattle; James W. Wibert, Indianapolis; George A. Ulrich, Brighton, Colo.; Martin R. Walsh Jr., Haven, Fla.; Sam R. Oglesby Jr., Great Falls, S.C.; John W. Wilkinson, Burnside, Ky.
 - 1st Lts. Manfred C. Susman, Houston, Tex.; John R. Burger, Minneapolis; John Germeraad, Billings, Mont.; J. Donald Souillon, Jefferson, O.; William H. Roe, Nashville, Mich.; Henry D. Chism Jr., New Orleans; Charles P. Neal, Bunkie, La.; Thomas K. Dickenson, West Lafayette, Ind.; Harry L. Shryock, Elyria, O.; Edward T. Dunn, Brookhaven, Miss.; Harold R. Taylor, Slater, Mo.; Scott S. Douglas, Baraboo, Wis.; Jewell C. Daigle, Fort Kent, Me.; Herbert C. Mongel, Freedom, Pa.; Jackson B. Clayton, Birmingham, Ala.; Norman Davis, New York; Justus A. Emens, Olean, N.Y., and Paul Pasoli, Columbus, O.
 - 2nd Lts. Albert G. Rogers, Shelby, Mont.; Harry J. Weiss Jr., Bordentown, Pa.; Henry A. Fischer Jr., Summertown, S.C.; Ponnolilo Larsen, Clifton, Tex.; Clarence H. Shirley, Bridgeport, Conn.; Fonton Rogers, Riverside, R.I.; Ernest M. Sherman, Camp Hill, Ala., and Donald C. Baird Jr., Lewisburg, Pa.
 - Tech. Sgts. Richard J. Haggery, Shamokin, Pa.; Doring D. Schreyer, Williamsport, Pa.; Arnold J. LeFebvre, Central Falls, R.I.; Edward H. Wingert, Sioux City, Ia.; James G. Clark, Butler, Pa.; George J. Williams, Detroit; Barney W. Burstin, Poplar Bluff, Mo.; Kenneth Delong, Tooton, Pa.; Albert S. Fisher, Newport, Tenn.; Neel W. Meek, Pittsburgh Landing, Tenn., and Frederis Moran, Fredonia, N.Y.
 - M/Sgts. Frederick W. Blanchard, Washington, and Joseph C. Kemurke, El Paso, Tex.
 - S/Sgts. Tom H. Hamway, Detroit; Adolph Buda, New York; John D. Zealor, Roxbury, Conn.; George R. Brown, Bristol, Pa.; R. T. Bearden, Spring Hill, La.; Karl W. Anderson, Passumpsic, Vt.; Milton A. Snyder Jr., Philadelphia; Joseph Diastano, Brooklyn; Oscar Wells, Alameda, Cal.; James D. Barton, Bloomfield, N.J.; Alexander S. Bennett, Fort Meade, Fla.; Frank J. Mickus, Chicago; Lyle S. Winchell, Seattle; Vincent J. Depale, Bronx, N.Y.; John F. Long, Wiley Ford, W. Va.; Edward M. Hart, Boston, and George T. Braun, St. Paul.

French Ambulance Driver Awarded Posthumous American DSC

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan. 6 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower has awarded a posthumous Distinguished Service Cross to Pvt. Dominico Bartolini, a French ambulance driver, who tried to rescue wounded German prisoners under fire from four Ju88s.

French and American Army cars were attacked on a road in the southern sector, the Germans flying back several times to strafe the ambulance, which was plainly marked with a red cross.

In the citation, Gen. Eisenhower described Bartolini's action as "one of the most outstanding examples of devotion to duty in this operation," and praised the compassion which prompted the driver to aid the enemy wounded.

DFC for Yank Pilot In RCAF

The Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Acting Flight Lt. Oliver C. Kallio, American pilot with the RCAF, for operations in the Middle East, it was announced by Royal Canadian Air Force headquarters.

Flight Lt. Kallio's home is in Ironwood, Mich. He served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force before enlisting in the RCAF in 1940. He was commissioned in 1941.

The citation, accompanying Flight Lt. Kallio's award, read:

"In October, 1942, this officer led a formation against a force of enemy dive-bombers protected by a strong escort of fighters. The attack was so skillfully executed that the enemy bombers were compelled to jettison their bombs on their own lines. A few days later, in a similar sortie, a superior formation of enemy bombers was forced to release its bombs prematurely. Throughout the engagement, Flight Lt. Kallio, who destroyed a Junkers 87, displayed fine leadership and has at all times set an inspiring example."

London Command Dance Jan. 12 at Porchester Hall

A dance for the enlisted personnel of the London Base Command will be held Jan. 12, 7.30 PM, at Porchester Hall, Service Service Section announces. Detachments of Canadian Women's Auxiliary Army Corps and British Women's services have been invited.

Soldiers' tickets, priced at 2s., are being distributed by unit Special Service officers. Free admission tickets for girls may be obtained from unit officers.

Music will be furnished by an Army orchestra and a GI floor show will be presented during the evening.

London Synagogue Opens Services Club for Allies

An invitation to all members of the United Nations' forces to use the facilities of the newly-opened West London Services Club, 33 Seymour Place, has been extended through Special Service Section.

Refreshments, games and reading and writing rooms are available at the club, which was opened last Monday under the auspices of the West London Synagogue. The club is open daily from 3 to 9.30 PM.

Anybody Need 2 Right Shoes?

Engineers Want to Swap Odd Pair of Dogs For 13 1/2 Bs

Don't think the Shoe Department has phoofted out in a post-Christmas decline. Not a bit of it. We were merely regrouping our forces, and 1943's slogan still is "A Pair of Shoes for Every Soldier."

Considering it wise to give the shoe-loving public a holiday break, The Stars and Stripes today nevertheless renews its hell-for-leather drive with the name of T/5 James J. Glendon, of an engineer unit in England.

The T/5 needs 13 1/2 Bs.

Anybody got 'em?

According to Major Robert B. Strong, commander, and T/5 Lyle W. Conover, in immediate contact with the operation, "Glendon is not so badly situated as some of the fellows in the Infantry. His job entails more exercise of the posterior rather than the pedal extremities. But he thinks that his feet are not quite tough enough to go barefoot. We've been unable to obtain these for him and we're SOS!"

Well, at least they're not SOL, so long as there's a Shoe Department. The Stars and Stripes would be glad to hear from anybody who can help Cpl. Glendon, particularly because this is a nice unit and they want to co-operate.

They're even willing to make it a swap. If anyone needs a pair of 8D shoes, according to their letter, just send in your name, no questions asked.

(Both shoes, it is our duty to add, are for the right foot.)

Court Martial Convicts Slayer

A U.S. ARMY STATION, East Anglia, Jan. 6—A U.S. Army court martial today sentenced Pvt. David Cobb, Negro, Dothan, Ala., to be hanged for the murder of 2nd Lt. Robert J. Cobner, Swissvale, Pa.

The finding of the court martial is subject to review by President Roosevelt. It was testified at the trial that Cobb was on sentry duty Dec. 27 when he shot Lt. Cobner, the officer of the day. Cobb had been ordered to surrender his rifle to the sergeant of the guard. Instead, he released the safety catch and pointed the rifle at the sergeant, whereupon Lt. Cobner attempted to take the rifle and was shot, according to the testimony.

U.S. Vice-Consul in Belfast Marries American Nurse

BELFAST, Jan. 6—John C. Fuess, 30, Andover, Mass., American vice-consul here, and Mrs. Cora Frances Henry, Manchester, Mass., a U.S. Army nurse, were married today in the chapel of an American base hospital.

Capt. Walter Floyd, Army chaplain from Boone, Iowa, performed the ceremony. Parker H. Buhrman, American consul-general in Northern Ireland, and 1st Lt. Mary E. Ray, Cuttaw, Ky., attended the couple.

Blondie

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