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## Berlin Gets 1st Big Day Bombing

### Americans Fighting in Burma

#### 2,000 Japs Cut Off by Yank Drive

#### Guadalcanal, New Guinea Veterans Open Prelude to Possible Big Campaign

A "large-scale" offensive against the Japanese in north Burma has been launched by the first American ground troops to fight as a unit on the continent of Asia, it was disclosed yesterday.

Striking far behind enemy lines in the deepest Allied penetration of Burma since the start of the Pacific war, U.S. Infantry jungle troops, many of whom fought on Guadalcanal and New Guinea, have inflicted heavy casualties on the Japs, overwhelmed the village of Walaubum and trapped 2,000 enemy troops in the Naga Hills.

In support of Chinese troops also under the command of Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, the Americans thrust ten miles behind the main Jap positions at the cost of only 11 casualties.

#### Cut Off Line of Retreat

By the surprise attack, the jungle-hardened U.S. fighters cut off the normal retreat route for a force of about 2,000 Japanese who are being pushed back by Gen. Stilwell's Chinese forces from the direction of Maingkwun.

Leader of the Americans in the surprise blow, possibly the prelude to a full-scale Allied campaign in Asia against Japan, is one of the youngest generals in the Army, 39-year-old Brigadier Frank Merrill, who as a buck private won an appointment to West Point.

Hand-picked by Gen. Stilwell to lead the first U.S. combat troops in Asia, Gen. Merrill accompanied Gen. Stilwell on the famous retreat from Burma in 1942. Considered one of the foremost American authorities on the Japanese, Gen. Merrill was attached to the Japanese Army on maneuvers and left Japan only two months before Pearl Harbor.

A march of about 200 miles from their base in northeast India carried Merrill and his men through the jungle astride the Japanese line of retreat from Maingkwun. In the last stage of the operation they hacked their way through a section of the jungle wholly without trails.

#### Make Wide Swing to Left

Making a wide detour far to the left wing of the Chinese forces in the Hukwang Valley, the Americans surprised the Jap defenders of Walaubum, a rail and road junction southeast of Maingkwun, which fell to the Chinese Mar. 4.

Maingkwun lies about 80 miles north-west of Myitkyina and is in the Tanai River area of the Hukwang Valley.

Equipped with the latest type of jungle weapons, the Americans, executing one of Gen. Stilwell's plans to retake north Burma and open the new Burma Road, have abandoned all bases and are being supplied by air.

Although a small clash with the Japanese took place more than a week ago, secrecy surrounded the dramatic thrust until yesterday's announcement. Meanwhile, the island campaign against Japan continued.

American dismounted cavalymen hunted down the last of Japanese suicide squadrons on Los Negros in the Admiralty Islands, while U.S. Army and Navy bombers for the second successive day blasted Ponape, Jap naval base between American positions in the Marshalls and the great Jap base of Truk. Twenty-three tons of explosives were dropped on Ponape and nearby Kusaie.

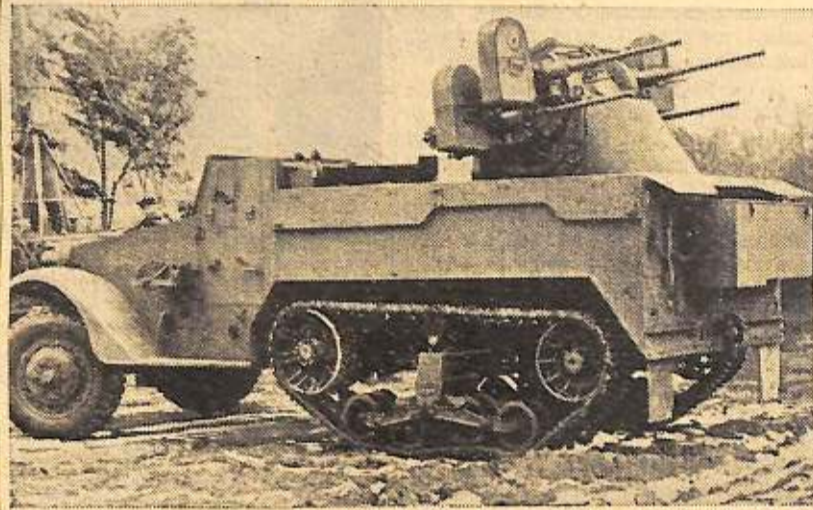
#### More Plants to Produce Landing-Barge Plates

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (AP)—"We'll no longer trust all our eggs in one basket" in the production of armor plate for landing craft, WPB said today.

Until Mar. 1, about 95 per cent of this highly-specialized product was turned out by the Great Lakes Steel Corp. To provide "a margin of safety against any eventuality," additional production sources have been developed. Republic Steel Corp. will begin to turn out the plate this month.

A three-day strike of 6,000 Great Lakes Steel workers ended Feb. 28.

#### Quadruple-Threat Ack-Ack Gun



The U.S. Army's New M-16 anti-aircraft weapon, shown during a demonstration in the U.S., mounts a revolving turret of four .50-calibre machine-guns on a caterpillar half-track capable of a speed of 50 miles an hour. Already in action in the Mediterranean theater, its guns are geared to fire a rate of 2,000 bullets a minute.

### Reds Capture Volochisk, Cut Odessa-Lwow Line

Russian armies bent on isolating an estimated 500,000 Germans in the lower Ukraine took a great step toward their goal yesterday by storming Volochisk station and thus severing the Odessa-Lwow railroad, last lifeline of Hitler's hapless forces in southern Russia.

Developing their vast breakthrough launched in the Shepetovka sector, the Russians not only overran Volochisk station, astride the rail line, but thrust within 11 miles of the important junction of Tarnopol, 25 miles to the east of Volochisk.

German ability to hamper this drive to the Carpathians, which already was within 60 miles of the Bessarabian border, has been slashed by Marshal Zhukov's armies. In two days' fighting, at least 15,000 Germans were killed and 3,000 taken prisoner, Moscow said late last night. In addition, vast stores of equipment were seized by the Red Army.

Cutting of the Odessa-Lwow line means the Germans now must rely on small, inadequate rail lines running through Rumania. Berlin reports last night indicated that the Russians, fully aware of the enemy's difficult supply situation, was moving in yet another thrust to take advantage of it.

Berlin said Marshal Koniev's Second Ukrainian Army, striking 150 miles southeast of the Shepetovka area, was following up Zhukov's attack with a smashing blow at Marshal Von Manstein's middle Dnieper positions.

The assault was said to have been launched in the area of Zvenigorodka, south of the recently liquidated Kanyev pocket, near Kirovograd, in the Dnieper Bend. Thus the Russians were chopping at a second section of Manstein's forces, already split in two by Zhukov's wedge, which struck well to the northwest of the Vinnitsa-Uman line.

Led by Marshal Zhukov, who took over when Gen. Vatutin became ill, the Russians' latest drive in the south overshadowed fighting on other sectors of the front. However, hard fighting continued in the far north at Pskov, where the battle that largely will decide the fate of the Baltic states was being fought.

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### Stem Rising Accidents, Troops Told

By Richard Wilbur  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Too much speed at night, sideswiping and carelessness while driving at less than five miles per hour are outstanding causes of Army motor accidents—which have increased recently throughout the ETO—according to a survey being compiled by the Motor Vehicle Traffic Control Branch of the ETO provost marshal.

The accident increase, due generally to a large influx of vehicles and a tendency by GIs toward "cowboy driving," must be reduced drastically at once, Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord, ETO provost marshal, declared.

"Accidents result in the deadlining of damaged vehicles meant for use when we invade the Continent," he said. "This is sabotage of invasion preparations, and nothing less. Every vehicle damaged here helps Hitler. It is almost irreplaceable for use when we get into action against the German ground troops."

The traffic-accident survey, based on

U.S. Claims Commission data on accidents in England, covers a yearly period. It shows the main causes of recent Army motor accidents, Gen. Reckord said, and many of the causes have not yet been eliminated.

"Cowboy driving" was defined by the general as involving too much speed, chiefly at night, and carelessness. He said that any speed beyond the maximum 20 miles per hour allowed during blackouts not only violated regulations but invited accidents, since blackout lamps on Army vehicles are not designed to cope with higher speed.

In connection with carelessness, he pointed out that the survey showed one-fourth of all accidents involving Army vehicles in the ETO occurred at speeds less than five miles per hour.

Nearly half of these accidents happened in backing and parking, and slightly more than half involved one-and-a-half-ton and two-and-a-half-ton trucks.

The survey also highlighted the following points:

Most accidents occurred between 11 and 12 AM, a period when Army drivers were headed back to the mess hall. Other peak times were late afternoon, when driver fatigue was a contributing factor, and around midnight, when recreational convoys and late supply trucks were on the homeward lap.

Collisions with stationary objects accounted for 20 per cent of all Army accidents in England—a high percentage, according to Gen. Reckord.

Sideswiping was the cause of 36 per cent of all accidents. Most of these occurred while the Army vehicle was approaching another vehicle coming towards it.

The survey—compiled jointly by Lt. Col. Charles E. Day, chief of the Motor Vehicle Traffic Control Branch; 1/Lt. J. Cal Callahan and Pfc James B. Maher—will be distributed to all ETO staff sections, service commands and major subordinate commands about Mar. 15.

Accidents can be eliminated if each

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### Fierce Battles Rage As Huge U.S. Force Dumps Tons on City

#### One Fort Division Fights Way In and Out; Other Forts, Libs Meet Few Fighters; Flak Heavy; Weather Better

By Bud Hutton

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

American heavy bombers attacked Berlin in force yesterday.

With Saturday's attack by a single formation, it was the second U.S. blow in three days on the German capital, and the city's first major daylight assault.

Flanked and covered by relays of Eighth and Ninth Air Force long-range fighters, the Liberators and Fortresses heaped high explosives and incendiaries on their Berlin targets with both visual and "cloud" technique bombing to smash the Nazis' last lingering hopes that any defense could stop the daylight bombers from destroying any objective in the whole Reich.

One division of Fortresses had to slug its way with heavy losses almost every bit of the 600-mile route in to the city, while other divisions reported moderate to almost negligible fighter opposition. Virtually every bomber crew, however, told of intense walls of flak ringing the capital.

There was no official announcement up to last midnight of American losses or claims, but it was expected that the number of bombers reported missing from the day's operations might be among the highest in Eighth Air Force history.

A new record of enemy aircraft destroyed by the escorting fighters also was expected as intelligence officers checked claims and camera gun films.

Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings, on preliminary reports, probably had outscored the Nazis in the ratio of eight to one and had gone well over the previous single day's score of 61, established on Feb. 22.

While the heavies and their escorts were completing their seventh attack in eight days, a record force of nearly 300 Marauder mediums of the Ninth Air Force carried out heavy attacks on the Nazi airbase at Beauvais-Tille and military objectives in the Pas de Calais area, all without loss. Sunday night, RAF Mosquitoes had kept the Nazi defenses strained by attacks on western Germany.

With weather conditions obviously much improved over Saturday's when Fortresses dropped the first U.S. bombs on Berlin through almost solid six-mile cloud, Eighth Bomber Command ordered a major, although not record, force to go right back to the same target.

It was scarcely noon when German radio stations began to describe "a gigantic air battle" raging over the Reich from the Zuyder Zee to the capital. Just before 1 PM the sirens began to sound in Berlin.

A few hours later, however, when the blast of bombs and the roar of incendiary-started fires had spread throughout the city, German news agencies put out an official statement admitting damage and casualties from bombs dropped "at random on several residential districts of the town."

Nazi radio stations claimed the Forts and Libs were driven from their targets as they came over the central area of the city, but crews which returned jubilantly to their bases told of pushing home their attacks, in some cases with visual bombing.

Bombardiers picked out individual targets which have survived the 27,000 tons of the RAF's last 15 raids by night and completed their runs while USSTAF fighters held off the Nazi interceptors. Some targets in the capital area were covered, however, and bombardiers used the "through-clouds" technique and could not report results.

Crews from a Fortress group commanded by Col. Edgar M. Wittan, of Newport News, Va., told of "almost endless fights with scores of German planes," and one B17 crew came home to report claims of eight enemy fighters destroyed as an index of the ferocity of the fighting. The interceptors were hurled at the massed bombers in units of ten and 20, crewmen said, and sometimes "there were

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#### Bereaved Clare Luce 'Adopts' British Refugee

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (Reuter)—Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, authoress and congresswoman, has adopted for the duration 11-year-old Joy Agnes Ogier, a refugee from the Isle of Guernsey. The girl and her nine-year-old brother are in an English nursery operated by Foster Parents Plan for War Children, Inc.

Mrs. Luce's only daughter, the late Ann Clare Brockaw, was killed in a motor accident last January.

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### The War Speeds Up

The tempo of war in Europe is stepping up. In Russia there is steady fighting despite the arrival in some sectors of General Mud. During the past three days Red Army forces in a mighty surge have crashed forward, cutting the vital Odessa-Lwow-Berlin railway, lifeline of a quarter of a million Nazi troops operating to the east.

Already the Army has taken Volochisk, which is on the trunk railway 25 miles east of Tarnopol junction. Fall of Tarnopol will isolate the German armies of the Southern Ukraine from Central Europe and bring full success to the Russian winter campaign.

Marshal Zhukov's offensive launched to achieve this success progresses well. If his advance continues it will be important not only from a strategic and tactical viewpoint but also from a political standpoint. Isolation of the German armies in the Southern Ukraine will have immediate influence on the decisions in the Balkans, for Bulgaria, Rumania and Turkey cannot remain unaffected by this latest news from Russia.

And in Germany the commentators are admitting retreat. This admission came at the time when American bombers with strong fighter support struck their heaviest blow of the war and the target was Berlin. Use of the term "very strong forces" in the U.S. Air Force raid communique indicates that the latest attack on Berlin was on the scale we've dreamed about and much bigger than Saturday's attack. It was in fact Berlin's first real daylight bombardment and it will speed up the destruction of the Nazi capital, already badly smashed by RAF night bombing.

In Italy the Anzio beach-head is still intact and General Alexander may soon take the offensive from that much-battered area. And while British and American troops in Italy are combating severe weather conditions as well as reinforced Nazi formations, they have everywhere more than held their own.

Of course much hot fighting remains but America has just begun to light; and our weight, thrown in alongside the might of the rest of the United Nations, will bring the fire in Europe under control, and that day speeds near.

### Creeping Paralysis

The Japanese position is deteriorating everywhere. Not only is the systematic destruction of their military installations in Burma, Eastern China, Indo-China and Siam a constant drain upon resources that must be supplied by a dwindling merchant marine, but that shipping shortage is also making "Co-prosperity" sound like a sour jest in densely populated parts of the "sphere" where no avenging bombers have yet been seen.

The New York Herald Tribune, commenting on the creeping paralysis that is attacking Japan's transportation services, reports that Japan can no longer haul the great output of food and of raw materials which conquered soil yields or get back to that market the commodities it has been accustomed to receive. Japan cannot even haul enough home to relieve the hunger and shabbiness of her war-weary people.

Meanwhile American and British bombers take toll of every convoy that approaches the outer periphery of Japan's holdings, while American, British and Dutch submarines operate deep inside the co-prosperity sphere, promoting a little more discontent among the natives of the conquered lands, a little more anxiety among outlying Japanese garrisons and a little more fretfulness in Japan with every ship they sink.

Japan, it appears, is beginning to die from that fatal disease of creeping paralysis, and her war lords know it.

### A Marginal Case

The generous terms offered to Finland by the Russians have been a surprise to the world and a shock to the German propaganda machine which had hoped to make political capital out of terms which Doc Goebbels expected to be nothing less than "unconditional surrender."

In this connection it is interesting to recall a statement by Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, at his press conference on July 26 of last year. The New York Times of July 27 reported this conference as follows:

"To a question whether unconditional surrender applied to Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria as well as the major Axis countries, Mr. Hull said it was a matter for the war department and the President, but he thought the question would be raised against any and all countries that had declared war at any time against the United States." Asked whether that would include Finland, Mr. Hull declined to answer, while indicating Finland was a "marginal case."

## Hash Marks

Signs of the Times: Moonshiners in the South Carolina hills are asking their customers for ration coupons. They need the stamps in order to buy sugar to make the hooch!

A sailor told us that he was out with a pistol packin' mama and all she wanted to do was get loaded.

This Week's Old Gag. "Papa," queried a little lad, "what is the person called who



brings you in contact with the spirit world?" "A bartender, my son," replied papa absentmindedly.

It happened at a General Hospital in the ETO the other day and now the life of a certain Air Corps officer isn't worth living. A patient at the hospital, he was sent to the operating room and put under anesthesia, prior to a minor job on his hand. The operation over, he was rolled back to his ward, still in deep slumber. It so happened that Daphne, eight-months-old daughter of a civilian hospital worker, had been brought to the ward so the nurse could fuss over her a bit. One of the nurses put the infant next to the befuddled captain, who was slowly awakening. Daphne gurgled and patted the captain's cheek. The captain opened glazed eyes, focused them bleakly on the cooing infant and was just heard to murmur, "I knew it wasn't hard to do."

Conversation of the Week:  
 First GI: "Damn, Joe, what makes you so hoarse?"  
 Second Joe: "I just talked the first sergeant out of a pass."

How times change! We remember days back in the States when people squawked because eggs were selling for 60 cents a dozen. One night last week S/Sgt. Walter Rooney stood up on a soap box in his nissen hut and auctioned off ONE egg for two shillings and 11 pence.

Fun on the London Front. The civilian clerks in the officers' PX can certainly make life interesting at times. The other



day a lieutenant rushed in, desperately in need of dog tags. "Where do I get them?" he screamed. "Go to Selfridge's department store; first floor, turn right," the girl replied nonchalantly. The loopy rushed into the big store, followed instructions and found—a nice display of dog collars, dog soap and dog biscuits (but no dog tags).

GI Philosophy. One way to insure peace for all time would be to get the nations of the world to agree not to start a new war until this one is paid for.  
 J. C. W.

### The Chaplain Went Into Battle

# Father Tim Won Respect Of His Men the Hard Way

By Charles F. Kiley  
 Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

There must be a lot of officers in the Army who are loved and respected by soldiers under their commands, but none more so than Father Tim Andrysiak.

Father Tim is a chaplain in the Infantry. He was decorated with the Silver Star and Legion of Merit following the North African and Sicilian campaigns.

The story behind his medals is enough to make the Baltimore-born priest one of the most striking personalities in the corps of men who wear the silver-cross insignia. But long before they got around to distributing medals, those who know the broad-shouldered prematurely gray-haired padre of 37 said there wasn't another man quite like Father Tim.

If the Silver Star award came as the result of a single act of "gallantry in action above and beyond the call of duty," soldiers of Father Tim's unit can't recall what it was.

"I doubt if the Army stopped to pick one out," an officer said. "There were too many of them. It could have been for any one of Father Tim's many acts of sheer courage in trying to be where the men needed him most. When it was all over, I'm sure he saw almost as much front-line service as any of us, sharing slit trenches and foxholes, exposing himself to enemy snipers, shell fire and machine-guns."

All this may be a revelation to whom-ever it was in North Africa that issued an order restricting chaplains from going any closer to the front than the aid stations.

Father Tim doesn't say much about it except that he tried to be with the men when they needed a chaplain. He put in his time at the aid stations administering last rites when necessary, lending a hand to short-handed medical staffs in giving simple first aid, helping the "combat fatigued" get hold of themselves.

### Joined Fallen Soldiers

But when soldiers were falling at the front he went up there with them. Crawling from one stricken man to another, he did whatever he could in a spiritual way for soldiers of all faiths. When the thunder of German guns subsided he talked things over, as soldiers will, with riflemen, machine-gun and mortar crews.

A company commander remembers the day a wide-eyed private, trembling amid bursts of German 88s, recognized Father Tim near by and exclaimed, "Hell, it can't be so bad if he's up here."

Reluctant to talk of his personal experiences, Father Tim nevertheless admitted he had to become involved in combat to realize fully the soldier's purgatory in war.

"I doubt very much whether anyone who hasn't had previous combat experience can actually visualize the many things that happen in a real battle," he says. "Everything happens so suddenly you have to be prepared to quickly adjust yourself to the situation."

A parish priest in Shamokin, Pa., before he put aside his Franciscan robes for a uniform 24 years ago, Father Tim had to adjust himself the same as every soldier who went into battle.

He came out of his combat experiences with a message for all chaplains still



Father Tim Andrysiak

waiting to hear their first enemy shell burst.

"One of the most important jobs a chaplain has is burying the dead," he says. "For the most part he won't have much help. Perhaps an assistant or two, that's all. He should record all the information about a dead soldier he can gather, especially those found without dogtags."

### "Get Fingerprints"

"If necessary, fingerprints should be taken. When all data is collected, put it on a piece of wood and place it in a pocket of the soldier's uniform before burying him. This will enable the Graves Registration people to work swiftly and efficiently when they reach the preliminary burial area and transport the bodies to the permanent cemetery."

Equipped only with a couple of entrenching tools and a pocket knife, Father Tim and an aide buried 97 men after the Maknassy campaign. The graves they dug were three feet by six feet, just deep enough to bury the men until the Graves Registration company reclaimed the bodies.

Chaplains should be equipped with rubber gloves, Father Tim said, since disease is prevalent wherever there are decaying bodies.

Unlike the chaplains of World War I, whose duties included those that go with special-service, post-exchange and bond-sales work, the padres in this war are not hampered with such extra chores.

As for attendance by soldiers at services, Father Tim said it was almost 100 per cent just before and after a battle. Away from combat areas, attendance fell off, but only about 20 per cent.

Celebrating mass in Africa and Sicily presented a number of problems for Father Tim. Most of the time the altar consisted of a board placed on the shelf of a wadi or on a pair of wooden horses. To prevent enemy reconnaissance planes from noting the white altar linen, he placed the altar under a tree or in a secluded spot.

Father Tim Andrysiak already is a legendary character within his own unit. Unlike the bluff, outspoken Father Duffy of World War I Fighting 69th fame, however, the gentle and sincere Franciscan probably never will be immortalized. But to the soldiers he serves—boys who suddenly became men "down there"—there will never be another man "quite like Father Tim."

## Notes from the Air Force

2/LT. EDWIN G. Moran, of Detroit, was bombardier on the Liberator. No Name Jive, when flak knocked out the hydraulic system and 21 incendiaries were piled on the left bomb bay door, which wouldn't open. Moran emptied the front section by hanging on to the bomb rack with one hand and dropping the bombs through the bomb bay with the other.

It took three men to get rid of the 12 bombs in the rear section. Moran passed them to the waist entrance, where S/Sgt. Brona D. Bottoms, waist gunner from Brona D. Bottoms, relayed them to Sgt. Newby, Tex., the other waist gunner, Charles L. Balnton, who dropped them through the camera hatch.

The men of the mess detachment of a Fortress station have been organized into a separate outfit—with their own quarters and orderly rooms and special arrangements for pay, passes, laundry and dry cleaning. The detachment was organized by 1/Lt. Robert W. Eppler, of Colonial Park, Pa., to insure more efficient mess operation. It even has its own newspaper, and this week features a prize contest for the best prepared original dish made from quartermaster supplies. Maybe like Southern Fried Chicken made from powdered eggs.

WHAT-You-Can-Do-With-Dried-Eggs—Department: M/Sgt. Lewis J. Collison, of Aberdeen, N.C., has concocted an egg-nog mixture from dried egg, dried milk and chocolate.

The recipe, called by Maj. James R. Bell, of Canonsburg, Pa., medical officer at Collison's Fortress group station, "exceptionally high in nutritive value and vitamins," also can be made with strawberry jam flavoring.

Collison, who used to be a dispatcher at the Linwood, Pa., fire department, learned cookery at an Army school at Fort Bragg.

## This Is The Army

SOMEONE is bound to say that his bridge-work feels like it, but the Dental Corps asked for it, and here it is:

Capt. Alex Grower, of Portland, Conn., dental officer to an Engineer outfit confesses that the engineers make a lot of his equipment for him. "Sometimes equipment is slow in arriving overseas," says Grower, "but we never worry about that. So far the engineers have built or created everything I've asked for, and have done a mighty good job."

He lists hydrocolloid mixing syringes, chisels, cures, adaptors for lights, electric motors for drills and parts for hand pieces as items made for him by the men of the outfit.

The dentist in the ETO who probably fills the smallest space is Capt. Harvey Asher, of Crockett, Tex., who occupies an operating-room-laboratory-stockroom measuring six feet by eight and one half feet. With his assistant, Pvt. Harry A. Shaw, of Coschocton, Ohio, the captain improvised his stop-gap quarters and provides dental aid to more than 1,000 men.

WHEN cat eats catnip, that's news—in the ETO. A while ago this column, embittered, reported that British cats sneered at pussy's poison like a member of the WCTU passing a Legion convention. Now this column proudly presents the findings of Lt. James R. Huff, an engineer, who restores our faith in cats.

Reporting on the reactions of a large, black, lazy member of the Persian variety, he says: "Sam opened one eye when presented with catnip, and his nose began twitching rapidly. He got up to investigate, walked stiff-leggedly over to the catnip, took a deep whiff, and tried to stand on his head, ending up flat on his back, squirming and rolling in sheer ecstasy with a pronounced drooping at the mouth."

Sue, Sam's girl friend, reacted in the same manner, says Huff. This undoubtedly proves that the American invasion is complete—or something.

### PRIVATE BREGER



"Ah, this museum's so restful, after facing officers all week!"



### A Letter Home

Save all your pity for others,  
 Waste not your tears on me—  
 Rather weep for the heartbroken mothers,  
 And the brave who are no longer free.

As you sit by your fireside and ponder,  
 And think of your soldier so dear,  
 Who fights in the far off yonder,  
 Don't build a wall of fear.

Pity the maimed and the blinded,  
 The men who must early return  
 Forever while life stays reminded  
 Of the crash and the cut and the burn.

Pity the gibbering creature,  
 The hideous thing with a name,  
 Like a man in his stature and feature,  
 And a man till his moment came.

Remember when fear reaches fingers  
 To tear at your heart and your mind,  
 And doubt sneaks in and he lingers,  
 Driving you mad and half blind.

Ours is a cause that is mighty,  
 And ours is an army that's proud,  
 Our aims are not hazy or flighty,  
 And our heads are forever unbowed.

Ours is an aim both gracious and right,  
 And ours is an arm that is strong.

Ours is a sword that is swift as light  
 To vanquish the legions of wrong.

We don't give a damn for the devil,  
 Or anything else in our way,  
 For Destiny's pointing her finger,  
 And courage will yet win the day.

To save all your pity for others—  
 The child whose daddy is gone,  
 And the widows and heartbroken  
 mothers,

Who see no more hope in the dawn.  
 Waste not your pity on soldiers,  
 We're ready if need be to die,  
 The man on the ground, the man on the  
 ship,

And the man in the far blue sky.  
 If we should perish why pity?  
 It's the sleep of a moment and then  
 The streets of a great Golden City  
 Shall peel to our laughter again.

If we should die why sorrow?  
 Our glory shall never die,  
 For high in the skies of tomorrow  
 The banners of freedom will fly.

Clement L. Lockwood.

# Mills Challenged by GI Heavyweight

Freddie Mills' recent invitation to Joe Louis for a punching party in London, if and when the Brown Bomber brings his barnstorming troupe to Britain, may have drawn a blank check along Jacobs Beach, but it flushed a counter-challenge in the ETO from a GI heavyweight.

The gent who offered to match blows with the popular British Empire light-heavyweight king and leading contender for the vacant heavyweight throne is Elzea Thompson, Negro 220-pound Engineer corporal from Gary, Ind., who punched his way around the States under the name of Tommy Thompson. The hard-hitting battler is one of the stars of 1/Sgt. Lamar Mobley's SBS stable.



Tommy Thompson

**Formidable Foe**

In Thompson Mills would find a formidable foe with plenty of ring experience. Observers who have seen Thompson in action here say he packs dynamite in both fists, and his speed inside the ropes belies his bulky weight.

After winning the 1935 and '36 Golden Gloves titles Thompson turned pro and came under the care of Jack Blackburn, who then was guiding the fortunes of Louis as trainer. Later he joined the camp of Max and Buddy Baer, working there for five years.

With careful tutelage the Negro boxer emerged from prelim bouts to fight Abe Simon, Lee Murray and Bob Pastor. On the way up he kayoed George Brescia in the third round, bludgeoned Eddie

Blount and Clarence Brown, and had a record of 15 victories in 19 bouts when Uncle Sam beckoned.

He dropped a close six-round decision to Simon, but wasn't quite ready for the big-time when he was matched with Murray, now ranking contender for the "duration" heavy title, and suffered his

only professional knockout, the end coming in the second round. Pastor decided Thompson over the ten-round route in the SBS boxer's last civilian test.

Tommy is unbeaten after two appearances here against soldier opponents, having chalked up a decision triumph and a first-round kayo victory.

**Proceeds to Charity**

The contemplated match still must be approved by Army authorities and accepted by Ted Broadribb, who has piloted Mills ever since the RAF sergeant launched his career. Mobley has suggested that all proceeds go to a British or Anglo-American charity fund.

On paper Mills would rule as favorite to clout Tommy. Freddy, who would give away 40 pounds if he weighed in at his customary 180, has been beaten only twice in 11 contests and later erased one of the setbacks by defeating Tom Reddington, to whom he had lost previously on a foul. However, he never has been confronted by a foe with power comparable to Thompson's punishing two-handed attack.

Freddie TKOed Bert Gilroy in the eighth round of his last match, staged at the Queensberry Club, London's Madison Square Garden, but was sadly off his usual form. He had a difficult time tagging Gilroy, who, local experts said, wasn't expected to trouble Mills, and would have been a soft touch for Louis—and perhaps even Thompson—that night.

# Persley-Menchaca Bout Tops Rainbow Program

## Webber Tackles Pinkston; Drummond, Kingsland, Schnappauf Billed

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Art Persley is coming back to the Rainbow Corner tonight for his fourth attempt to get past Dick Menchaca; Lafayette Drummond will be seeking his second straight over ETO light-heavy king Bill Kingsland; Don Webber, ETO feather titlist, tackles Paul Pinkston, and Charlie Schnappauf, the Pennsylvania welter flash, is paired with Stan Stockins.

That, for regular Corner followers, should suffice. However, for those who desire more details, here they are:

The Menchaca-Persley lightweight feud started last October with Menchaca setting the motif for all their future meetings. One of the cleverest boxers ever to appear at Rainbow, Menchaca refused to let Persley get set for the trip-hammer jabs which are his specialty. Art, 136-pound Negro private from New York, always seemed just a bit off in his timing, and Menchaca got in enough blows to build up a winning margin.

### Fell Just Short

That sequence was followed through in their next two battles, Persley always falling just short of the mark set by Menchaca. Whether he can reach Dick tonight remains to be seen. Last week

## Rainbow Corner Bouts To Start at 7 PM Tonight

Fans who mob Rainbow Corner for the weekly fight shows each Tuesday henceforth will have to queue up a half-hour earlier. Hank Lacy, ARC promoter of the cards, announced that starting with tonight's program the first bout will get under way at 7 PM instead of the usual 7:30 PM.

Menchaca put up one of his most spectacular exhibitions, taking the measure of Hewett Tippens, who outweighed him, outtraced him and stood a good head and shoulders above him.

Menchaca has won seven bouts in eight appearances, Persley seven in ten starts.

Drummond, who tackles Pfc Bill Kingsland tonight, was rated as a better than fair middleweight by Rainbow connoisseurs until two weeks ago when he stepped up a bracket and jossed Kingsland, a Redondo Beach, Cal., 165-pounder, for his first setback in two seasons of London competition. Now Drummond is eyeing the light heavy laurels and tonight's bout may decide what chances the St. Louis slugger has.

### Feather Tilt All Webber's

The feather attraction between Webber and Pinkston, 127-pound private from Roanoke, Va., shapes up as all Webber. The unbeaten Infantry Division scrapper turned the tide for the division men when they fought in Belfast, and Pinkston, Portland, Ore., 126-pounder, did not show too much power when he decided Pvt. Murray Sellers three weeks ago.

Ticking off the last of the headliners, Pvt. Charlie Schnappauf is slated to rack up his seventh triumph in eight tiffs here against Stan Stockins, a Windy City sergeant. Stockins has made only one appearance, on Feb. 15, when Persley outpointed him.

Here is the lineup for the rest of the 11-bout card:

- Pvt. Chester Marcinkiewicz, Kulpmont, Pa., 160, vs. Pvt. Robert Cone, Boston, 160.
- Pvt. Mike Denski, Philadelphia, 173, vs. Cpl. Arthur Yoeman, San Francisco, 175.
- Sgt. Bill Dircks, Cumberland, Md., 185, vs. Cpl. Andy Strick, Philadelphia, 175.
- Pfc Lynwood Craighead, Roanoke, Va., 136, vs. Pvt. John Gibson, Chicago, 135.
- Pvt. Ralph Simmons, Cumberland, Md., 155, vs. Pvt. Lawrence Dobbins, Cleveland, 157.
- Pvt. Joe Mancuso, New York, 146, vs. Pvt. Sammy Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla., 144.

### Dickey Signs for 17th Season

NEW YORK, Mar. 6—Bill Dickey, veteran Yankee catcher embarking on his 17th season, has returned his signed contract. Dickey, the oldest player on the team in point of service, will receive the same salary as last year—believed to be about \$20,000—President Ed Barrow disclosed.

### Hockey Results

Buffalo 11, Cleveland 5  
Indianapolis 6, Providence 2

By Al Capp

## Cage Roundup

# Garden Tournaments Marred As Three Fives Suffer Defeats

NEW YORK, Mar. 6—Ned Irish, basketball impresario at Madison Square Garden, would be much happier today if the collegiate cage season had ended without the weekend's wave of upsets because three of the quintets slated to participate in post-season tournaments in the Garden took it on the whiskers.

Army racked up its 15th success of the campaign and remained the only unbeaten major college five in the country, trouncing Navy, 47-40. But Canisius, Temple and the Oklahoma Aggies—having accepted bids to either the New York Invitation affair or the NCAA meet—bumped into unexpected trouble.

Cornell's much-defeated club splattered Canisius, 51-29; Temple blew the Philadelphia city title to St. Joseph's, 48-46, and the Aggies bowed to the Norman Navy Skyjackets.

The Invitation bracket was completed with acceptances from Bowling Green and Canisius, while Temple, Arkansas and Pepperdine of Los Angeles increased the NCAA field to five, three vacancies still existing.

### Ives Leads Big Ten Scorers

Ohio State, one of the five in the NCAA whirl, captured the Big Ten title as Iowa, the only team with a chance to tie the Buckeyes, was eased out by Northwestern, 42-41, on a last-minute field goal by Duane Sichel Saturday after the Hawk-eyes had stopped Northwestern a night earlier, 45-39. Dick Ives, Iowa freshman, won the circuit scoring title with 208 points in 12 games.

Iowa State and Oklahoma finished the Big Six race in a tie for the championship. State clipping Kansas, 47-25, in its finale after blowing a chance to clinch undisputed possession by losing to the Sooners earlier in the week. Kentucky, meanwhile, warmed up for its tourney appearance by breezing through the South-eastern Conference meet at Louisville, walloping Tulane, 62-46, in the finals.

Mount St. Mary's shaded Loyola, 40-39, to grab the Mason-Dixon title, and Washington, although suffering its first Pacific Coast northern division loss to Idaho, 55-53, ended its season with a four-game bulge on Oregon for the pennant.

On the service front, Norfolk Naval Station defeated Norfolk Naval Air and Curtis Bay Coast Guard to finish with a record of 30 wins and two losses, while Great Lakes finished with a slate of 32 and three. Fort Warren, after winning 15 in a row, was knocked out of the unbeaten ranks.

## Help Wanted AND GIVEN

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**Lost** dark-brown, right-hand, fur-lined, dark-brown, right-hand, between Marble Arch and Dorchester Hotel, Feb. 26.—Sgt. Charles H. Vogt, ASN 1407929. PURSE containing dog tags, a little money and winter articles, in London, Feb. 3.—Lt. Florence E. Twidale, N-729274. "Evans," at Charles St. CIGARETTE lighter, Club, London, Feb. 19.—Lt. Women Officers' Club, London, Feb. 19.—Lt. Mary J. Vetter, N-775025. containing travelers' WALLET, black-leather, containing money, checks, money, papers, etc.—Cpl. John G. Miller, ASN 35611728. "gold band, my name WATCH, "Elgin Lord," gold band, my name and ASN on it, at General Hospital; £6 reward for return.—Cpl. James M. Ronan, ASN 35567098.

**College Registration** SEND your name, rank, college, year, unit and APO to The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, Printing House Sq., London, ECA. From time to time as new names from your college are received, revised lists of those registered will be sent to you.

**College Reunion** A Reunion dinner for men of Virginia Military Institute and Virginia Polytechnic Institute will be held at the No. 3 Grosvenor Sq. Club, Saturday, Mar. 18, at 6:30 PM. Reservations should be sent to The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, Printing House Sq., London, ECA. No reservations accepted after Mar. 16.

# Malain Takes Ulster Crown

PORTRUSH, N.I., Mar. 6—GM3/c Raymond W. Malain, former pro from Detroit, was crowned the Ulster golf champ here this afternoon.

He defeated Cpl. Halsey Schanec, of Emerson, N.J., in the 36-hole final of the Northern Ireland Open for GIs over the Royal Portrush Golf course.

Malain exhibited brilliant playing, overcoming a ten-stroke handicap.

## Orlando, Under Sentence By U.S., Joins Canadians

MONTREAL, Mar. 6—Jimmy Orlando, former Detroit Red Wing defenseman under sentence for violation of the U.S. Selective Service Act, has enlisted in the Canadian Army. Orlando was convicted of giving false occupational information to his draft board, and was awaiting a ruling on his appeal.

# Tabor Notches Sixth Straight With Decision Over Van Slack

AN EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND BASE, Mar. 6—Glovers of the Bomber, Fighter and Service Commands swapped punches here last night in a 13-bout ring show staged by Capt. Steve Hammas, Special Service Officer and former heavyweight contender. Seven fights failed to go the limit.

Pfc Tut Tabor, shifty 160-pounder from Oakland, Cal., ran his winning streak to six straight when he rapped out a popular decision over Sgt. Martin Van Slack, Syracuse, N.Y., middleweight, in the main event. Tabor's experience and hard punches were too much for Van Slack and the former California boxer was ahead on points throughout.

Cpl. Roy Hanna, Rainbow Corner clown prince who regained his winning stride there last week, took it on the chin, dropping a decision to Cpl. Leo Matriciani, 198-pounder from Baltimore. The comedian from Tulsa, Okla., weighing 185, again pleased the crowd with his antics, but Matriciani had little trouble solving his foe's style.

It took Cpl. George Smagler, Bronx

# Gulfport Open To McSpaden

Jug's 276 Leads Sammy Byrd by 6 Strokes; Nelson Third

GULFPORT, Miss., Mar. 6—Jug McSpaden, outstanding golfer of the winter season, added number four to his string of tournament victories this season when he copped the inaugural \$4,500 Gulfport Open yesterday by shooting a final-round 68, coming home with a total of 276 for 72 holes.

Jug shot all rounds under par with an early 70, 68 and 70 to keep ahead of Sammy Byrd, former big league outfielder. Byrd was top man in the New Orleans Open last week, but could not go better than second with a 282, one stroke in front of Byron Nelson, Toledo, Ohio, pro, who was second in the New Orleans play.

Tony Penna came in fourth with an aggregate of 284.

## Trotting Champ Volo Song Sold for Estimated \$50,000

NEW YORK, Mar. 6—The United States Trotting Association has announced the sale of Volo Song, 1943 Hambletonian winner, to E. J. Baker, of St. Charles, Ill.

No price was announced but it was presumed to be around \$50,000 as William H. Strang, of Brooklyn, N.Y., the former owner, recently turned down a \$40,000 offer.

156-pound battler, just one minute eight seconds of the first round to land his haymaker on the jaw of Pvt. Joseph Patheco, of Providence, R.I., 160. And Cpl. Don McBlain, Finley, Ohio, 145, was a TKO victor over Cpl. James Ferguson, 146-pounder from New Orleans, the referee stopping the bout at 1:35 of the first.

In other bouts:

- Pvt. Cipri Martinez, Tracy, Cal., 133, kayoed Pvt. Jim Anson, Brooklyn, 133, in 46 seconds of the third.
- Pvt. Clement Maronne, Cleveland, 145, TKOed Cpl. Filiberto Garcia, Dallas, 140, in 1:20 of the third.
- Pfc Don Crowton, Seattle, 195, kayoed Pvt. Gene Spillwagen, New York, 190, in 1:20 of the second.
- Sgt. Pat Tabuto, Rochester, 175, TKOed Sgt. Louis Morau, New Bedford, Mass., 170, end of first.
- Cpl. Glenn Siebel, San Diego, 172, TKOed Sgt. George Nippert, Colorado Springs, 180, in 1:46 of the third.
- Sgt. James W. Wade, Birmingham, Mich., 170, outpointed Cpl. Dave Morgan, Scranton, Pa., 165.
- Pfc Jimmie McColgan, Philadelphia, 130, decisioned Sgt. Bud Mullis, Mount Holly, N.C., 130.
- Pvt. Jerry Fetora, New York, 126, outpointed Pvt. Manuel Sisceros, Denver, 126.
- Cpl. John Basith, Trinidad, Colo., 143, decisioned Pvt. Louis Romano, New York, 146.

## Li'l Abner



By Courtesy of United Features

# Gripsholm Off For U.S. With 796 Repatriates

### Many Taken Against Will; Others Who Wanted to Quit Reich Left Behind

LISBON, Mar. 6—The Swedish liner Gripsholm, which brought Axis diplomats and others from America for repatriation, sailed for New York early this morning with 796 U.S. citizens repatriated from France and Germany.

Among the passengers were 379 internees who arrived by train yesterday from internment camps. Apparently they had been chosen arbitrarily for exchange. Some who had not wanted to go were taken; others who wanted to go had been left.

Few of these were native-born Americans; mainly they were humble people of central European races who had acquired U.S. nationality in various ways. Some showed little enthusiasm for the voyage. Many of the men were leaving French wives and children in France.

By far the most cheerful members of this party were 35 American nuns from the convent of the Holy Ghost Order at St. Briec, in Brittany.

A significant comment on the effect of Allied air raids on German cities came from one of the repatriates, Frederick Webster Johnson, member of a Negro dance band interned in Holland when America entered the war. He said that Augsburg, recently hit by American and RAF planes, "just ain't there." He said also that entire eastern part of Munich was wiped out.

Repatriates reported the journey to Lisbon in marked contrast to life in camps where, despite hardships, cleanliness and discipline prevailed. The trains had been shunted about for days on sidings up and down France. Not once in eight days were they allowed to leave the cramped compartments. Often there was no water for washing, and conditions became definitely insanitary.

# 70,000,000 Must Be Fed By Allies, Sayre Asserts

TOLEDO, Mar. 6—After the defeat of the Axis about 70,000,000 people, excluding the Russians, will have to be fed at least partly by the Allies, Francis B. Sayre, diplomatic adviser of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, said here.

### Soviet Production Soars

An 18-fold increase in output of guns from the Stalin artillery works in 1943 as compared with pre-war production was claimed yesterday by Moscow Radio. It said Soviet steel output rose 17 per cent last year over 1942 and pig-iron output 28 per cent.

# Traffic - - -

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soldier-driver uses care and common sense, and refrains from the natural tendency to "overdrive" blackout lights, "which are just not designed for speed," Gen. Reckord emphasized.

Shipping priorities now prevent easy replacement of wrecked motor parts, he pointed out. Risks taken to transport Army vehicles across the Atlantic, as well as the vital use to be made of the vehicles, make any carelessness which results in a motor accident more than just a serious offense, he declared.

"Any soldier injured in a motor accident through his or some other soldier's carelessness," he added, "is a liability at a time when the training and efforts of all of us are essential.

"Furthermore, nothing can cause more resentment against our forces here than the unnecessary destruction of British lives or property, especially when the British people have gone to such great lengths to be so hospitable."

# AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial  
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.  
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Tuesday, Mar. 7

- 1100—Sign on—News Headlines—Spotlight on Al Donahue.
- 1115—Personal Album with Anita.
- 1130—Jack Payne and his Orchestra.
- 1200—World News (BBC).
- 1210—Barracks Bag.
- 1255—Quiet Moment.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Music in Three-Quarter Time.
- 1330—Crosby Music Hall.
- 1400—Visiting Hour—Aldrich Family.
- 1430—Sign off until 700 hours.

- 1700—Sign on—BBC Northern Orchestra.
- 1730—Program Resume and Gay Nineties.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
- 1905—Comedy Caravan.
- 1930—Boxing Bout—from the Rainbow Corner, with Sgt. Marty Smith and Cpl. Ford Kennedy.
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2025—The Answer Man.
- 2030—Carnival of Music.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2120—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
- 2145—Showtime with Dinah Shore.
- 2200—Duffy's Tavern.
- 2225—One Night Stand with Bob Casser.
- 2235—Final Edition.
- 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Wednesday, Mar. 8.

# Bandits Strip Victims In Paris, Sell Clothing

LISBON, Mar. 6—Thefts of clothes are one of the worst features of life in Paris, according to Kitty Cannel, New York fashion writer returning to the U.S. on the Swedish exchange liner Gripsholm, which sailed for New York today. Bandits strip people naked in the Bois de Boulogne at night to sell their clothes at sky-high prices, she said.

Miss Cannel was saved from actual internment by the combined parole of Parisian couturiers.

# Nazi Casualties 24,000 at Anzio

### Three Big Attacks Costly For Germans; Allied Guns Continue to Pound Foe

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Mar. 6—Marshal Kesselring's three desperate attempts to crush the Fifth Army bridgehead south of Rome have cost him at least 24,000 casualties, it was estimated today, as U.S. artillery and mortar fire crushed a small German attack near Cisterna.

Allied artillery was given credit for a large percentage of the Nazi casualties—the equivalent of two divisions.

An American who escaped from his German captors reported he saw "German bodies being piled up like cordwood while they dug a common grave for them."

As bad weather gripped the bridgehead and the Nazis regrouped after their latest abortive assault, only patrol clashes and small-scale engagements broke the relative quiet.

On the main Fifth Army front the French repelled patrol attacks northwest of Cassino and south of Monte Croce as German sources warned that Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark was reinforcing his troops for a major attack.

# Crews Describe Blow at Berlin

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hour and a half, leaving us only over the target."

Berlin was "the same as any other Nazi target," S/Sgt. Chandler J. Beeman, of Louisville, Ky., right waist gunner of Souse Family III, said. "We could drop our bombs on it where and when we pleased," he said.

Liberators and Fortresses "came from everywhere," according to a Liberator crew member, Lt. William M. Roberts, of Omaha, Neb., bombardier on Reddy Teddy, who said: "Berlin was being hit from every angle."

"The city was like Dante's Inferno after the bombing," said S/Sgt. James R. Young, of Newark, N.J., waist gunner on the Lib Little Shepherd.

Plenty of spots that the RAF had hit were seen by Capt. Harold Polisky, of Minneapolis, navigator on the Lib Nuff Said. "The Libs went to Berlin today," he said, "and I feel certain that they know we were there."

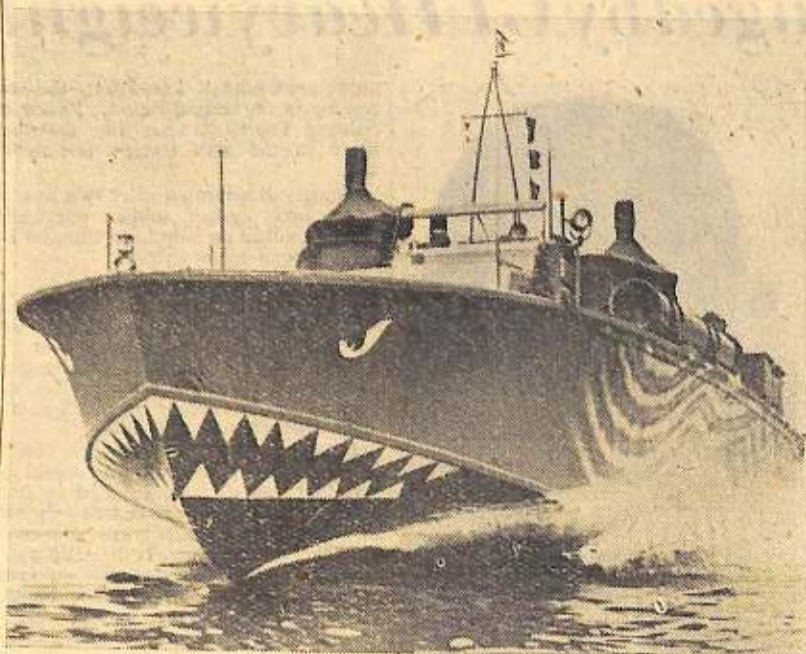
Shooting pictures when the bomb from his ship hit, S/Sgt. Earl B. Estep, of Nitro, W. Va., right waist gunner on the B24 On the Ball, said: "I could see three different bomb patterns, and when we turned from the target smoke pretty well covered the city."

The size of Berlin impressed a good many crew members. "It's a long way to cross that town," one bombardier said. Another airman described Berlin as "a helluva big place."

# Knudsen Sights Demand For 12 Million New Cars

NEW YORK, Mar. 6 (AP)—Lt. Gen. William Knudsen, the Army's war-production chief, said today that Americans would want 12,000,000 new cars after the war and would begin to get them within six months of the war's end. He said the first available cars would be 1942 models, that so-called super-cars wouldn't be much like those depicted by artists today and that the main development in aviation would be in the direction of bigger planes rather than private planes.

# New U.S. PT Boat Ready for Action



Looking fearsome with a snaggle-toothed face painted on the bow, a recently launched U.S. Navy patrol torpedo-boat is ready for action. Built in an Eastern shipyard, it is 80 feet long and carries six guns. Recently two PT boats were credited with shooting down four Japanese bombers and repelling 26 others off the coast of New Britain Island in the Southwest Pacific.

# Fierce Battles Rage as Berlin Gets Its First Major Day Raid

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100 fighters coming at us at once," Lt. Col. Robert M. Tuttle, of Vallejo, Cal., who led one combat wing, said. "We were under attack for five hours, and for two hours the assault was bold and vicious."

Maj. Samuel O. Davis, of Waban, Mass., who led a group in one attack on a Berlin area target, said, "I've never seen such massed air strength as the bombers today. After assembling in line, all you could see was wave after wave of bombers. Wing upon wing swung in a great arc toward the targets in endless procession."

Some groups reported as many as 300 fighters in the air around them at one time, with 30 to 60 fighters in single massed attacks on individual groups.

As the bombers came home and the growing list of losses was classified, it was obvious that once more the Nazis had tried to single out individual formations and concentrate their attacks on them, leaving other units to fly in and out of the Reich almost unmolested.

Bombers from the Fortress group commanded by Col. Kermit D. Stevens, of Portland, Ore., and led yesterday by Maj. Richard H. Cole, of Elizabeth, N.J., reported no more than "25 or 30 enemy aircraft all day," made their bombing runs through ten-thousand cloud and came home without hindrance.

First Mustang pilots back from the attack reported comparatively light opposition over some sections of the city, bearing out the bomber crews' stories of varying resistance.

Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. James Doolittle,

Eighth Bomber chief, sent to Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, Ninth Air Force leader, congratulations and appreciation for the escort work of the Ninth fighters:

"During the past five days your fighter units have escorted the heavy bombers of this Air Force in a series of penetrations into German territory. These heavy bomber attacks have been increased in effectiveness and our losses greatly reduced by the magnificent support your fighters have rendered. Would you please convey to the pilots and the ground crews of the units concerned my sincere appreciation for the splendid work they have done in our behalf."

Adding his own appreciation to the message, Gen. Brereton sent it on to Ninth Fighter Command groups.

The Berlin assault came after Liberators had pulled Nazi defenses back west with a daylight stab on Sunday to the southwest of France, where they bombed the Luftwaffe base at Cognac, from which many of the long-range anti-convoy raiders take off. Other fields at Bergerac and vicinity also were pounded, while Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings ran up a 14 to 5 score against German fighters. Thirteen enemy aircraft were shot down by bomber gunners. Four U.S. bombers were lost.

Three U.S. Bombers Down in Sweden  
STOCKHOLM, Mar. 6 (AP)—Three American heavy bombers made forced landings at an airport in southern Sweden today and their crews were interned, bringing the total of American airmen in Sweden to about 130.

# Uruguay Balks 28,000 Aircraft At Farrell OK

On the heels of Washington's decision against entering into diplomatic relations with Argentina's new government, Uruguay yesterday postponed "for several days" a decision on recognition of the new pro-Axis military regime led by Vice President Edelmiro Farrell.

The Uruguayan decision thus constituted a setback for the "colonne's clique" in power in Argentina because Uruguay, along with Paraguay, Peru and perhaps Brazil, had been expected in Buenos Aires to follow Chile's lead and recognize the new government speedily.

Meanwhile, unconfirmed reports from Rio de Janeiro suggested that Argentina, which severed relations with the Axis under ousted President Ramirez, was debating handing walking papers to Germany's embassy and consular staffs throughout the country.

### Man's Body Found in Shark

VENICE, Cal., Mar. 6—Walter Deane, a commercial fisherman, reported he caught a shark whose stomach contained a man's body intact from chest to knees. He caught the 1,000-pound man-eater 30 miles off Venice.

# NEWS FROM HOME Plans to Train Vets and Insure Jobs Revealed

## Hines Outlines Problems On Which Action Will Be Taken by U.S.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6—Plans for the retraining and employment of demobilized servicemen and women and war workers have been announced by Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, recently appointed administrator of the Retraining and Employment Program.

Included in a partial list of subjects on which Gen. Hines said the new agency would take action were jobs; vocational training; resumption of high-school and college education; special considerations for disabled veterans; problems of workers who have migrated into crowded war centers; adjustment of labor laws to changing manpower needs; retirement of older workers; adequacy of unemployment insurance; timing of release of workers from industry; rate and method of demobilizing the armed forces, and demobilization plans of other countries.

Gen. Hines said he already had begun a survey of the work of all agencies interested in the problem of retraining and re-employment.

### First Women Killed in Action

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6—Five Army nurses who lost their lives in German bombing attacks on Anzio hospitals in Italy were the first U.S. women to be killed by direct enemy action in World War II, the War Department announced yesterday.

### Loretta Expecting Child

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 6 (Reuter)—Film actress Loretta Young and her husband, Col. Tom Lewis, are expecting their first child in August. Said Loretta: "I am very happy about it all." She has an adopted daughter, Judy, eight years old.

### FDR in 'Perfect Shape'

BALTIMORE, Mar. 6 (Reuter)—"The President has returned from his brief rest in the finest possible health. He's in perfect shape." So said Vice Adm. Ross T. McIntire, Mr. Roosevelt's personal physician. The President had been resting at an undisclosed place.

### Atty. Conboy Dies at 65

NEW YORK, Mar. 6 (Reuter)—Martin Conboy, 65, a leading Catholic lawyer, died today. He had been attorney for the southern district of New York for two years. He was Selective Service director for the city in 1918.

### 23 Hurt in Train Wreck

MIAMI, Mar. 6 (AP)—Twenty-three persons were injured, none seriously, in the collision yesterday between a Florida East Coast passenger train and a freight.

# Teller Held in Theft Of \$3,000 in Dimes

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 6—Theodore M. Regan, bank teller, has been arrested on charges of embezzling \$3,000 in dimes from the Federal Reserve Bank. The FBI charged that Regan substituted pennies for dimes in shipping bags of coin, taking care that the bags of pennies weighed the same as bags of dimes. Since the bags were only weighed on receipt, his work was not discovered for several months, the FBI said.

# 3 Air Force Officers To Face Court-Martial

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (AP)—The Army announced today that three Air Force officers would be tried April 3 by a general court-martial at Cincinnati on charges of neglect of duty in connection with faulty inspection of procedures at the Wright plant, Lockland, Ohio. The officers are Lt. Col. Franck C. Grfulich, Maj. Walter A. Ryan and Maj. William Bruckmann.

# Negro Indicted for Murder In Washington Cathedral

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (Reuter)—A federal grand jury today indicted Julius Fisher, 31-year-old Negro handyman, for the murder at Washington Cathedral of Catherine Reardon, assistant librarian.

# Terry and the Pirates

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