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MANILA FREED; "ON TO TOKYO" NEW WAR CRY

MANILA (ANS)—The liberation of Manila and more than 5,000 prisoners from three years of Japanese imprisonment was proclaimed last Tuesday by Gen. MacArthur who immediately took up a new war cry of "on to Tokyo".

The knockout blow which came 38 days after the Luzon invasion and 80 days after the Leyte landings was delivered by paratroopers of the Eleventh Airborne Division which drove into Manila from the south in a 35-mile overnight dash as the First Cavalry and Thirty Seventh Divisions smashed across the Pasig River dividing the city.

While MacArthur said that a quick cleanup of the city's remaining Japanese could be expected, 800 more prisoners of war and 550 civilian internees were freed Sunday from vermin infested torture-chambered Bilibid Penitentiary. Meanwhile Americans moving west from San Fernando and East from Zambales beachheads joined at Dinalupihan after some of the toughest fighting of the campaign—fighting of the Solomons jungle type with Yanks under orders to stay in foxholes after dark.

Tokyo Radio dismissed the loss of Manila by saying that the military value of the city was "of almost no value, our forces are about to take definite bleeding wounds against the enemy."

BRIDGE BATTLE RAGES IN ITALY

ITALIAN FRONT, Feb. 8.—The German have concentrated 25 per cent of their heavy and 12 per cent of their light anti-aircraft guns along the 125-mile long railway life-line through the Brenner Pass.

This mass of guns has not prevented the Allied air forces from cutting or blocking the lines in 300 places with 10,000 tons of bombs during the last seven months.

Bridges and trains have also been bombed, and even cliffs, thus causing landslides.

The German have been forced to keep exact replicas of bridges ready for setting up immediately after the originals have been smashed. They even have sections on rollers to use bridges during the night, rolling them back by day.

ATLANTA (ANS) — A business man who was seeking authority to pay a higher salary to a new bill collector announced that he was forced to fire the old one because "He proved entirely unsatisfactory. On one occasion he was given a bad debt to run down and after spending several days attempting to locate the man, he discovered it was himself he was looking for."

'Good Wishes' -Wedemeyer

In a letter addressed to the Editors of the new China Theater newspaper, Lt.-Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commanding general China Theater, pledged his wholehearted support and extended congratulations to the new project.

"The introduction of a Theater Newspaper fills a need recognized by all Americans throughout China," Gen. Wedemeyer said.

The complete message read: "The introduction of a Theater Newspaper fills a need recognized by all Americans throughout China. We are keenly interested in news of our military personnel in China and also highlights from the homeland and the world at large.

The degree of success enjoyed by our Theater Newspaper rests with us. We must assist the editorial staff in obtaining

As Thousands Cheered



The first convoy from India to China passing through Kunming where thousands of deliriously happy, enthusiastic spectators cheered the historic procession. (US Army Signal Corps photo).

TRIUMPHANT FIRST CONVOY TO KUNMING GREETED BY THOUSANDS

By HAROLD ISAACS
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JAPS MOVE INTO KANCHOW BASE

KUNMING, CHINA. Fourteenth Air Force disclosed Tuesday that the Japanese offensive from the Canton area has forced abandonment of another American Fighter Base at Kanchow, 50 miles south east of Suichwan. Two others have already been given up at Suichwan, and at Anamying. Troop carrier planes evacuated most of the personnel and equipment and fighter pilots flew their own planes away.

"BIG 3" NOW IN BLACK SEA AREA

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin "The Big Three" are to-night meeting in the Black Sea area accompanied by their chiefs of Staff and three Foreign Secretaries. It was announced here.

Purpose of the meeting is to draw up plans for completing the defeat of the common enemy and for building with a firm foundation for a lasting peace.

The conference began with military discussions.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Twelve passengers were killed when the plane carrying some of Prime Minister Churchill's staff crashed on the way to the meeting place of the Big Three. It was announced to-night.

Air Commodore Sanderson of the Air Ministry was injured. Three of the planes crew are missing and four were injured. The dead were six members of the Foreign Office staff, including one woman, four army officers at the War Office, one group captain and one pilot.

POWERFUL OFFENSIVE DRIVES ON STETTIN

MOSCOW, Feb. 8.—Thundering towards Berlin, the powerful Russian offensive is only 35 miles from the German capital, the Moscow Radio announced to-night. In three days fighting the Russians have advanced up to 12 miles and have extended their bridgehead over the Oder along a 50 mile front.

Kunserdorf on the Oder, where the Russians years ago defeated Frederick the Great before their occupation of Berlin, has also been captured.

PATTON'S PUSH GAINS GROUND

SHAFF, Feb. 8.—The deepest penetration made by Gen. Patton's offensive across the River Our and Sauer, by the end of yesterday was one mile at Echternach. The rivers have been crossed at ten points between Echternach and a point northeast of Clervaux. Infantry captured Bettel on the border, one and half miles southeast of Clervaux. Infantry captured Bettel on the border, one and half miles southeast of Vianden, Sinz in Germany, fourteen and a half miles southeast of Luxembourg, and entered Wascheid, three and a half miles north of Pruem.

Patrols of General Hodge's Ninth Division entered the town of Malsbenden, which is almost a suburb of Gemund, the fortified West Wall cross-roads town at the junction of the Orlé and Urft rivers.

Earlier it was announced that four divisions of Patton's US Third Army in a surprise attack early yesterday stormed their way across the Sauer and Our rivers in eastern Ardennes. They were two infantry divisions, one air-borne and one armored division. In face of heavy small arms fire from Siegfried fortifications 7 crossings were made in assault boats on a 22-mile front from Echternach to a point north-east of Clervaux.

More trouble for Berlin came from there with the announcement by the German Overseas News Agency that Marshal Zhukov has thrust his entire Northern Army with strong tank support into a new offensive towards Stettin. The Agency quoted a Berlin military spokesman as saying that the Red Army had reached Pyritz, 22 miles from Stettin. Pyritz has changed hands twice in the last 24 hours, according to the spokesman, and is at present in German hands.

Col. von Hammer, German News Agency military commentator, said on Wednesday that fighting has flared up on a big scale in the central Oder facing Berlin. "Russian Infantry has moved up in large numbers," he added. "Fresh Soviet tank formations have arrived in this sector. The Soviet command has also switched mobile batteries to Marshal Zhukov's front. German defense armies, poised for a battle against Zhukov, are now waiting to be put to a test."

The Oder line, Germany's River of Destiny, has now been turned. Marshal Koniev has already begun to move towards the encirclement of Breslau to the southeast of which he has established a 50-mile wide bridgehead across the Oder. In view of the size and importance of the city it is possible that he may prefer to reduce the garrison completely instead of resorting to bypassing tactics.

The Red Army has now broken through what might be described as the "hard shell" of Germany and as the Red Air Force was fighting its first dog fights over Berlin, Marshal Koniev's forces were on Wednesday battling forward towards the southern outskirts of Breslau which has already been firmly gripped from the east.

Stormoviks are operating in large numbers on Marshal Zhukov's Berlin Front and one frontline dispatch mentioned that 200 Stormoviks and fighters were heading in single file towards the capital. The whole eastern part of Berlin seems deserted reports pilots after reconnaissance flights over Berlin.

ALLIES BLOCK BRENNER PASS

ITALIAN FRONT, Feb. 8.—The Brenner line and the main railway routes from Italy to the north-east are thoroughly blocked in spite of frantic efforts by the German repair crews.

Mitchell bombers helped to bring about the block when they attacked the cliffs through which the Brenner route passes at San Ambrogio, 15 miles north-east of Verona.

This is only the second time the Allied air forces have claimed to have blocked the Brenner route completely in the eight months they have been attacking it.

It is too much to hope that the lines will remain blocked as the Germans are using every form of engineering to keep open their main supply route and, ultimately, their one good escape route.

WEDEMAYER WON'T DISAPPOINT JAPS

CHUNGKING, Feb. 8.—Japanese dispositions and operations in China indicate that the enemy expects the Allies to land somewhere on the China coast.

Maj.-Gen. Weemeyer's reply is "As time goes on we are growing more confident, and I can assure you we will not disappoint the enemy's expectations."

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Indo-China Source Of Japs' Minerals

LONDON, FEB. 7.—For the first time, the Japanese High Command must realize that Japan cannot be strong everywhere.

The approach of Allied naval and air forces to Indo-China coastal areas exposes somewhat starkly the essential weakness of her major island strategy.

Her crippling lack of naval power is accompanied by a decline in air power; this latter is most significantly shown in the recent British naval skirmishing off Sumatra, and the bombing of Japan's home industries by Superfortresses without meeting serious opposition.

The end of the Pacific war will be determined by the advanced airbases the Allies can bring into operation quickly, and here the gigantic supply depots put it up in India and Australia will facilitate their construction and maintenance.

In India alone, 360 airfields are ready.

One objective of Allied strategy has been announced—the re-opening of a safe ocean route to China: operations in the Philippines, Burma and off the Indo-China coast have brought forward the plan to establish China as the third major base for the final attack on Japan.

On July 30, 1941, Marshal Petain allowed the Japanese free access to Indo-China, and although it is known that they have not exploited the resources of the country as efficiently as they might have done, Indo-China has been a most important standby in her potential war effort.

Japan is not likely now to receive huge convoys of wolfram, copper, zinc, coal and iron ore from Indo-China for her war industries. These are greatly endangered by the actions of the Indo-China coast.

NEW YORK (CNS)—New York backers have entered a city-wide hair-raising contest. A \$200 war bond will be awarded to the barber who delivers the quickest haircut.

BLACK-BONED PIG SETS OFF \$100,000 FESTIVAL

CHUNGKING, Feb. 9.—The slaughtering of a hog with black bones was the cause of much celebration in Chungking butcher shops recently.

A black-boned pig is a rarity, so much so, Chinese butchers say, that one is found once in about a hundred years. When such a hog is found, it is considered a good omen for the country, and so the discovery was greeted with shouts of jubilation and the setting off of \$100,000 worth of firecrackers around butcher shops.

Incidentally, the discovery took place on the day the China-India road was cleared of Japanese. The butchers see ahead also final victory for China in her long war of resistance against the Japanese.

A black-boned pig, according to a Chinese saying, is the king of pigs. The bones are said to turn black as a result of the pig's eating "ling chih tsao," a grass that is supposed to give long life, not to the pig but to the eater of the pig's flesh. The bones too are used; they are dried and pounded into powder and served as medicine to the aged and sick.

Collegiate Group Against Subsidies

COLUMBUS, O.—"One of the most important stories in the history of American Collegiate athletics" was what sports writer Jack Clowser, of the Cleveland Press, called an exclusive and copyrighted article on what happened "on the inside" when the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. met here.

After talking to athletic directors of the nation's biggest universities who attended the closed sessions, Clowser said the powerful organization is at last going to crack down on subsidizing football players.

It reports drastic steps will be taken to end the practice of paying tuition, board, cost of books and even spending money for football stars throughout the nation.

Special emphasis will be put on Southern College and universities, long regarded as the most flagrant subsidizers of football players. Weapons will be expulsion from the association and dropping of offenders from schedules.

Wedemeyer Presents Four Medals At Kunming Ceremony



KUNMING, CHINA — In a colorful retreat ceremony in the Headquarters compound of Services of Supply against a background of a battalion of Supply troops and Himalayan foothills Lt.-Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commanding general of China Theatre, decorated a general, a captain, and two G-1's here recently.

The China Theatre commander pinned on Major-Gen. Gilbert X. Cheves, commanding general of Services of Supply, the Distinguished Service Medal, awarded for his outstanding record made in the development of the port of Calcutta last year.

Capt. Robert L. Barnes, TC, of Sandy Springs, Md., was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal for his services as Transportation Officer at Kweiyang during the evacuation of Kweilin and Liuchow last summer.

Corp. Forest J. Headley, Clinton, Ala., and Private Jeff B. Fulton, Phoenix, Ariz., were decorated with Air Medals for their participation in hazardous air-dropping missions over the Hump and in mountainous territory in China to aid the Burma Road Engineers driving through a short-cut land route across the Hump connecting the Ledo and Burma roads.

They dropped food, tools and bedding to Chinese workmen and American G-1's toiling to construct a road that had been labeled "impossible" but designed to speed supplies from India to China.

The citations were read by Lt.-Col. A. J. Grietius, chief of staff of SOS. Col. Ralph O'Leary, area commander, commanded the battalion of SOS Troops representing various units in the area and for the first time making a display of G-1 strength in Kunming, area.

General Wedemeyer expressed "heartfelt congratulations" to the four soldiers on behalf of their comrades in the China Theatre and the Army. "I am confident that we are around the corner," he added.

General Wedemeyer said China had "taken it on the chin" for some time but that the outstanding achievements of the Fourteenth Air Force, Air Transport Command, and Air Service Command and 100 percent cooperation from Chinese ground forces are changing the picture to-day.

The citation for the award of the DSM to General Cheves follows:

"For exceptionally meritorious service to the government, in a

'Bearded Lady' Is Top Draft Dodger

(ANS)—Several million young Americans have not been overly enthusiastic about reporting for induction into the armed services—but some, it seems, were more reluctant than others. Like the fellow in Knoxville, Tenn., who blew off his left hand with a shotgun, and one in Arkansas who shot off a big toe.

"These men," said FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in reviewing draft delinquency, "actually disabled themselves for life in hopes of avoiding service—but were apprehended and sent to prison anyhow. An Oklahoma boy had six perfectly good teeth pulled. He's now finishing a three-year stretch, and when he gets out of prison he'll probably be drafted."

Hoover told also of some of the "smart" tricks pulled by draft registrants in order to avoid service. The "bearded lady" in a Midwest sidshow was found to be a man, evading the draft and getting paid for it. Clerks on local boards in rare cases have been found adjusting the board's files so as to protect husbands or sweethearts.

"One of our funniest of all our cases was in Michigan," the head G-man said. "Special agents found a man so deep in the woods he didn't even know he was required to register. He knew there was a war on, but didn't know we were in it. He hadn't been to town in 20 years, and when agents took him in to get him registered, he was all excited over the automobiles and the crowds... But he was 38 and had a glass eye so returned to his woodland home."

Hoover estimated that only about one man in 1,000 is a delinquent now, whereas the figure was about seven in 1,000 for the first world war. Despite the vastly greater number of registrants this time, there have been some 37,000 fewer reports of evasion.

The FBI has not tried to build up a record for putting draft delinquents in prison," Hoover added. "There have been no slacker raids, and many men found guilty of technical delinquencies have been allowed to enter service without stigma. The purpose of the Selective Service Act, as we see it, is to get men into uniform, not in jail."

Mobile Chinese Arsenals At Work

LONDON, FEB. 7:— Chinese mobile arsenals are playing a vital part in turning out weapons for the Chinese forces.

Before the Japanese captured the important arsenals scattered through China in their initial drive, many Chinese skilled munition workers escaped and took with them tools, instruments and such machinery as was possible.

For years now these men have been on the move from one spot to another just behind the lines, making rifles, bombs and revolvers that form the principal weapons of the Chinese guerrillas.

Machine guns, mortars, and even light artillery pieces, have since been added to their products.

The total number of these mobile arsenals is unknown, but they are numerous and the quality of their productions is reported to be good. One in Yunnan is stated to be capable of producing an average of 10,000 bombs and 200 rifles a month.

Key men from the big arsenal in Taiyuan, taken by the Japanese early in the struggle, are still playing their part, and have helped to train many more workers to keep the travelling factories manned.

The Japanese have detailed special military units to track down and destroy these arsenals. Some have been lost as a result of this.

General Electric Faces FBI Action

NEWARK, N.J. (ANS).—The Department of Justice filed suit Thursday charging that the General Electric Company and its subsidiary, International General Electric with maintaining international cartel agreements, which kept electrical equipment prices at a high level in this country and restrained development of manufacturing facilities.

The complaint charged the defendants conspired before with companies in Germany, Japan, Belgium, France, Britain and Italy to divide the world into marketing areas, and although agreements with some companies were suspended because of the war the cartel still was in operation with others.

Goebbels To Command Berlin When Hitler Flees To Japan

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Dr. Goebbels, club-footed boss of Nazi propaganda, has been appointed to take command of Berlin's last stand. The appointment is not to be announced until the Russians have reached the outskirts of the city, says a reported in Stockholm. As his military adviser, Goebbels will have SS Colonel Bremer, whose suspicious upset the bomb plot to kill Hitler last July.

When Berlin is directly threatened, Hitler and the rest of the Nazi administration will leave for south Germany. In Berlin, Commander Goebbels will fight to the end, and, according to his friends, he has poison capsules that he will take if there is a risk of his being captured.

He is alleged to have declared that he will not flee from Germany in any circumstances. But, so often has he lied in the interests of propaganda, that even this statement is regarded with suspicion.

Six aircraft with speeds of 400 miles an hour are said to be standing by for his fellow Nazi bosses. Two are alleged to be at Hitler's secret residence in Central Germany, two at his Bavarian mountain top hide-out, Berchtesgaden, and two in Berlin.

The prospective passengers are Hitler, Himmler, Bormann and Ribbentrop. Their destination when all is lost in Germany is said to be Japan. Oddly enough, Hermann Goering is not mentioned.



The liberation of Luzon Island, in the Philippines, can provide US forces with the springboard they need from which to deliver the knockout punch at Japan. Northern Luzon is only 600 miles from the China coast of Hongkong, only 300 miles from Formosa and approximately 1700 miles from Tokyo. The supply line from the Netherlands Indies and China to Japan can be blockaded by our air and sea power. In addition, Luzon can be used as a point for launching an invasion of the China coast, Formosa or Japan itself.

ATC Wing 44,000 Tons Over Hump In January For Record

Winging some 44,000 tons of war materials over the "Rock File" into China last month, the India-China Division of the Air Transport Command chalked up a new all-time record over one of the most hazardous routes in the entire command, it was announced this week by Brig.-Gen. William H. Tunner, commanding general of the India-China Division.

The January tonnage was more than twice the tonnage for July 1944; 18,975 tons; and more than three times that of January 1944, 13,383 tons. The greatest single daily record established last November was broken several times during January, finally totalling one and a half times the tonnage moved in the entire first month of operations, December 1942.

In a single week in January the India-China Division delivered 12,000 tons of cargo over the Hump. This was almost as much tonnage as delivered in December 1943 for which month's operation the Division was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.

More significant, however, is the fact that the tonnage carried that week was greater than that transported in any one of the first 12 months of operation and greater than the total tonnage of the entire six months.

Long haul deliveries, non-stop from airports close to Indian seaports, was a revolutionary advancement which contributed to the new record. Other contributing factors include more routes over the Hump; more navigational aids; improved loading, unloading and servicing techniques which result in a minimum grounding of aircraft at turn points; new production line maintenance and the use of modern cargo loading facilities.

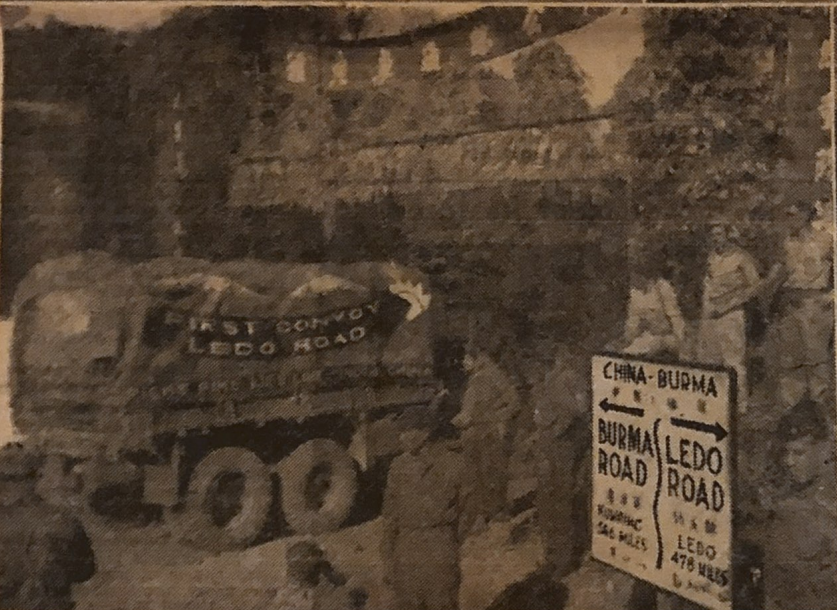
NAZIS LOSE 17 PANZER DIVISIONS IN 17 DAYS

LONDON, Feb. 8:—Colonel Kolomeitsev, of the Russian Army, in a dispatch to London says the Germans lost the equivalent of 17 panzer divisions in the first 17 days of the present Russian offensive.

This is the reason, he says, why the German High Command is transferring armored formations stationed until now on the West Front to the East Front. They are making immense efforts to restore the fighting efficiency of their armored units.

But, adds the colonel, Russian armor remains master of the field.

First Published Pictures Of Historic China Convoy



Upper Left: The first convoy from India to Burma crosses a Bailey Bridge south of Bhamo, China crosses the Salween River. Center Left: Irrawaddy river crossing via a pontoon bridge, south of Myit-kyina in North Burma. Center Right: Passing the 18-mile mark before Lungling. Lower Left: Lead truck of the convoy crossing the Burma-China border—Wanting, China. Lower Right: Triumphant drive through the streets of Kunming. [US Army Signal Corps photos.]

Major Achievement Wrought By Burma Road Engineers

KUNMING, CHINA:—Opening of the Stilwell Highway, made possible through the new Ledo Road from Upper Assam in India to a connection with the Yunnan-Burma Highway in northern Burma brings to light also a new short-cut to connect the two famous roads—the Tengchung Cutoff.

This cutoff which is now open for one-way, emergency truck traffic may play an important part in the future military supply system for Free China, in the belief of high ranking American officers.

A report has been received from Col. Robert F. Seedlock, Lakewood, Ohio, commanding officer of the Burma Road Engineers, showing how 10,000 Chinese laborers and a handful of Burma Road engineers—American GI's manning a few pieces of equipment, battered through the shortcut on the China-India land route in 60 days.

The Chinese laborers, supervised by the Yunnan-Burma Highway Engineering Administration, and aided by Burma Road Engineers

did the amazing feat of building 90 miles of roadway through the rugged Himalayas in 60 days.

The construction records for the Tengchung Cutoff disclose that first survey parties of Chinese engineers were in the field between Myitkyina and Tengchung last autumn, when Japs still held cities at either end of the route.

The Tengchung Cutoff is a route which follows some ancient trails through the mountains from Myitkyina eastward to Tengchung, then

connects at present with the old Burma Road via Lungling, but eventually may cut almost due east from Tengchung to Paoshan.

During October, 1944, bypass was built around Lungling when that city was still held by the Japs. This enabled machinery and workers to get into the Tengchung area.

By the end of that month the road had been improved to the Shweli River.

The record of achievement of the Chinese workers and the Burma Road Engineers reads like this:

1 November—Work started at Myitkyina in Burma to push the road eastward to China border.

9 November—Shweli River bridge completed.

10 November—Trucks could negotiate the road from Lungling northwestward to Tengchung, and jeeps could make Kaotien.

30 November—More than 3,000 Chinese workers reported for duty between Tengchung and Kuyung and the road was able to carry

jeeps 19 miles northwest of Tengchung. Meanwhile workers had pushed 37 miles eastward from Myitkyina to a point near Htiyi.

28 December—First jeep was able to push across the China-India border.

31 December—Road eastward from Myitkyina was jeepable for 49 miles to point near Wuga. Six thousand Chinese laborers were on this job.

20 January—Col. Robert F. Seedlock, commanding Burma Road Engineers, reported that road was ready for one-way, truck traffic.

22 January—Test trucks arrived at Kunming after traversing the road from Myitkyina.

"That date will mark a high point in China's 8-year struggle," said Col. Seedlock.

"Before the Japanese had been driven out of Tengchung, Chinese and American engineers had worked behind the enemy's lines surveying the new route. Once the enemy had been driven below the planned cutoff Chinese coolies

thronged the site and began construction. Their entire equipment consisted of hand hoes and bamboo baskets. As fast as they made an impression in the dirt, the Burma Road Engineers, a unit of approximately 40 men and sixteen pieces of equipment followed up their work. Mountains were graded, huge rocks were blasted away.

"Their fortitude and perseverance is evidenced in the job done. Ninety miles of new road was built through the mountains and jungles in 60 days.

Col. Seedlock, who spoke for the Burma Road Engineers, emphasized the fact that this Tengchung Cutoff is a "military road."

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HEROIC RESCUE OF ALLIED POWs ON LUZON BY RANGERS

A picked force of 121 soldiers of the Sixth Ranger Battalion slipped 23 miles behind the Japanese lines last Wednesday to storm the prisoner of war camp at Cabanatuan, on Luzon, and brought back to safety 510 Allied prisoners, many of them men of Bataan and Corregidor.

General MacArthur announced that 27 Americans and Filipinos were lost and three wounded in the fight and the running escape battle, but the Yanks killed 523 Japs.

Many of the prisoners, who brought back the first eyewitness accounts of the last days of Corregidor, walked to freedom, but others were so weak from malnutrition, disease and three year old wounds that they had to be carried on the backs of the Rangers.

As they reached camp they received the homage of thousands of youthful American soldiers who formed an impromptu honor guard, flanking the highway on which they limped. Some looked helplessly up from litters, others were proudly erect. Their sentiments were expressed by Capt. James B. Prippe, Los Angeles, Cal., former Provost Marshal on Corregidor, who said "the thrill of seeing those green-clad Rangers storm into the prison camp last night will never quite leave me."

Lt. George W. Green, Auburn, Ala., said he got up and not only walked but ran, for the first time in years, forgetting his arthritis when he heard the Rangers yell for all the prisoners to make for the camp entrance.

During their captivity the Americans kept up their morale by listening to a one-tube radio set built and operated by Lt. William B. Gibson out of old scrap such as a tooth-paste tube packed with battery acids. On this they heard of the steady progress of the Yanks drive northward, of the landings on Leyte and Luzon. They eagerly checked the progress of the Luzon drive, but had not expected rescue for several days.

The survivors revealed that General Jonathan N. Wainwright forced the Japanese to pay the frightful price of 5,000 men in the landings which preceded the fall of Corregidor.

Lt.-Col. John K. Borneman, Niagara Falls, N.Y., Presbyterian Chaplain, said that the Japanese attacked with 10,000 men and succeeded in getting 5,000 ashore on the island, "but so many of our guns were knocked out that General Wainwright decided after a four-hour fight that it was useless to continue. He was grand throughout, but wouldn't let any more personnel die."

He placed the American casualties in the final battle at 150 men, and said he knew that his figures were correct because he supervised the burials.

The rescued group dined Thursday on a supper of boned chicken, peas, beans, fruit salad, jam and coffee, a veritable banquet after the starvation fare of their three years in prison. They told of prisoners being put in the Jap guard

house for asking for more food, and said that the 10,000 prisoners originally in the camp used to spend all day to fill a canteen of water from one of the camps four spigots.

Sgt. Clinton Goodblas, Longview, Wash., said that when he walked through the American lines and saw the American flag, "it cut right through me. And the cigarettes and the chow"—his haggard face gathered into a sob and he couldn't finish the sentence.

Among those freed were 23 British soldiers, some of whom defended Singapore, three Netherlands and one Norwegian. Two men died on the way to safety, their hearts unable to stand the ordeal climaxing three years of imprisonment.

Pvt. Alfred Jolly, San Francisco, Cal., said "we heard shots, then someone yelling 'Get out fellows the Yanks are here'—at first some prisoners thought that it was a Jap trick to lure us out and then shoot us, but the Rangers grabbed us and helped us."

Men spoke in low tones of the brutality and the death march from Bataan, of the final terrifying week of bombing and shelling which hit Corregidor, of men dying like flies of disease, of ten hours daily in prison camp under the hot sun in fields or waist high in water of the rice paddies under the hard eyes of the Japanese, and of frequent beatings and shootings.

Lt.-Comm. H. A. Erickson, Los Angeles Naval officer, said that the sick men in the prison camps were fed only spoiled fish and rice, and said that the only dressing of the wounds of casualties were old rags.

General MacArthur visited the hospital to chat with the men he had known on Bataan and Corregidor and said "no incident of the campaign has given me such personal satisfaction."

GI Hand Grenades Used To Fight Fire

CHINESE COMBAT COMMAND, CHINA—Army engineers serving with the Chinese troops in China know how to put such highly explosive substances as dynamite, TNT and hand grenades to use to save property as well as to destroy enemy positions. This was demonstrated a few nights ago when fire was sweeping through a Chinese village on the Salween Front and the villagers appealed to US Engineers quartered near the town, to help them save the town and the US Army supply storage buildings nearby.

Capt. Peter S. Hopkins of Boston, Mass., who gained some fame by showing the Chinese how to blow up the top of one of the Sungshan mountain peaks last summer by detonating 6,000 pounds of TNT in tunnels driven under the enemy positions, was one of the volunteer fire brigade. Accompanied by Lt. E. J. Casey, Jr., Los Angeles, Cal.; Sgt. P. A. Smith, Princeton, West Va.; Sgt. James W. Scorr, Philadelphia, Pa. and Sgt. John J. Sefcik, Keansburg, N.J. he rushed to the scene of the fire.

The engineers quickly surveyed the situation, planted charges of dynamite at strategic spots and attacked the abode buildings with hand grenades. It sounded like a full-fledged battle as the dynamite charges and grenades exploded and brought down the buildings surrounding the center of the fire. The demolition work held the fire in check and saved the major part of the town and the US Army warehouses.

The villagers overwhelmed the Army fire brigade with a flood of "Ting Haosi!" as the smoke cleared away.

Death Penalty For California Soldier

CAMP ROBERTS, CALIFORNIA—Pvt. Henry Weber, 27, was sentenced to death by General Court martial for violations of the 64th Article of War, which includes assaulting and wilfully disobeying an officer. The sentence is subject to review.

Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Montana Democrat, demanded that the Senate investigate the Army court-martial death sentence for Pvt. Henry Weber.

The Associated Press reported that Wheeler said he understood Weber had been sentenced for refusal to join a squad at drill. Wheeler said that a sentence under such circumstances was "inconceivable."

Win! Hundred Dollar War Bond For Theater Paper Name

The China Command Post is offering a \$100.00 War Bond for a new name and any member of the United States Forces in the China Theatre is eligible to submit the winning nomenclature for the new China publication.

The Command Post is published for GIs and it is only fitting that the name for the paper should come from its soldier readers, and before another month rolls around some GI with an idea is going to be richer to the tune of a \$100.00 War Bond.

The rules are simple. Each contestant may submit as many names as he is ingenious enough to conjure up. Each suggested name for the paper must be written on a separate sheet of paper with the sender's name, organization and address. All entries should be mailed to the "China Command Post", Hqs. SOS, Kunming. The contest closes February 25 and all entries postmarked up till midnight that date will be considered.

The paper will bear the new and winning name on the issue of March 2, 1945.

Here's an easy opportunity to swell the old bank account with one hundred good, solid American green backs in the form of a War Bond. So, get out those pencils, writing tablets and put on the proverbial thinking caps and start the entries rolling in.

You may be the lucky winner.

BERLIN OFFICIALS BURNING DOCUMENTS

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 8:—Smoke has been rising night and day from the damaged chimney stacks of the ministerial buildings in Berlin as officials burn all documents that cannot be removed from the threatened capital.

Goebbels is the only top-rank leader left in Berlin now, and reporters there expect an official announcement to be made at any time stating that the seat of the Government has moved to south Germany.

The mining of Berlin's public buildings is proceeding.

B-29 'Life-Savers' Now In Production

CLEVELAND (ANS)—Tiny 10 pound air compressors designed to lessen the vulnerability of B-29 Superfortress to enemy flak by flipping the bomb bay doors open and shut in a fraction of the time now required, is in production by the Weatherhead Company.

The units exert 1,500 pounds of pressure and save "life and death seconds" which will permit the crew of take defensive positions and action immediately on the completion of their bombing run.

New Theater Shoulder Patch Designer Will Win \$100 Bond

A contest to select an official Theater shoulder patch was announced this week in Chungking by Lt.-Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, Commanding General of the recently created China Theatre.

The competition will be open to all US military personnel now serving in China, and entries must be postmarked not later than March 1, it was announced. The prize for the patch selected will be a \$100 War Bond.

Entries should be sent to the Public Relations Officer, Headquarters, United States Forces, China Theatre, APO 878, where a board appointed by the Commanding General will make the final decision, and choose the most suitable entry.

Complete and accurate explanations should accompany all entries. It was pointed out. Colors, symbols and heraldic references, if any, should be clearly shown. There is no limit on the number of entries any man may make. Entries will not be returned after the contest closes.

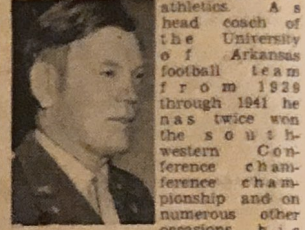
Individuals submitting entries should be sure to give their full name, grade, serial number, unit and APO number.

As a caution it was stated that neither a Dragon nor the color of yellow will be used—however gold is permissible.

Thomsen Awarded Legion Of Merit

HQ. 14TH AF, CHINA—Winning honors is nothing new to Lt.-Col. Fred C. Thomsen, Special Service Officer on the staff of Gen. C. L. Chennault, commanding the Fourteenth Air Force, but the one he prizes most is the Legion of Merit recently awarded him here.

Col. Thomsen has for years been accustomed to peacetime awards in the field of athletics.



A head coach of the University of Arkansas football team from 1929 through 1941 he has twice won the southern-western Conference championship and on numerous other occasions his serious contenders. Himself a four letterman from the University of Nebraska, where he starred in football, baseball, track and wrestling, he was athletic coach at Gothenburg, Neb., before taking up his assignment in Arkansas.

Col. Thomsen received the Legion of Merit from Brig. Gen. Edwin E. Glenn, chief of staff of the Fourteenth Air Force. He was cited for meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services from 20 October 1942 to 18 January 1945 as Special Services officer, first for a Fighter Group and then for the Fourteenth Air Force.

When Col. Thomsen first came to China in the autumn of 1942, entertainment, recreation and sports were in a primitive state. Due to his leadership, tact and strong personality, combined with long hours of work, he has organized a highly successful Special Services program that has done much to maintain high morale in the Fourteenth Air Force.

Through his efforts a motion picture circuit was established that reached outlying bases. Sports and recreational facilities have been greatly expanded, as have libraries, soldier talent and touring shows.

Born in Minden, Neb., where his father Claus Thomsen, retired rancher, resides, Col. Thomsen now makes his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico. His wife Mrs. Sunbeam Thomsen, children Marnelle, 15, and Burton, 12, are there.

In World War I, Col. Thomsen served 18 months overseas with the Infantry and Ambulance Corps. He was also a member of the Army of Occupation in Germany.

Entering the Service again in August 1942, as a Captain, Col. Thomsen was promoted to Major in June 1943 and to his present rank in April 1944.

Allies To Punish Nazi Persecutors

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The United States and Britain reached an agreement last week-end that the Allied authorities that control post-war Germany should undertake the enormous job of punishing the Nazi persecutors of German Jews.

The State Department announced that complete proposals for a stern system of punishments are now under consideration with the other United Nations, and "provide for the punishment of German leaders and their associates for their responsibility for the whole broad criminal enterprise, devised and executed with ruthless disregard for the very foundations of law and morality."

A similar British attitude was stated to Parliament this week by Richard K. Law, Minister of State. The United States statement sought to allay the recently expressed fears that the Nazis through the technicalities of international law might escape the punishment for some of their persecutions.

In his statement, Law said that the Allied nations intend to punish the Nazis responsible for the persecution of Jews and other anti-Nazis inside Germany itself as well as to punish the war criminals. He said that crimes by Germans against Germans were in a different category from war crimes, but that the British Government would do its utmost to insure that they did not go unpunished.

Portland, Ore (CNS)—"Any cigars?" the customer asked. "Why don't you use a pipe?" the tobacconist snapped. The customer took his advice. He pulled a length of lead pipe from his pocket and "used" it on the clerk's head.

Philippine Government Restored



Lined up before the Provincial Capitol Building at Tacloban temporary capital of the Philippine Commonwealth, American soldiers form an honor guard at the ceremony restoring constitutional administration to the islands. With the restoration of their administration Filipinos realized the goal of their fight so steadfastly carried on for three years.

Lt. Lester Geiss,
Editor, China Command Post
Dear Sir:—
To the China Command Post, the Roundup's sincere wishes for the success of your new publication. You are the fulfillment of the China Theater's cherished dream for its own newspaper. Crystallized into solid fact, the China Command Post enjoys the opportunity of recording for history—and its readers—the momentous achievements which will take place in the days to come across the craggy spine of The Hump.
Because the destiny of the two Theaters are dependent one upon the other by mutual aims, the Roundup will retain its vital interest in General Wedemeyer's command and through it, your publication.
It was an honor to have served your readers until the China Command Post was made possible. In you, however, they now possess a publication which is their "own" and which may more intimately record their accomplishments.
Sincerely,
FLOYD WALTER,
Capt., Inf.
Editor—Roundup.

EXPERTS WARN GIs AGAINST POST-WAR AMATEUR FARMING.

(ANS)—The old ditty, "How will you get 'em back on the farm, after they've seen Poree?" no longer holds good, in the opinion of the US Department of Agriculture. Instead, top officials feel, the problem is how to keep thousands of war veterans—many of them without aptitude for farming—from buying up a lot of second-rate farmland at speculator's prices.

In a booklet, "Shall I Be a Farmer?" prepared exclusively for service men, the Government points out many of the hidden pitfalls of farming—the investment in money and labor that is necessary before one can expect to break even; the perpetually low cash income; the year-round long hours, frequently in unpleasant weather; the constant hazards of drought, flood, frost and plant disease. Farming is commended only "to anyone who chooses it with a full knowledge of all that is involved."

The G. I. Bill of Rights, with ample provision for guaranteeing loans to buy farms or farm equipment, is the cornerstone for veterans wishing to acquire their own property. But the G. I. Bill at present allows a man to wait two years after his discharge or two years after the end of the war before seeking a loan. That's a break, the Government experts say. Unless the veteran already as an experienced farmer, he should wait a year or two—studying at an agricultural college or actually working as a farmhand—or both. (An honorably discharged veteran of any age, with or without previous schooling, is entitled to at least one year's study at Government expense.) In any event, the veterans' booklet says, no one unfamiliar with dirt farming should think of investing money in acquiring his own place. Best advice is to work a while first for somebody else.

"This is something an unmarried man may be able to do more readily than a married man," it concedes, "although many farmers have houses in which young married couples can live. The pay will be low. You can probably save little, if anything, but you can and will learn first-hand what

FLYING US TANKER FOR ROCK PILE CROSSING

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Twenty-four bombers converted into flying tankers are ferrying high octane gasoline across the "Hump" to China for China-based Fortresses.

Gun-turrets and bombing equipment are removed and the weight given up to fuel tanks in the fuselages, noses, wings and bomb-bays, enabling each aircraft to carry several thousand gallons.

Built-in pumps discharge the fuel at the rate of 2,000 gallons an hour.

Prexys Ask Delay In 'Training' Law

WASHINGTON; (ANS).—Twelve university presidents asked President Roosevelt this week to delay consideration of the "highly controversial question" of universal post-war military training, "at least until complete victory over Germany is won."

They suggested that "the experience with the Prohibition amendment indicates the unwisdom of attempting to determine long run revolutionary problem in wartime."

The signers of the petition included: Oliver C. Carmichael, Vanderbilt University; James B. Conant, Harvard; Edmund Day, Cornell; Harold W. Dodds, Princeton; Rufus C. Harris, Tulane; Robert M. Hutchins, Chicago; Fred A. Middlebush, Missouri; Dean W. Malott, Kansas Univ.; Robert Sproul, California; Donald B. Tresside, Stanford; Herman B. Wells, Indiana, and Henry M. Wriston, Brown.

farming is like.....A few weeks in the harvest field, a few days digging potatoes, picking apples, cultivating corn or hoeing cotton are not enough. One should see the year round on a farm if he is to understand farming."

GI RESCUED ON LUZON AFTER 3-YEAR WAIT

LUZON (ANS)—Footsore, hungry and haggard after dodging Japanese and living on rice on Luzon for nearly three years, Corp. Gerald G. Wade of Lewiston, Idaho, AAF mechanic who survived the Bataan death march, rested up Monday after rejoining his invading fellow countrymen.

"It's too good to be true," he said as he arrived at a Yank airbase after being brought through American lines chalky and suffering from malnutrition.

He told how he and other prisoners who surrendered at Bataan were mistreated and made to march 85 miles north to a prison camp. "They laughed and jeered at us and some of them bashed us on the head with poles as they drove by in trucks," he explained.

He did not disclose how he finally escaped from the prison camp but said he had been evading the Japanese by hiding in lowland fields and highland jungles for two years and nine months.

Gotham Signs Out To Conserve Fuel

NEW YORK: (ANS)—The "Brownout" of outdoor lighting became effective last week in the War Production Board's measure designed to save a million tons of coal annually used to produce electricity. On New York's Broadway, theater marquees, neon signs, shop windows and huge illuminated signs were darkened in an approximation of the previous blackout.

The coal situation in the Eastern United States remains critical in the face of the recent severe cold weather, said Harry A. Sutter, Pittsburgh area manager of Solid Fuels Administration. He declared that many factories, including war plants, had only a week's supply of fuel with shortages due mainly to the weather.

Mayor Bernard Samuels, of Philadelphia, declared a state of emergency over the fuel shortage and banned the delivery of coal to amusement places. In New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey called out the State Guard to clear upstate railroad yards and to help make fuel deliveries.

SWEEPING REFORMS TO BUILD CHINA'S MILITARY EFFICIENCY

THREE TIMES AS MANY US PLANES IN 3 MONTHS

LONDON, Feb. 7.—A three-fold increase in American aircraft production is predicted within the next 90 days.

Fifty per cent of all war production will be increased at a "tremendous rate," partly to help equip the new French army divisions for combat.

Superfortresses, cargo aircraft, jet-propelled fighters, and carrier-borne fighters, will account for the increased aircraft output.

CHUNGKING, Feb. 7.—Sweeping reforms to clear unnecessary personnel out of China's Ministry of War and to improve the treatment of Chinese troops will become effective this month, according to a reliable Chinese Ministry source.

The Ministry has ordered the elimination of all superfluous organizations and department heads have been told to weed out all who are not contributing towards the war effort. It is estimated that the number of personnel who will be removed will be as high as 1,500,000.

It is the aim of the reformers to improve the working and efficiency of the Ministry to save money, and to increase the pay and rations of the combat troops.

China's "Lao Ping" ("private" or "GI") now gets 50 yuan (Chinese dollars) a month and a bowl of rice twice a day. Under the reforms he will get 300 yuan a month and meat, vegetables, oil sugar and rice. Pay increases to officers and men range from 25 to 500 per cent.

The "Lao Ping's" basic 50 yuan a month in China's inflated currency is roughly the equivalent of 10 cents in purchasing power.

These measures are in line with the Government's current streamlining program after President Chiang Kai-Shek's appointment of a new cabinet last November.

The youthful General Chen Cheng then stepped into General Hoying Chin's shoes as War Minister. General Chen Cheng was a commander of a Chinese force on the Salween.

HIGH MORTALITY RATE ON JAPANESE ADMIRALS

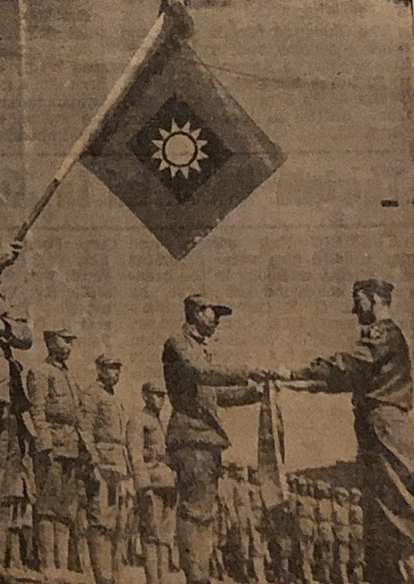
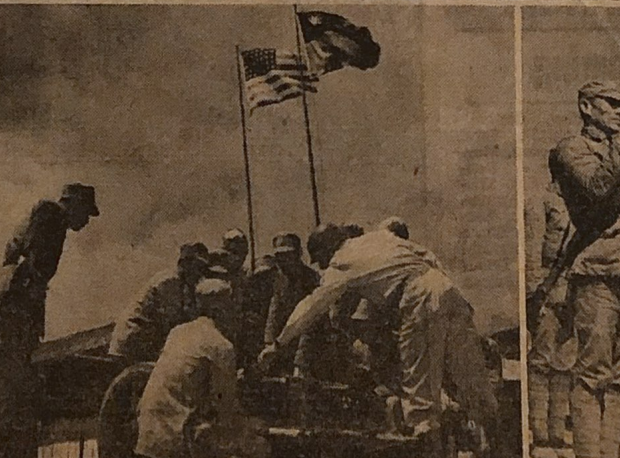
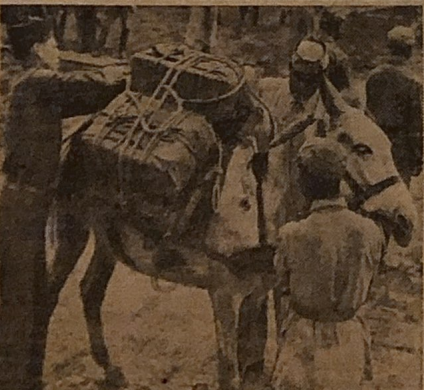
HONOLULU (CNS)—Eighty Jap Admirals have died since last May, according to a Tokyo broadcast picked up here.

Latest to go as Vice-Adm. Hiroshi Nagazawa, the cause of whose demise as not announced.

George Klumpff, city Councilman and Federal director, was elected president of the Sacramento Club of the Pacific Coast League. He succeeds Harry Ludwig, who resigned last week at the behest of the new Baseball Commission.

CEF Learns The American Method

American military advisors and instructors of the Y-Forces have spared no efforts to instruct the members of the Chinese Expeditionary Forces in American combat methods, weapons and supply technique (Upper Left); Chinese soldiers learn how to use the bayonet on the offensive and how to protect oneself on the defensive. (Center left); Members of the Chinese Infantry class crawl through barbed wire as dynamite explodes on the infiltration course at the Infantry Training Center in Southwest China, often referred to as "little Fort Benning." (Lower Left); Sgt. Steve Torre (Left) and Sgt. Fred W. Harrington demonstrate the proper method of loading a mule to carry supplies of ammunition, to a training class at the school. (Upper Center); Lt.-Gen. Chung Bing, Commanding General of a Chinese company, firing a .50 cal. water-cooled machine gun under the instruction of American personnel. (Lower Center); S/Sgt. Jena Corslip, Weston, W. Va., points out to a group of Chinese interpreters the fine points of a 37 mm anti-tank gun. (Lower Right); Capt. Hiu Yu Kun, commanding officer of a demonstration company, presents a banner to Capt. Herman Friedburg, Malden, Mass., instructor associated with the Y-Forces, on the completion of the training cycles. —(Signal Corps photos)



Senators Open Training On March 7; No Southern Camps

The Washington Senators will have the distinction of initiating the 1945 training season, as well as the distinction of opening the major league season. Senator batterymen have been ordered to report at College Park, Md., on March 7, to be followed a week later by the other players.

For the third time baseball training will be held in the North, made necessary by continued war time restriction. Few changes have been made in the sites from last Spring, the Red Sox shifting from Tufts College near Boston to Pleasantville, N. J., and the White Sox, moving over from joint occupancy with the Cubs from French Licks to Terre Haute, Ind.

Indiana incidentally, is again the favorite site for Spring camps, six clubs training within that city.

Sites and reporting days for the clubs are:

National League — Brooklyn, Bear Mountain, N. Y., March 15; Philadelphia, Wilmington, Del., March 13; New York, Lakewood, N. J., March 11; Boston, site unannounced, March 11; Chicago, French Lick, Ind., March 8; Cincinnati, Bloomington, Ind., March 8; St. Louis, Cairo, Ill., March 12; Pittsburgh, Muncie, Ind., March 15. **American League** — Boston, Pleasantville, N. J., March 15 and 18; Washington, College Park, Md., March 7 and 14; New York, Atlantic City, N. J., March 11; Philadelphia, Frederick, Md., March 12; Chicago, Terre Haute, Ind., March 10; St. Louis, Cape Girardeau, Mo., March 12; Cleveland, Lafayette, Ind., March 12; Detroit, Evansville, Ind., March 13.

Bivin Scores TKO Over Georgie Parks

NEW YORK.—Jimmy Bivin, 188, stopped Georgie Parks 184 in the fourth round via the TKO route in Washington this week. This was Bivin's first heavyweight start since receiving his discharge from the Army.

In New York Elmer Violent Ray, 193, stopped Johnny White, 215, of Jersey City in the first round, for a 26 second KO bringing his total of straight wins to 24.

Willie Jones 135, pounded out a ten round decision over former feather weight champ Chalky Wright 132, in Philadelphia.

In New Haven, Conn., Willie Pep featherweight king, outpointed Whistling Willie Roache, winning every round of the ten round battle.

Hammering Hank Armstrong scored a unanimous 10 round decision over General Rojo in Los Angeles while Minneapolis lightweight Jackie Graves got a ten round nod over former feather and Bantam champ Harry Jaffra in Minneapolis.

Pan-Am Plans Low Cost Orient Trips

WASHINGTON: (ANS). — The Pan-American Airways announced this week that they were prepared to set up transportation across the Pacific after the war at fares lower than first class steamship passage, with a day-and-a-half flight time between San Francisco and Shanghai. The proposal will be taken up at the Civil Aeronautics Board hearing scheduled for February 13.

The Shanghai fare is \$303, and other schedules and rates are: Los Angeles to Sydney, Australia, in 32 hours for \$295, Seattle to Tokyo in 29 hours for \$209, and from Seattle to Juneau, Alaska, for \$452.

Thirteen Decorated In Kunming

KUNMING.—Four officers and nine enlisted men were decorated at a retreat ceremony in the headquarters compound last week, by Maj.-Gen. G. X. Cheves, commanding general, SOS, China Theater.

Lt. Col. A. J. Gricius, Boston, Mass., received the Legion of Merit for his services as executive officer of Base Section 2 last year.

The Soldier's Medal was awarded to Lt. Wayne P. Slagle, Charleston, West Va., for distinguished heroism at Luichow, China when he jumped, fully clothed, into the Liu River and saved an enlisted man from drowning.

Distinguished Flying Crosses for straggling missions over mountainous terrain and enemy occupied territory were awarded to Lt. O. L. Nida, Placerville, Calif.; Sgt. Orlando A. Campisi, Waltham, Mass.;

LARRY MACPHAIL TO BE RELEASED BY ARMY

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A special order for the Army discharge of Col. Larry MacPhail, former president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has been issued effective February 10, it was learned here, although MacPhail, in New York, would not comment.

He is not being released for physical disability. His job of handling Army public relations work on industrial conferences complete, it was said.

It has been reported that MacPhail might be appointed sports co-ordinator.

BASKETBALL SCORES

- Army 44, Yale 43.
- Arkansas 37, T.C.U. 32.
- Arizona 37, T.C.U. 32.
- Arkansas 60, T.C.U. 35.
- Alabama 32, Columbus AAF 31.
- Baylor 43, Camp Atterbury 37.
- Columbia 62, Brooklyn College 60.
- California 50, Southern Cal. 24.
- Carnegie Tech 59, Allegheny 37.
- Case 40, N.C.F.P. 37.
- Case 57, Carnegie Tech. 34.
- Cincinnati 36, Marshall 34.
- De Paul 45, Notre Dame 52.
- Detroit 46, Michigan 38.
- Dartmouth 59, Holy Cross 46.
- Duke 75, Wake Forest 39.
- Duke 48, N.C. State 38.
- DePaul 50, Purdue 34.
- Georgia 59, Auburn 42.
- Great Lakes 53, DePaul 37.
- Great Lakes 58, Northwestern 39.
- Georgia Tech 47, Tulane 38.
- Hamline 59, Loras 59.
- Haverford 56, Delaware 35.
- Holy Cross 64, Worcester Tech 47.
- Iowa 59, Michigan 37.
- Idaho 32, Oregon 31.
- Iowa P-F 62, Nebraska 42.
- Jax Naval 45, Florida 34.
- Kansas 39, Kansas State 38.
- Kentucky 51, Georgia Tech 42.
- Kentucky 73, Georgia 34.
- Missouri State 52, Ohio State 51.
- Louisville 58, Marshall 51.
- Lafayette 61, Ursinus 39.
- Milkenberg 35, Bucknell 33.
- Milkenberg 51, Bucknell 41.
- Marquette 83, Lawrence 47.
- Murray State 34, Marshall 33.
- Minnesota 59, Indiana 48.
- Michigan 50, Wisconsin 39.
- Missouri 47, Nebraska 41.
- Iowa 59, Lawrence 28.
- Montana 46, Montana 58-51.
- Navy 51, Columbia 44.
- Navy 60, Camp 27.
- Norman Naval 45, Oklahoma 32.
- Noler Dame 56, Northwestern 37.
- North Carolina 49, Wm. & Mary 46.
- North Carolina 57, Wake Forest 37.
- N.C. P-F 65, Edenton Marines 44.
- Oregon 53, Washington 45.
- Oberlin 52, Ohio Wesleyan 45.
- Oklahoma 49, Wisconsin 26.
- Oklahoma Aggies 45, Oklahoma 31.
- Okl. Aggies 39, Wyoming 31.
- Ola. Aggies 39, Wyoming 28.
- Purdue 59, Northwestern 49.
- Purdue 45, Wisconsin 34.
- Princeton 37, Rutgers 30.
- Penn 59, Cornell 50.
- Pittsburgh 57, Geneva 51.
- Quonsett Navy 55, Yale 54.
- Rice 59, Texas 48.
- Rice 92, Baylor 24.
- Rutgers 47, Lehigh 31.
- South Carolina 75, Furman 41.
- S.M.U. 56, T.C.U. 38.
- St. Joseph 45, Syracuse 37.
- St. John's 71, Fordham 35.
- St. John's 52, St. Joseph's 36.
- Southern Methodist 44, Texas 28.
- Stevens 44, M. I. T. 33.
- Sampson Naval 49, Scranton 31.
- Sampson Naval 64, Colgate 41.
- S. Carolina 64, Gonzales A.B. 19.
- Tenn. 44, Miss State 27.
- Tennessee 24, Georgia 26.
- Tulsa 48, Camp Crocker 42.
- Tulsa 45, Glennan 44.
- Temple 54, West Va. 44.
- Tulane 45, L.S.U. 43.
- Utah 58, Idaho Southern 48.
- Valparaiso 69, Great Lakes 61.
- Vanderbilt 59, Northwestern 40.
- Valley Forge 61, N. Y. 48.
- Villanova 46, Rider 36.
- Wofford 63, Davidson 40.
- Washington State 46, Oregon State 31.
- Wash. College 56, Delaware U. 23.
- Washington 59, Oregon 56.
- Washington St. 41, McDaw Hoop 30.

Brooklyn (CNS)—A sport-loving thief stole a Third Avenue streetcar from a garbarn in the Bronx and sped madly downtown looting the horn like a fiend. The madcap motorman never was apprehended but the stolen streetcar finally was found abandoned in Brooklyn.

Top Ranking Basketball Team



Fifteen victories and one defeat, which was later avenged, is the record of this CT and CC QM quintet just closing its '44-45 season. Averaging 58 points a game this club defeated some of the best fives in China. Seated (left to right) are: S/Sgt. Ben J. Schall, Toledo, Ohio; Sgt. Jim Chapman, Hazelton, Pa.; and Sgt. Howard Bruner, Broadwater, Neb. Standing (left to right) are: Corp. Peter Felice, San Jose, Cal.; S/Sgt. Hubert W. Wolfe, Hastings, Neb.; Capt. Joseph Daniels, Bloomfield, N.J.; Lt.-Col. David M. Scott, Newark, N.J.; and Lt. Chester T. McGraw, Special Service Officer, former Athletic Director at Highbings, Neb. All the men on the team are former college and university players. (Signal Corps photo.)

Ex-Peanut Vendor Honored In Italy

NEW YORK, N. Y.—A former peanut vendor at Yankee Stadium and Ebbets Field was presented the Congressional Medal of Honor, January 17, in a rest area behind the Bologna front in Italy. The award was given Lt. Charles W. Shea, Jr., for knocking out three German machine gun nests, killing three Nazis and capturing seven others in the first 40 minutes of his combat career.

Shea said he attributed his fighting ability to his rough-and-tumble life on the Bronx sidewalks and under the stands of Yankee Stadium. He was a staff sergeant, May 12, when his outfit attacked during the Fifth Army's jump-off toward Rome. He led his squad in an advance that enabled it to capture an important hill.

Mich. Five Upsets Kentucky, 66-50

Michigan State turned in the basketball upset of the year drubbing Kentucky 66 to 50 at East Lansing after losing to Kentucky 66 to 35 earlier in the year.

Kansas State upset Missouri 50 to 29 in the Big Six Conference, Missouri hitting only two baskets in the last half of the game.

OTHER SCORES:
Alabama 55, Mississippi State 36
Iowa Preflight-59, Drake 49
New Berry 56, Presbyterian 46
North Carolina State 36-Catawba 33
Forest 27
North Carolina Preflight 70-Wake
Denver Legion 30-Buckley Field 30
Phillips Oilers 73-Dow Chemical 53
Lawson Hospital 57-Georgia 39
Great Lakes 52 DePaul 48
Marquette 52 Western Michigan 50
Illinois 48 Chanute Field 46

Boston (CNS)—This sign hangs in the window of a South Boston pet shop: "Cats Trained to Scratch Your Back."

Linda's Got A Point There



Providing a couple pointers on the war effort, Linda Darsell assures that "everything will come out all right". Linda is currently providing the heart beat in something called "Summer Storm".

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

Professional baseball is walking the gangplank. The only thing that will save the game now is a Presidential Green Light similar to the one President Roosevelt gave it two years ago when he said "go ahead" and play.

In the wake of the President's call for National Service and additional legislative methods to force the nation's 4 million 14s into war plants, baseball is in a bad way. There are 281 4F players in the big leagues. Without them the game seems doomed.

There is little chance that Washington will halt baseball entirely, the way it stopped horse racing. But there is a strong possibility that there just won't be enough players to go around. One thing is certain: Ball players are going to be very reluctant to leave war plants and farms to scamper around on the diamond before stands full of jabbering fans.

The major league magnates, registering optimism, are grinning like gargoyles but they aren't fooling anyone. "It's a long way till April," one club owner said hopefully, indicating that by the time the season begins on April 17, everyone will have forgotten all about this problem. Fortunately few people share this attitude.

Right now baseball can do itself and the nation a favor by facing the future honestly. If the big leagues can field 16 teams next year, swell. If not, so what? Things are tough all over.

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL

Babe Ruth, the world's finest fat man, has been named the greatest athlete of the past quarter-century by the Connecticut Sports Writers' league. . . . One man who doesn't think the Babe rates the award, however, is Hub Pruet, ancient Red Sox pitcher who fanned Ruth 16 of the 13 times he faced him one season. . . . On the 15th time, the Babe popped up, and on the 16th he slammed one out of the lot. . . . Cdr. William R. (Killer) Kane is Navy's new director of physical training. A brilliant 3-sport star at Annapolis, Kane was OD at Pearl Harbor when the Japs struck. . . . Sgt. Hec Kilrea, veteran hockey star, was wounded in action in France while serving with the 1st Army. . . . Latest sports hero killed in action is Capt. Joe Routt, Texas Aggies All-American guard in '37. . . . Pete Gray, one armed outfielder of the Memphis Chickens and owner of the property of the St. Louis Browns won the annual award of the Spokane Sportsman's club which includes a one-grand war bond. . . . Corp. Fritz Zivic, the old thumb and elbow fighter, came back to Madison Square Garden on a recent furlough from Normoyle AAB, Tex, and beat Billy Arnold, 17-year-old Philadelphia lightweight sensation in an 8-round bout. Zivic looked good, Arnold very bad indeed. . . . The 2d AAF Superbombers finished their gruelling 15 game football schedule by dropping a 13-6 game to mighty Randolph Field in New York. . . . Playing the longest and toughest schedule in the country the Superbombers won 10, lost 4, tied one. Big star of the club was Glenn Dobbs, ex-Tulsa All American who threw 136 passes, completing 71 for 958 yards and 14 touchdowns.

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Older Men Earned Most Hero Medals

(ANS)—A young man's war? Well maybe—but most of the Congressional Medals are going to men past 30. Of the first 120 medalists since the war began, more than half were "too old to fight," by prevailing draft standards. Only 13 were under 24, and only five too young to vote. Average age is 32.

Cited for his defense of the Philippines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, 63, was the oldest person to receive the Congressional Medal. Other "old men" similarly honored since Pearl Harbor include:

Capt. Waterlander Oscar Petersen, 44, who stayed at his post in a Pacific battle, fighting fire and steam from shattered boilers until his crew had escaped—and he was dead.

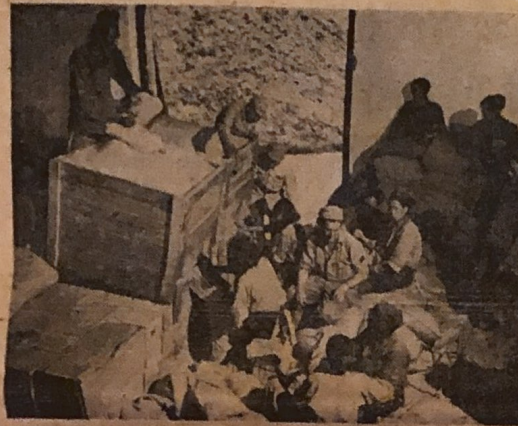
Pvt. Nicholas Minue, 44, veteran of the first world war, who charged a machine-gun nest in Tunisia killing 10 men before falling himself.

Corp. Lewis Hall, 46, who advanced over fire-swept terrain in the Solomonis—against orders—to man a UB machine-gun after the crew had been killed.

Air-Droppers Vital Factor In Salween Campaign



A necessary preliminary to any air-dropping mission is the preparation of the parachutes for the mission. In the upper photos **Left**; Sgt. Ernest Barnes, Baltimore, Md., (left) and Pvt. David S. Soloway, Baltimore, Md., prepare to stretch the shroud lines to speed the drying of the chutes. **Center**; Pvt. Frank A. Spenko, Cleveland, Ohio, supervises the Chinese workmen sewing parachutes which have suffered damage in landing on small rugged targets in the mountains where the Chinese were operating. **Right**; Pictured here is a long view of the drying racks for the chutes. On warm windy days, ideal for drying, these racks sometimes accommodate 3 000 chutes.



Left; Sgt. Frederick S. Sherman, Shelton, Conn., (center foreground) instructs Chinese workers on how to fill and tie the rice sacks that are about to be dropped to the Chinese troops at the Salween Front lines. **Center**; Shows men of the 14th Air Force dropping rice on target near the Salween River. The kicker on the floor is Corp. Albert A. Bancroft, Chesterton, Ind., in the background is Corp. Milton Chapman, Horse Cave, Ky. In the foreground ready to dump the 100 lb. bags are Pvt. Robert Minnis, Weirton, W. Va., and T/Sgt. Clifford E. Spiegelbert, Oakkash, Wisconsin. **Right**; Dropping right on the target, parachutes land on the side of a mountain in the Kali range of the sub-Himalayas.

Y-FORCE OPERATIONS STAFF, CHINA THEATER...

...Air supply has been a vital factor in the Salween Campaign—the first sustained Chinese offensive in seven long years of war against the Japanese invaders. Fought in the 12,000-foot Kaoli Kung mountain range, a spur of the Himalayas, in the initial phase of this offensive, which was launched in May 1944, the troops fighting in this battle above the clouds were accessible only by a few narrow, steep trails, which the monsoon rains quickly turned to a glassy slickness or a mire of knee-deep, clinging mud. Obviously, to supply a force large enough to drive the Japs from their well-fortified mountain bastions, it would be necessary to resort to the air. The idea was not novel—troops in Burma had recently been supplied by air—but there were many new difficulties and problems in the China Theater. Most of the area over which the campaign was to be waged was entirely unmapped. What maps were available were so poor that many towns were as far wrong as 10 degrees—70 miles at the equator. The Kaoli Kung is rugged almost beyond belief, and the problem of locating exact dropping targets was a difficult one, for there were few places where the planes could get low enough to drop and still avoid hitting the surrounding peaks. Some of the mountain peaks are never entirely free of clouds and the pilot had to find a gap—and hope. And, the last straw to the monsoon rains were about to begin. Nevertheless, the campaign—the battle to reopen the land supply line of the Burma Road—was about to begin, and only air supply could solve the problem. At the end of April, only the planning stage had been reached, but shortly after the Chinese Expeditionary Force and their American advisors and assistants of Y-Force crossed the turbulent, muddy Salween in May, the Air Dropping Detachment was ready. All of the necessities of war have been dropped to the troops at one time or another. Bullets and rice, the two essentials, have been dropped in huge quantities. Beans for the horses which furnish the only animal transportation in these trackless wastes have also been delivered by air.

Hydrogen cylinders for flame-throwers, gasoline in 55-gallon drums, half-pound blocks of TNT for demolition purposes, radios and salt are among items supplied by air. In one sector of the Y-force area, election ballots were dropped to Americans a month's pack trip from the nearest postoffice. Rice, beans and salt are free-dropped, wrapped in several burlap bags so that even though contact with the ground might break one or two wrappings, it is unlikely that all will be broken. By experiment, the Y-Force Air Dropping Detachment has proven that a 35-pound sack of rice stands the shock of impact best. Seventy-five pounds of salt are dropped with each 5,000 pounds of rice. Three sizes of parachutes are used, the 18-foot, Indian-cotton variety being used for the majority of dropping. Small six-foot pigeon chutes are used for dropping small items. Equipment for American personnel of the Y-Force is dropped in chutes which have been daubed with blue Chinese dye, and the equipment so dropped is marked for the Americans in both English and Chinese letters. Most of the ground work—the packing of the chutes, the packing of supplies repair of chutes and so on—is done by men previously inexperienced in this work. Many of them were Y-Force medical men, brought to the Air Dropping Detachment because of the necessity for speed. The kickers, however, are experienced, having done considerable kicking over Burma before being flown across the Himalayan "Hump" to join Y-Force at the beginning of the Salween Campaign. These men, who usually ride three to a plane, range themselves around the open door of the transport, one on each side and the third on his back with his feet toward the door, and at a signal from the pilot kick the supplies out to the waiting Chinese and Americans below.

Orders from the front arrive during the middle of the night and the requested supplies are loaded on trucks and taken to the air-

Vast Naval War Production Set For Pacific Coast In '45

NEW YORK (Air Mail)—When Europe is liberated, the US Pacific Coast will be the staging base for a massive offensive which is gathering power against Japan. The relation of the Pacific Coast to the far Pacific battle fronts of the Navy is rapidly changing as the capture and recapture of enemy islands sweeps the tide of US naval power remorselessly closer to the land area of Japan. The above is the statement of Rear Admiral Clark Woodward of US Navy's industrial incentive division. Admiral Woodward points out clearly how American industry plans to put teeth into the offensive speeding to encompass Japan's downfall within the shortest space of time after the destruction of Germany.

The American production goal for the first half of 1945 has been jacked up to three percent above the point reached in the second half of 1944, he said, and the trend of industry is still powerful upward. The Pacific Coast in particular is strengthening its production forces for the great pull ahead. Whole fleets of smaller naval craft will be serviced and repaired right up in the front lines as the Pacific war gathers momentum, the Admiral stated. Navy bases are

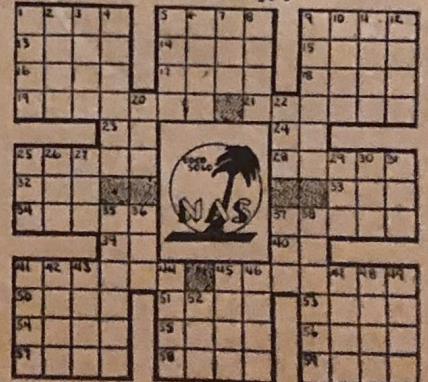
being set up now on captured islands to equip ships which formerly looked to Pearl Harbor and Hawaii or the Pacific Coast for such servicing. Pacific Coast production of airplanes, landing craft and many other needed materials for these far flung bases will be stepped up in the half-year ahead. Larger ves-

sels which must come to greater bases at all times will still return to west coast harbors. These ports will be kept up to action pitch to receive them. Admiral Woodward estimated that 10,000 additional industries workers will be moved to the coast to service the two large San Francisco Navy yards at Mare Island and Hunter's Point. The whole American nation will remain at war industrially as well as militarily until the Japanese in addition to the Nazis surrender, Admiral Woodward concluded.

Command Post Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1, 5 Depicted in insigne of Naval Air Station.
- 9 Chief god of Memphis
- 13 Angers
- 14 Sign
- 15 Sea eagle
- 16 Ancient Irish capital
- 17 French river
- 18 Ribbon (comb. form)
- 19 Refined
- 21 Furrowed
- 23 And (Latin)
- 24 Symbol for selenium
- 25 Wave top
- 28 Roman magistrate
- 32 Seed
- 33 Diminutive of Daniel
- 34 Expert
- 37 Mountain crest
- 39 Rough lava
- 40 Italian river
- 41 Agitates
- 45 Archetype
- 50 Uncommon
- 51 Sea gull
- 53 Woody plant
- 54 Algerian city
- 55 Issue forth
- 56 Royal Italian family name
- 57 Animal skin
- 58 Drinking cups
- 59 Bamboo-like grass
- DOWN**
- 1 Quote
- 2 Verbal
- 3 Protuberance on bird's bill
- 4 Indians
- 5 Anon
- 6 Leave out
- 7 French plural article
- 8 Heavy blow
- 9 Fondled
- 10 Waste
- 11 English queen
- 12 Pay attention
- 20 Siamese coin
- 22 Employ
- 25 Certified public accountant (ab.)
- 26 Wand
- 27 Dutch city
- 29 Fish
- 30 Pillar
- 31 Compass point
- 35 Mother or
- 36 father
- 37 Light brown
- 38 Blackguard (slang)
- 41 Crow
- 42 Rabbit
- 43 Russian mountain
- 44 Plant part
- 45 Dandy
- 46 Social insects
- 47 Gaelic
- 48 Network (anat.)
- 49 Require
- 52 Ostrich-like bird

Answer on Page 8



Here's Dope On Income Tax: You Probably Won't Pay Any

By Cass Newspaper Service
The American soldier has a lot on his mind right now, but one thing he probably won't have to worry about is filing an income tax return for 1944.

While March 15, 1945, will bring a financial headache to most US civilians, including hundreds of thousands who did not pay a tax before the war, the vast majority of service men and women will be exempt.

As a general rule, military personnel whose service pay was less than \$2,000 during 1944 will not be required to file a return. That includes, roughly, enlisted personnel, and officers up to and including the grade of 1st lieutenant.

However, military personnel who had income from civilian sources may have to file a return.

First lieutenants who are receiving longevity or other added pay over and above their base pay and non-coms in the higher grades who are receiving longevity and other additional pay which brings their total military pay over the \$2,000 limit, also will have to file a return.

Military personnel who did not file a Declaration of Estimated Income Tax at any time during the year 1944, and who had civilian income not subject to withholding tax and of a sufficient amount to push the total military and civilian income over the \$2,000 mark, had to file a return on or before Jan. 15, 1945. Those whose military income was in excess of \$2,000 during 1944 also had to file a return by Jan. 15, 1945 if they did not file a Declaration of Estimated Income Tax during 1944.

For the purpose of computing the amount of tax owed, the first \$1,500 of military pay is exempt. Also exempt are contributions by the government to family allowances and money received for subsistence and quarters. However, any refund of taxes owed on the 1943 declaration should not be deducted from the 1944 tax liability.

Service personnel should use Treasury Department Form 1040 in filing their return for 1944. The full amount of the tax due for the year must be paid at the time of filing this return, except that those unable to meet their tax payment may request deferral by submitting a letter to the Collector of Internal Revenue with their return.

Those who expect to have taxable income in 1945 should file a Declaration of Estimated Income Tax (Form 1040-ES) for that year on or before March 15, 1945.

Military personnel who believe they are affected by the income tax have been advised at most posts to discuss their problems with their legal assistance officer.

"HANDS OFF!" NY GIRLS WARN WOLVES

NEW YORK (ANS)—Some New York girls, with husbands and sweethearts in the armed services, have appeared on Gotham's streets wearing a lapel decoration designed to let home front wolves know they are out of circulation. A little silver figure of a sailor (or soldier) points to a heart on which is inscribed the word "TAKEN."

Gets Silver Star For Pilot Rescue

AN ADVANCED CHINA AIR BASE—Corp. John Popovich, Nansury, Ohio, recently has been awarded the Silver Star for "gallantry and courage displayed in line of duty." Corp. Popovich is now stationed with the "Golden Tigers," a fighter squadron of the Fourteenth Air Force's West China Raiders.

During an enemy bombing, Corp. Popovich was on duty as an ambulance driver on the flight line. The "red" alert was sounded and the planes were scrambled. On the take-off two P-51s collided and immediately burst into flames. By this time the Jap planes were over the field—coming in dropping their "frag" bombs. One of the Mustang pilots lay where he had fallen from his burning plane.

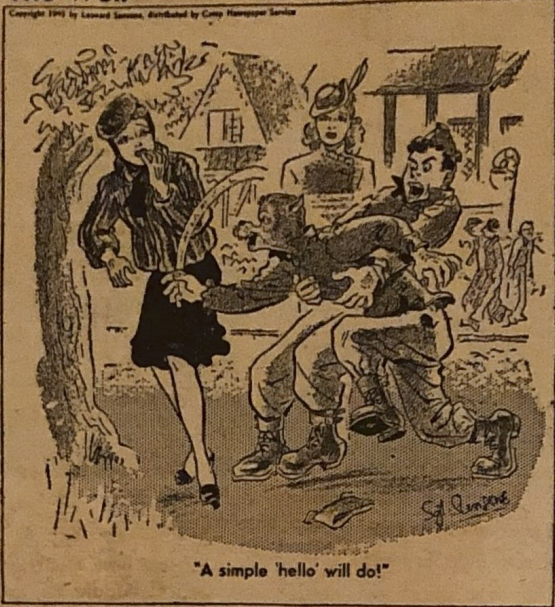
The corporal, disregarding his own safety, rushed to the injured pilot and attempted to quiet him—even as bombs were exploding less than 200 yards from them. He got the pilot into the ambulance and drove through smoke and over the bomb-torn air field to the dispensary.

Corp. Popovich has been overseas for 18 months and in China for five months. He entered the Army in April of 1942. Before coming into the service he was employed by National Malleable and Steel Casting Corp. of Sharon, Pa.

HERRIN, III, (ANS)—The fisherman who tells about the "one that got away" is a piker compared to Robert Moore—his quarry escaped after it had been killed. Moore's first bag on a recent hunting trip was a rabbit which he took to his cabin and dressed. Too late, when a dog trotted past him in the field with a freshly dressed rabbit in its mouth, he remembered he had left the meat on his back porch. To add a crowning blow, one of the birds he shot, but only stunned, escaped from his pocket on the way home. Anyhow, that's Moore's story.

The Wolf

by Sansone



"A simple 'hello' will do!"

GIs Transform Pig Into Turkey (Canned) Dinner

AN ADVANCED FOURTEENTH USAAF BASE, CHINA—The affectionate sow Rosie-Bell, long a pet and mascot of Wing headquarters personnel at this base, was recently transformed into a turkey dinner with trimmings. The amazing change-over was a result of both sentiment and conniving.

Rosie-Bell had reached her prime months ago, but S/Sgt Jeffery C. Burke, Montgomery, Ala., and Corp. Cottrill, Hooks, Texas, of Col. J. C. Kennedy's Composite Wing, who had fed and cared for the lady-like porcine, couldn't quite harden their hearts to the point of butchery. Rosie-Bell's gentle manner and feminine habits had won the affection of local GIs, and she in turn had become quite fond of her keepers especially Sgt. Burke, a handsome I-5 pilot who wore a pigskin jacket. Often she would follow him to the mess hall or shower room, and at the door accepted his kicks and rebuffs with dignified resignation.

At last it became apparent that in spite of her soulful eyes, somebody was going to have to give her the works. It was a tough proposition. Burke and Cottrill dreaded the execution, but a pork barbecue dinner had been promised the entire detachment and something had to be done.

Finally a project was suggested that would both spare their feelings and feed the hungry outfit. Negotiation was made with the mess hall. In exchange for the hapless sow, the two soldiers received enough Chinese National dollars to purchase a large quantity of Thanksgiving and Christmas leftovers. Shaking and squealing, Rosie-Bell was bound by the feet and hauled away by murderous kitchen boys. The Wing GIs feasted on canned turkey and Stateside cheese, beans and fruit. There were no evident twinges of conscience though one comment about "eating like a pig" was vigorously protested by all present.

National Health Plan Recommended

WASHINGTON (ANS)—A Senate sub-committee recommended Wednesday a vast national health program centered about post-war Federal and State construction of a network of hospitals and health centers.

It also proposed among other things, Federal loans and grants to aid in providing sewer and water facilities and milk pasteurization plants in communities lacking them and providing public health departments in all communities as soon as needed personnel becomes available. The committee made no estimate of the cost.

DEBATE DEMOBILIZATION FOR US ARMY K-9 VETS

NEW YORK (Air Mail)—Demobilization of dogs who have served America in the war is a question at present under consideration. K-9 veterans, as the four-legged "soldiers" are called in the Army, will not, in all cases, find it possible to come home to their former masters.

Construction of permanent kennels, preferably in the vicinity of servicemen's hospitals, is suggested as the happiest post-war solution for providing a just reward for the plucky dogs for their valiant war service.

Flying Oklahoma Farmers Use Planes As Routine Equipment

NEW YORK, (Air Mail)—Oklahoma farmers have organized a flying group with 38 charter members who are using airplanes in actual conduct of farm operations. The first all-farmer organization to receive a charter from the US National Aeronautical Association, with sister chapters in process of formation in other Middle and Western States, the "flying farmers" as they call themselves, nonchalantly consider their planes as much a piece of routine farm equipment as the old "fiver" was in the last war.

They use the planes to locate cattle, check fences for breaks, fly in to "town" for supplies, making emergency trips for machinery repair parts, and delivering produce—particularly perishable foods—to market. Recently twenty farmers and their wives flew from widely

separated points to a meeting at the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College. They "parked" their planes on a flying field during the session, then flew home—some a considerable distance—to resume their farm duties with practically no interruption. Wheat fields, pastures, and other open spaces provide their home landing-fields and farm buildings serve as hangars for their planes.

The farmer flyers staged a spectacular three-day coyote hunt a short time ago in which a total of 257 coyotes were bagged, being shot down either from planes or located for grounds crews who destroyed the animals. The coyote hunt was organized because coyotes had become unusually numerous and harmful due to the shortage of ammunition since the war.

Flying Vice-President of the club, Forrest Watson, brought mail and supplies in his plane to an Oklahoma community that was snow-bound last winter, and also flew the county farm agent on an aerial inspection of 165,000 acres of wheat land in the short space of an hour and a half.

WHISKY CURES FROSTBITE, YANKS AT FRONT FIND

BELGIUM (CNS)—Army hospital units near the Front have one staple cure for frostbite—whisky. Alcohol expands the blood vessels and increase circulation in frozen limbs. So successful and so popular has this whisky treatment been that, as one doctor said, "it's gotten so that every ambulance driver coming in around here claims he is a frostbite case."

MOPSY by GLADYS PARKER

HE IS A BIT OLD FOR A STUDENT BUT IT TOOK HIM A LONG TIME TO SELL ENOUGH MAGAZINES TO GET HERE.



"Sometimes I wish they wouldn't plan these things on such a large scale!"

Flying Tigers Set New Record

HEADQUARTERS, FOURTEENTH AIR FORCE, CHINA:—With 221 enemy airplanes destroyed, 30 probably destroyed and 110 damaged up till the end of the New Year's third week the Fourteenth Air Force was running ahead of the new record it set up in the last month of the old year when it destroyed 241 enemy aircraft, probably destroyed 55 and damaged 194.

Thousands of tons of enemy shipping sunk and damaged had been superimposed upon the accumulative total to 843,289 tons of enemy shipping sunk, 338,900 probably sunk and 565,750 tons damaged which the Fourteenth had run up by January 1.

Randall's Raiders reported more than 100 locomotives destroyed in the first three weeks in January and railroad bridges and rolling stock under constant hammering.

The Fourteenth's ever mounting air superiority tends to discount the theory that the loss of air bases at Hengyang, Linglin, Paoching, Kweilin, Liuchow and Nanning during the summer and autumn thrust of the Japanese had checked the striking power of the Fourteenth.

Overall picture of Fourteenth operations in the first three weeks of January was one to give satisfaction to Gen. Chennault and statistical proof that again the boss of the Flying Tigers had outguessed the Japs, turned their strategy against them and had beaten them at their own game.

With a dislocated time table staring them in the face and the joint forces of Admiral Nimitz and Gen. MacArthur hammering them in the Philippines, it was apparent that the Japanese high command had failed in its objective of neutralizing the Flying Tigers ahead of the big Pacific push and that the summer and autumn campaigns on the mainland had merely furnished the Fourteenth with bigger targets. Up to the end of the third week in January the Japanese had been unable to capitalize, for offensive or defensive air operations any one of the Fourteenth's eastern bases lost during the summer and autumn.

'MOUSE TRAP' PLAY SMASHES JAP GUNS

14th AF BASE IN CHINA—When the Japs were finally driven from Wanting, the last enemy stronghold on the Ledo-Burma road, they left a trap for the Chinese ground forces—but got caught in it themselves.

The Japs hid cleverly camouflaged artillery in the surrounding hills, trained it on the town, and then waited. Everything happened according to their expectations. Chinese soldiers entered the town and cleaned out the remaining pockets, then proceeded with the flag raising ceremonies that are traditional with their army upon capture of a city. When the soldiers massed in formation in the central square and the Kuomintang flag began to ascend the pole, it was a pretty sight. The Japs took that minute to cut loose with their artillery.

No sooner had that occurred than another trap was sprung, this one by some American planes of Col. J. C. Kennedy's Composite Wing of the Fourteenth Air Force. These China-based fighters of General Chennault's "Flying Tigers" were hovering in the area, and the minute the Jap guns rumbled, a radio flash was sent through to the planes pointing out the gun positions. The strafing planes put every gun out of action and wiped out the crews. Flag raising ceremonies preceded as scheduled.

Glass Tube Saves Casualties Limbs

Major W. T. Mustard, of Toronto, has discovered a new method of surgery which may save the limbs of many wounded soldiers.

Working in a casualty clearing station near this front, Major Mustard has inserted glass tubing to bridge shattered arteries temporarily and thus maintain a blood supply in wounded limbs which normally would have to be amputated.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWER

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BELT MUGS

'Muscle Mangler' Handles Stars, Bars And Aching Gls

HQ, 14TH AF, CHINA.—When Corp. Francis H. Taylor says, "Wait till I get my hands on that guy," he isn't mad at anyone—he's just putting his heart into his work.

Corp. Taylor claims to be the only professional masseur in all China and certainly he is the only one yet unearthed in Randall's Raiders, the Fourteenth Air Force Fighter Wing in West China to which he belongs. His first claim of being closer to Brig.-Gen. Russell E. Randall, commander of the Raiders, than even the highest staff officer also is indisputable since "Doc" is the General's orderly, chiropractor and masseur.

With a wide read reputation for stretching words as well as muscles, Doc Taylor is both the envy and bewilderment of his fellow Raiders. His bias discourses about his grumpy back in Arizona "where I made my first fortune," and his experiences among Hollywood's film lovelies brought him nothing but jibes—until the Jinx Falkenberg-Pat O'Brien troupe came to this Asiatic outpost. Doc promptly hit the GI limelight by turning his skilled hands to the job of easing the travel-kinked muscles of Jinx, Betty Yeston and Ruth Carroll. The jibes abruptly turned to groans of envy.

The GI masseur claims to have smoothed out the sore spots on such film notables as Kay Francis, Norma Shearer, Joan Crawford, Jean Harlow and Thelma Todd. "I nearly got Garbo, too," he explains, "but she didn't keep the appointment." Also on the Taylor record of massaged bodies are Fred Waring and some of his band members, numerous show girls from Radio City and from Broadway productions and, since his entry into the Army, and impressive list of brass.

Corp. Taylor got his start in the world by proceeding to evacuate the town of his birth, McCrory, Arkansas and heading for Yuma, Arizona, as soon as he was old enough to become desirous of the good things of life. "I ran away from home," he says, "because I wanted to own nice clothes, drive an expensive automobile and associate with beautiful women." But the profession of a masseur did not occur to his until "I just gave birth to an idea and started massaging people."

After making a success of his career as a masseur, in New York and Hawaii and points between, Doc decided to enlarge upon his trade and studied for a time at the San Francisco School of Chiropractic. This course, according to the muscle artist, also included the techniques of embalming, but he adds, "I've never had such bad luck with my patients that I had to use that knowledge."

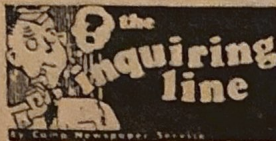
Explaining what he calls "my phenomenal success," Taylor asserts

that "I have what you call 'the feminine touch.' That means I'm especially good with women, who always are nervous and have to be calmed and soothed before you can find their aches and pains and correct them. . . . In this job, I have to be a combination masseur chiropractor and psychiatrist."

Classified as an administration clerk in the Army, because "there just isn't any classification for a masseur," Taylor has often supplemented his monthly payroll with remunerations for his work on the aching backs of appreciative GIs.

Up to now, it has all been pretty hush-hush, but the Corporal finally has admitted that he netted an even \$800 on the last part of the trip that brought his outfit to China. Long lines of hammock-weary soldiers used to make their way to Doc's portable "groan and grunt" table on the main deck. And now, in the land of rickshaws and rocky roads, the man with the "feminine touch" is finding plenty of business, ranging from visiting generals right down to aching buck privates.

High light of Doc's overseas career was the visit of the Hollywood troupe. He still rubs his hands in an odd gesture of reminiscence as he recalls that "it just seemed like old times!"



Q. My mother received a telegram from the Government notifying her I was wounded in action. She was worried by the fact that the telegram had 2 stars on it. What do the stars mean?

A. Two stars are placed on all telegrams of an urgent nature.

Q. Does a soldier's pre-induction status have any bearing on his eligibility for discharge under the War Department's demobilization plan? I was a pre-Fearl Harbor father and have 2 dependent children. Because of my dependency status, I was not drafted until late in 1943.

A. Under the demobilization plan announced by the War Department, a man's pre-induction status has no bearing on his eligibility for discharge. However, the fact that you have 2 dependent children will count. Length of service, length of overseas service and certain combat decorations also count.

Q. I have heard that a soldier hospitalized for Venereal Disease no longer loses his pay. Is that correct?

A. That is correct. You are referred to AR 25-1440, dated November, 1944.

A SOLDIER WRITES:— Dear Mom,

Although I have only been in China for a few days Mom, it is easy to see there are thousands of things which make this country different than any other I have visited.

Probably more than any other country Mom, China has been terribly hit by the war, but the first thing which strikes you when arriving here is the cheery smile and good nature of these people who have been taken all the enemy can put out and are still fighting back.

Even more than India Mom, transportation here ranges from ox-carts and rickshaws to huge GI trucks and busses. Mainly the roads are not good, since they were not built to stand the heavy traffic which goes over them every day now that the Americans are here with all of their modern means of travel. A familiar sight here is a sort of horse-drawn coach, built square like a cheese-box, and centered on two wheels. There seems to be no end to the number of passengers these carts will hold, and faces with broad grins can be seen through the windows on every side.

G. I. Shakespeare In China

Overnight Pass

Now, I really don't care, lady fair,
'Both the shade of your eyes or your hair;
Your name or your weight or your height;
Just—What are you doing tonight?

—TSgt. Buell R. Synder
To A Buddie

We saw your grave today, old pal,
The earth still fresh and cold;
And at your head there stood a
a cross,

As if we need be told.
We stood around like things,
not men,
We knew not what to say;
'Till someone broke the silence
with
'We'd best be on our way.'

We turned as one and walked
away,
Heads bowed and hats in hand,
I hated so to leave you there,
I hope you'll understand,
Who knows we soon may meet
again,

And start our lives anew.
We'll laugh about the Army
then,
And things we used to do.
We'll plan our plans and dream
our dreams
Just as we used to do.
So do the best you can, old pal,
I may be seeing you.

—Sgt. J. Ruggeri

Repast

The tenderest moments we recall
are those of home.
When twilight climbs the garden
wall in purple tone,
And far away from night and
fear in a cheery cozy room,
In a pleasing dreamy atmosphere
dispelling outside gloom.

A sleepy cat yawns on the
hearth and in the firelight
glow
We let our memories trace a
path through country that we
know.

Only our faces betray our mood,
our eyes portray the past,
While memory supplies the food
for our reverie's repast.

—D. Horle

Loneliness

My heart's an hour glass
through which
The sands of memory press and
burn,
While I mark time with hope
and prayer
Until the day when I return.

—Corp. A. Bielew

Many Post-War Uses For Microfilm Magic

NEW YORK (Air Mail)—Beyond to-day's V Mail lie vast postwar possibilities in what promises to be an era of microfilm magic. By the microfilm process, wordage can be compressed to slightly less than one percent of its original area. Thus it will be possible to send all kinds of reading matter in postage-stamp size to any place in the world, where on reaching its destination, it can be restored to normal proportions.

Already road maps have been microfilmed for the army. Such maps, wound on tiny spools, attached under illuminated panels, are being promised as part of the regular equipment of the postwar motorcar. Personal identification papers, such as passports, birth and marriage certificates, driving licenses, and other private documents will be recorded on microfilm strips to be enclosed in small lockets, bracelets, or brooches. This process is regarded as one of America's youngest and fastest-growing enterprises, holding interesting future careers for mechanically-minded persons of both sexes.

HOLLYWOOD —and— BROADWAY

(ANS)—Easily the most-discussed Broadway character of the season is Harvey in the hit comedy of the same name starring Frank Fay. Harvey is a giant-sized mythical rabbit who can be seen only by Fay. He speaks no lines, but his figure is outlined for the audience by Fay, cast as an inebrate. Now, by vote of Actors Equity, the organization of and for professional players, Harvey has become an honorary member. There was a vacant chair for him at the speakers' table when the election was announced. Harvey was "introduced" by Fay and his inaudible "remarks" were applauded. The only stipulation Equity made was that there must be only one Harvey. That means no hare-raising episodes. By way of anti-climax it might be mentioned that Harvey gets due notice in Olsen and Johnson's zany new "Laffing Room Only." A stooge raises a rabbit by the ears in a box and as the act is repeated through the show, with appropriate remarks by O. & J., the brood increases. Finally, he offers to sell them. But meat shortage, or no, nobody wants them until a distinguished gentleman arises in an opposite box and says, "I'll take them for free." "What's your name?" pipes Johnson. "I. J. Fox!" (Aside only to those whose normal sphere is influenced by Florida and California chambers of commerce: I. J. Fox is a much-advertised Gotham firm of furriers.)

Harold Lloyd, the silent film comedian with the horn-rimmed spectacles for a trademark, is returning to the screen. Temporary title is "The Sins of Harold Diddlebock" Jerome Courtland, the adolescent admirer of Irene Dunne in the refreshing comedy "Together Again," will have the juvenile lead opposite Shirley Temple in the Hollywood version of "Kiss and Tell." Betty Caulfield is still capering in the Broadway production now in its second year. Warner Brothers have changed the film title of stage comedy "Pillar to Post," in which Ida Lupino and Sydney Greenstreet are featured, to "Pillow to Post." Softer approach no doubt.

Orson Welles, the lad who almost up-ended the country a few years ago with his "Martian Invasion" radio drama, and who has attempted about everything in Hollywood and Broadway, now is trying his hand at writing a syndicated newspaper column. Title is "Orson Welles Almanac." He started out with a word about astrology, so the Post, his New York outlet, put him on the sports page. Missing from the Welles Almanac are the usual ads about pills.

A Butte, Montana, correspondent says R. H. "Bob" Fletcher, public relations director for Montana Power Company, wrote the words to the nation's current song hit, "Don't Fence Me In." He wrote the words ten years ago and sold them to Cole Porter for \$250, he says. That leaves Porter the "gate."

For the record: The New York Company of the musical "Oklahoma!" has given its 800th performance. Toby David, NBC comedian, once took a flyer at professional wrestling under the name of "Syrian Assassin" Phil Spitalny's all-girl orchestra rates Victor Herbert as its favorite composer. . . . Actor Carl Eastman plays a marine corporal in the daytime CBS serial "Amanda" and later portrays an Army serial on the program "Life Can Be Beautiful." In private life, he's a civilian who likes to sail a boat.

DeMille Quits Show In Fight With Union

HOLLYWOOD (ANS)—Cecil B. DeMille voluntarily stepped out of his \$3,000 weekly radio show this week in preference to paying a one dollar union assessment.

The American Federation of Radio Artists suspended him recently because he refused to pay the fee which the union intended using in the fight against the proposed "closed shop" amendment to the California state Constitution.

The Courts upheld the Union last week and DeMille was automatically barred from the radio under the terms of the closed shop contract between the AFRA and the networks.

Kansas City (CNS)—This ad ran in a recent edition of the Kansas City Star "WANTED: Cigar store attendant. Low wages but first crack at popular brand cigarettes."

CUTIES •• By E. Simms Campbell

Registered U. S. Patent Office



"Tch-tch-tch . . . if I only had confidence in these soldiers she goes with!"

COMMAND POST COMIC PAGE

Private Breger Abroad By Dave Breger



"Must be battle fatigue, Sir—he's afraid to wind his wrist watch because it might be a booby-trap!"

LIFE'S LIKE THAT By Fred Neher



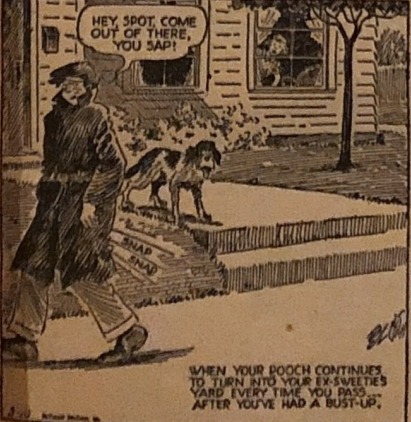
"Well... what's this Army of occupation?!"

SIDE GLANCES—By Galbraith



"I'll be in the office tomorrow, I hope—I'd rather be there with a cold than here getting an earful of the sorrows of nine radio families that don't even exist!"

ALL IN A LIFETIME



WHEN YOUR BOOCH CONTINUES TO TURN INTO YOUR EX-SWEETIES YARD EVERY TIME YOU PASS AFTER YOU'VE HAD A BUST-UP.

A dog's life.

Terry And The Pirates



Blondie



Dick Tracy



Napoleon And Uncle Elby



Male Call



Moon Mullins



Donald Duck



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Better Cram For The Exam



Something Must Be Done



Rods Of Rods



Brains And Brawn



Cold Dressing



The Old Guard



The Time Saver



WORLD EVENTS IN PICTURES

Bottoms Up



A medium bombardment group of the famed Chinese-American Wing of the 15th Air Force has adopted the nickname of the "Gaming Group". Its Chinese that means "Bottoms Up." In front (left to right) are Lt.-Col. David J. M. Mason, New Haven, Conn.; Major George Gray, Bismarck, N.D., wielding the traditional bottle; and Major Y. K. Wang, vice-commander of the group. In the rear (left to right) are: Sgt. Ted Brown, Roselle, Ohio; MSgt. Joseph D. Stahl, Milwaukee, Wis. and Corp James W. Fitzgerald, Jersey City, N.J.—(Air Force photo.)

"Mona"



This lascivious young beauty is the sweetheart of US military personnel in the Assholes Department. The work of Sgt Charles R. Fayer, she is a regular feature of Sentry Bar, Army News Magazine published in that department.

Sentry In Silhouette



125TH AAFBU CHINA: As the sun sets over another Farflug Air Transport Command Base, Pfc. Eugene Swanson, Los Angeles, Calif., stands guard against Japanese air-raids over this advanced airfield in China. Giant Air Transport Command cargo-carriers land at this India-China Division station after flying the treacherous "Hump" with vital war supplies for the fighting forces in China. (AAF Photo.)

Haven For China's Refugees



Now on their way to the U.S. Constance, Sylvia and Lovetta Yng, daughters of the Chinese Consul General at San Francisco, Cal., were found on this refugee packed train at a siding in China after the flight from Kwailin, where they were attending school. SOS officers, searching the trains at the request of Major-Gen. Claire Chennault, discovered the girls. (Air Force photo.)

Marsmen



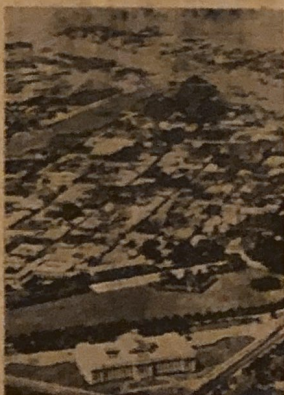
Stripped to the waist under the tropical sun, an American mortar crew of the Mars Task Force, which blocked the Burma Road and cut off the Japanese escape route to Lashio, continues to pound the enemy troops and supply columns.—(Signal Corps photo.)

Social Call



Sgt. Powell I. Richards, Scranton, Pa., an infantryman pinch-hitting as motor sergeant at TIG 2, takes time out for a little talk with Peggy Pfennig, Columbus, Ohio as the ABC girl visits one of the outposts of the Y-Force.—(Signal Corps photo.)

Manila — Philippine Capital



Aerial view of the old walled city in Manila. In the foreground is the Philippine Legislative Building. At the top is the Pasig River which winds through the heart of the city and flows into Manila Bay.

Scene Of Fierce Fighting



Prewar Koensberg, capital of East Prussia, where the Russian forces engaged the Germans in fierce house to house fighting. Of great importance politically, Koensberg is also important for its industry.