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MOVING UP . . . with a piano. Men attached to a U.S. Special Overseas Unit carry field piano to a bivouac where it's to be set up for a concert. Turn to page 8 for a story on our warrior showmen.

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SEATTLE REHEARSAL. Some 58,000 members of the Civilian Protection Forces of Seattle, Wash., participated in the city's biggest air raid drill. Here, a gas attack is simulated.

Zanuck Finds Alaskan Troops Tougher Than Humphrey Bogart

SEATTLE—"I'd rather fly to Berlin nightly than to Kiska once," said Col. Darryl Zanuck.

Since he finished producing Tyrone Power in "The Black Swan" and Gene Tierney and Preston Foster in "Thunderbird" and joined the Army to run the photographic section of the Signal Corps, the former Hollywood wonder boy has covered a lot of territory.

Last June, for instance, he bounced up in England and saw the British Commandos in action. Now he's just back from Alaska. He goes out on the limb with the statement the Yanks in the Arctic "have the most difficult job of any armed forces anywhere in the world."

"There's a hell of a war up there," Zanuck says. "Two wars really—one against the Japs and the other against the weather.

"People think our men are sitting around up there but they're flying in weather that fogs their wing tips from view. To bomb Kiska, they must fly farther than from London to Berlin in weather that has no equal in the world."

Those Japs Won't Even Let You Open Your Mail

SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA —Lieut. Clayton Wilson of Shreveport, La., didn't get a chance to read a letter from his girl until he was hanging from the treetop in his parachute 40 feet from the ground.

Just as Lieut. Wilson got the letter at mail call, the alert sounded. He stuffed it into his pocket and ran to his plane. A couple of minutes later he was fighting a Japanese raiding force of 15 Zeros and 27 bombers.

Two Zeros attacked him at the same time and shot his ship to pieces. Down he zoomed in a 12,000 foot drop, finally bailing out.

He landed in a tree and the parachute caught in the branches, leaving him swinging in mid-air.

"It got kind of monotonous hanging there," he says. "Then I remembered the letter and opened it and read it."

Phoney Gun Scares The Pants Off Japs

A.E.F. HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIA — Filipino guerrillas retook three provinces from the Japs with a new secret weapon—a cannon that doesn't shoot anything.

The gun is merely a bamboo tube three feet long with a four-inch bore and a fuse hole at the base. The Filipinos put machine oil in the barrel, blow through the fuse hole to vaporize the oil and then touch a match to the mouth. The improvised gun goes off with the noise of a cannon and great spurts of flame.

The best story about its use is the time the guerrillas forced the Nipponese to abandon an important bridgehead. They crept up on the Japs in the night, set off their hell-blazers and made such a racket that the Japs high-tailed.

The fearless Nipponese ran smack into the Hallowe'en detail's buddies, whose knives and bolos cut their number down by 500.

The story is told by Colonel Carlos P. Romulo, aide-de-camp to General MacArthur, who just returned from a secret mission.

Army Finally Finds Girl Piccolo Player

NEW YORK—The long search for a woman piccolo player to complete the WAAC'S 29-piece band is at an end.

Recruiting officers here have been after a lady piccolo artist for weeks but every time they got one, she up and flunked the physical exam.

But finally they signed one up who met the specifications. She's Miss Mary B. Nissley of Lancaster, Pa., who used to conduct the school band there.

Maritime "Flying Tigers" Feed 54 Jap Planes to Fish

WASHINGTON—Fifty-four to four is a pretty decisive score in any ball game.

That's the lead one Navy aircraft carrier-based fighter squadron holds over the Japs so far in this war. In four separate actions, these anonymous flyers have shot down 54 Nipponese planes and "probably downed" 18 others, while losing only four of their own ships.

What's more, only two of those four U. S. planes were destroyed by Jap gunfire. The other two were stranded at sea when they ran out of fuel before reaching their carrier.

The Records

The fighting record of this remarkable squadron — a convincing study in cold figures of American superiority over the Japs in the air —began at the Coral Sea when the pilots blotted out 28 enemy planes, including 14 Zeros. Seven others were listed as "probably" destroyed.

Just before the Battle of Midway, the squadron was assigned to the Yorktown under Lieut. Commander John S. Thach who, by the way, was Lieut. Commander Edward O'Hare's boss when he got his six Jap planes at the Marshall Islands.

Three Big Battles

They took part in three actions June 4 at Midway when the Jap dive bombers crippled the Yorktown and their score for the day was 26 enemy planes destroyed (and 11 others probably downed) against two lost fighters of their own. The Navy tells the story of the three battles very clearly in its official report:

"On the first occasion, six U.S. fighters, while escorting a torpedo squadron from the Yorktown, were attacked by 20 Japanese 'Zeros.'

"The result of this action was eight Japanese fighters downed, with several more probably lost, as against the loss of only two U.S. planes.

"Later, when the Japanese were dive-bombing the Yorktown with 18 divebombers, protected by 18 Zero fighters, combat patrols from the squadron intercepted the attack and broke it up so successfully that only four enemy planes dropped bombs.

"In the squadron's third action that day, another attack on the Yorktown by 18 torpedo planes, escorted by 18 Zeros, was hit so hard that only five enemy planes broke through."

No Time for Escape

Incidentally, all five of those Japs, after torpedoing the Yorktown, were destroyed before they could make a getaway.

The squadron probably would have kept it up and ruined the Japanese air power in the Pacific but the Yorktown was beginning to list, making its flight deck useless for take-offs and landings. But the boys will be back in action again soon.

SOUTHERN EXPOSURE, please. Soldiers arrive to bunk at one of the hotels in Atlantic City, N. J., taken over by the Army. There were no bellhops to carry that baggage.

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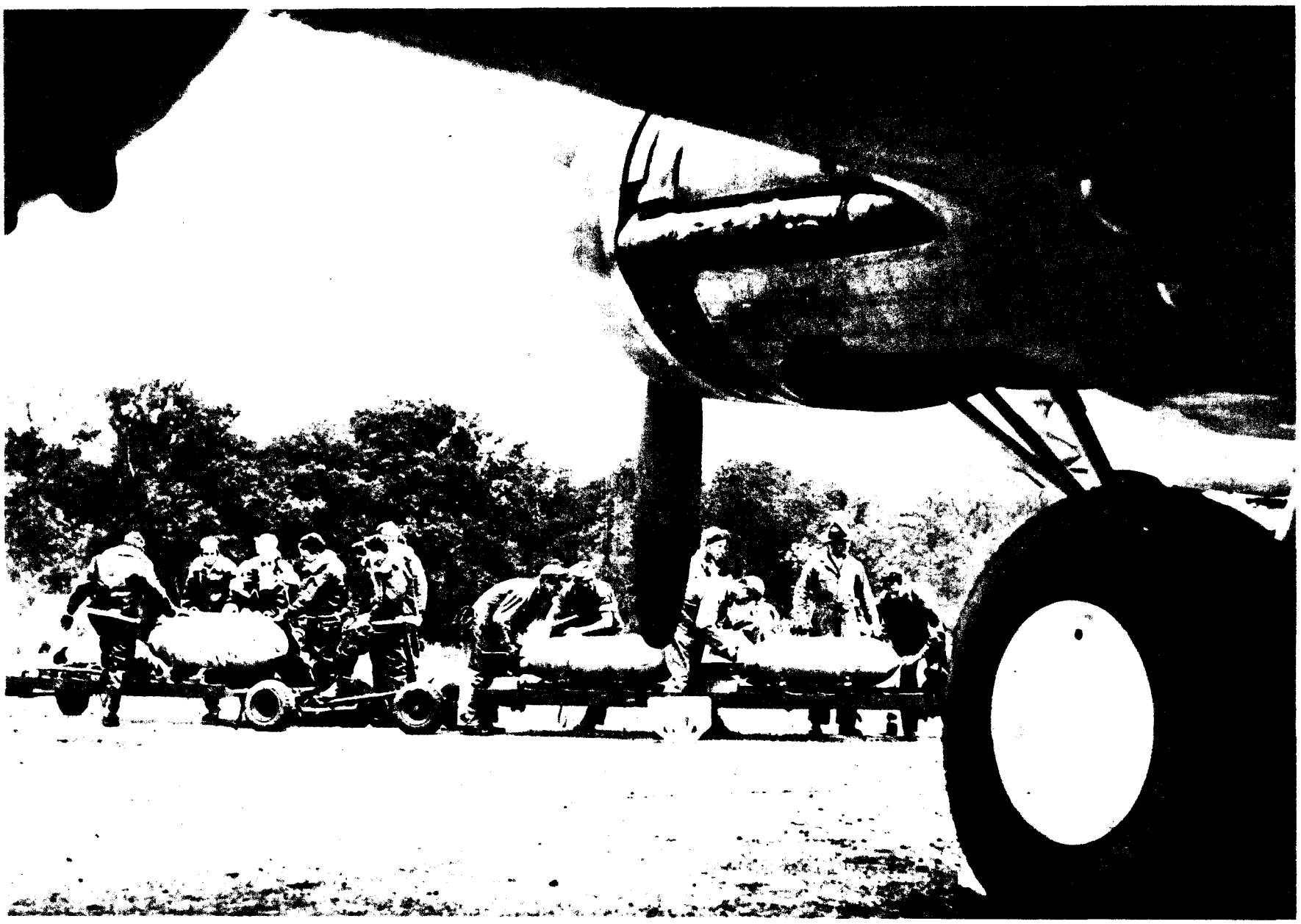

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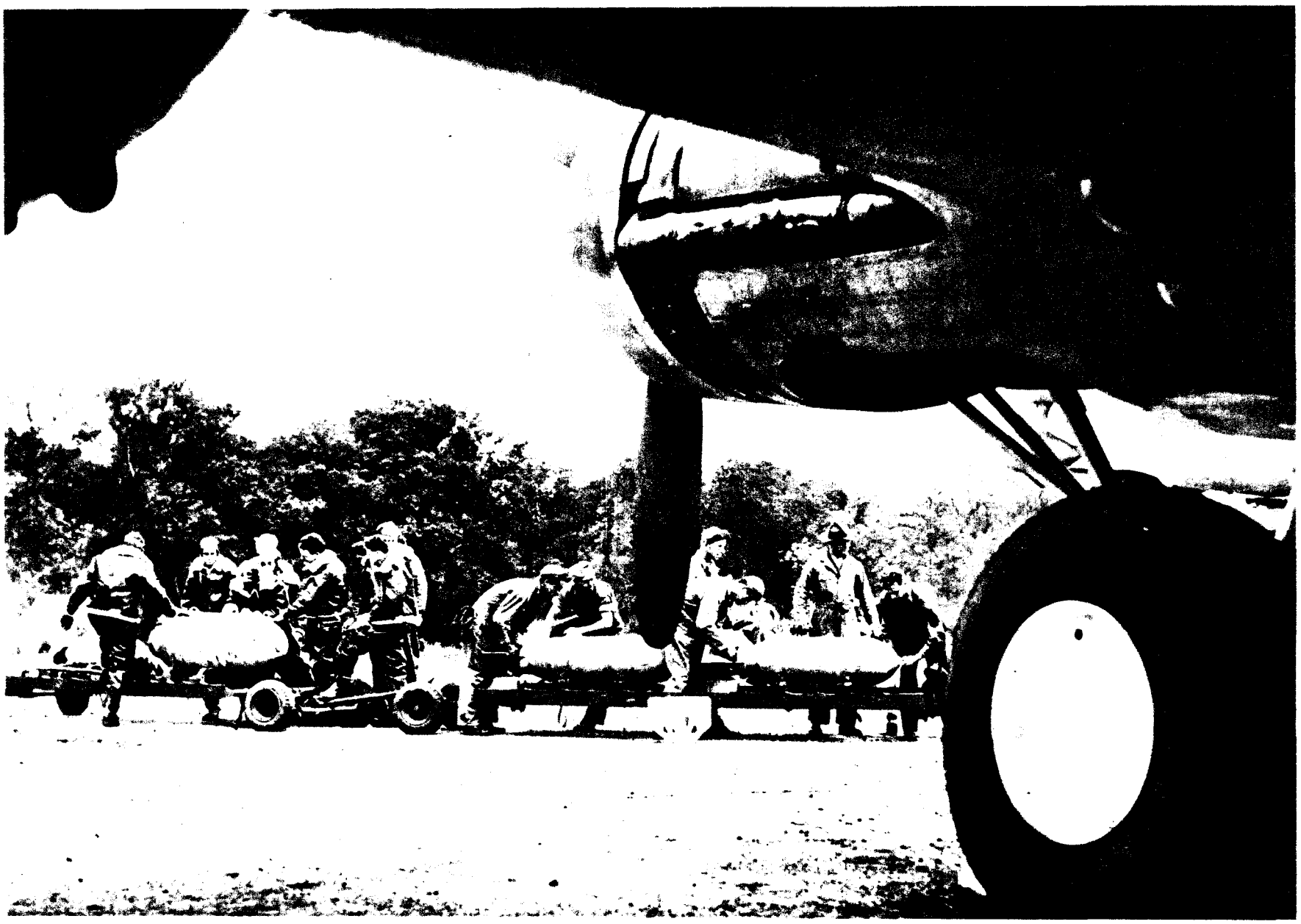

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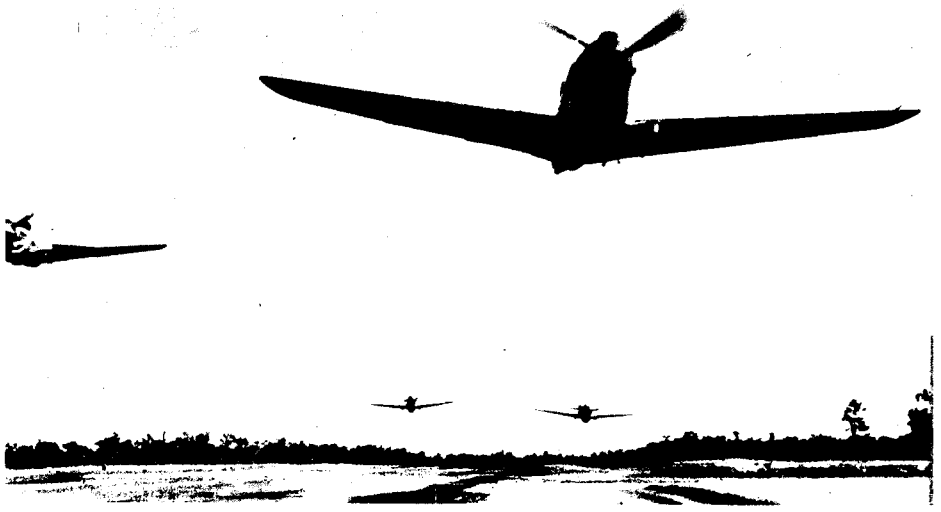

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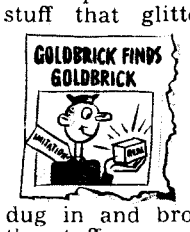
Since the Japs can maintain no such information system in hostile China, they have been constantly surprised by Chennault's small but miracle-working air force. Most recent Chennault surprises were against Jap ships in the Yangtze, warehouses, docks and factories at Hankow, Jap ground troops in Chekiang and Jap air fields at Nanchang and Canton. Jap planes have been driven out of the skies over at least three big Chinese provinces. The tickled Chinese thought up a new name for the AAF in China: "Sky Dragons."

Notwithstanding all this, the Nips announced one day that they had bombed three big Chinese cities, including Chungking, the capital. Chennault laughed out loud at this one. The general had been in those "bombed" places that day and had seen no Japs.

By YANK's Field Writer

SOMEWHERE IN ALASKA—Shakespeare was right about all the stuff that glitters. Captain Frear Burk and a mixed group of officers and men found plenty of shining sands that looked to them like purest gold. The water was cold, but they dug in and brought out plenty of the stuff.



But when assay officers looked it over, they handed it back with a shake of the head. Mica, they said. No commercial value.

But (now that it can be told) a Pfc. by the name of Simmons hit pay dirt once. He picked up a chunk of quartz, kept it under cover until after duty hours and then smashed it down to powder. The local bank paid him $28.10 for the gold that was in it.

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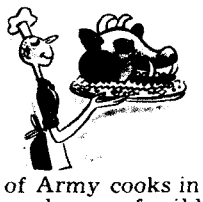
CANAL ZONE—Have some "tapir steak a la rifle bullet"? Or would you prefer some "trout filet a l'hand grenade"? Then again, we can offer "Iguana a la machete."



These are a few of the "blue plate" dishes taken from the jungle recipes of Army cooks in Panama who have made use of wild game and tropical vegetables and fruits during jungle marches.

A rifle or a machete brings home a tapir, an iguana, a wild pig or wild turkey. Alligator meat has been tried. Just tried—that's all.

A hand grenade is substituted for the proverbial rod and reel and a score of all types of fish is obtained with one toss into a stream.

The cook only has to stoop to get his vegetables. From the ground he pulls yucas, guaguis, and malangas (all similar to our potatoes), and boniatos (like the turnip). He reaches up and gets horse platonos (kindred of the banana), which are fried before eaten.

Aguacate salad serves as green stuff with cocoanut milk as refreshment.

Each meal is topped off with such fruits as tamarindos (dried dates); guanabanas (melon); papayas, and mangos (somewhat similar to cantalopes and peaches).

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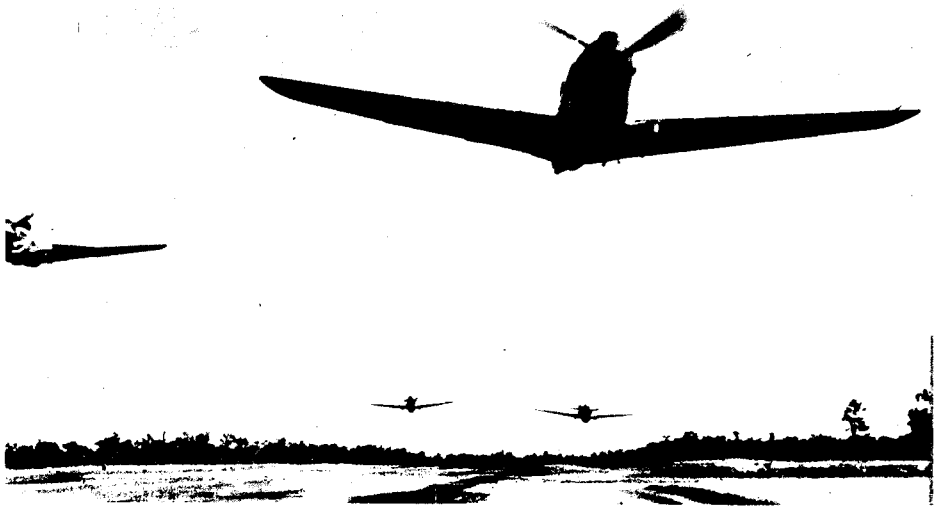

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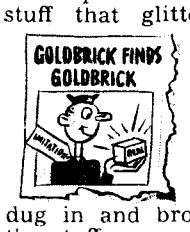
Lately, this Chinese efficiency has served more positive ends. It has supplied U.S. Brig. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, commanding the 23rd Pursuit Group, with information at all times on the Japs' whereabouts, has given him time to disperse his planes if necessary, has enabled him to pick the time and place to meet the enemy.

Since the Japs can maintain no such information system in hostile China, they have been constantly surprised by Chennault's small but miracle-working air force. Most recent Chennault surprises were against Jap ships in the Yangtze, warehouses, docks and factories at Hankow, Jap ground troops in Chekiang and Jap air fields at Nanchang and Canton. Jap planes have been driven out of the skies over at least three big Chinese provinces. The tickled Chinese thought up a new name for the AAF in China: "Sky Dragons."

Notwithstanding all this, the Nips announced one day that they had bombed three big Chinese cities, including Chungking, the capital. Chennault laughed out loud at this one. The general had been in those "bombed" places that day and had seen no Japs.

By YANK's Field Writer

SOMEWHERE IN ALASKA—Shakespeare was right about all the stuff that glitters. Captain Frear Burk and a mixed group of officers and men found plenty of shining sands that looked to them like purest gold. The water was cold, but they dug in and brought out plenty of the stuff.



But when assay officers looked it over, they handed it back with a shake of the head. Mica, they said. No commercial value.

But (now that it can be told) a Pfc. by the name of Simmons hit pay dirt once. He picked up a chunk of quartz, kept it under cover until after duty hours and then smashed it down to powder. The local bank paid him $28.10 for the gold that was in it.

By YANK's Caribbean Field Writer

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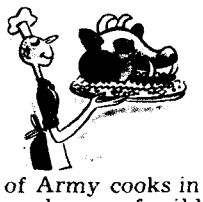

These are a few of the "blue plate" dishes taken from the jungle recipes of Army cooks in Panama who have made use of wild game and tropical vegetables and fruits during jungle marches.

A rifle or a machete brings home a tapir, an iguana, a wild pig or wild turkey. Alligator meat has been tried. Just tried—that's all.

A hand grenade is substituted for the proverbial rod and reel and a score of all types of fish is obtained with one toss into a stream.

The cook only has to stoop to get his vegetables. From the ground he pulls yucas, guaguis, and malangas (all similar to our potatoes), and boniatos (like the turnip). He reaches up and gets horse platonos (kindred of the banana), which are fried before eaten.

Aguacate salad serves as green stuff with cocoanut milk as refreshment.

Each meal is topped off with such fruits as tamarindos (dried dates); guanabanas (melon); papayas, and mangos (somewhat similar to cantalopes and peaches).

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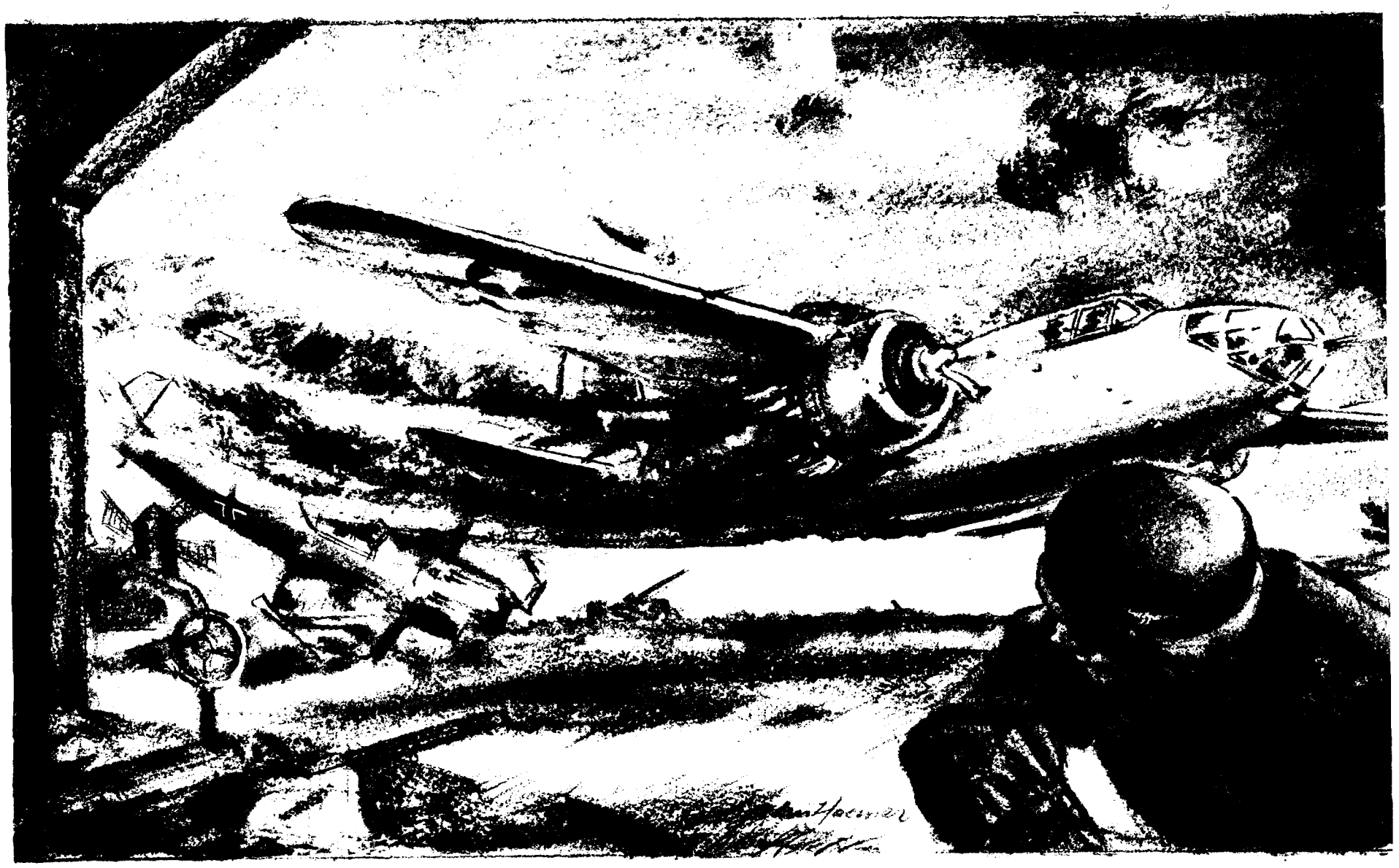

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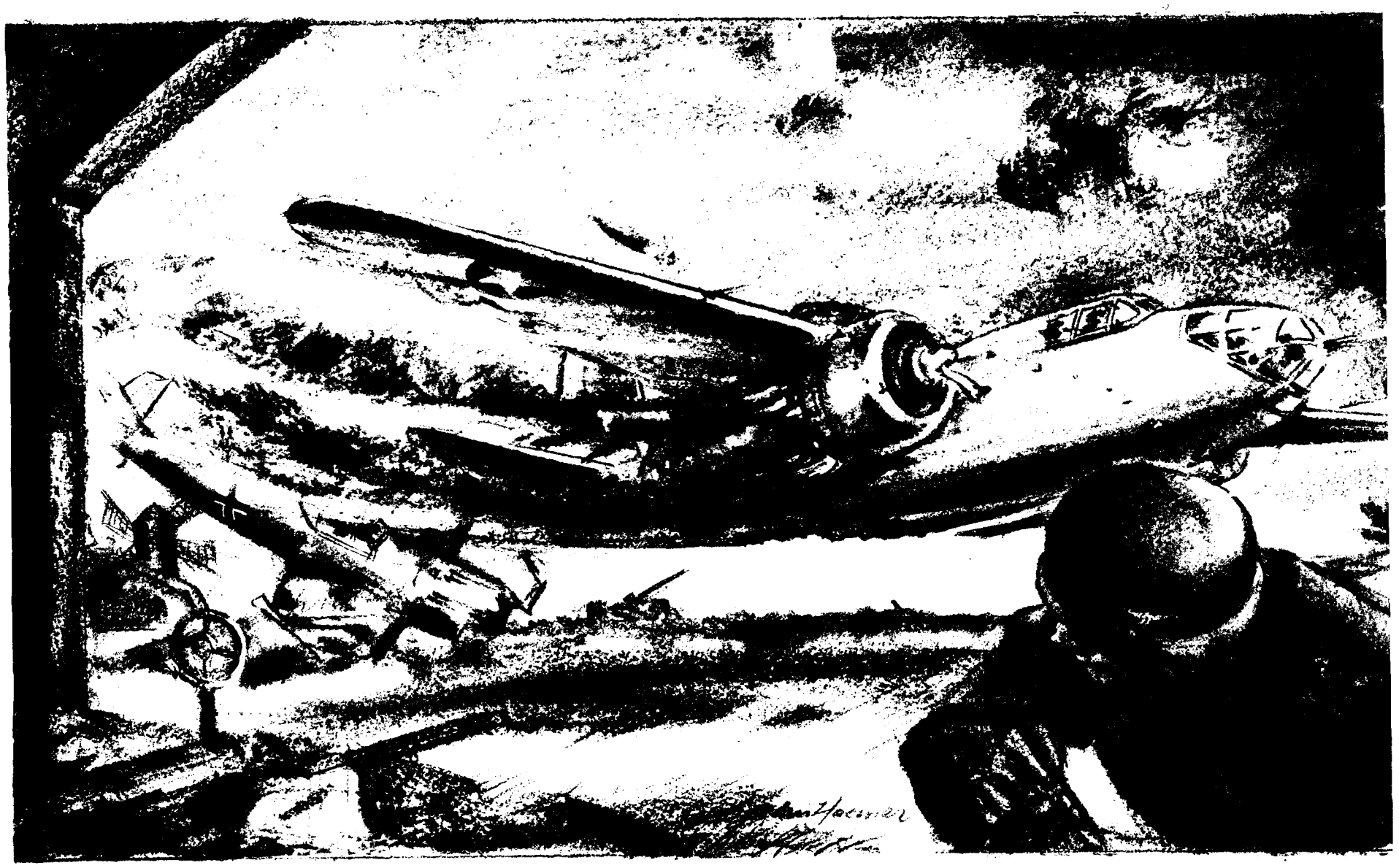

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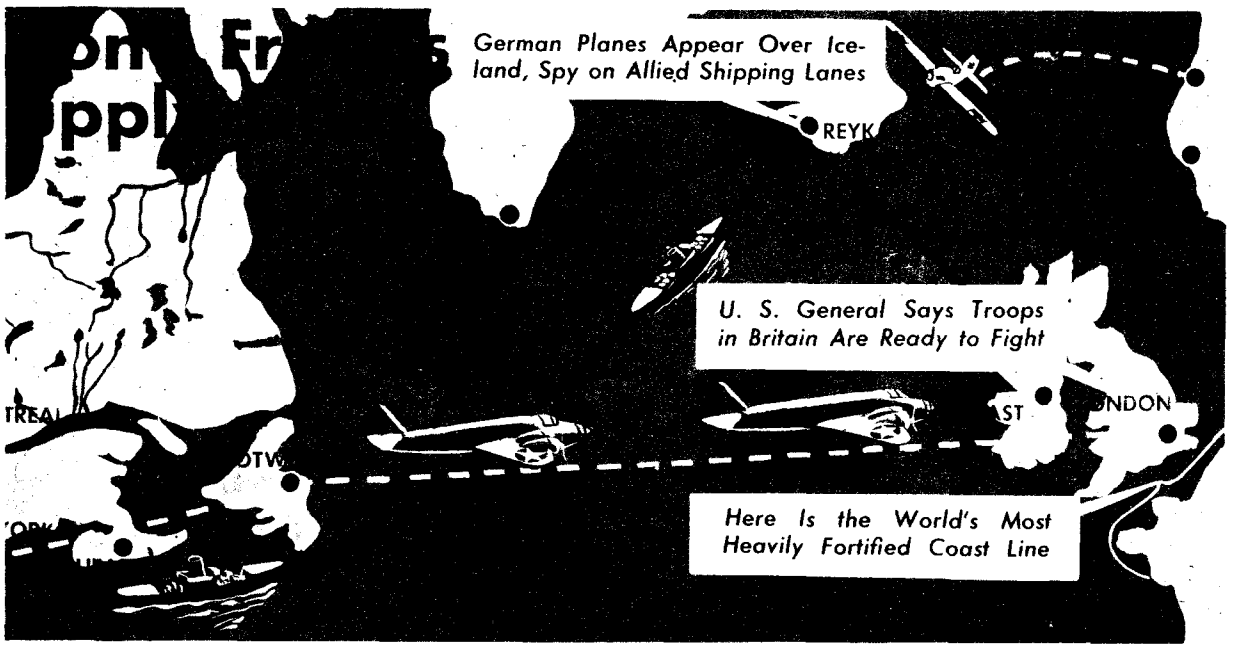
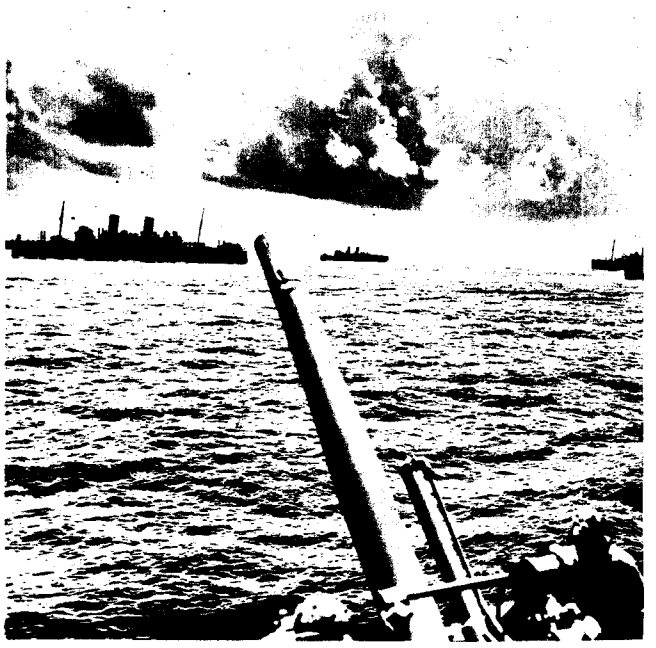




A FEELING of crisis was in the air. The summer of 1942 was entering its last full month, and with it the "military year" in many parts of the world drew to a close.

It was, of course, possible that the summer might peter out in an anti-climax of inactivity. But, to judge from the news that streamed out of world capitals, almost no one, from Axis propagandists to U. S. armchair strategists, really expected the season to end with anything but a bang.

If ever there was a crisis of global dimensions for the American soldier to contemplate, here it was:

Civil revolt was threatened by an India menaced by Japan. The Japanese, having placed themselves astride the Aleutians, were now massing men, tanks and planes on the Siberian - Manchukuan borders. Despite daily pounding from U. S.-British bombers, Rommel's Afrika Korps outside Alexandria in Egypt was steadily reinforced by small Axis freighters and bombers.

Worst of all, the situation in Russia was desperate. The Red Army had been pushed back almost to the Caucasian Mountains, while the Nazis captured the big Maikop oil fields and were threatening from two sides the city of Stalingrad, Russia's "Pittsburgh."

Summer of Setbacks

The summer had been, indeed, one of bad news almost without a let-up. There could be no sugar-coating of the fact that United Nations victories had been few, that defeats had been too frequent. The Axis still held the military initiative on almost every battlefront. It was in spite of these facts that the peoples of the United Nations, as well as their soldiers, hoped that the time was not far distant when we would be able to turn the tide by opening a resounding offensive.

In the Pacific there were, indeed, already indications of that growing offensive power which America expects from its armed men. A task force of the U. S. Pacific Fleet bombarded Jap ships and installations at Kiska, in the Aleutians. At the same time a naval force under Vice Admiral Ghormley, supported by U. S. and Australian airmen under Gen. MacArthur's command, began an attack on the Jap-held Solomon Islands some 900 miles northeast of Australia.

At last reports U. S. marines had landed near the deep-harbor port of Tulagi in an operation described by Admiral Ernest J. King, the Navy's Commander-in-chief, as "one of the most complicated and difficult in warfare." Against Japanese counter-attacks launched with "rapidity and vigor" the marines held the beachheads. Indeed, it began to look as if things might be different in the Pacific from now on.

Important as were these actions they could not compare to the great drama of war unfolding elsewhere. The threads of these scattered crises, whether they originated in Asia, Africa or Australia, seemed to lead to one small spot on the world map — to western Europe. At the same time the world's eyes began to focus on one man stationed in that spot — on the American soldier in England and Ireland.

Second Front Decisions

It was not that India or Russia or China were not important in themselves. It was simply that the fate of Egypt or the disposition of Caucasian oil seemed to depend so utterly on whether a second front was or was not to be opened in Europe.

Nor was it that British soldiers would not also take part in the opening of a second front. But the world knew that Britain, with a population of only 45,000,000 and with commitments throughout her Empire, could not be expected alone to mount a continental invasion against a Germany of 85,000,000 which also rules almost all of populous Europe. The second front depended not only on how many American soldiers there were in the British Isles; it also depended on how well-trained, how tough, how eager those soldiers were.

Turning the War of Nerves

Strangely enough, the world's eyes were glued on western Europe not because of what was happening there but because of what many confidently believed was going to happen. In a curious sort of way the Allies were already on the offensive.

They were not fighting land battles, to be sure, but at least they had turned the tables on Adolf Hitler and were giving him a good dose of his favorite medicine—psychological warfare. Always before it had been the democracies who were put in the position of trying to guess if and when and where Hitler would next strike. This time the shoe was on Hitler's foot. The United Nations slogan, "Second Front," had become a Nazi headache.

As long ago as last June, Pres. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill announced "coming operations" which would "divert German strength from the attack on Russia." Since that time many Allied military and political leaders have promised the second front. Naturally, they neglected to mention dates, although a few did give places.

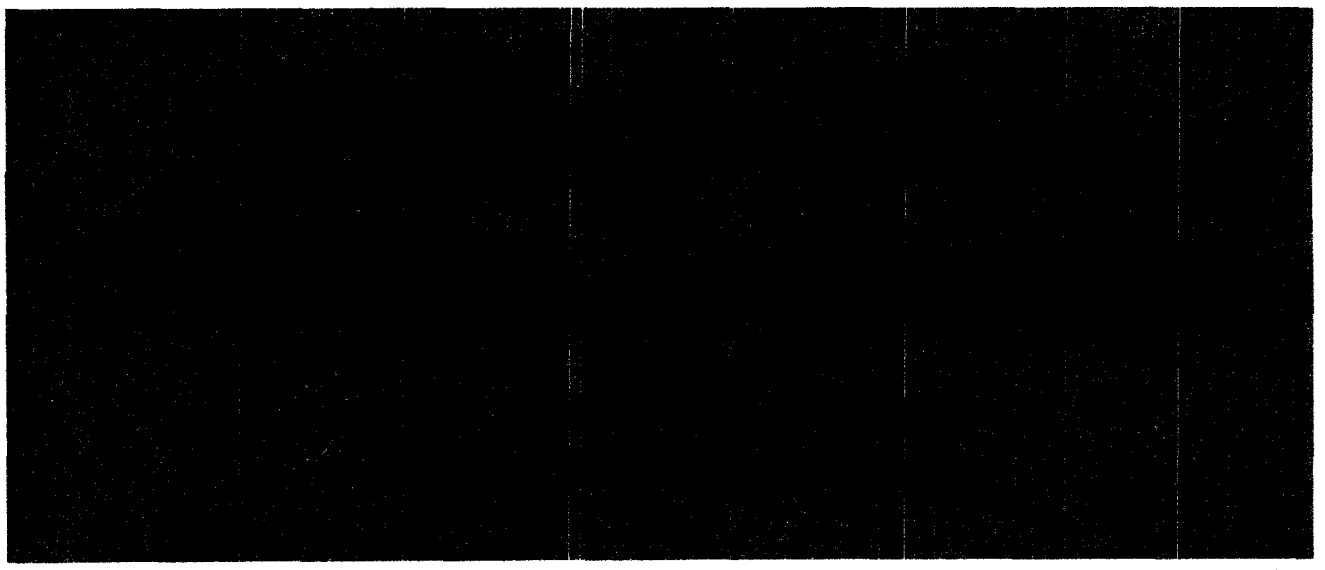
Has all this been just talk designed merely to scare the Nazis? The Germans don't think so.

They've fortified the coast of northern France, Belgium and The Netherlands until today it is probably the most heavily fortified coastline in the world. They've built military roads leading to the spots an invasion might hit. They've mined all waters along the English Channel and have spent no end of time and money building air fields.

Nazis Prepare for Worst

Every possible device has been used by the Nazis to keep the enslaved populations on the coast from rising up and helping the invader if and when he comes. When the British first advised Frenchman to get out of coastal cities, the Nazis forbade it. Now they have reversed themselves and forcibly removed some 3,000,000 French, Belgians, Dutch to the interior.

Nazi-controlled radios now admit that an Allied attempt to invade the



A Solomon Islands beach, probably like that on which marines landed.

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continent probably will be made, although it is always added that the attempt is bound to fail. At the same time the Germans have been trying to keep even stricter tabs than usual on the north Atlantic shipping routes over which an invasion force would be supplied. Nazi reconnaissance planes have been roaming far out into the Atlantic. A few recently appeared even over U. S. - defended Iceland.

Equally as eager as the conquered peoples for the second front were the Russians. Mid - August found the southwestern Army of Marshal Timoshenko pushed back almost to the Volga against Stalingrad, while the Caucasian Army of Lieut. Gen. Kozlov seemed helpless against the mechanized forces of Nazi Gen. von Kleist. Kleist and his men were a good 1,400 miles from their main bases in Germany, but on they went nevertheless, finally reaching the Maikop oil fields in which 10 per cent of Russia's oil needs were pumped from the ground. Here the Soviets again carried out their scorched-earth policy. The Nazis found nothing but an inferno at Maikop.

Vital Areas Menaced

Stalingrad was hardly less important. In peace the city built tractors; in war it was Russia's No. 1 tank source. One of the earliest cities to be developed for national industrialization under the Soviet first five-year plan, Stalingrad had grown from a 1931 population of 150,000 to 450,000 in 1939. Along its 31-mile front on the River Volga are shipbuilding, oil distilling, canning, metallurgical factories and sawmilling.

Several hundred miles farther south the Nazis also were approaching territory linked to Stalin's name —his birthplace in the old Russian province of Georgia. But there was more to this Nazi threat for Joseph Stalin than mere sentiment. The Maikop fields were bad enough to lose; loss of the far richer Baku fields across the Caucasian mountains from Maikop might be fatal to Russia.

Drive to the East?

In a broad strategic sense the Nazis, by heading south toward the Caucasus, actually were turning away from the U. S. S. R. toward the Middle and Near East. This was the upper claw of the Nazi pincers striking at the eastern Mediterranean; the lower claw was Rommel's Army in Egypt. In the sense that the entire Middle East was now threatened from both west and north, India too was affected. For it appeared more than ever certain that Axis grand strategy called for a junction of German and Japanese arms somewhere along the Indian Ocean.

Whether Indian leaders like Gandhi and Nehru were aware of Axis aims was almost beside the point. They held a big tent meeting in steaming Bombay at which Gandhi's program of mass civil disobedience to force the British to grant India immediate independence was overwhelmingly approved by the Indian National Congress.

The aged Indian leader protested that his last thought was to "stab England in the back." He appealed to Pres. Roosevelt and Gen. Chiang Kai-shek to intercede for Indian independence. He asked Lord Linlithgow, India's viceroy, for a "last" interview. He declared that once India was independent she would fight stalwartly on the side of the United Nations.

Riots Follow Arrests

Once mass civil disobedience was voted the Indian Government moved in. It was declared illegal for any shops, restaurants, hotels or businesses to close. Then Gandhi, Nehru, the Congress President and some 300 Congress leaders were arrested. Nehru was put in a jail in Poona. The simplicity - loving Gandhi was held incommunicado in a fancy palace owned by the Aga Khan, one of India's fabulously wealthy Moslem leaders. In leaving for internment Gandhi hinted that he might decide to go on a fast, "unto death," but added that he would let his "inner voice" be his guide.

Scarcely had Gandhi been arrested before disorder broke out in many parts of the vast sub - continent. Trains were stoned. Shops were burned. Several riots developed, and police used tear gas and rifles to disperse crowds. Gandhi's belief that civil disobedience could be a bloodless affair was destroyed by stonings, shootings, tear gas raids and lathi charges.

By these mass arrests the British in India aimed to isolate Congress leadership in the hope that the disobedience campaign would fail through lack of organization and direction. Even more serious than the riots was the threat of a general strike to paralyze India's considerable war industries. Already some 18 Bombay mills were closed, and it seemed likely that passive resistance would spread.

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But whether the crisis was in India or in Russia it all came back to the question of a second front. The Russians insisted that the Nazis could not possibly continue to pour men and machines into the Caucasus in the face of an actual invasion of western Europe. Probably they could not even continue to supply Rommel if they had to meet at the same time a large-scale campaign in France or Belgium.

If the Nazis' Caucasian and Egyptian threats to the Middle East were neutralized or eliminated, the armchair generals figured, the western threat to India would fold and the British could then face the Japanese with confidence on the Indian-Burmese border. In such circumstances they might even feel that they could do now what they have announced they would do after the war anyway — give India her independence.

However knotty the problem or however great the crisis, many people believed in this August of 1942 they had a compelling answer in just two words—Second Front.

Most Cossacks, descendants of one-time outlaws and runaway slaves, are at home on the banks of the Don. Other Cossack centers, however, are on the Kuban and Terek Rivers, in the Caucasus, and a large part of the defense of Russia's Caucasian oil depends on these fierce, proud cavalrymen. Back of the lines Cossacks wear their traditional, picturesque costumes, but in battle they fight in regular Red Army uniforms with tommy guns, artillery, anti-tank guns and mortars.

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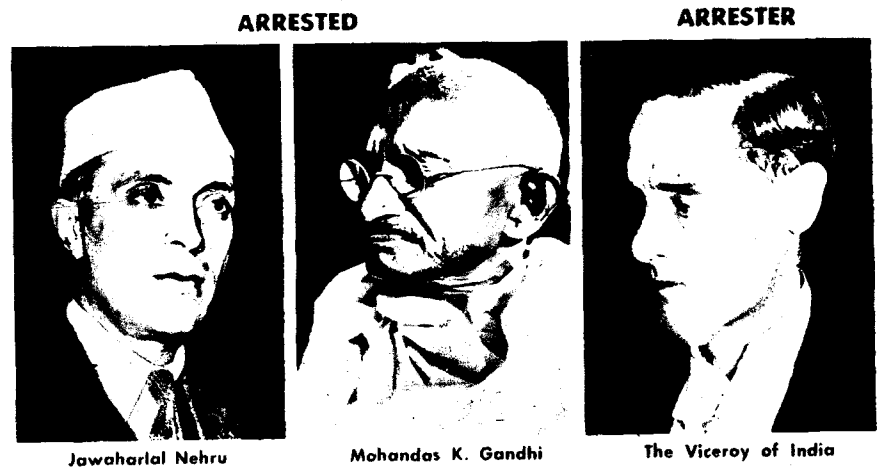
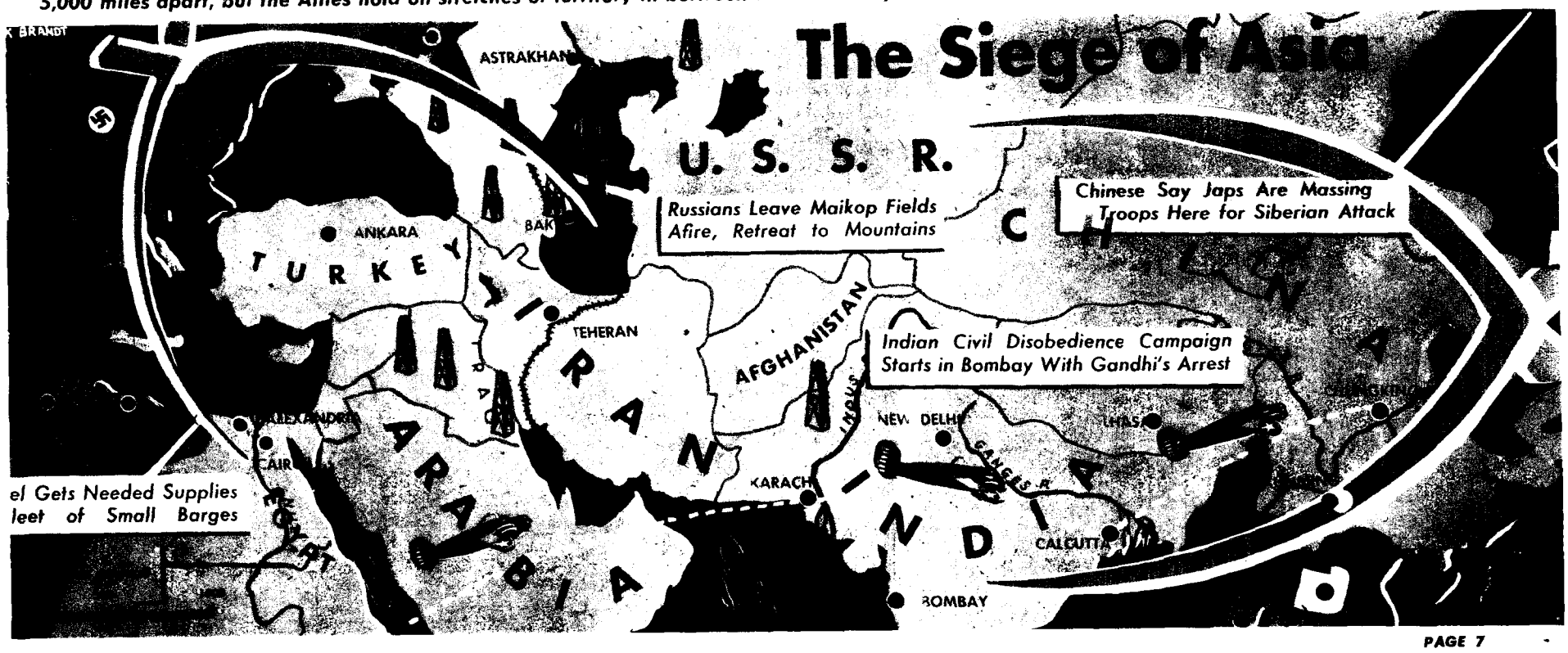


Jawaharlal Nehru — Mohandas K. Gandhi — The Viceroy of India

The Nazi campaign to conquer Russia and the Japanese attempt to take China constitute a siege of Asia. The Japs and Nazis are still a good 5,000 miles apart, but the Allies hold on stretches of territory in between is menaced by such movements as the Indian civil disobedience campaign.



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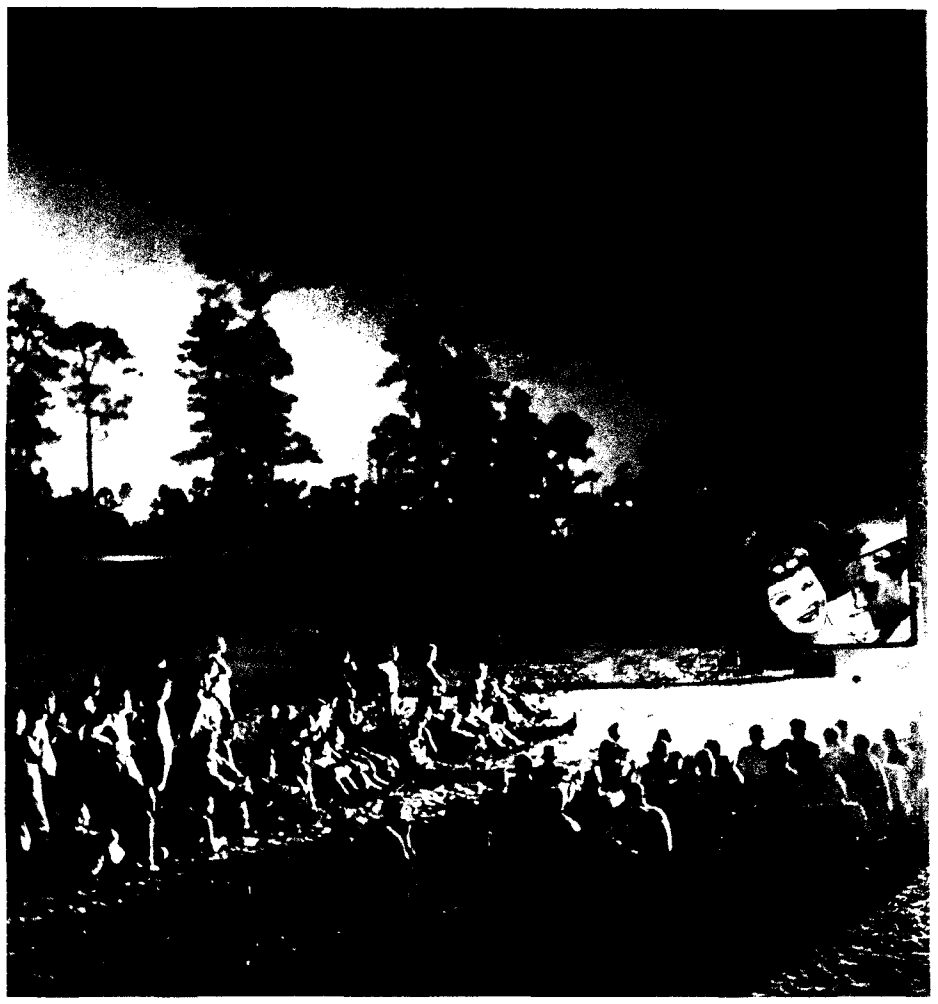

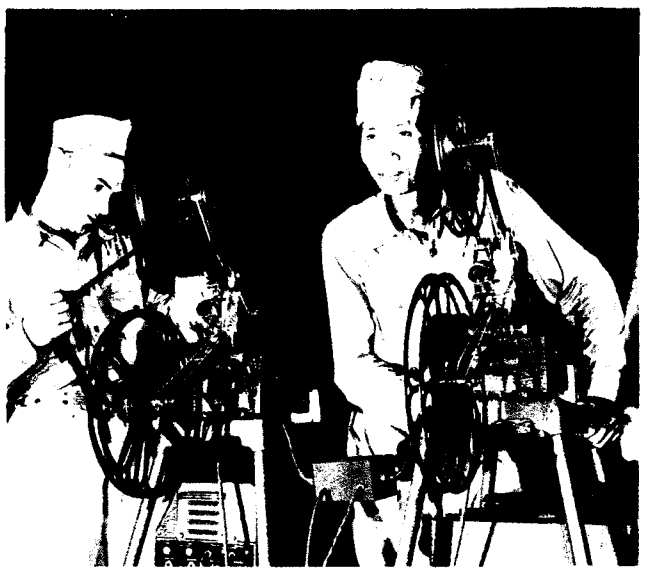

On the firing line, Pvt. Hom. C. Quon (photo at right) keeps his eye on the target. (Quon has a wife and two boys somewhere in China.) On the receiving end (above), soldiers see a Hollywood production. The theatre is big—bigger than any you'll find in your hometown.

By Pvt. H. N. Oliphant
Yank Staff Writer

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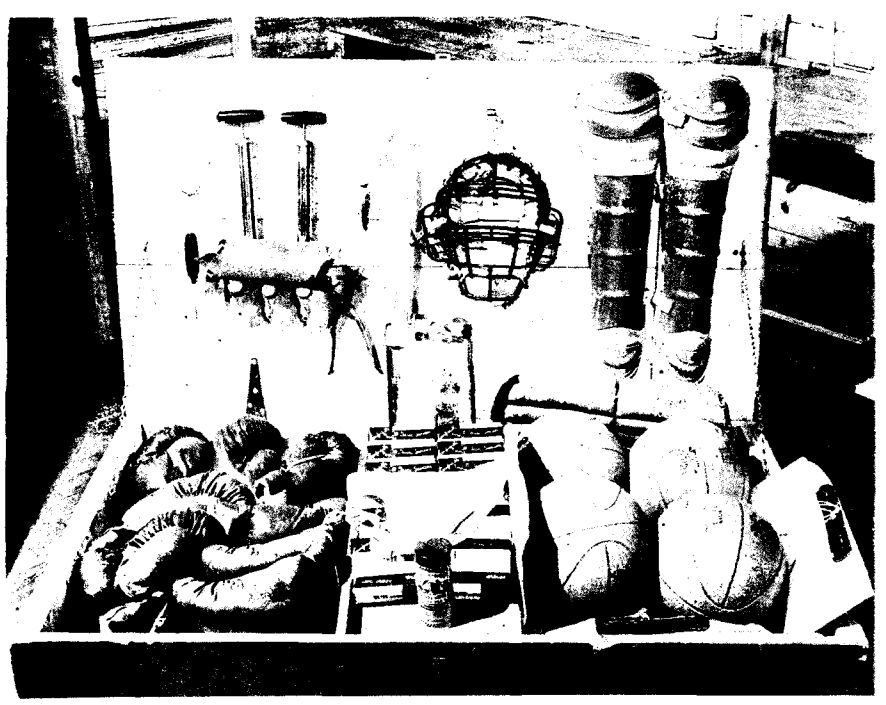

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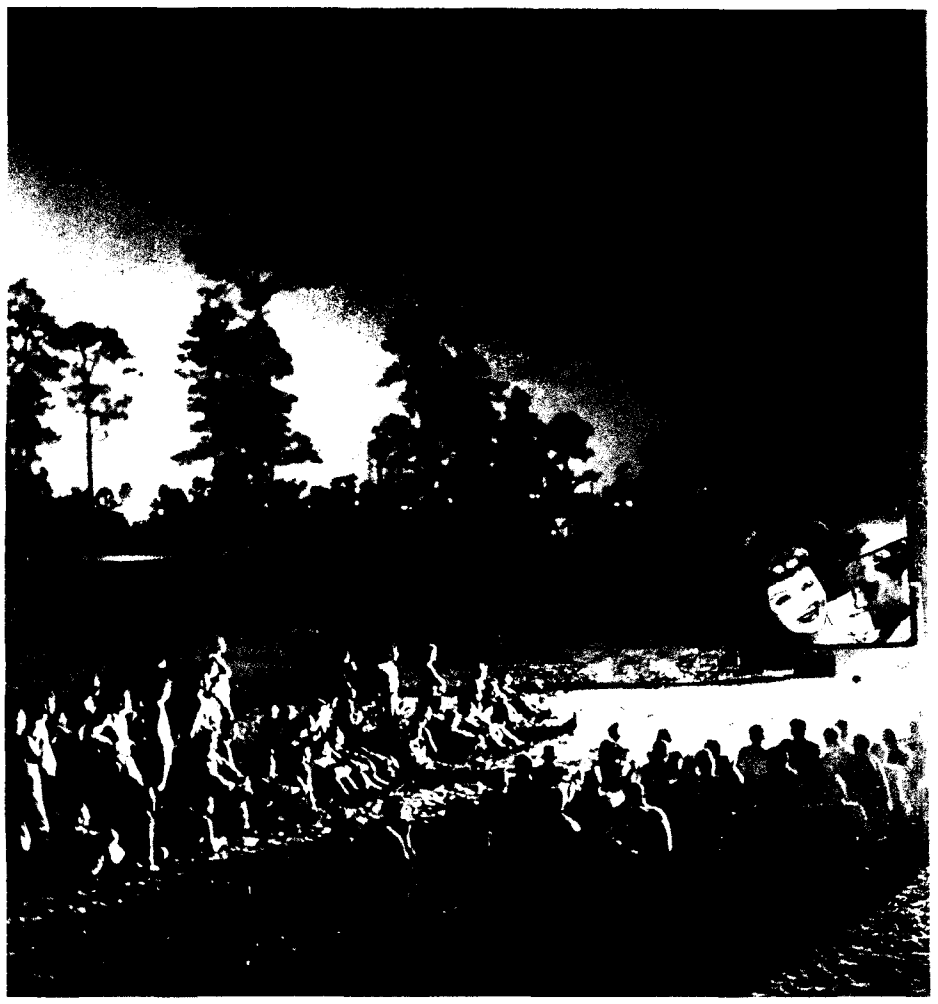

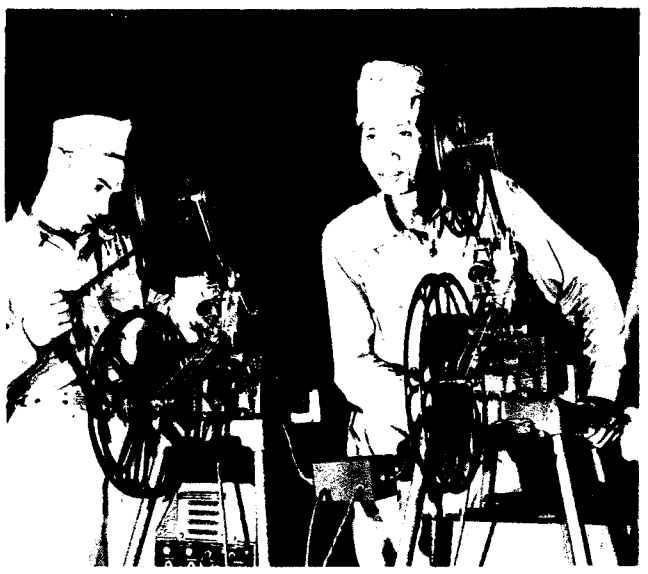

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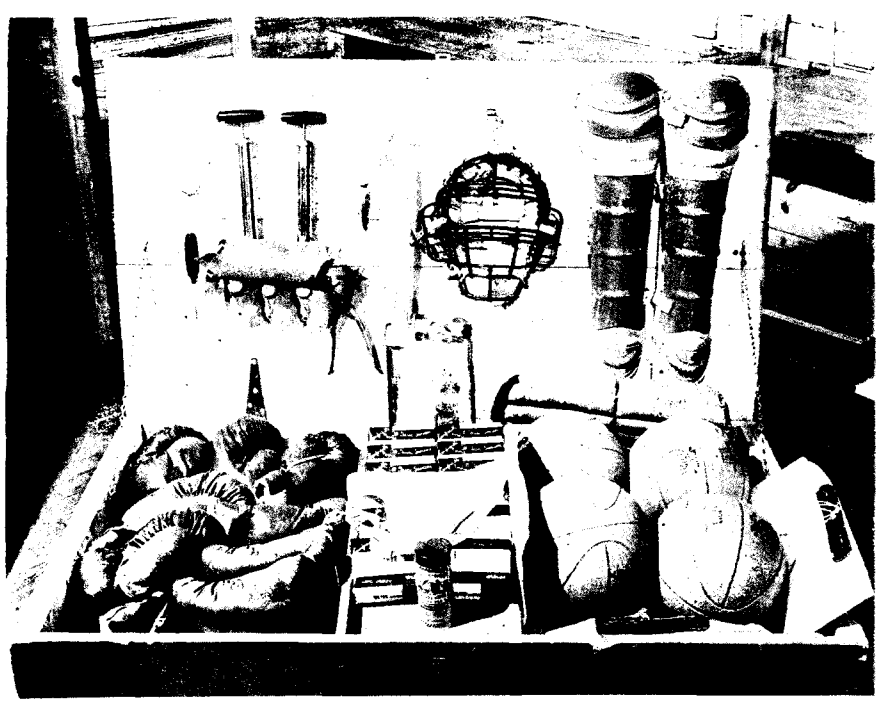

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In short, when this brimful caravan wheels into your bivouac, about the only things you won't be able to find in the SSU kits are a first-class pass and a full-chested blonde.

Teamwork Does It

That's a powerful lot of baggage for 116 men to handle. Take it from your YANK correspondent who saw them in action in the field, these guys are busier than a yardbird with his G.I. drawers full of sand fleas policing up the company street. Cool precision as slick as a Notre Dame backfield shift enables the unit to do its job efficiently and fast.

Here's how they'll function overseas. First of all, they will be assigned to a theater or task force Commander somewhere in the Communications Zone, where they will establish a base of operations.

Now let's say that an infantry division at the front is withdrawing to a rest area for a few days. The Commanding Officer of the theater of operations wants recreational equipment and canteen supplies for these men. He contacts the CO of the Special Service Unit and tells him where they'll be resting, about when he'll get there, and what equipment they need.

The whistle blows. Orders are yelled out. Squads jump to their respective kits, each man doing his particular job.

Packed and arranged so ingeniously that every piece is instantly available, the kits are lifted onto the trucks. Motors cough. Observers with rifles take posts on camouflaged trucks and trailers. The caravan rolls.

Expert map readers chart the course as they go.

If they reach the area indicated before the outfit they are to service, scouts are sent out, and guards are posted.

Then, if it's all clear, each section unloads its kits, unpacks its boxes, sets up its equipment for field duty.

The infantry division marches into the tune of "Stars and Stripes Forever," which roars out thunderously through the amplifiers and special field loud speakers.

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A mobile library in action. Some heavy reading about to be undertaken in the foreground

Half-hour radio programs of Bob Hope, Fibber McGee, Jack Benny et al., transcribed on specially grooved 12-inch platters, are given for several of the companies. Guys with a proclivity for barber-shop harmony gather around the field pianos to give out lustily, if inaccurately, with bar-room ballads.

The library units open their shelves for business, distributing, among other volumes, Emerson's Essays, Gone With The Draft, and the newest Ellery Queen mystery.

The exchange platoon, broken up into several groups, dispenses its goods from trucks or over counters built on the ground.

Meanwhile, men in the theatrical section scout the various companies to find talent for an amateur show to be performed on the G.I. stage they've made of whatever stray lumber and rude bits of foliage they could find.

Finally, when dat evenin' sun goes down over the bivouac, there'll be an outdoor talking picture, probably some feature as yet unreleased in America.

Frequently, of course, subordinate echelons in isolated areas will call for special servicing. They'll get it, with as many of the various kits as are required or requested.

Sgt. James R. McQueen, husky top kick of the second Special Service Unit, who was All-American football material at Furman U., when he got that letter from the President, sums it all up this way:

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Victory Pianos Built to Take It

SSU makeup artist works on a comic

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Instead, to help him and his erring fellow crooners of the A.E.F. stay somewhere decently within the environs of the right key, U. S. Special Service Units will be equipped with "Victory Pianos." These tough, compact instruments were specially designed for the Army.

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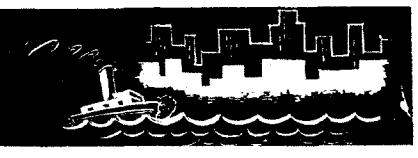

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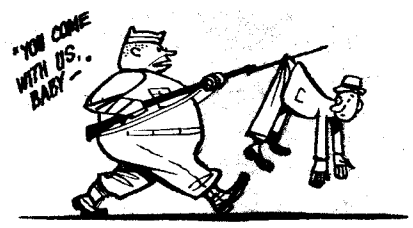

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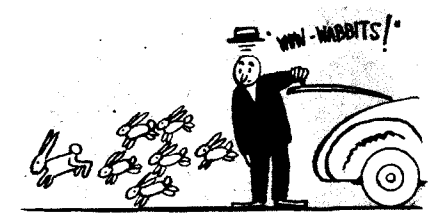

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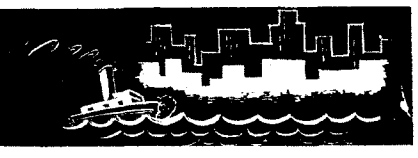

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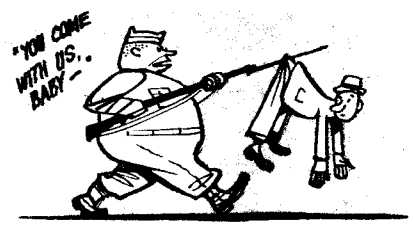


Shawnee, Okla.—A Pottawatomie County draftee went AWOL, wrote his draft board much later asking for an honorable discharge "for the reason that I have found employment that much betters my living conditions." He reported that he was working on a dam in Colorado at $41 a week and closed his letter with "Hoping to hear from you immediately—." Said the Army: "He will!"

Boston—The will of Fred S. Cullen, aircraft worker of San Diego, Calif., left a three-acre farm in Deerfield, N. H., to the Animal Rescue League of Boston to be used as a rest home for aged horses.

New York—Agony-Item-of-the-Week in the "personals" columns of New York papers: "Terry: I have been walking on air since meeting you. In other words I am twitterpatted. Please call me at Circle 7-8282 and I'll know you are twitterpatted too. Toni."

Norwalk, Conn.—Princess Suzanne Engalitscheff, 83, one of the richest women in the world, died in the Genera Putnam Inn. The first of her four husbands, A. B. Emery, was the discoverer of the Silver King silver lode in Utah. Her other three husbands were a wealthy Detroit lumber operator, a Siberian physician and a member of the Russian imperial family.

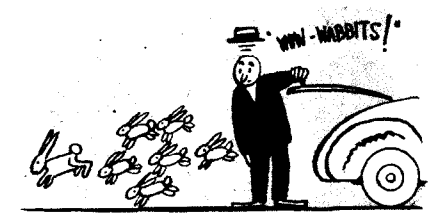
Woonsocket, R. I.—Police and FBI began investigation of vandalism which forced closing of the British-American War Relief Society's workshop here. The front of the headquarters had been defaced, swastikas had been painted on windows and a flagpole had been broken.

New York—Archbishop Athenagoras, primate of the Greek Orthodox Church on the American continent, left for Montreal to bless three ships which will carry food and medical supplies to Greece. The ships will sail under the Swedish flag and have been guaranteed safe conduct by the International Red Cross.

Roseville, Calif.—Francis Johnson, 21, did some fancy zig-zagging to avoid two trains coming at him in opposite directions. Safely across the tracks, he crashed into a police car.

Los Angeles—Frank K. Hauser was arraigned on a charge of bigamy when his wife noticed that he returned home with socks of a different color from the ones he wore when he left. She came across a telephone number and the woman who answered said she was Mrs. Hauser.

Albuquerque, N. M.—He kept well within the speed limit, but he was arrested anyway. The judge who fined him $100 for drunken driving said that nobody could be sober and drive consistently at that speed—three miles an hour.



Cadillac, Mich.—An out-of-season fisherman spotted a rabbit and loshed an expert cast which caught the bunny by the throat. He put the rabbit in the back of his car to prove his story. When he opened the trunk in town, he found seven rabbits.

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Slayer Eleanor and ex-husband

ing several elephants, were burned to death when a fire swept the menagerie quarters at the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus. In New York, the war movie, "Mrs. Miniver," finally moved out of the Radio City Music Hall, after a record-breaking 10 week run. In Chicago, a platinum blonde named Eleanor Williams shot Gordon J. McNaughton (former Boston Red Sox outfielder) when she found him in the apartment of another blonde named Dorothy Moos. Waldemar Von Zedwitz won the National Contract Bridge Championship. The Women's Naval Reserve, known as the WAVES, swore in its first ten officers. The Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, known as the WAACS, held its first retreat parade at Fort Des Moines, and did a good G.I. job. A Russian freighter was sunk off the Atlantic Coast, and two women crew members were lost. Divorce papers were served on Victor Mature in a Turkish bath. The magazine "Film Fun" was banned from the New York newsstands, for you know why. A Negro lawyer named G. Bruce Robinson became the first member of his race to be appointed Assistant Attorney General of the State of Massachusetts. And an astrologer named Blanca Holmes informed Cary Grant and Barbara Hutton that their marriage would work out because Cary is a Capricorn, and Barbara is a Sagittarius.

War Production Director William S. Knudsen predicted that within 30 days the United States would be outproducing all three members of the Axis. The government announced that in the last fiscal year, we spent $5,162,263,637.43.

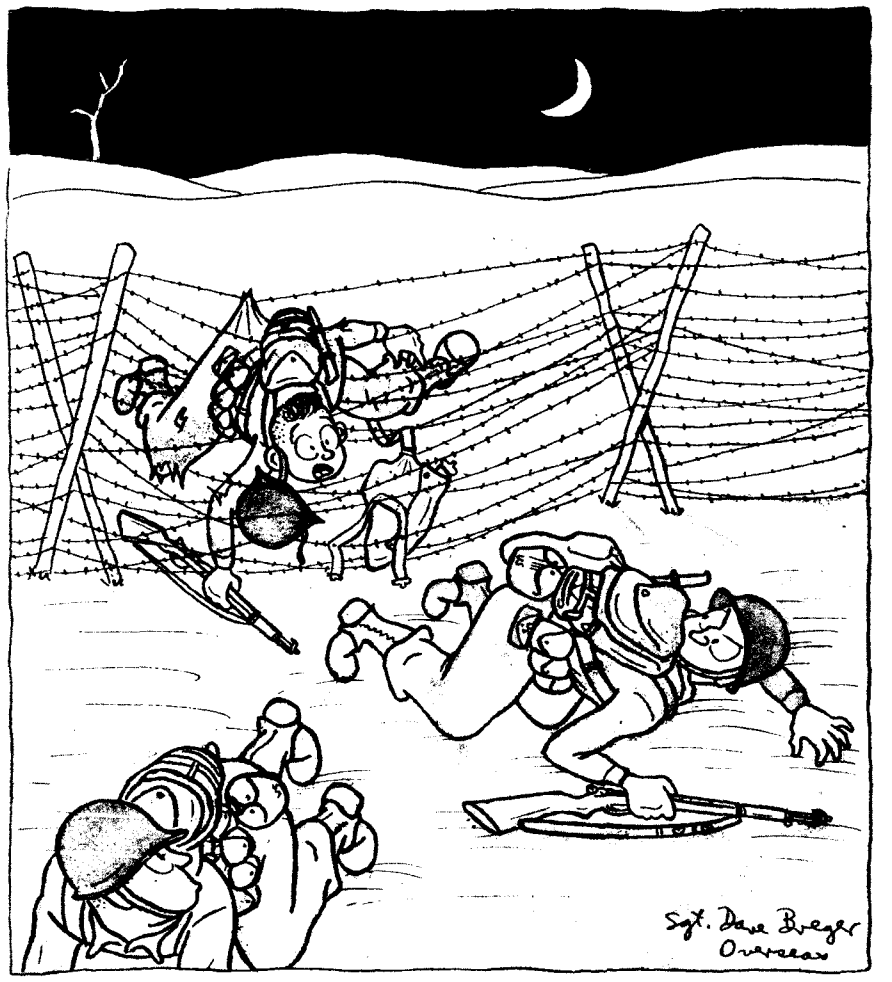
Ploeser was renominated for Congress in Missouri. Smith was renominated for Congress in Virginia. Capper got the Kansas Republican nomination for the Senate. "Jingle Jangle Jingle" remained Number One on the Hit Parade. A beaver drowned in a water pipe, and shut off the entire water supply of Central City, Colorado. A cow near Michigan City, Indiana, had triplets. A man appeared before the Senate with plans for a concrete submarine. Two new destroyers were launched at Charleston, S.C. A minesweeper was launched at Greenport, N. Y., with the champagne bottle being swung by a girl named Elsie Papajohn, who wrote to President Roosevelt begging for this fulfillment of her life's ambition. In Babylon, Long Island, two boys ran away in a rowboat, and were driven back home again by swarms of dive-bombing mosquitoes. The New York Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers drew $80,000 for Army and Navy Relief at the Polo Grounds. Marion Talley got a divorce. And the coeds at the University of Texas indicated in a pool that they preferred to marry brunettes, and that Donald Duck was their favorite actor.

Elsie's wish fulfilled

The federal government filed an injunction against James C. Petrillo, head of the Musicians' Union, to halt his ban on juke box and radio recordings. Representative Elmer J. Holland of Pennsylvania accused Capt. Joseph Patterson, publisher of the New York Daily News; Eleanor Patterson, publisher of the Washington Times-Herald, and Col. Robert C. McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, of being pro-Axis. Patterson, Patterson and McCormick accused Representative Holland of being a "liar." The United States Government then accused Patterson, Patterson and McCormick of giving away U. S. military secrets to the enemy, and called them up for a Federal Grand Jury investigation.

This week, back home, America got tough.

G. I. JOE — by Sgt. Dave Breger



"Kin I help it if I never lived in the country an' stole watermelons like you guys?"

Brockton, Mass.—Konstantin Rozum, charged with fishing in restricted Waldo Lake, told the court that he was merely trying out a new line. The line didn't hook the court, which fined him $10 for a four-pound bass and a 23-inch pickerel he hooked during the experiments.

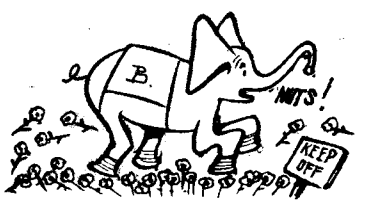
New London, N. H.—Warren Flagg, 20-year-old bellhop of Roslindale, Mass., put a paper cap on the firing pin of an ancient flintlock gun, fired the cap and lowered the weapon. A charge of powder and shot which had been in the gun for possibly 100 years exploded, sent Flagg to the hospital with serious wounds.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Added to the list of hotels taken over here by the Army Air Forces replacement training center were the Chelsea, Stanton, Stevenson, Flanders, Knights of Columbus, Crillon, Glaslyn-Chatham and Penn-Ryan.

Washington—Policemen, called to clear a traffic jam on Wisconsin Avenue, found the offending parties a strutting male peacock, followed by an admiring female of the species. Both were returned to the zoo.

Hollywood—The old-style gala film premiere, searchlights and all, was shelved for the duration. Under a dim-out regulation dated August 20, even lighted theater marquees and illuminated billboards are banned as far as 150 miles inland.

Kendallville, Ind.—Gardeners' tempers simmered and steamed at rabbits which destroy their vegetables. It's closed season on rabbits and local laws forbid shooting within the city limits.



Duluth, Minn.—Bessie, the elephant, broke out of the Duluth Zoo, ripped the rear porch stairs from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Anderson, destroyed a tree, tore up the flowerbeds and yanked off a door handle before she could be captured.

Providence, R. I.—W. C. Fields Jr., Los Angeles lawyer and son of the film comedian, was married to Miss Anne Ruth Stevens, former clerk and secretary at Oliver Hazard Perry Junior High School.

Philadelphia—Edward Goldsmith, 32, was held on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. He was accused of impersonating a Board of Health inspector, a city detective, a fire marshal, a police inspector, a G-Man and a special government agent.

Augusta, Me.—Students in Maine's high schools next year may study a course in the practical application of inflation, rent control and rationing.

Cleveland—Alois Krzic completed 13 years of boycotting a Cleveland electric company and declared that "as far as I'm concerned they can stop producing the stuff." He uses gas lamps, a gasoline washing machine and a crystal radio set and puts food in the basement to keep it cool.

Detroit—Circuit Judge Earl C. Pugsley imposed prison sentences on two former police inspectors to close the major phase of a graft clean-up campaign that had convicted a former mayor, a former sheriff, a former prosecutor and a number of police officials.

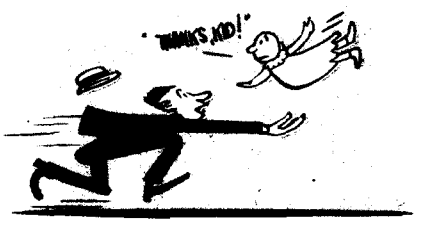
Boston—When 30 policemen rushed to the Neponsit River bridge on reports of an enemy two-man sub trapped there, they found the sub to be a baby seal caught in the bridge piling. It freed itself and headed to sea before anyone could reach it.

Paris, Mo.—When Ach Ball's wife and five children fell ill, he acted as nursemaid, did the cooking and housekeeping, took care of 21 expectant-mother ewes 1½ miles from the house, fed and watered four horses plus the hogs plus the chickens, milked eight cows, and cut and hauled wood from the timber lot a mile away.

Hood River, Ore.—Attempting to rouse the town for an early-morning alert, a civilian defense captain started raising a racket with his shotgun. When he rushed to the telephone to find out how he was doing, the telephone was dead. He had shot down the wires.

Los Angeles—Marion Talley, the farm girl who became an opera star, got her final divorce decree from her former voice coach, Adolph G. Eckstron, and was given custody of their daughter, Susan.

Bloomfield, Mo.—The Chamber of Commerce voted financial support for a 12- to 15-acre garden project which will give work to 20 persons and provide money for the free-lunch program in city schools.



Coffeyville, Kans.—Joe Cramer looked up and saw a 2½-year-old girl hanging by her hands from a high fire-escape. As he watched, her fingers slipped and she fell. Cramer caught her safely a few inches from the concrete.

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Men are soldiers these days, and farm labor is hard to get, so Sister Mary Othelia herself drives this tractor on the farm of the Order of St. Francis in Lemont, Ill. And makes an unforgettable picture of America facing the hardships and shortages of war.

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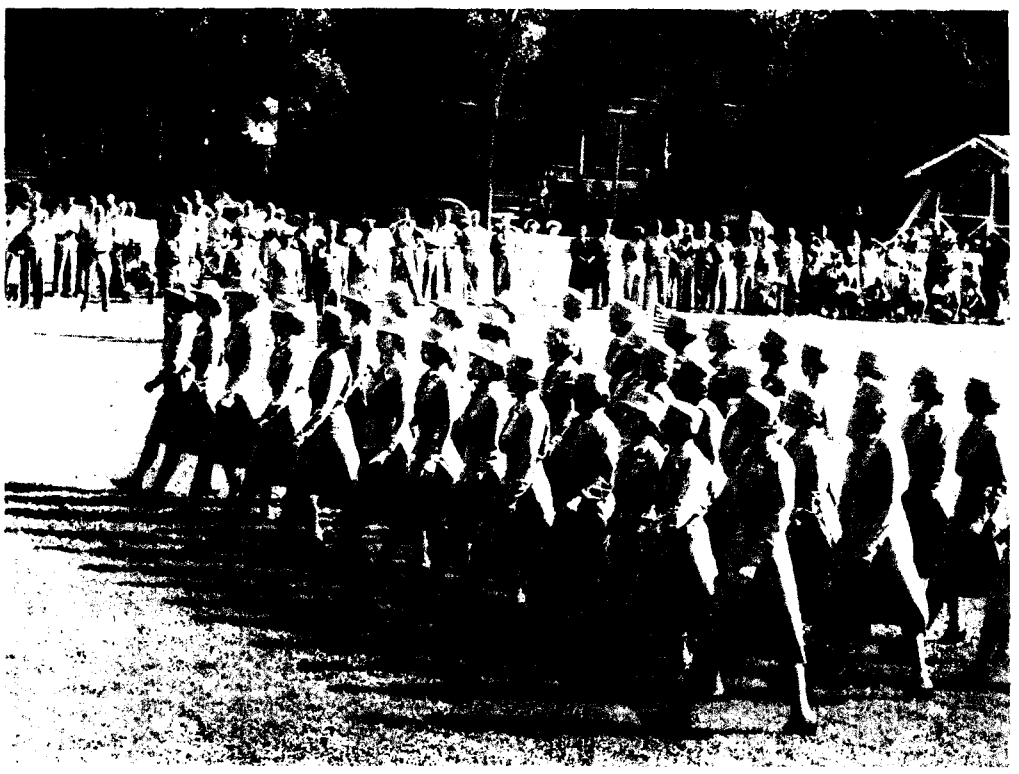
It ain't a deep breath. This soldier in Panama is just wearing the buoyancy bailoon which helps the bushmasters cross jungle streams.



A platoon of WAACS swings past the reviewing stand at Fort Des Moines, Ia. After just three weeks of training the girls put on a show that draws many a compliment from the inspecting officers. "Eyes Right" is the order, and Eyes Right it is.

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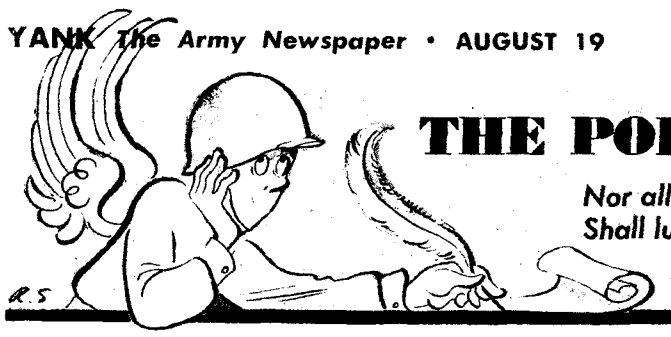

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Though our tutors drive and work us,
We are cheerful all the while.
Out of bed before the daylight;
Toiling till the set of sun.
Often does the stroke of midnight
Find us with our tasks half done.
But we'll go on to the finish
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(His eyes are bright, for he slept all night.
Excuse me while I yawn).
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Who meets all kinds and types
(You can give me those good ol' G.I. clothes . . .
But, God, please add some stripes!)

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THE UNITED STATES MARINES

You can have all your doughboys,
You can have your sailors, too,
But I will take another,
And I'm certain he will do.

The doggies aren't too bad, and,
Though the Navy's pretty keen,
You will never find the beat of
The United States Marines.

—Cpl. D. B. Catalano.
The Marine Recruiter

T N T FOR TOKYO

Up! Up! My lads, the moon is fair,
We've work to do in upper air.
Cargo, tonight, as you must know,
Is T. N. T. for Tokyo.

Avenge Pearl Harbor and Bataan?
Hell Yes! We'll do that—every man.
And, time is near when we will sow
Our righteous wrath on Tokyo.

We'll comb the land, the clouds, the seas
Until we find the Japanese.
And when we do we'll fix them so
They'll not return to Tokyo.

So gather, Eagles, in your might,
A battle brood that's fit to fight.
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Lt. Col. N. R. Cooper

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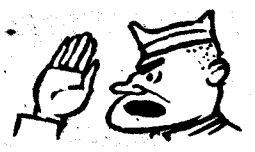

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To settle an argument, will you answer the following questions?
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(2) Is it true that after the war the government will sell jeeps and other vehicles which are not wanted to civilian purchasers?

PVT. CAS MILEWSKI
Alaska

A man shot accidently can't wear anything but a big, fat bandage. To wear a wound stripe a man must have been wounded in line of duty. As to the selling of jeeps after the war, your guess is as good as ours. The government hasn't got around to deciding THAT yet. Let's win the war, first.

DEAR YANK:
I was a wireman in the Royal Air Force (Civilian Technical Corps), having passed a special exam prepared by the U. S. Civil Service Commission. On Feb. 26, I resigned at the request of the U. S. Government, and received an Honorable Discharge. On May 20, I enlisted in the Army. I am 20 years old, have a high school education, know photography backward and forward, and because of my experience, had every reason to believe I would be assigned to a ground crew of our Air Force. Instead, I am in a Medical Battalion! What kind of a screwy Army is this?

PVT. MEYER KRONBERG
Camp Shelby, Miss.

DEAR YANK:
Why don't you tell that Vital Cog guy to take the cotton out of his mouf? He's about as funny as the binominal theorem.

S/SGT. GARY OWEN
Fort Riley

Ft. Dix, N. J.

DEAR YANK:
The only thing that would make my life complete right now is $25 every two weeks, and a lot of the boys feel the same way. When a man has to go a month between paydays he's liable to save up steam and bust wide open when his fifty smackers (less deductions) hit his hand. How about it?

PVT. ANDREW HOLCOMB

Anyone else got anything to say about paydays twice a month?

Camp Lee, Va.

DEAR YANK:
Just out of curiosity where does your inquiring photographer get all the goofy-looking faces he photographs? Are they real or does he rent them from some freak show? Honest, I'm curious.

PVT. B. B.

We'll answer that when you send in your picture, and not before.

DEAR YANK:
Regarding Pvt. John Rosson's disappointment in not being able to find any grass skirts in Hawaii (YANK, July 1), I'd just like to tell him that there are plenty of places here where he can buy them. Most of the skirts I've seen, though, are of modern design — made of cellophane. Quite a few native organizations have put on hula shows for us, grass skirts included, but if you've seen one you've seen them all. Incidently, that article on credit being cut out by Oct. 1 puzzles me, as we haven't had any since things started to pop. We've been drawing big pay checks all along, though, especially with the 20% extra for overseas service. Of course, the prices here have hopped up in the bargain, but we're doing O.K.
Thanks for that article on the Dodgers. I'm from Brooklyn and still loyal.

PVT. JERRY SUSSMAN
Hawaii

Words Across the Sea

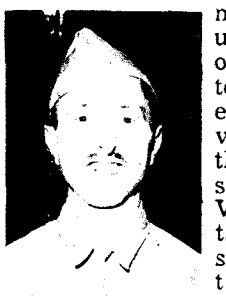
Despite the smile, **Cpl. Murray Pincus**, Mitchel Field, has nothing but bad news for his old friend Cpl. Morton Golden, somewhere in the Pacific. Cpl. Pincus says: "Four tires are missing on your car and the body just stands there looking lonesome Can't tow it anyplace. One fellow took the gas tank to store extra gas for his own car." To take the curse off the above catalog of grief, he adds, "Give my regards to the gang."

Cpl. Leonard North of the R.A.F. was slightly wobbling, recovering from a big night, but he had two messages for overseas friends. From his brother, Pvt. George North, Royal Army Service Corps, probably in the British Isles, he'd like to hear news of his wife who was "expecting." He asks, "Is Peggy well, and is it a boy?" To Pvt. Johnny Wheeler, also Royal Army, somewhere in Libya: "Haven't heard from you in a long time. Give the Ities a bit of blighty to worry about."

Pfc. Duane O. Thrush is an Air Force drill instructor at Miami Beach, Florida. He'd like to rejoin his old hometown partner-in-crime, Pvt. Johnny Corbin of Brookville, Pa. To Pvt. Corbin, wherever he is, Duane says: "Saw your people at Church Sunday and your girl last week and they're all okay. Do your best till I can get there. Drop me a line."

Pvt. Claude Booten is another Air Force man. He came into the service with Pvt. Donald Scott from their home town of Jacksonville, Florida. Now Pvt. Scott is overseas, address unknown. Says Pvt. Brooks to Pvt. Scott, "Be a good boy, you Scott. I'll be over later on. Saw your wife, Lilly Belle, not so long ago. She was well and misses you. Best of luck."

It's not a retouched photograph. **Pvt. Emanuel Lefkowitz** has a real mustache on his upper lip. He's out at Camp Upton, but wherever he goes he vows not to shave the mouser until six months after Victory. Mustache and all he sends a message to his closest friend, Pvt. Irving Levine, with whom he's lost contact: "Write your cousin Ruby, so he can get in touch with me."



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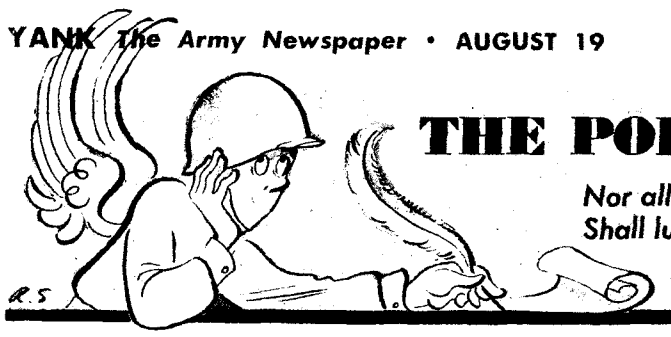

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You can have your sailors, too,
But I will take another,
And I'm certain he will do.

The doggies aren't too bad, and,
Though the Navy's pretty keen,
You will never find the beat of
The United States Marines.

—Cpl. D. B. Catalano.
The Marine Recruiter

T N T FOR TOKYO

Up! Up! My lads, the moon is fair,
We've work to do in upper air.
Cargo, tonight, as you must know,
Is T. N. T. for Tokyo.

Avenge Pearl Harbor and Bataan?
Hell Yes! We'll do that—every man.
And, time is near when we will sow
Our righteous wrath on Tokyo.

We'll comb the land, the clouds, the seas
Until we find the Japanese.
And when we do we'll fix them so
They'll not return to Tokyo.

So gather, Eagles, in your might,
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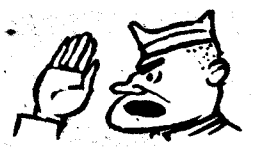

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Alaska

A man shot accidently can't wear anything but a big, fat bandage. To wear a wound stripe a man must have been wounded in line of duty. As to the selling of jeeps after the war, your guess is as good as ours. The government hasn't got around to deciding THAT yet. Let's win the war, first.

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PVT. MEYER KRONBERG
Camp Shelby, Miss.

DEAR YANK:
Why don't you tell that Vital Cog guy to take the cotton out of his mouf? He's about as funny as the binominal theorem.

S/SGT. GARY OWEN
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DEAR YANK:
The only thing that would make my life complete right now is $25 every two weeks, and a lot of the boys feel the same way. When a man has to go a month between paydays he's liable to save up steam and bust wide open when his fifty smackers (less deductions) hit his hand. How about it?

PVT. ANDREW HOLCOMB

Anyone else got anything to say about paydays twice a month?

Camp Lee, Va.

DEAR YANK:
Just out of curiosity where does your inquiring photographer get all the goofy-looking faces he photographs? Are they real or does he rent them from some freak show? Honest, I'm curious.

PVT. B. B.

We'll answer that when you send in your picture, and not before.

DEAR YANK:
Regarding Pvt. John Rosson's disappointment in not being able to find any grass skirts in Hawaii (YANK, July 1), I'd just like to tell him that there are plenty of places here where he can buy them. Most of the skirts I've seen, though, are of modern design — made of cellophane. Quite a few native organizations have put on hula shows for us, grass skirts included, but if you've seen one you've seen them all. Incidently, that article on credit being cut out by Oct. 1 puzzles me, as we haven't had any since things started to pop. We've been drawing big pay checks all along, though, especially with the 20% extra for overseas service. Of course, the prices here have hopped up in the bargain, but we're doing O.K.
Thanks for that article on the Dodgers. I'm from Brooklyn and still loyal.

PVT. JERRY SUSSMAN
Hawaii

Words Across the Sea

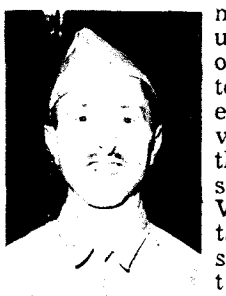
Despite the smile, **Cpl. Murray Pincus**, Mitchel Field, has nothing but bad news for his old friend Cpl. Morton Golden, somewhere in the Pacific. Cpl. Pincus says: "Four tires are missing on your car and the body just stands there looking lonesome Can't tow it anyplace. One fellow took the gas tank to store extra gas for his own car." To take the curse off the above catalog of grief, he adds, "Give my regards to the gang."

Cpl. Leonard North of the R.A.F. was slightly wobbling, recovering from a big night, but he had two messages for overseas friends. From his brother, Pvt. George North, Royal Army Service Corps, probably in the British Isles, he'd like to hear news of his wife who was "expecting." He asks, "Is Peggy well, and is it a boy?" To Pvt. Johnny Wheeler, also Royal Army, somewhere in Libya: "Haven't heard from you in a long time. Give the Ities a bit of blighty to worry about."

Pfc. Duane O. Thrush is an Air Force drill instructor at Miami Beach, Florida. He'd like to rejoin his old hometown partner-in-crime, Pvt. Johnny Corbin of Brookville, Pa. To Pvt. Corbin, wherever he is, Duane says: "Saw your people at Church Sunday and your girl last week and they're all okay. Do your best till I can get there. Drop me a line."

Pvt. Claude Booten is another Air Force man. He came into the service with Pvt. Donald Scott from their home town of Jacksonville, Florida. Now Pvt. Scott is overseas, address unknown. Says Pvt. Brooks to Pvt. Scott, "Be a good boy, you Scott. I'll be over later on. Saw your wife, Lilly Belle, not so long ago. She was well and misses you. Best of luck."

It's not a retouched photograph. **Pvt. Emanuel Lefkowitz** has a real mustache on his upper lip. He's out at Camp Upton, but wherever he goes he vows not to shave the mouser until six months after Victory. Mustache and all he sends a message to his closest friend, Pvt. Irving Levine, with whom he's lost contact: "Write your cousin Ruby, so he can get in touch with me."



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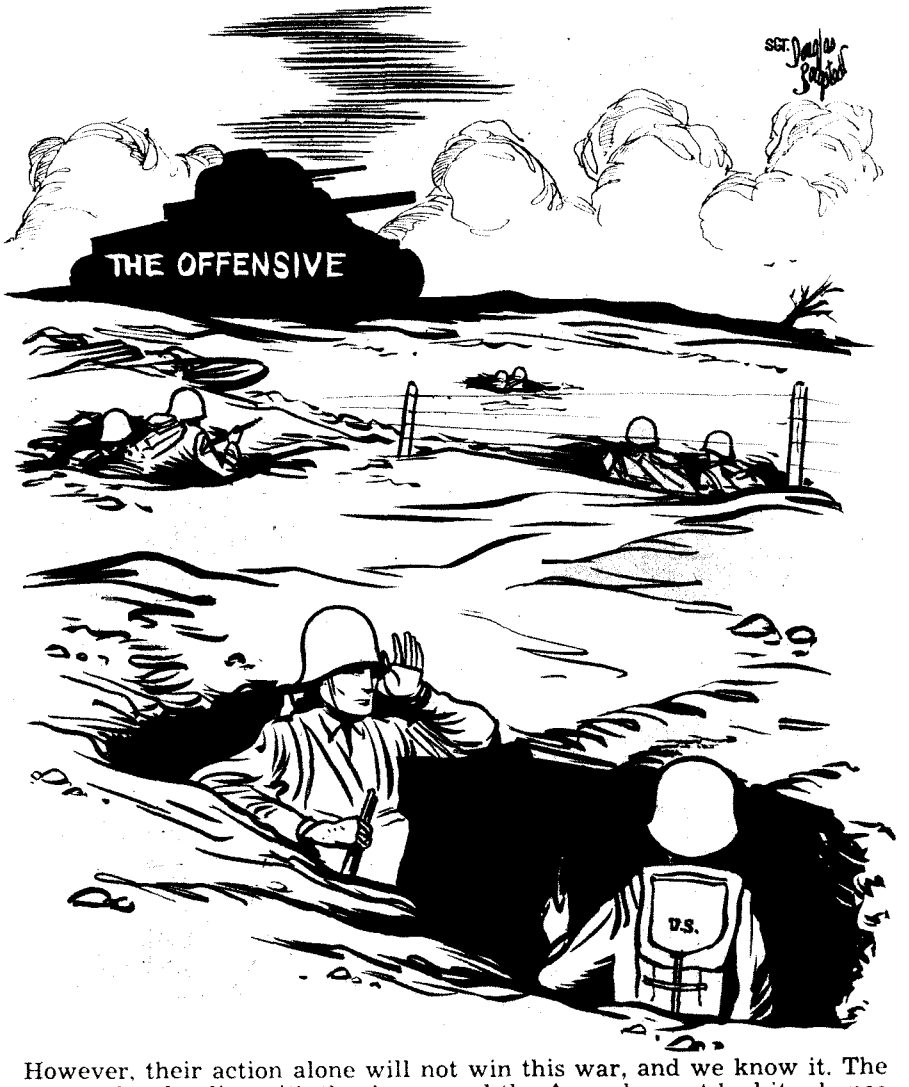

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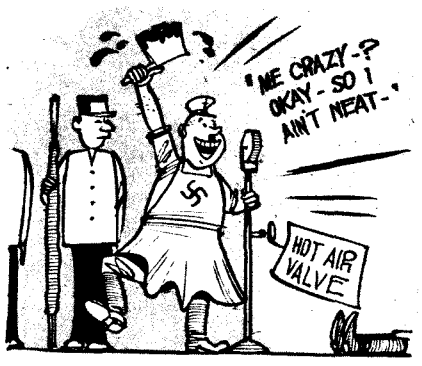

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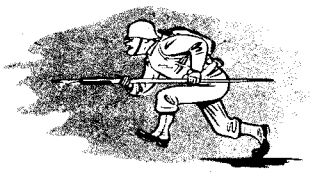

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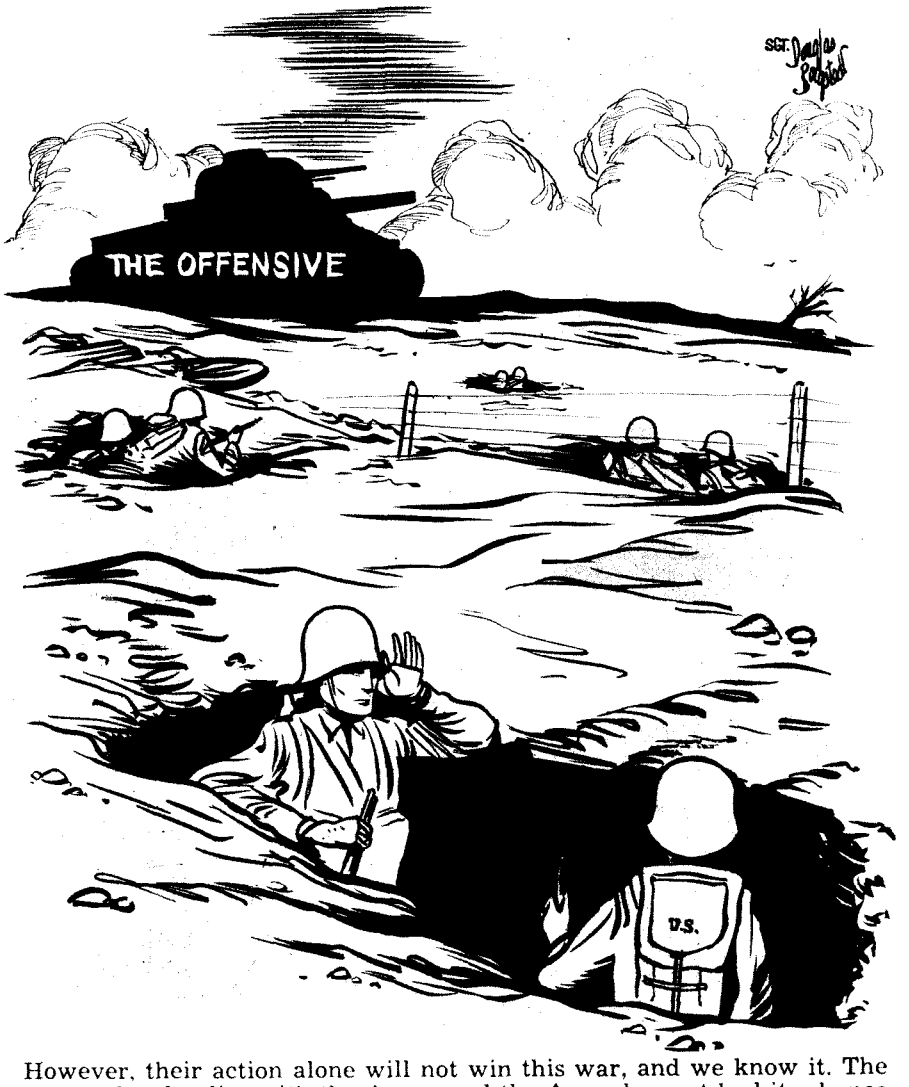

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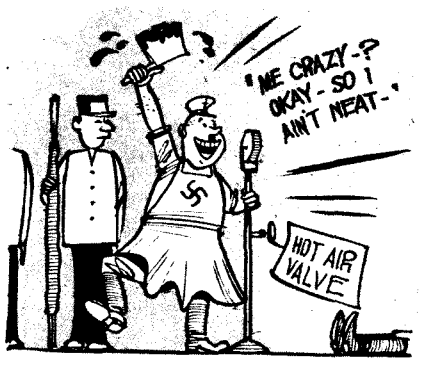

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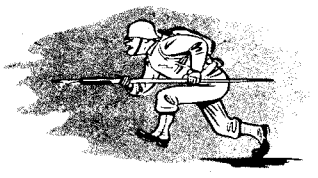

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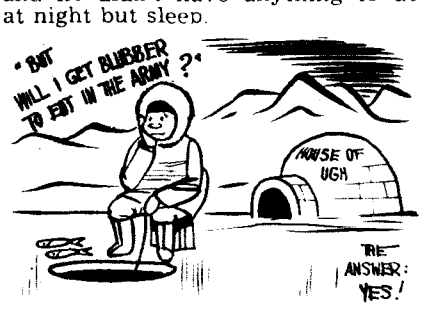

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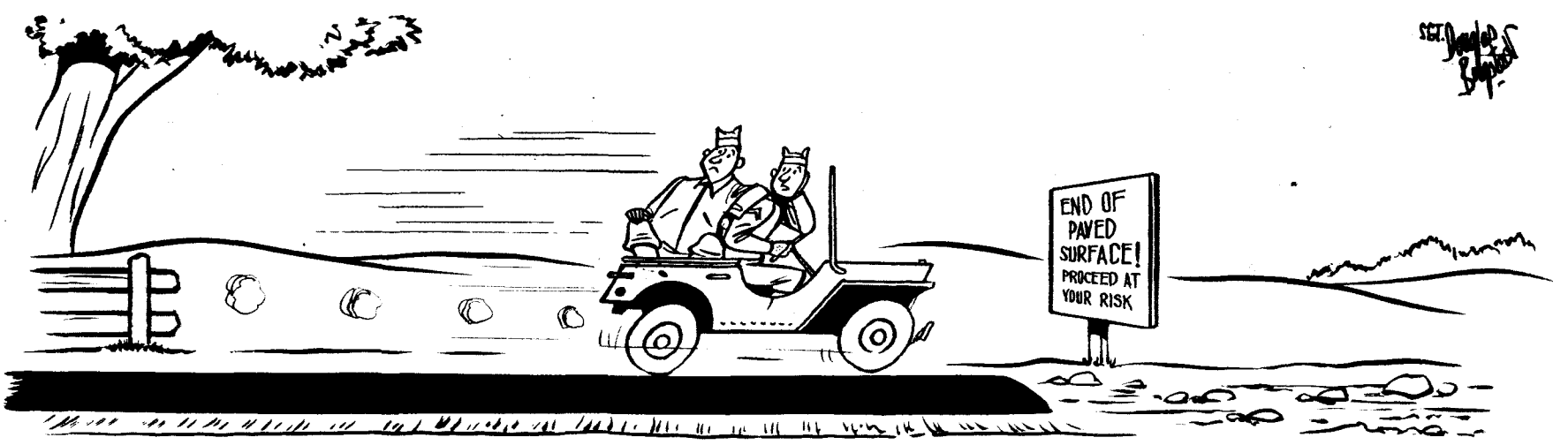

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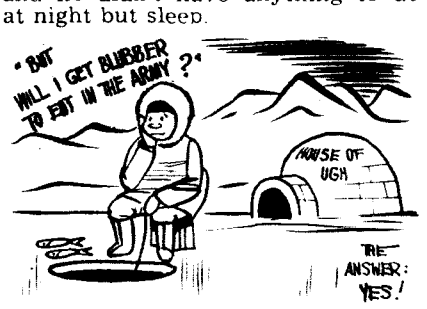

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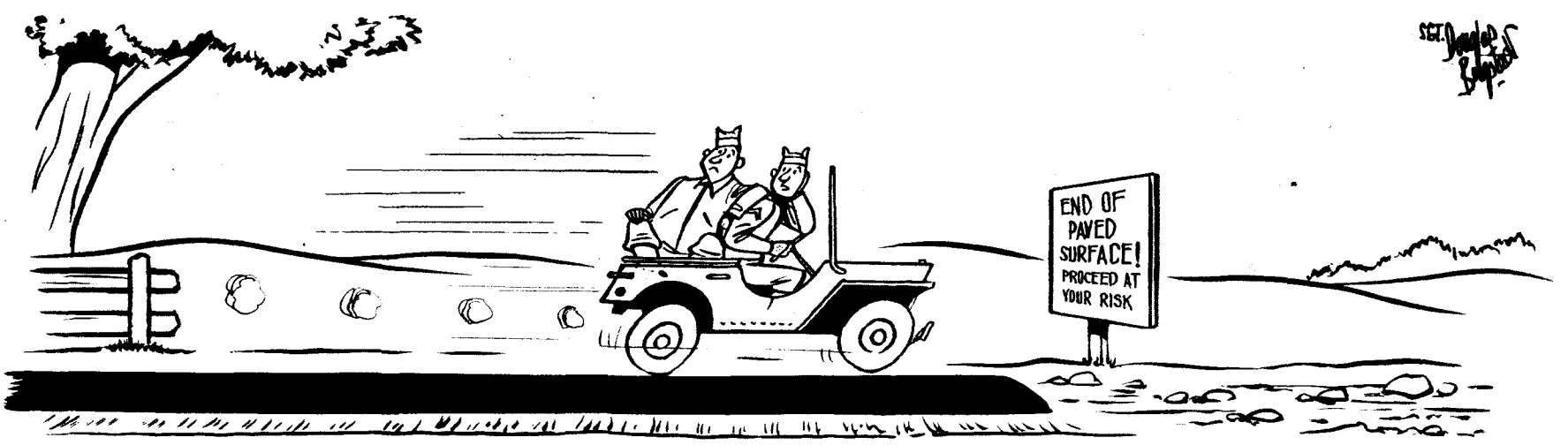

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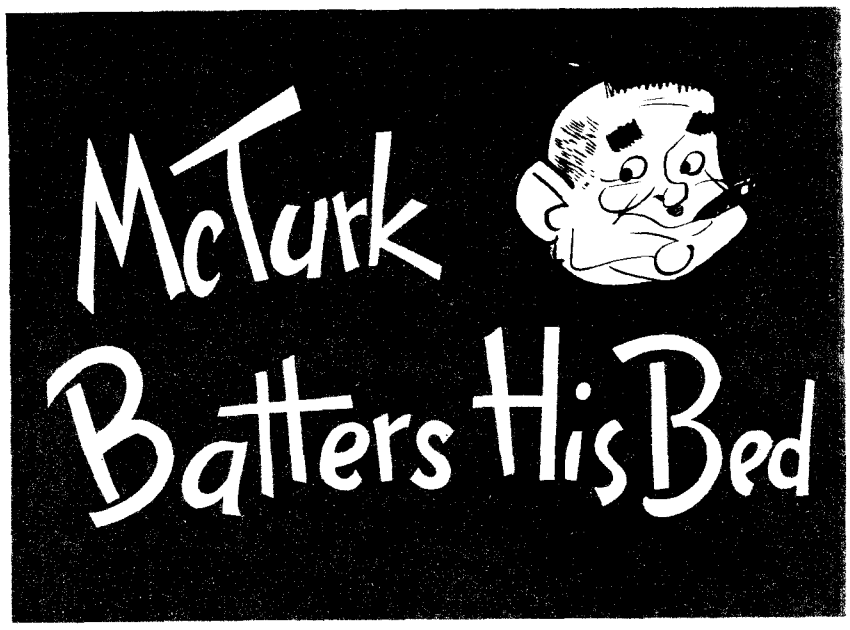

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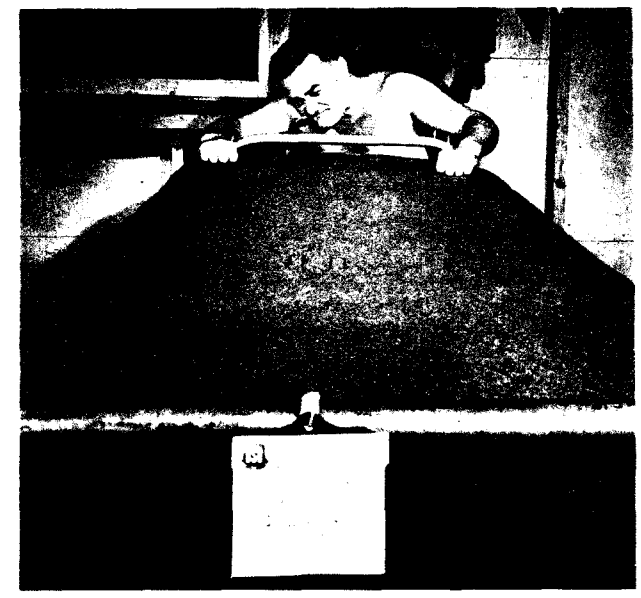

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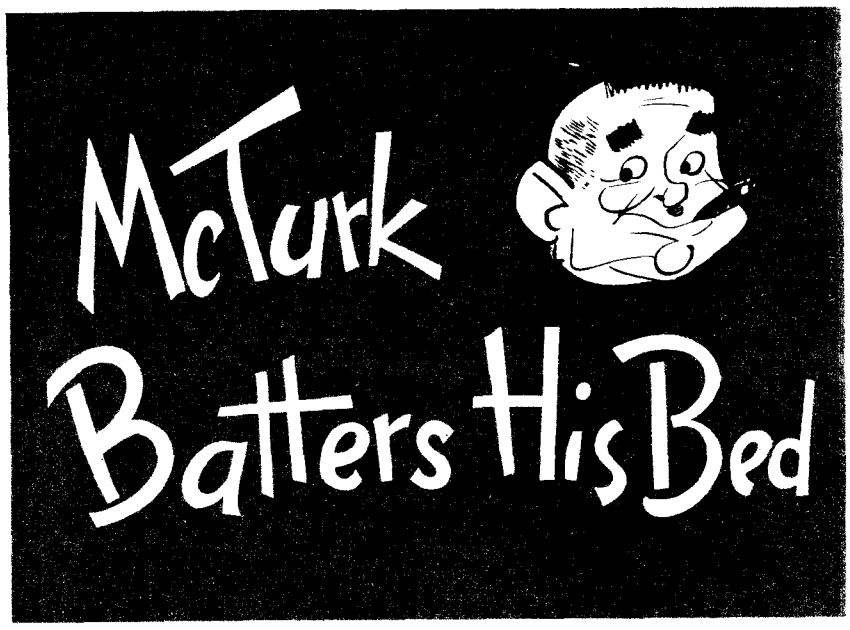

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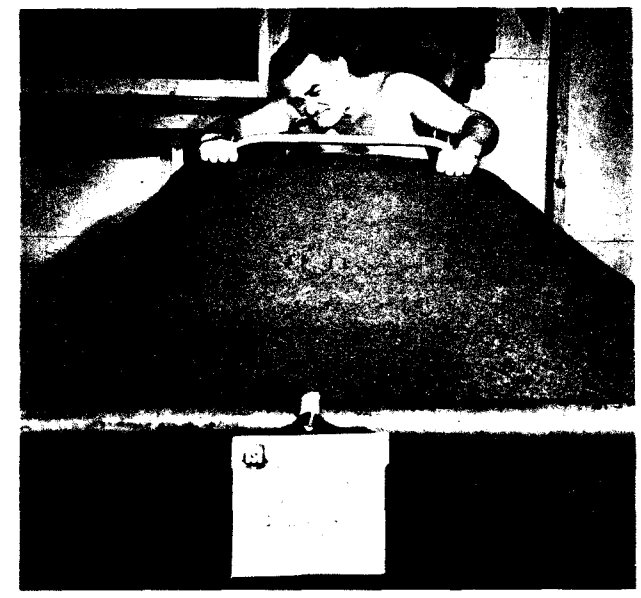

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SPORTS: HITLER CAN'T ANNOY DUROCHER AND EXPECT TO STAY HEALTHY

BY CPL. JOE McCARTHY

Adolf Hitler played a dirty trick on the baseball fans in the Polo Grounds the other night.

Get the picture. The park is jammed with 57,305 spectators, partly because the game is for the Army Relief Fund but mostly because the Giants are playing the Dodgers with Van Lingle Mungo, the former Greenpernt eccentric himself, back from the minors wearing a New York uniform and pitching his heart out against Old Alma Mater. What more could anyone ask?

Well, Van Lingle hasn't got as much fire as he had in the days when the male half of the adagio dancing team chased him out of the Dodger training camp in Havana, but he is doing all right, except for a couple of homers by Dixie Walker and Dolph Camilli. Still, the Bums are leading 7 to 4 behind the pitching of Whit Wyatt who has managed to keep his 11 hits well scattered.

Build Up to An Awful Let Down

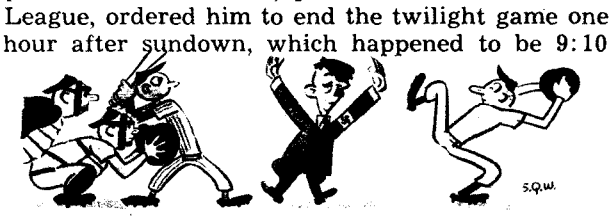
But now it is the last of the ninth. The Giants have Werber and Ott on the bases and there are none out and Babe Young, who has already knocked one home run out of the park, is at bat. The 57,305 fans are in a frenzy. It is probably one of the most dramatic baseball moments of the season.

So what happens?

Before Wyatt has a chance to throw the next pitch, Umpire George Barr stops the game. The lights go out and Fred Waring runs on the field with his orchestra and glee club and starts "The Star Spangled Banner."

The stunned fans wondered if Fred Waring was going to run for Ott. Then they realized his "Star Spangled Banner" meant that baseball was over for the night.

Whose fault was it? Nobody could blame Umpire Barr. Ford Frick, president of the National League, ordered him to end the twilight game one hour after sundown, which happened to be 9:10



P.M., the time when the Giants were in the middle of their crucial rally.

And you couldn't blame Ford Frick, either, because he was only obeying the Army law which forbids bright lights one hour after sundown along the Atlantic coast line.

And you can't blame the Army. Far be it for the Army to go around spoiling ball games at the Polo Grounds. The Army enjoys a ball game at the Polo Grounds as much as the next fellow, if not more so.

Schickelgruber Is the Culprit

But it must dim-out the City of New York at night so that the shoreline glow won't make it easy for Nazi U-Boats to torpedo Allied shipping off Long Island and the Jersey Coast.

So that brings the blame down to the U-Boats and everybody knows that the officers and men in those submarines would much rather be home in Hamburg eating hamburgers with light beer or in Frankfort-am-Main munching frankforts with dark beer. But Hitler keeps them off the Jersey Coast.

The whole deplorable situation is therefore the fault of that charming fellow, Adolf Hitler. It is bad enough for Hitler to change the map of Europe and to egg the Japanese into changing the map of Asia but when he walks into the Polo Grounds and stops the game in the middle of the ninth inning when the Giants are about to tie the score with the Dodgers—well, that's carrying things just a little bit too far.

That was no isolated instance, either. The dim-out rule stopped a close battle between the Dodgers

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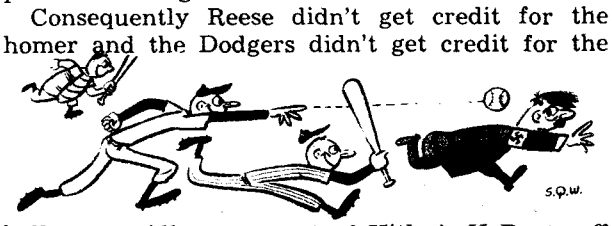
and the Cardinals the previous week in Brooklyn before the end of the seventh inning, the very next night after the Van Lingle Mungo-Army Relief show, another Giant-Bum contest was halted in the tenth.

Adolf Better Lay Off Brooklyn

The Durocher University students were robbed by Hitler in this last game. The score was tied 1 to 1 when Pee Wee Reese smashed a homer inside the park with the bases loaded in the tenth. But the time elapsed and the game was called before the side was retired, so the score reverted back to the previous inning's tied score.

Consequently Reese didn't get credit for the homer and the Dodgers didn't get credit for the



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The next day in Flatbush several indignant citizen groups demanded that a second front be opened immediately.

It seems as though Hitler is biting off more than he can chew when he starts annoying the Dodgers like this. Somebody ought to tell him to lay off Brooklyn, if he wants to keep his health. Doesn't he know that Larry MacPhail borrowed a car and drove into Germany after the 1918 armistice to kidnap the Kaiser and almost succeeded?

And Lord help him if Durocher gets mad and starts broadcasting short wave to Germany.

League Gives G. I.'s Baseball Equipment

NEW YORK—The major leagues have given the armed forces more than $130,000 worth of baseball equipment so far this season.

The Bat and Ball Fund, directed by President Ford Frick of the National League and Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators, bought balls, bats, masks, gloves, shin guards and rule books with receipts from the major league All-Star game and donations from clubs and baseball writers.

Catchers Get Special Kit

This equipment was divided into 7,700 "A" kits, each with 12 baseballs, three bats and a rule book, and 650 "B" kits (catcher's glove, mask, shin and chest protectors) and distributed among the nine Service Commands.

The kits were allotted on a percentage basis. The Fourth Service Command — formerly called the Fourth Corps Area—received 1,350 kits, for instance, because it has the largest population. The Second Service Command, the smallest of the nine districts, only got 300 kits.

Foul Balls Join Service

The armed forces have also received this season 500 dozen balls, returned by fans after being fouled into the stands. Baseball's biggest contribution to the war effort, of course, has been financial assistance from games played especially for Army and Navy relief.

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Ortiz Wins Bantam Title From Salica by Decision

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VON CRAMM PLAYS AGAIN

VICHY—Gottfried Von Cramm, one-time German tennis star once sent to prison by Hitler on a morals charge, has been permitted to resume his tennis activity after seeing service with troops on the eastern front, according to the Paris Midi.

Garden Will Scrap Jinx Bowl to Jinx Germans

NEW YORK — Madison Square Garden's Long Island "Jinx" Bowl will be uprooted and melted into bullets, guns, tanks and other weapons of war. The Garden decided not to renew its ten-year lease which ends Jan. 1, 1943, so the place will be scrapped.

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Ft. Worth	67	54	.554	Tulsa	62	61	.504
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SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION
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Memphis	63	57	.525	Chattanooga	52	67	.437
New Orleans	60	58	.508	Knoxville	48	72	.400

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BATTING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Player and Club	G.	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.
Williams, Boston	104	364	92	124	.341
Gordon, New York	99	365	56	124	.340
Wright, Chicago	69	237	38	80	.338
Spence, Washington	102	431	65	142	.329
Doerr, Boston	98	374	47	122	.326

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Reiser, Brooklyn	87	341	71	117	.343
Lombardi, Boston	81	225	23	74	.329
Medwick, Brooklyn	105	399	54	130	.326
Musial, St. Louis	93	310	61	99	.319
Slaughter, St. Louis	104	409	66	129	.315

HOME RUNS

AMERICAN		NATIONAL	
Williams, R. Sox	24	Mize, Giants	19
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Keller, Yankees	17	Camilli, Dodgers	17

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Reiser Again Leads League Hitters

But Williams Has Closer Fight Trying to Defend Batting Crown

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Reiser has a comfortable margin over his leading rival, Ernie Lombardi of the Boston Braves, and should romp in easily ahead of the National League hitters. The Dodger center fielder in the latest averages was hitting .343, compared to Lombardi's .330.

American League Fight Close

Williams is having a much tougher time repeating in the junior circuit. The lanky Red Sox outfielder, who last season hit over .400, is not anywhere near that terrific pace. He and Joe Gordon of the Yankees have been waging a fight all season with the lead changing hands almost every week.

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