GROUND HOG SEE SHADOW: HARD WINTER

ROCVILLE—Unlike eclipses, which aren't to be trusted, the trusty Ground Hog made his expected appearance in Rocville this morning. He saw a shadow, and it began to look like a 'hard winter,' but it turned out that the shadow was that of Sombre Sam, and both disappeared onetime.

As positively and absolutely the only African newspaper to report the appearance of the Ground Hog, WHO DAT gathered some reactions about camp. The first to speak was Justus Ben Cotto, master of two languages, not counting Standard VII, English, which he speaks fluently. Said Cotto:

"The fable about the ground hog and his shadow having some relation to winter weather is an amusing and harmless bit of folklore of no meteorological significance."

Depressing start. Then we tried the Mess Hall.


The Finance Office was very CI about it.

"No rations are allowed for ground hogs. The only animals authorized for rations are horses, mules, dogs and pigeons."

We called Special Service.

"All I can say is he boggler not dig any holes in the tennis court!—"

The Weather Office was next.

"Say, aren't you the fellow with that eclipse—"

We stopped any number of GIs and began to describe the appearance of the ground hog, but were stopped with.

"Does it mean we'll get to leave here after 18 months?"

We brought the news to Personnel where Cpl Emmett E McChillan, of Mobile, Alabama, a man of few words, commented, "Sometimes Mac outdoes himself. We hailed S/Sgt George R (I like it here) Schlobohm, of Hollis, L.I. Said George, "Catch him and cook him. He'd make good chops."

It looks like a hard winter, men.
PACIFIC: American troops have landed deep in the Marshall islands and have established two beach heads in the Kwajalein Atoll. The landing places are 850 miles from the big Jap base at Truk, to its northeast; 750 miles northwest of Makin, the nearest American base, and 850 miles south of Wake. The landing at Roi island was made by the Fourth Marine Division under Maj Gen Harry Schmidt, while units of the 7th Infantry Division made the landing at Kwajalein island, under Maj Gen Charles H Corlett. Both places have been the target of American Army and Navy bombers for 30 days, while in the past week American battleships have been pounding the islands with 16 inch guns. Admiral Chester Nimitz said that strong opposition was being encountered, but first reports showed moderate casualties. Tokyo radio reported yesterday that "powerful enemy troops were raiding the Marshalls." ...2 squadrons of US Navy long range bombers struck Wake Island, returning without losses...The Japs attempted an invasion of the Dutch New Guinea coast, to the northwest of Madang, but were beaten off with the loss of 4 landing craft and 60 men killed. Dutch troops took part in the action...Americans and Australians continued to close the trap on Japs caught below Saicor on the Bismarck islands...23 Jap Zeros were shot down over Rabaul in 3 more attacks by American bombers...

ITALY: American and French troops of the 5th Army have broken through the Gustav line, which extends in an S-shape for about 30 miles above Cassino. The breakthrough is several miles wide...To the west, British troops seized Mt. Pergatortio and Natale, while on the eastern front, near the Adriatic, Canadians attacked strong enemy positions along the Villa Grande-Tollo road 5 miles southwest of Ortona...British units on the northern wing of the beach head front fought their way into the outskirts of Campaleone, 15 miles southeast of Rome, while Americans on the southern wing reached the edge of Cisterna, 13 miles below Campaleone, on the Apulian Way. Fierce fighting was reported on the northern front, with the Germans bringing in more reinforcements. The oil refineries at Triste were bombèd by Allied planes, as well as shipping along the Dalmatian coast. 5 enemy planes were shot down during the day, and no Allied planes lost...

RUSSIA: After capturing Kingisopp, close to the Estonian border, Soviet forces trained their guns on Narva, which is 6 miles inside the border, astride the Leningrad-Tallinn railroad and highway. The Red were advancing on Narva from three directions, facing only rear-guard opposition...Two Russian forces continued to advance on Luga along the railway from Nogvora. The Germans now hold only one junction on the line, that at Betetskaya. That place has been by-passed by one Red column which is within 10 miles of Luga, while another column is fighting in the outskirts of Betetskaya...

EUROPE: Many deaths and considerable damage were caused by earthquakes which rocked Gerde, 70 miles northwest of Ankara, Turkey...1 plane is missing from Mosquito raids on Berlin and Western Germany last night...

UNITED STATES: The debate on soldiers' votes bill continued hotly in both the Senate and the House, with the House defeating a motion calling for a roll call vote on the Green-Lucas bill which the President has backed as the best of several measures introduced. The President has been criticized in Congress for what was termed "interfering in legislative matters," when he stated his support of the Green-Lucas bill and criticized supporters of the "States Rights" bill already passed by Senate...10,000 passenger cars is the February quota for the nation, the lowest yet and two-thirds of the January quota. Bicycle quota is 7,500, half of January's, and the lowest yet...Lt Col Ruth Cheney Streeter, Director of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve became a full Colonel and Lt Commander Dorothy O Strattin, Chief of the Coast Guard Women's Reserve was promoted to Captain...Latest casualty totals issued by the OWI show a grand total of 146,186, but that figure may be increased by a tally of Americans who have died in Jap prison camps. Of the total casualties, more than 33,000 were killed, 49,000 wounded, 33,000 missing and 21,000 captured...Armed farm boys captured 5 German prisoners of war who escaped from a camp near Indiana, Nebraska...New war contracts may be withheld and expired ones not renewed in the Chicago area unless the contracts cannot be fulfilled elsewhere, because of a critical labor shortage in Chicago. Manpower Chief McHutt explained that the step might have to be taken because Chicago residents have been slow to join the war production program. He blamed the situation on lack of teamwork and awareness
AMERICAN SPORTS:

**ONE QUESTION** that has been agitating all those planning to attend the Group dance tomorrow night is: How do you dance in mosquito boots? The question was answered this morning: You don't. You may wear low quarter shoes to the dance, provided you rub Skat on your ankles...

THE LOW CUTS will be a relief to the GIs, but a positive boon to the ladies. Mosquito boots being generally oversize, there would probably have been an epidemic of badly scuffed ladies' ankles, to say nothing of much stepped on toes. So if you fall on your face, you can't blame it on your mosquito boots.

THE DANCE starts at 7:30 and ends at 11:30. Uniform will be khakis, cuff's buttoned, and ties will be worn.

FROM ALL INDICATIONS, the first Group dance will be fine fare. For the record, it will be the first social event to be held in this camp--after more than 16 months in this place. A milestone.

ALL ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVES, of Bushtown and Rosville, will meet in the gym back of the Special Service Office in Bushtown tonight at 1800.

AMERICAN SPORTS: Lt Col Bernie Bierman, former Minnesota football coach, quashed rumors of retiring from the Marines with the announcement of his appointment as Athletic Director of the Naval Air Training Station at Pensacola, Fla. HOCKEY: Chi Blackhawks took firm grasp on fourth place, beating Boston 2-0, the 1st shutout sustained by the Bruins this year. It was the 8th win in a row for the Hawks and 7th straight defeat for the Bruins. BOXING: Algie Stoltz continued his comeback, when he pounded out a 10 round win over Jimmie Phillips in NY.
PACIFIC: More than 30,000 American Marines and soldiers have established at least 10 beachheads in the Marshall islands. Our forces completely control Roi island, which has an airfield, and hold two thirds of Kwajalein island. Nenwi was also named as a landing place. The largest naval task force ever assembled put down a protective bombardment to aid the multiple landings in the 66 mile long Kwajalein Atoll. More than 14,000 tons of shells and bombs were hurled at Jap defenses. No enemy planes rose to contest the landings at the southern end of the atoll, interceptors were met over Roi and Nenwi, where 18 Jap planes were shot down and 51 others destroyed or damaged on the ground. The landings in the Kwajalein chain brought American forces deep into the Marshalls, a jump of 800 miles from the nearest American bases in the Gilberts. The invasion of the Marshalls is the first Allied penetration of territory governed by Japan. The Marshall and Caroline groups, the latter to the southwest, were governed by the Japanese under League of Nations Mandates since the termination of World War I. The US Military Government has taken over the occupied islands and issued proclamations to the inhabitants. Another Allied raid on Rabaul brought up only 30 interceptors; 6 of these were destroyed; 4 were claimed as probables; 7 were destroyed on the ground and 15 damaged. The Allies lost 4 planes. Japs caught between Americans and Australians on the Huon peninsula have begun to scatter, some taking to the Ministerie mountains to the south, while others are attempting escape by sea. Naval patrol boats are covering the coast. 22 out of a squadron of 23 Corsairs were lost in a storm between the Gilbert and Ellice island groups in the Pacific. All but six of the pilots were rescued... Leading Pacific ace now in action is Lt Robert M. Hanson of Newtionville, Mass., with a total of 26 Jap planes to his credit, including 4 new T6jio models.

ITALY: French and American forces are exploiting their four mile wide break through in the Gustav line west of Via Casalina, to the north and west of Cassino. The Allies are threatening to flank the Gustav line, on the western wing of the trans-Italy line the British scored some advances northwest of Minturno and reported that for the first time in a week the Germans did not counter-attack. On the northern front, German counter-attacks centered on Cisterna, the southern end of the Allied line. Americans repulsed the attacks. 4 enemy planes were shot during the day against our loss of 1. British naval units were active on the Adriatic coast, sinking 2 small enemy schooners and shelling Ancona.

RUSSIA: Three Russian columns were converging on Narva, about 5 miles inside the Estonian border. Slightly to the south of the drive on Narva, other Russian forces crossed the Luga River on a broad front and were heading towards Lake Peipus. They were 25 miles from the Narva rail way running south to Pskov, at the southern end of Lake Peipus. In the advance on Luga, one Red column was 7 miles south of that place, while another coming from the north was about 33 miles away. The 16 Republics in the USSR will have the right to conduct their own foreign relations and attend to their own defense programs, thus in effect changing the highly centralized Soviet Union into a decentralized federation of republics which are autonomous on international matters. This change was announced by the Supreme Soviet, Russia's parliament, and was made on the proposal of Foreign Minister Molotov.

EUROPE: Yugo-Slav patriots claimed capture of Promina, and add that they inflicted heavy losses on the First German Alpine Division in bloody fighting along the Knin-Benkovac railroad along the Dalmatian coast.

UNITED STATES: An amendment providing that validity of service ballots be determined by the States, together with two other amendments intended to guarantee state control over service voting, were defeated in the Senate by a vote of 69-23. Senate debate on the proposed service vote bill began 10 days ago. Washie Bratcher, 29, orchestral leader and 17 others were arrested and charged by the FBI with violating the Selective Service Act. They are said to have tried to gain deferment through using drugs to induce high blood pressure. The father of two children, who has spent 6 months in an iron lung with a respiratory ailment, was notified he is in L-A... The Navy will reduce its student pilot training program and withdraw from the civilian training program. See Knox praised GAA schools, explaining that naval facilities are now adequate to give flight training unsatisfied... Eugene Ormandy, conductor of the Philadelphia Philharmonic, will be a 'musical ambassador' to Australia and Allied troops there. He will conduct 16
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

AS THE VOICE of the Group stationed in Rocville, WHO DAT is pleased to extend a cordial welcome to all the guests of the Group tonight; on behalf of the Group personnel, 'We are happy to have you here, and appreciate your coming all the more because our dance tonight is the first real social life we have seen at this base.

MANY OF US have enjoyed entertainments at King George Hall in town, and we have all enjoyed the shows presented by ENSA and RAF performers on our stage, but tonight's dance is the first social gathering we have had the privilege of arranging. THOSE OF US who have been on furlough to Cairo and Jo'berg have brought back pleasant memories of social activities at those places; social life such as we have not seen in this part of Africa.

WE ARE HAPPY to offer our hospitality tonight to our guests, and we hope they will enjoy every moment of their visit in Rocville so much they will look forward to coming here again.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES: JEWISH, tonight at 1815, Group Chapel (bus leaves Station Chapel at 1800); Sunday at 1000, Little Prayer Chapel; CATHOLIC: Mass at 1645, confessions at 1630, daily in St Louis Chapel; confessions Saturday 1800-1830, St Louis Chapel; Holy Hour, Benediction, Friday at 1645; St Louis Chapel; Masses Sunday at 0610, 0700 and 0830 (bus for 0830 Mass leaves Rocville at 0815).

PROTESTANT: Sunday services in Group Chapel at 1000, Vespers 0745; Bible Class Tuesday at 1900, Group Chapel. Station Chapel; Sunday at 1000, Vespers 0745, also Monday and Friday at 1745 in Little Prayer Chapel; Communion Wednesday at 1745, Little Prayer Chapel. EPISCOPAL: Communion Sunday at 0830, Little Prayer Chapel; Communion Tuesday and Thursday at 1745, Little Prayer Chapel. Chaplain Wolverton will preach in the Group Chapel Sunday at 1000.

NO SHOW at the Roosy tonight. Bushtown presents Mae West in THE HEAT'S ON.

CLASSES IN NAVIGATION begin at the GI College on Monday, February 7, and will be held thereafter on Mondays and Thursdays at 1400 and 1900.

PIANISTS WANTED: No experience necessary. Report to Special Service Office, Bushtown, or see Cpl Edmonds at the old Transient Tent, Bushtown.

WIGHT WORKERS interested in working in the broadcasting studio in their free time report to SSO, Bushtown.

FOUND: Pictures belonging to S/Sgt T. M. McCadden of Carrollton, Ill. Claim at SSO, Bushtown.

ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVES of all organizations at this base will meet in the Bushtown Theatre Sunday night at 2115.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to S/Sgt Richard B Frye, Hq; Cpl Paul C Fulp, Sup; S/Sgt Roger M Wimberly, Rep and Cpl Edward E Byrd, Rep 2.
ITALY: Cassino, previously reported as evacuated by the Germans, is still in enemy hands, with heavy fighting taking place in the outskirts. Cassino was described as encircled, with Terrelle, to the north, occupied by the French, and mountain positions around Cassino penetrated by the Americans to an extent that seriously threatens German escape along Via Casilina. The northern front reported the repulse of 4 enemy counter-attacks with heavy losses to the enemy. 3 of these were launched about 7 miles southwest of Cisterno. 5 enemy planes were shot down, to our loss of 2, during Allied bombings of railroads and other targets in Italy.

RUSSIA: 10 German divisions were practically trapped in the Dnieper Bend region as a result of a new Soviet breakthrough westward from Kirovograd and eastward from a point southeast of Belaya-Tserkov. Two Soviet armies drew a ring around the Germans by joining forces near Zvenigorodka and Shpol. The rail hub of Sayyla, southwest of Cherkassy was among the places overrun. The Germans are encircled in a space 1000 square miles which is only about 40 miles wide in some spots. The Germans admitted their evacuation of Rovno and Luck in Poland, but Moscow did not confirm the report. Luck is 80 miles inside the old Polish border, the deepest penetration of Poland yet made by the Soviets. Red forces have crossed the Estonian border and taken Venekula, 5 miles inside Estonia, and 11 miles north of Narva. Krievay-Luka; a border town 18 miles south of Narva has also been captured. Other Russian forces were at the gates of Narva, the first important city in the border region.

EUROPE: 1100 heavy bombers of the USAAF made a daylight raid on Wilhelmshaven, a 700 mile flight. RAF Mosquitoes were over western Germany and also layed mines in enemy waters. All returned safely while intruder planes shot down 1 enemy plane over northern France. 4 enemy planes were shot down over England last night. The earthquake in Turkey took the lives of 395 and injured 984. 1600 houses were damaged, most of the damage being in the city of Gerede. Patriots are fighting a powerful Nazi counter-offensive along the Italian-Yugo-Slavy border. 5 Nazi columns are attempting to break through to the Adriatic coast. The patriots reported the receipt of substantial quantities of material from the Allies since January 1.

UNITED STATES: The US produced 6769 planes in January, Chairman Wilson of the Aircraft Production Board disclosed. Our output was "particularly gratifying" because of an increase in long range fighters and heavy bombers. The total number of units was about the same as in December but the overall weight increased by 5.4%. Virtually every aircraft company met or exceede its January schedule. The Navy Dept reported Raymond Clapper, newspaper columnist and reporter for the Scripps-Howard chain, dead in an air crash while covering the invasion of the Marshalls. Clapper, who was 51, was a passenger on a plane which crashed with another, dropping both into a lagoon. Both pilots of both planes were killed. Virginia Military Institute held finals for its smallest graduating class since its founding in 1839. This year its class totals 3; normally it averages 150. Only 16 officer training camps remain in operation and the Army will continue to
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MEN WISHING to go deep sea fishing leave names at WHO DAT office. Boat leaves the beach Wednesday at 0600. There is room for 4 men from Rocville. Men in Bushtown "sign up at 830 there.

MALE CALL by Milton Caniff

LONG OVERDUE—MUST BE CONSIDERED LOST

MALE CALL above, which just arrived, is an old strip which you may not have seen before. Maybe it is circulated again by popular demand or something.

THE WOLF by Sansone

"If that's basic English he's teaching them, I'm 4-F!"

CAPTAIN LUTHER P WHEATE would like it to be known that he is not a married man; that he is free, white and over 21, and has no strings attached. (Adv.)

MEETING OF EM'S Reception Committee Tuesday at 1615 in Group Hqtrs, very brief.

Following men will attend: Cpl Warren J Ginn, Hq; Sgt Douglas C Blackiston, Sup; Cpl Junior D Follas, Rep; S/Sgt Sebastian S Wilkinson, QM Tr; Cpl Sidney Katz, Serv, and a representative of Rep 2.

FOR SALE: Gold Tissot wrist watch with 2 tone gray dial, gold hands and numerals. $32. See Capt Joel H Smith, Hut 23.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to 7/Sgt Frank F Dunke, Rep; Cpl Chester R Kriner, Rep; Sgt Harrison G Abbott, Rep 2.

POSTMASTER Willie Loper is getting fan mail from mail-hungry customers who complain he is holding up their mail. Willie says it isn't true, that he likes nothing better than giving out letters.
RUSSIA: Soviet troops opened a new offensive, this time in the lower Dnieper Bend, and drove the Germans back from 20 to 45 miles along a 100 mile front. The new drive has trapped 5 German divisions and brought under Soviet control the big rail junction of Apostolovo and 250 towns and villages. Krivoi-Rog and Nikopol, which have been stubbornly defended by the Nazis, are both outflanked and in imminent danger of capture. The Red drive struck at the northern flank of the German salient at its deepest point in the Ukraine, and further Russian progress will force a German withdrawal from the lower Dnieper region...150 miles to the northwest 10 German divisions were trying to find an avenue of escape from another Russian trap. They were counter-attacking fiercely, but heavy Russian artillery concentration drove back their thrusts. The Reds have started to drive a wedge into the German positions, and occupied Plozorey and Verbovka, 20 miles apart on the north and south sides respectively of the oblong shaped pocket...Russian forces in the Rovno region of old Poland reported progress on a 50 mile front...In the far north the Soviets have cleared the entire east bank of the Narva River and are closing in on Narva from the north and south...Helsinki, capital of Finland, was bombed twice by Soviet aircraft last night. Hundreds of Soviet planes attacked the Finnish capital in what was described as the heaviest raid it has suffered...

PACIFIC: The Kwajalein atoll was under American control, with the complete occupation of Kwajalein island, Numa and Loi and Moovey, the most important in the Kwajalein chain. Kwajalein was taken only after 3 days of heavy fighting with tanks, artillery and aircraft. It was estimated that the Japs lost 40 men to every one of ours lost...167 tons of bombs were dropped on enemy positions on the New Britain coast and 2 airfields at Rabaul hit. 4 enemy planes were shot down in the latter raid, at our loss of 2. The new Jap fighter known as "Tejo" appeared during the Rabaul raid...US Navy bombers raided Wake Island, and Eniwetok at the northwestern edge of the Marshalls was also the target for our bombers. Eniwetok is 700 miles from the big Jap base at Truk...

ITALY: Reports from the northern front indicated that the Germans have organized their opposition to the Allied drive, especially on its northern flank, and forced a withdrawal from Cassino. The Allies are now holding their ground after beating off strong enemy counter attacks, and have taken many prisoners...Cassino was still the scene of bitter street fighting as Americans sought to drive the Germans from the town. Outside Cassino, to the north and west, the Americans made some advances...The 8th Army, on the eastern front, captured 2 towns, one 55 miles inland from the Adriatic, the other 20 miles inland...Allied aircraft concentrated on enemy communications in the region of Rome. 10 enemy planes were shot down to our loss of 13...

EUROPE: Flying Fortresses raided 2 Nazi airfields in France yesterday, for the 9th time in 10 days. US Marauders attacked other airfields in France at low level...

CHINA: 6 out of 9 ships in a Jap convoy off the southeast China coast were sunk by Liberators and Mitchells of the 14th USAAF. Another ship was probably sunk. Our planes returned without loss...

UNITED STATES: A Democratic anti-fourth term movement has been launched in Chicago by the American Democratic National Committee, composed of Democrats from 20 states, and headed by Harry H. Woodring, former Secretary of War under President Roosevelt...Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, World War I draft dodger who returned from Germany to serve a sentence in the Federal pen has been released from prison after serving most of his term...The Fourth War Loan Drive reached 77% of its 14 billion dollar goal...Staten Island in New York harbor was accidentally bombarded when a gunner on a ship in the harbor discharged 86 44 shells which landed in the residential sections of Grymes Hill and Ward Hill. No one was injured, but hits were scored on autos, trees and street lights, and the police are hunting for 30 unexploded shells...Harry James has been re-classified I-A. He has 2 children by his first wife and his present wife Betty Grable is expecting a child in April...Nominating petitions for Gen MacArthur and Col Robert R McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, have been filed in Chicago. Sponsor of the MacArthur petition said he had not asked the General's consent, and that his action was purely a "Draft MacArthur for President" movement...MacArthur's name was also filed in Wisconsin in the Republican primaries, along with that of Governor Dewey of New York...After shooting down 25 Jap planes to come within
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CHINA: Heavy bombers of the 14th USAF bombed an ordnance plant at Bangkok, capital of Thailand on the night of February 5...

UNITED STATES: Lt Gen George Kenney, commander of Allied Air Forces in the SW Pacific, received the DSN from Gen MacArthur, who said, "No living man will probably contribute more to the air age which is now upon us." MacArthur termed Gen Kenney one of the world's outstanding air leaders. Formed in ASF...Silliman Evans, owner of the Nashville Tennessean, resigned his post as editor of the Chicago Sun because of "his own expanding affairs..." Marshall Field, owner of the Sun, is now its editor...Congress completed action of a tax bill intended to yield $2,515,000,000 and sent it to the President, who had asked for a measure to yield $10,500,000,000...22 soldiers and a porter were injured Monday when 3 cars of a 14-car train plunged down a 15 foot embankment near Great Falls, Montana...The Navy disclosed the losses of US Submarines Cisco and S-14, bringing to 19 the total of US ships lost. The toll of enemy ships sunk, probably exceeded 20 by American subs is 572...Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt told the press she may make a trip to the Caribbean soon to visit
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EUROPE: US medium bombers attacked Northern France this morning, while Mosquitoes were cut out night intruder patrol and shot down a 6 engine enemy flying boat over the Bay of Biscay. German Alpine units have driven Gen Tito's patriots from Poreusko in heavy fighting for the control of western Bosnian communications. The patriots succeeded in severing 2 strategic rail lines from the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, eastward to Visegrad and Mostar, to the westward...All but one of 7 Italian merchantmen held in Spanish mainland ports have been released. 3 have left, sailing the Bodoglio-Monarchist flag, while the 7th is held in port because of a dispute over her ownership. Release of the vessel was one of the points made by British authorities in a recent protest to Spain on behalf of a strict neutrality policy...

CHINA: Heavy bombers of the 14th USAAF bombed an ordnance plant at Bangkok, capital of Thailand on the night of February 5...

UNITED STATES: Lt Gen George Kenney, commander of Allied Air Forces in the SW Pacific, received the DSI from Gen LinArthur, who said, "No living man will probably occurnre more to the air age which is now upon us," Marshall termed Gen Kenney one of the world's outstanding air leaders. From the article by: Marshall, owner of the Sun, is now its editor...Congress completed action of a bill intended to yield $2,315,000,000 and sent it to the President, who has signed a measure to yield $2,650,000,000...22 soldiers and a porter were injured Monday when 3 cars of a 14 car train plunged down a 15 foot embankment near Great Falls, Montana...The Navy disclosed the losses of Us Submarines Cisco and S-14, bringing to 19 the total of Us subs lost. The toll of enemy ships sunk, probably sunk and damaged by American subs is 573...Ats Monter Bay, California told the crew of one of his planes a trip to the Caribbean once to visit...
THE FIRST AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION carried out by this Group, to wit; a deep sea fishing party, brought mixed results yesterday, and one casualty. One boat got out a few miles but turned back when Cpl Melvin Groskind, Rep 2, fell prey to the ills which water-borne flesh is heir to; he got sea sick past anything.

NOT HAVING any of Mother Sill's Seasickness Pills aboard, the fisherman turned back to the beach. The other boat made some catches, but you know how it is, the big ones all got away. Apparently the only school in session was sardines, fugitives from the Portuguese.

LOCAL FISHERMEN say the best season is April. They should know, but then, in Africa, the best time for anything is not now, but tomorrow, or April or when the rainy season comes, or when it goes, or the third Tuesday come next Michaelmas.

BUT TUESDAY, for some unstated reason, is a day when no proper African fisherman goes down to the sea. There is probably some fine fine superstition attached to Tuesday, and if we find it out, we'll pass it on to you. Maybe Tuesday is a bad day all around for Africa. Maybe you shouldn't do anything on Tuesday but rest at the beach. We must look into this Tuesday business.

THROUGH a mix-up in signals, Bushtown has all the reservations for Friday and Saturday, Rooville's reservations for Sunday are taken, while there are 3 Rooville vacancies for Monday, and 4 for each day thereafter. Please sign up and pay up well in advance.

NEW SQUADRON representatives for the EM Recreation Committee, Rooville, will be elected in a few days. They will serve 3 months. We would like to see more representatives below the grade of Sergeant.

SPORTS

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NO SHOWS at the Roosy or Bushtown tonight.

HILTON'S All-Stars will play a pick up team, baseball, on the Rooville diamond today at 1645.

COFFEE AND DONUTS at the Rooville PX tonight at 2000, served by the Red Cross.

THE DISCUSSION Group at the GI College starts next Thursday night, Feb 17, not tonight. Time is 1900.

WHO DAT CAPTAIN seen up and about very, very early this morning, in fact before 8 o'clock?

CIGARS are being handed out by FIRST Lieutenant Harold G Wylie, Finance, who changed the gold for silver today. He is the man who takes your salute as you take your money. Indispensable.

ENSA SHOW coming to Bushtown Friday night, to the Roosy Saturday night. The company is called "It's a Tonic," and comprises comedian and manager Horace Bushnell; vocalist Florence White; pianist and accordionist Syd England; comedian Jack Bill; pianist Cyril Clarke, plus Joyce Hillman and Vera Schirley.

ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVES of all organizations at this base will meet at the SSC Bushtown Tonight at 1830.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to Cpl Marble L Mainini, Rep 2; Cpl Francis J Duffy, Rep 2.

PICTURES of the Group dance are displayed on the bulletin board in Group Hqtrs. These pictures are the property of Group Special Service and are not to be removed.

CAPTAIN MORTIMER has a fine fine monkey which he will dash to any Enlisted Man who will take good care of it.
GROUP CHOIR rehearsal at 1900 tonight in Group Chapel.

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PACIFIC: With 32 main islands in the Kwajalein atoll in American hands, along with control of a number of lesser islands, American forces prepared for further offensive operations in the central Pacific. Aerial and naval attacks have already been launched against Jaluit and other atolls in the Marshalls which the Americans by passed when they struck at Kwajalein. Up to Feb 4 American ships and planes hurled 14,496 tons of shells and bombs at a half dozen islands in the Kwajalein atoll, American carrier planes destroyed or immobilized every enemy plane within 600 miles of Kwajalein. In the southwest Pacific Australians had fought their way within a few miles of the Americans driving down the Hòn peninsula from Solord. Rabaul harbor was described as a grave yard of enemy shipping, with fewer Jap ships seen in the harbor than ever before...

RUSSIA: Krivoi-Rog, the last large industrial city in the Donieper Bend to remain in German hands, has been surrounded by Red troops. Soviets who took Nikopol were mopping up around that place, while another column moved southwestward towards Nikolaev, near the mouth of the Bug River, and Kherson, at the mouth of the Donieper. German forces trying to break through the Russian ring around them at Korsun were thrown back with heavy losses in tanks and men...

ITALY: Heavy fighting was reported on the beach head front south of Rome, with the Nazis attacking in force on the Anzio, or northern flank of the beach head positions. The Germans were sending night patrols of as many as 300 men into the Allied lines, and had gathered a large concentration of artillery. The Allies have held their lines against the numerous assaults. On the southern front the Germans were most active on the Adriatic sector, where they made several counterattacks on 8th Army positions. In the west the Americans were still closely engaged in Cassino, with Abbey Hill still untaken. The Germans were holding strong emplacements in the hills around Cassino, while their forces in the town were said to be reduced to a battalion. On the American left flank British units of the 5th Army advanced about a mile and took Mt Gerasola in the face of stiff resistance...

EUROPE: Bad weather limited operations over Germany last night, but the RAF attacked targets in western Germany, while 200 Marauders struck at railway centers in northern France. 1 plane is missing from these missions. Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told Commons the Japanese hold about 140,000 British as prisoners of war...

UNITED STATES: In a strongly worded statement the War Labor Board sent to the President the labor dispute involving 30,000 members of the Mechanics Educational Society of America (a union of highly skilled tool and die makers) and about 50 war plants in the Great Lakes region. The WLB declared the union struck for 4 days over last weekend "in violation of the law and it struck not because of any dispute with employers but to compel the government to do its bidding." The Board suggested that the President consider invoking civil penalties against the union and prepare to use criminal penalties if another walkout occurs. The Army has sent out 500 checks for mustering out pay to veterans in the New York and Connecticut areas. 3,000 applications by discharged veterans have been made in this region... Overall American war casualties total 160,478--34,479 killed, 52,692 wounded, 34,746 missing and 30,261 prisoners. As of January 15, 112,030 were Army casualties and 39,448 Navy casualties. AFL members of the War Labor Board formally petitioned for the lifting of the Little Stool Wage formula, which limits wage increases to 15% since January 1941. The AFL members said their survey of price levels showed an increase of 43.5%. Government survey reports a price increase of 23%... Said the petitioners, "The time is now at hand when the War Labor Board must candidly admit the insufficiencies of price control as currently applied"... The Navy Dept. just disclosed the destruction last October, of at least 6 German ships totaling 40,000 tons in a surprise raid by planes from the carrier Ranger off Norway. Other enemy vessels were damaged, 2 Axis planes shot down and the Ranger lost 3 planes in the operation. The Ranger was operating with a British task force at the time, and is still at sea... William Patrick Hitler, 32, nephew of Adolf Hitler, will be inducted into the Navy after being turned down by the American, British and Canadian armies... Four brothers who evaded the draft and arrest for 4 months by
LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

FOURSCORE and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come here to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place of those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it cannot forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

THE DRAWING of Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday we observe today, is the work of Sgt Johnny Grubba, WASC, staff artist for FILE 13.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to 1st Sgt Dallas H Stephens, Rep; Pfc Richard D Debnike, Serv; Sgt James E Walding, Serv; MONDAY: Major Thomas M Walton, Capt Irving I Berglass; Sgt Leonard W Hoase, Rep 2; Pfc Lee W Tilghman, QM Tr; Pvt Kelvin W Hruby, Ord; Pvt Walter A Cornell, Ord; Pfc Joseph T Guzzo, Serv.

OFF TO Signal Corps CCS at Ft Monmouth, N.J., is Sgt Albert F Smith, Rep, of Coharie, Mass; to Air Corps CCS at Miami, M/Sgt Patrick O Pedracine, Rep, of Madison, Wis.

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Group O.D. Feb 12, 1st Lt Orren M Cross; Feb 13, Capt Irving I Berglass. Base O.D. Feb 12, 2nd Lt Joseph R Bogaert; 15, 1st Lt Frank Turner.

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CAPT., A.C.

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IT'S A TONIC, ENSA variety show, at the Roosy tonight; Sunday, IS EVERYBODY HAPPY, with Ted Lewis and many of his song hits; the same at Bushtown tonight; Sunday at Bushtown, NORTH STAR, with Walter Pidgeon.

TO CAIRO by way of ping-pong: Sign up one time for the ping-pong tournament; best four men at this base go to Cairo. Entries close Sunday night. Sign up at SSO in Bushtown or Recville.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served by the Red Cross in Rooville PX Sunday at 0930.

CATHOLIC CHOIR rehearsal tonight at 1900 in the Station Chapel.

LOST: Waterman pen, from Sgt Hix' desk in Dispensary. Urgently needed.
PACIFIC: The Huon peninsula, on the east coast of New Guinea, is in Allied hands. Australians climaxed a drive of 150 miles up the peninsula to make a junction with Americans moving southward from a beach head at Saidor. Allied Hqtrs reported that the greater part of 14,000 Jap troops had been destroyed during the campaign, in which the Australians and Americans trapped the enemy between their approaching lines on two sides, and the Finisterre mountains and the Vitiaz Straits on the other two sides. Completion of the campaign brought the Allies within striking distance of Bogadjin, which is 45 miles northwest of Medang. The drive up the peninsula started from Finnschafen last September. Medang was reported "bombarded out" by Allied Hqtrs, but there was no confirmation of a Melbourne radio report that the Japs had evacuated that base. Allied bombers have met no enemy opposition in raids on Medang during recent weeks. Wewak, about 190 miles up the coast northwest of Medang, received 200 tons of Allied bombs yesterday. 30 landing barges were sunk. 100 tons of bombs were dropped on Rabaul, New Britain and 20 of 50 interceptors were shot down. In the Central Pacific US Navy and Army planes and warships bombarded Jap islands, among them Wake (American, now held by the enemy). American subs have sunk 12 Jap supply ships in the SW Pacific...

ITALY: "A very tense situation and very heavy fighting obtains in the Anglo-American beach head near Rome," was the President's description of the northern front in Italy. Mr. Roosevelt told the press, "The Allies are praying for good weather to facilitate air and sea operations." The latest report from the front was that the Allies had beaten back enemy attacks and gained an important road junction in the Anzio-Cassino sector, where the Germans have made their best try, using SS troops and other crack units. Allied warships were shelling the German positions, while in some parts of the front there was bitter hand-to-hand fighting. Americans holding positions in the Cisterna area, on the right flank of the northern front, were facing heavy German attacks. Street fighting in Cassino had turned into a struggle for buildings, the Germans having installed themselves well in large buildings which they were using as pillboxes. The 8th Army, near the Adriatic, reported some progress, with movement hampered by continued snow and sleet...

RUSSIA: Shepetovka, a rail junction 20 miles from the Polish frontier, was in Russian hands after 3 years of enemy occupation. It is on the road to Rovno, Poland; its capture portends an extension of the Russian salient in old Poland. 7 Red columns were driving at Korsun, center of resistance of the trapped 10 German divisions in the upper Dnieper region. 2 Red columns were 7 miles from Korsun, while others were cutting through the German lines to pocket the enemy in small groups. The Nazis were using large transport planes to bring in supplies, and 10 of these were shot down by the Russians. On the lower Dnieper, near its mouth, a Russian force was driving closer to Nikolayev. 150 Soviet planes attacked Kotka, a Finnish port on the Gulf of Finland, east of Helsinki, according to a Finnish communiqué...

EUROPE: German raiders caused minor damage and a few casualties in the London area last night. British and American bombers attacked Frankfurt yesterday, meeting strong opposition, while RAF Mosquitoes bombed Central and western Germany during the night. 15 fighters and 3 bombers were lost in yesterday's operations, while 37 Nazi planes were destroyed. The American attack on Brunswick last Thursday cost 29 bombers and 8 fighters, while 86 Nazi fighters were shot down...

UNITED STATES: 22,200 American and Filipino prisoners of war died as a result of mistreatment in one Jap prison camp in the Phillipines, the State Department revealed. The Dept also published its note of protest to the Japanese government, citing 18 instances of atrocities, mistreatment or neglect. The note demanded immediate efforts to improve prison camps and punishment for parties responsible for the deaths of prisoners. 21 passengers and 3 crew members were in an American Airlines plane which crashed into the Mississippi 15 miles south of Memphis. The wreckage has been found but no bodies recovered. The flight was Little Rock to Memphis, en route from Los Angeles to New York. Blizzards swept the mid-west from North Dakota to Kansas, with Galva, ND, reporting 32 below zero. The cold wave reached east to New York, bringing snow and icy winds. Schools were closed in Chicago and many other places. Charles Chaplain was indicted on charges of criminal conspiracy and Mann Act violations involving Joan Barry, a former nurse who had lived in a father of her daughter. A series of indict-
A VALENTINE TO THE CQ:
Test blocks are noisy.
And so are CQs.
They give me a pain.
And so do youse.

AFTERNOON visiting hours at the Station Hospital change tomorrow, the 15th, Major Leslie E. Knapp, M.G., has announced. The afternoon visiting time will be one hour later, 1400 to 1500, instead of the present 1300-1400. The evening visiting time, 1900-2000, remains unchanged.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to T/Sgt Harcourt W. Smith, Rep; Sgt Gordon L. Bowser, Ord; Sgt William L. Jensen, Jr; Ord; S/Sgt Daniel J. Takach, Serv.

AMERICAN SPORTS: The Canadians drubbed the Toronto Maple Leafs 3-2 for their 25th National Hockey League win, with only 4 losses for the season. OHIO STATE threw the Big 10 basketball race into a 5 team scramble by drubbing Iowa for the 2nd straight night, 50-42. Six foot eight Arnie Kiser, Buckeye center, led the attack with 21 points. HAWAIIAN born Bill Smith, former Ohio State swimming star, paced Great Lakes Naval to a swimming meet triumph over his former mates from Ohio. Smith broke 2 of his own world records. His 21.42 shayed half a second off his former mark for the 200 meter event. Jerry Kersmor, another Buckeye swimming for Great Lakes set a new record of 21.4 sec. for the 150 yd free style...

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Group O.D. Feb 14, Capt Beverly B. Hlemp; Feb 15; Capt Joel H. Smith, Base O.D., Feb 14, 1st Lt. Charles S. Stringfellow; Feb 15, 1st Lt Robert J. Martin.

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Maurice Bushnell

Joel Bell

ENSAA gave another good show at the Rosie Saturday night, this time presenting the "IT'S A TONIC" company. Not even a piano badly out of tune could spoil the music and song offered. They made the dance and gags as well as music and songs. Probably busiest man on the stage was Jock Bell, the man who walks on his knees.

INCIDENTALLY Bell played American vaudeville circuits in the old days, in the old country, and made the Palace, which is tope in vaudeville in the US.

THE COMPANY had sandwiches and coffee in the EM mess hall after the show and signed the autographs above, between dishes of peaches.

HEAVENLY BODY, with Hedy Lamarr and William Powell, is at the Rosie tonight, Bushtown presents NORTH-STAR, with Walter Huston, Ann Baxter and a number of other stars.

PING PONG TOURNAMENT' games will all be played in Rec Hall 1, Bushtown. Game schedule for Racerville men: Tonight, Tlll, Rep. at 1800; Algerman, Sup., 1900; Moore, Sup., 2100; Dombrowski, Sup., 2100; Tuesday, Swenor, Rep. 2, 1800; Abbott, Rep. 2, 1600; Lovin, Rep. 1900; Campbell, Rep. 2, 1900.
ITALY: British units of the 5th Army were still locked in a bitter struggle on the Anzio-Cassino front, with the heaviest fighting inland, among agricultural buildings erected when the Fascists redeemed marshland in the vicinity of Cassino. One building, known as the "Factory," has changed hands three times, and is now in German hands. An Allied spokesman described the situation as "generally satisfactory despite intensive German shelling of our positions. A break through the weather brought increased Allied aerial support, and yesterday's news reported the arrival of a large convoy of reinforcements which came through 7 enemy aerial attacks...Americans at Cassino, after taking a 1500 foot height, were still trying to dislodge the Germans from Monte Cassino. The Nazis have taken shelter in the Abbey of Monte Cassino, which the Americans have avoided shelling...and bogged down the 8th Army near the Adriatic...Allied aircraft flew 800 sorties on the Anzio and Cassino fronts, shooting down 4 enemy planes and losing 2...

RUSSIA: The Russian Baltic drive brought the whole eastern shore of Lake Peipus under Soviet control, to a point 30 miles north of Pskov. Lake Peipus forms a natural boundary for Estonia, with about 40 miles of land border from the vicinity of Pskov south...another Red push took the rail junction of Luga, about 73 miles east of Lake Peipus. To the southeast of Luga, on the southern shore of Lake Ilmen, Staraya Russia was the objective of another Russian force. Most of the shores of Ilmen is already under Red control...Berlin reported heavy Russian attacks on the Vitebsk front in White Russia...

PACIFIC: Rabaul was again bombed by American aircraft, 134 tons of bombs being dropped. Very few Jap planes rose to intercept and 3 were shot down. 6 barges were sunk in the harbor...American warships shelled targets in the Solomons and on New Guinea...RAF Mosquitos are now operating against the Japanese in the SW Pacific...

BURMA: Allied forces were making progress outside Taung Bazaar. The Allies were fighting to restore communications in the Arakan sector of western Burma, where a Jap force said to number 21,000 cut off a British force and struck at the rear of its lines. There was no retreat, but much heavy fighting over the weekend... Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, Allied air commander in China was awarded the Air Medal for piloting an unarmed O-47 in numerous missions over enemy territory where ack-ack was expected, for the purpose of mapping plans for a future offensive...

CHINA: "An immediate, continued increase in supplies to China" by air was called for by Lt. Gen. Stillwell, who said the Allies can not wage an offensive against Japan from Chinese bases but that "such activity cannot wait for the penetration of the Jap blockade by land and sea." He emphasized that the naval drive now being waged against the enemy's island strongholds "must be supported heavily by an aggressive Allied land and air offensive from the interior of Asia"...The 10th U.S.A.A.F., celebrating its 2nd anniversary on the CBI front made extensive raids during which they shot down 4 Jap fighters over Hong-Kong, left a 5000 ton Jap cargo ship sinking off the China coast; attacked Jap barracks and installations on the Yunnan-Burma border and in Indo-China; bombed shipping in Tongking Gulf and rail installations at Hatrang. They lost 4 planes in the operations...

EUROPE: Berlin announced that the entire French Atlantic coast all the way to the Spanish border, would be heavily fortified as is the coast closest to Britain...About 60 German bombers were over S5 England, and 15 got through to London, where they did minor damage...Allied aircraft concentrated on northern France and the Pas de Calais, flying 200 sorties in all. 4 bombers and 2 fighters were lost...

UNITED STATES: Marine Pfc. Stephen P. Hopkins, 18, the third son of Harry Hopkins, advisor to the President, was killed in action in the Marshall Islands. Hopkins has 2 other sons overseas...Jimmy Cagney arrived in London on a tour of Allied camps...The season's worst snowstorm caused 5 deaths and many injuries in New England...Edgar Selwyn, producer and director for MGM, died at 67. He started as an usher in a New York theater..."Americans are turning to the Republican Party because they are 'desperately anxious' that we build well and strongly in international cooperation after this war," N. Y. Governor Dewey told an audience in
NORTH STAR, with Walter Bushton and Ann Baxter is at the Roxy tonight. Film of Russian village caught in the Nazi invasion. At Bushtown, USC SHOW Unit 99, for British personnel and Americans on duty on previous show nights.

A CONCERT of German songs will be presented by Capt. David B. McClosky at the Station Chapel next Thursday evening, February 24, at 1900. The concert was suggested by the German and Music Appreciation Classes of the GI College, Capt. McClosky sang with the Chicago Opera Company, the Boston and other symphony orchestras and toured Germany and England in 1935. Accompanist will be Mrs. Miles. All are invited.

PING PONG finals tonight in the Engineers Rec Hall. Pfc. Dombroskie, Sup, will play at 1900.

MEETING of all athletic representatives at the Special Service Office, Bushtown, at 1830 tonight.

CATHOLIC CHOIR rehearsal has been postponed from tonight to Saturday at 1900, Station Chapel.

GROUP CHOIR rehearsal tonight at 1800, in the Group Chapel.

IN ORDER to catch the wind at the best time, fishing parties will leave earlier. Rosville men should be at our bus stop at 0530. Lunch is provided. The boat returns at 1300.

COFFEE and donuts served in the Rosville PX by the Red Cross after the movie.

DISCUSSION GROUP will meet at the GI College tonight at 1900. Topic will be "The National Service Act." An open forum, with S/Sgt Norman C. McKenna of Rosville acting as chairman.

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PACIFIC: The Allies made their deepest incursion into Jap controlled waters from the east when American Mitchells bombed and strafed Pomapesa, an island in the Caroline group 437 miles east of Truk. 55 tons of bombs were rained on shore installations, and a small cargo ship was sunk. Army and Navy planes continued to bomb Jap positions in the Marshall islands. In the southwest 8 Jap planes were destroyed at Wewak, and 10 Japs downed in the New Guinea area. 284 tons of bombs were dropped on Kavieng, northern tip of New Ireland. Only weak opposition was put up by Americans and New Zealanders who occupied the 6 islands in the Green island group north of Buka.

ITALY: Allied troops are heavily engaged in the Anzio sector. British warships are shelling German positions beyond Anzio. The Allied communiqué revealed that the Germans have held Carrocetto and Aprilia for several days. Meanwhile Gen Sir Harold R L G Alexander criticized reports creating a pessimistic picture of the beach head fighting. Asserting that the Allies have won the first round, are winning the second and the third will come "when we gather our forces" Alexander, who had visited the beach head, said "We have pulled off much tougher jobs than this...we will certainly not lose here." On the southern front minor successes were reported at Cassino, where Americans made some gains through the streets of the town, and were advancing on the rubble of the destroyed monastery. Allied planes made 1200 sorties yesterday, compared with 130 made by the Germans. 9 enemy planes were shot down, while 4 of ours were lost.

RUSSIA: Helsinki reported Russian troops had jumped behind the German lines at Narva by making a landing 30 miles west of Narva, on the Gulf of Finland. A Red column advancing on Pskov along railway and road lines from Luga reached within 25 miles of their objective, while another Red force pushed on Pskov from the north, moving along the eastern shore of Lake Pskov. Helsinki was bombèd twice last night by Russian bombers. Fire bombs and high explosives were dropped by more than 100 bombers. The Finnish government denied that it had exchanged notes with Germany relative to reported peace negotiations with the USSR. Helsinki also denied that Finnish statesman Juho Passikivi had gone to Moscow to negotiate a peace with the Soviets. The Helsinki statement did not deny, however, that peace negotiations are under way.

EUROPE: Benito Mussolini took full responsibility for the execution of his son-in-law, Count Galeazzo Ciano, in an interview with the correspondent of the Tokyo Asahi. Mussolini is said to have described his decision to send Ciano before a firing squad as worthy of "a true Japanese Samurai." Maj Gen Ralph Royce, commander of US Army Forces in the Middle East received the Karageorge Star With Swords, the highest Yugo-Slav decoration except for action against the enemy. King Peter of Yugo-Slavia made the award in Cairo. At the same time 20 other persons were decorated by King Peter.

CHINA: American troops were warned against poisoned liquor which the Japs are smuggling into unoccupied China. The Japs are said to have circulated a poisoned concoction in bottles bearing legitimate labels. The liquor was said to bring illness or death.

SOUTH AMERICA: The Argentine government, which has severed its relations with Axis countries, is still having its troubles with pro-axis sympathizers. The custer of the Foreign Minister, Presidential Secretary and Minister of Education, just announced, is said to have been due to pressure by pro-Axis circles.

UNITED STATES: War Dept medals awarded as decorations to human beings will no longer be given to dogs, the War Dept announced, in reply to an inquiry made by the National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The information came as a result of a controversy started over the reported award of a Purple Heart, Silver Star and DSM to a GI dog on the Italian front. Limited mail service, letters and postcards, is now available to and from the parts of Italy now occupied by the Allies. Mail will be subject to censorship. Blood tests proved that Charles Chaplin was not the father of Joan Barry's four months old daughter. Miss Barry's counsel agreed that the tests were conclusive. The Federal charges of violation of the Mann act and conspiracy still stand against Chaplin and five others. The 4th War Loan Drive passed its quota yesterday. The 14 billion dollar quota was exceeded by 181 millions of dollars. The Giant View Stadium, left Jersey City Tuesday for Lisbon, for the first
THE ARMY'S ROTATION of personnel policy is at work, according to Army Newspaper Service, which supplies us with the bulk of the news we print on page 2. We give the latest AMS report just as it appears in their radiogram:

The War Dept said Thursday that 200,000 overseas troops have been returned to the US since the start of the war, not including sick and wounded. Some were returned under the rotation policy, others were sent home for emergency reasons, for discharge or for more efficient distribution of highly qualified persons in the 'case' of officers. While emphasizing that eligibility doesn't bestow the right to be relieved of overseas assignments, the War Dept said a soldier becomes eligible for repatriation, rotation after 18 months in North Africa and 2 years in Alaska and Caribbean areas. Intervals for the southwest Pacific and other areas are under study. Eligibility, according to the War Dept, merely establishes the basis for selection. Servicemen returned under the rotation arrangement will be given a 3 week furlough and will not be sent overseas again until after service within the US. End of news.

ARE WE in North Africa or in "other areas"? And where would you like to be permanent party in the States? Have you a little airport near your home? Or a war plant that needs guarding—just around the corner? Look around now and pick your spot.

SHADIES OF FRONTIER DAYS, when cattlemen fought sheep men, when homesteaders fought both—homesteader and victory gardener Pfc William Halstrand, Sup, of Minneapolis, was seen shooting a West African turkey out of his tomato patch this morning. Halstrand is a-foudin' with the poultry raisers.

NABLE, the new hello girl in Group Hqtrs, speaks Syrian as well as Brooklyn.

LOST ANGEL, with Margaret O'Brien, Marsha Hunt and James Craig is at the Roxy tonight. Bushtown presents HEAVENLY BODY, comedy with Hedy La Marr and William Powell.

TO CAIRO via Ping-pong go T/Sgt Salvador Lovin, Rep, of San Antonio, Texas, and Pfc Robert R Swenon, Rep 2, of Detroit, two Roeville entrants who won a place among the five best at this base in the Special Service tournament.

T/Sgt Frank Campbell, Rep 2, the Elder Statesman from Georgia, wants to assure his constituents he is again in good health; but that when he lost in ping-pong to Lovin he was suffering from complicated dandruff, chronic athlete's foot and acute hangnail of the left big toe,

HE HAS ASSUMED the position of the soldier, as close to horizontal as the conformation of the body permits, has Sgt Oscar Waldo Williams, III, Editor of FILE 13, our distinguished competitor in African journalism. He is having a boat with the bug.

A PHONE CALL to FILE 13 brought the reply, "Nobody here but us Africans, huh! That is, FILE 13's Mystery Staff: Amazavi, Owusu, Edisu, Stephen and Percy. Artist and Standard VII graduate Ava Grubba threatens to scoop WHO DAT today.

ANOTHER GROUP DANCE is coming up on the 25th and the committees are busy on it already. Incidentally, the Group dances are arranged by enlisted men, not by the Red Cross staff. But the Red Cross girls have been very helpful to the committees, and then top off their good work by dancing every dance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to Sgt William E Loper, Sup; Cpl John H Reid, Rep; Sgt Allen W Harlow, Rep 2; Pfc Hugo T James, Rep 2; Cpl Earl L Lovejoy, Rep 2.
PACIFIC: The American offensive struck at the heart of Japan’s island bases when a large American task force launched an aerial and naval attack on Truk. Tokyo radio added that American motorized forces were heavily engaged at Truk, with fierce ground fighting going on, but Washington did not confirm this report. It was believed that the object of the attack was to destroy the Jap fleet, said to have been at Truk when the attack was begun, at dawn of Wednesday. Truk, described as the Japanese Pearl Harbor, is 750 miles southwest of Kavieng and 850 miles due north of Green island, northernmost American position in the Solomons. The Truk atoll, largest in the Caroline group, includes 10 large islands and many smaller ones stretching over 35 miles at the widest point...Allied medium and heavy bombers caught a Jap convoy of 6 ships bringing supplies to troops in the Bismark archipelago, north of New Britain. One ship was heavily bombed and run ashore; another was left in flames...The Allied drive on Madang resumed with troops of the 32nd Division advancing west of Saidor...Green island was taken without casualties, ST Pacific Hgts revealed...15 American fliers shot down off Kavieng, New Ireland, were rescued by Lt Nathan G. Gordon, USNR, who landed his big Catalina bomber 4 times in the harbor, picking up every ditched airmen, under heavy fire...The score at Rabaul is 5 to 1 in our favor, Admiral Halsey disclosed; Jap losses were 713 planes, Allied losses 146 planes, in raids on Rabaul from Dec ‘17 to Feb ‘18...

UNITED STATES: 1,000 American troops lost their lives when a troopship in convoy was sunk in the North Atlantic. 1,000 men were rescued. Date of the sinking was not given, but it was said to have been “quite a while ago.” The sinking took place at night; in heavy seas, by “enemy action.” It was the first loss of this magnitude since the start of the war...

RUSSIA: The Soviet trap closed on 10 German divisions in the northwest Dnieper Bend and put up the Nazi force, under Lt Gen Steemerman, out of the war. The Nazis suffered 80,000 casualties overall, including 3,000 Nazis escaped by air, all of them officers. The Russian victory wipes out a salient which protected the northern flank of German forces in the southern Ukraine...In the north, Red troops were 25 miles east of Pskov...More than 400 Soviet planes took part in the last raid on Helsinki, according to Stockholm, and 13 bombers were shot down.

ITALY: American and British forces beat back German attacks on the Anzio front with heavy losses to the enemy. British warships shelled the German positions...Americans were heavily engaged on the Cassino front, northwest of the Abbey; Allied aircraft flew 1500 sorties, against 185 by the enemy. Frosini, Albano and a number of other targets in northern Italy, as well as an airfield in Greece were targets for Allied bombers...

UNITED STATES: Capt Clark Cable, USLF, was being sued for $29,770 by Jane Courtois and Russell Drane, who claim they were injured when Cable stopped his car suddenly and their car crashed into its rear...American casualties in fighting on the Italian mainland have totaled 4,158 killed, 18,154 wounded and 6,429 missing. Recent operations in northern New Guinea and New Britain cost 465 Americans killed, 1,156 wounded and 12 missing...James A Collosett of Atlanta, Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan and a Pennsylvania associate were acquitted of a charge of conspiracy to re-organize the Klan. In giving the decision, Judge Marshall Thompson emphasized that the decision did not constitute approval of the Klan but merely meant that he believed the conviction would mean a violation of the Bill of Rights...The Soldier’s Medal was awarded posthumously to Col William B Dyess of Albany, Texas, for “sacrificing his life by crash landing his plane in a vacant lot in order to avoid civilians travelling on a broad road where a comparatively safe landing could have been made.” Dyess, who was killed last Decem
ABOVE IS A SNAPSHOT of Sam Sam, reprinted from FILE 13, just to show you what happens when a simple minded, well meaning elephant goes for bush on a well deserved furlough.

DEEP IN THE BUSH Sam ran into the WASC Detachment and before he could say "Sal - aam alaikum," the bush boys in WASC cut a special order promoting Sgt Sam to the grade of S/Sgt (Temp).

MAYBE THEY THINK they're doing Sam a favor, but they're only getting him in hot water, and if you've ever seen an elephant in hot water, you've seen something.

WHEN THE FILE 13 Staff promoted Sam they blithely ignored Army Regulations (something we all want to do at one time or another) but they should know they can't promote Sam according to their TO's, when he belongs in the WHO DAT TO.

NEXT THING you know they'll make Sam a Cairo Commando and pin wings and all sorts of campaign ribbons on him.

IT'S TRUE that Sam is sweating out Staff, since he heard that first three graders have the privilege of living off the post. But Sam doesn't know that privilege does not hold over here. Just misleading an honest GI elephant, that's all.

MAYBE SAM has an argument about living off the post, since he isn't on foreign service here. He first came in the Army when he volunteered to lead the elephant herd off the runway when planes came in. He has led them off by the hundreds, he has.

WHO DAT SGT in the PX whose letters to a certain party are coming back marked, "Address Unknown?"

WHO DAT Red Cross S/Sgt beating the time of an ex-Red Cross Cpl by having a pair of slacks made for one of our coffee-and-girls?

GONE WITH THE WIND: Paulette Goddard who dressed in and away last night, on her way east to give shows. Maybe she will stop on the way back.
PACIFIC: American naval and air forces scored a "big victory" in their attack on Truk, Sea of the Navy Knox announced. No landings on Truk were attempted. Knox added, describing the Japanese reports of an American landing there as enemy propaganda. However, a landing was made by soldiers and Marines on Eniwetok atoll, 350 miles northwest of Truk, a ferrying stop for Jap planes on their way from Truk to the Marshalls. It appeared that the heavy attack on Truk was a diversion to cover the invasion of Eniwetok. The latter atoll is the westernmost of the Marshall group, and thus carries the point of American offensive to within 350 miles of Truk. Tokyo radio continued to report heavy fighting in which mechanized forces were engaged, on Truk... Additional reports of the American attack on a Jap convoy in the Bismark Archipelago showed 9, not 6 Jap ships sunk.

RUSSIA: The Soviet drive southward along Lake Ilmen gathered in Shimsk, on the west shore of Lake Ilmen, and Staraya-Russa, on the lake's southern bank. The Nazis evacuated Staraya-Russa before the Reds arrived, and continued to fall back south of Sokolovo, 14 miles below Staraya-Russa. Another Red column pushing south-threatened Dnepro, a rail junction about midway between Staraya-Russa and Pskov. The latter city was threatened by a Soviet force just to the east of Pskov. Success of the Soviet drive will wipe out a large German salient, formed by Nazi forces falling back from the Leningrad front...

ITALY: German Marshal von Kesselring's forces continued to hammer at the Anzio front, trying to find a weak spot. Allied lines continued to hold, while British warships pounded the German right flank along the Formia coast. Allied aircraft kept up their attacks on the German front lines and communications... There was intensive artillery action on the Cassino front, apparently in preparation for another American assault on the dug-in Nazis... Bad weather limited movement on the 8th Army front to patrol activities...

EUROPE: One of the heaviest German bombings suffered recently by London brought the destruction of an old ladies' home, store buildings and churches. The House of Parliament and Westminster Hall narrowly escaped serious damage when incendiaries fell nearby. Two Nazi bombers were shot down... Except for 10,000 who are hiding in the underground, Holland's 180,000 Jews have been executed, deported as slave labor, or put in concentration camps, according to a Dutch official in London... Elements of the 9th USAAF under Maj Gen Lewis H Boro.ten, formerly stationed in the Middle East, are now in Britain preparing for the coming invasion of Europe. Allied Expeditionary Force Hqtrs disclosed that the 9th has become part of the invasion group designated as Allied Expeditionary Air Forces, under the command of Air Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh Mallory, commander of Allied Tactical Forces... His deputy is Maj Gen William O Butler... Yugo-Slav patriot forces have crossed the Sava River and penetrated 16 miles into German controlled territory and are battling Nazi forces near Gorizia, 23 miles northwest of Trieste. The drive is the first major patriot operation on Italian soil since the time of Italy's surrender, when small bands RAIDed in Istria. The patriots also claimed control of all but two of the islands on the Dalmatian coast...

CHINA: Japan has lost 2 million men since the war started and is facing financial difficulties along with shortages of food and war materials, asserted Maj Gen Lin Hsii Lan, at Chung-King. He urged that Allies "swoop down on Japan from all sides and hasten her downfall." Lan said that rice importation agreements with Thailand and Indo-China had not been carried out and that Japan is striving to increase production in Manchuria and occupied China. Coal production has decreased because of lack of new machinery and destruction of many collieries by Chinese guerrillas, Lan concluded...

UNITED STATES: An all-Negro parachute unit is in the process of organization at Ft. Benning, Ga., where 16 Negroes, the first to qualify as paratroopers, donned the insignia of airborne infantry... Red Skelton's wife won a divorce from the comedian on the grounds of extreme cruelty. "He's a good guy," she said, "but I couldn't take that wild sense of humor any longer." Mrs Skelton was Red's chief business agent and script writer. Marine patrol bomber, a 24 ton flying boat, was landed on dry land without any damage other than to the paint job, according to Glenn L Martin, aircraft manufacturer. Martin said the pilot thought he was over a channel, and was flying virtually blind in heavy weather when he set down on dry land. The administration's program of price subsidies will...
BEGINNING TONIGHT, the Group Mess Hall will close daily at 1830, and no night meals will be served there. Men working at night will obtain passes at their Orderly Rooms to admit them to the Transient Mess for night meals. These passes will be signed by Squadron CO.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to S/Sgt Aubrey E Seignious, Hq; Capt; W Karasinski, Rep; Pvt Martin L Sorenson, Rep 2; S/Sgt Arnold A Johnsson, Ord.

AMERICAN SPORTS: Clee Shans, 135 pound Los Angeles belter, won an 8 round go from Julie Hogan, New England light weight champ at Madison Square Garden. Carmine Fatta, Newburg, N.Y. light weight stopped Jackie Connors of New York in the third round of a 10 rounder at New Britain, Conn.

BASKETBALL: Iowa State moved a step closer to the big 6 basketball title, downing Missouri 45-33. Long Island held off a last minute rally by Washington and Jefferson to nip the Presidents 45-42. Texas slaughtered Texas A& M 81 to 56, and Ft Sheridan beat the Maroons of Chicago 56 to 37.

NO COFFEE AND DONUTS tonight. Instead they will be served in the PX tomorrow night after the USO show.

SPORTS

5/Sgt Harry Miller, Ord
Army, Newspaper Service, Camp Newspaper Service and BBC News Summaries

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Group O.D., Feb 23, Capt Owen R Jennings; Feb 24, WOOG Lonnie W Stobaugh; Base O.D., Feb 23, 1st Lt Edward H Beckius; Feb 24, Capt Richard T McCormack.

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CAPT., A. C.

NO TIME FOR LOVE, starring Claudette Colbert as a news photographer and Fred MacMurray as a sandhog, at the Rosy tonight, together with a film of the capture of Tarawa. NOTE: Tonight’s movies will start at 1915, instead of 1900, tonight only.

USO SHOW, Unit 168, at Bushtown tonight at 2000. In the cast: Frances Williams, Faye and Mason, Tommy Trent, Harriette Henning, Irving Sacher.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES in the Group Chapel tonight at 1830, a short service over before movie time.

ASHES will be distributed in St Louis’ Chapel after the 1645 Mass this afternoon, and later in the Station Chapel from 1900 to 2000.

WHEN CPL JACK ANDERSON left for Aviation Cadet, he bequeathed his ocarina to Sgt Merle Ray, a favor to Ray, but no favor to the Group. Ever since Anderson left, Ray has been making the air hideous with his practising. Like all Hill Billies, Ray goes in for sad laments, like "You Are My Sunshine," and "Old Black Joe." The Rooville Noise Abatement Committee is considering Taking Steps, such as sucking lemons right in front of Ray.

NO COFFEE AND DONUTS tonight. Instead they will be served in the PX tomorrow night after the USO show.
RUSSIA: The Red Army celebrated its 26th anniversary with announcement of the capture of Krivoy-Rog, iron mining center on the lower Dnieper Bend, the largest city to be won by the Soviets since the taking of Kiev in November. The German retreat from Krivoy-Rog had turned to a rout on some sections of the front. Moscow added that the Germans' nearest strongholds on the southern anchor of their line were Nikolaev, Kherson and Odessa, the latter two near the mouth of the Dnieper, close to the Black Sea. Huge quantities of material were taken, and the Germans deprived of a valuable source of much needed iron. Before the war Krivoy-Rog supplied 60% of Russia's iron ore... Soviet forces captured 300 more towns and villages in their drive along the railway from Staraya-Russa to Pskov. Another advance brought the capture of Kholm, 60 miles below Staraya-Russa, an anchor point in the Nazi defenses of Pskov...

EUROPE: The USAF based in Britain now exceeds its size the RAF in Britain. Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons in a review of the progress of the war. The scale of impending air assaults on Europe "is far beyond the dimensions of anything yet employed or imagined," Churchill disclosed. Other highlights of his message were: The Allied bombing of Nazi targets has absorbed the efforts of 3 million Germans while drawing four fifths of the German fighter force into western Europe... German aeroplanes are preparing on the French coast a new means of attack on England either by pilotless aircraft or possibly by rockets or both, on a considerable scale... We have long been watching this with the utmost vigilance... Nearly 100 Italian warships are operating with the Allies in the Mediterranean... The Royal Navy has lost 41,000 killed; the RAF 38,300 killed and 10,400 missing; the RAF has flown 900,000 sorties... There are half a million Nazis in Italy... Ceo Tito's Partisans are holding 20 German divisions in Yugo-Slavia through their guerilla warfare... The USAF has coordinated long range bombing of Europe, its planes flying from Britain or Mediterranean bases in a coordinated offensive... German bombers were over southeast England again, and some got through to London, their bombs wrecking several buildings. 7 of the raiders were shot down. Hanover and Brunswick were the targets of Monday's heavy USAF raid, during which 33 Nazi planes were downed and we lost 15 bombers and 5 fighters...

PACIFIC: Eniwetok is completely in American hands and Parry island, to its north, was getting a pre-invasion blitz. Virtually all the Eniwetok atoll is now controlled by Americans. Up to Sunday night casualties in this area were 150 dead and 350 wounded... Rabaugh was again raided yesterday, and for the first time, no Jap fighters rose to intercept. Only about 100 Jap planes were seen in the airfields at Rabaugh, but many barges were seen in the harbor... American ground forces are moving again on the Huon peninsula, and have taken positions on the Mot River, 8 miles north of Saidor, with Australian dive bomber support... Between Feb 1 and 21, 92 Jap ships have been sunk and 9 others probably sunk in central and south Pacific waters, Soc Knox revealed. At the same time Knox warned against undue optimism which might bring a production lag on the theory the Pacific war might end soon. It was also revealed in Washington that the Japs have lost 1,000 barges in the past year...

ITALY: Allied forces drove back two Nazi attacks on the Anzio front, von Kesselring was re-grouping his forces for another assault, while the Allies landed more reinforcements... For the third day, no action was reported on the Cassino front, where a heavy haze obscured the battle lines... Allied aircraft set a record with 1600 sorties flown yesterday. One of their targets was Zero on the Yugo-Slav coast. 18 planes are missing from the day's operations. The Luftwaffe flew 130 sorties in Italy and lost 50 planes...

UNITED STATES: Los Angeles closed its schools after the city, and southern California, had been lashed by the worst snow, sleet and rain storm in 16 years... The USG Great Britain and Russia have agreed on a policy not to buy gold from any nation which maintains relations with the Axis, and in addition, not to recognize transfer of title to any gold seized by the Axis in occupied countries. The move is designed to cut Germany's purchasing power, as that country is estimated to have a billion dollars in gold used as a source of foreign exchange and purchasing power for imports from countries maintaining friendly relations with her... Robert Miller, prominent attorney was held for action by a Grand Jury in Washington in connection with the fatal shooting of Dr John E Lund, 58, nationally known psychiatrist. Police say Miller admitted the shooting, but said it was self defense. "I believe I am the only person so far to decline to..."
SUBJECT: Baseball Team

TO: WHO DAT, APO 606

1. In a recent issue of your publication it was noted that a softball team from your station is traveling to Cairo to play games at various stations...

2. Therefore, this station is extending an invitation to the team to stop at this station so that they may no longer call themselves "unbeatable."

3. As the issue of WHO DAT containing information as to the trip has been misplaced and the name of the team is unknown at this station, it would be appreciated if your staff would contact the manager of said team informing him of our challenge and requesting him to please let us know if he accepts.

Walter H Mikulich
1st Sgt

RESPONDING in a military manner our Staff put the challenge through channels and discovered that he himself is in channels, if not a rut, because the challenge came back to his desk.

WE CAN SEE, however, that a channel challenge would be easier than having Sgt Mikulich poke his head in every plane that stopped at 607-D, asking, "Got an unbeatable team on board?" Or for Mikulich to keep his team on the 607-D diamond, and whenever a plane came over, toss a ball in the air by way of challenge.

WE DON'T KNOW yet if the jilted GIs will stop to meet the 607-D team. We will keep you posted.

Sgt George H. Mikulich
Commanding
EUROPE: A series of demands on Spain have been made jointly by the US and Britain, and are now being discussed in Madrid, Anthony Eden told the House of Commons. Eden also disclosed that Britain has demanded Portugal to take steps to stop shipment to Germany of wolfram, a strategic war material. No further details of these diplomatic steps were given...The 26,000 ton Gneisenau, sister ship of the recently destroyed Scharnhorst, is lying on its side in a German harbor, RAF aerial photos just published in London revealed. Apparently no attempt has been made to salvage the Nazi battleship, after it was battered, by Allied aerial attacks...German planes were over London again last night, causing some damage through explosive and incendiary bombs; 4 of the raiders were shot down...310 Nazi planes were downed in the 3 day weekend offensive carried out by the RAF and USAAF, operating from bases in Britain and the Mediterranean, in the first large-scale-coordinated-attacks. 41-bombers-of-the-8th-USAAF-and-11 fighters of the 8th were lost, while the 15th USAAF lost 20 bombers and 2 fighters. The assault was supported by the 9th USAAF, RAF, Dominion and other Allied fighters...An axis armored column was destroyed by Yugo-Slav patriots operating in the Trieste region of Italy, just over the Yugo-Slav border. The patriots were 18 miles inside Italy...

PACIFIC: Allied aircraft caught another Jap convoy in the Mismark archipelago, sank 2 freighters, left a third in a sinking condition, and a fourth burning...Rabaul was again bombed, Allied planes dropping 130 tons of explosives...

BURMA: A Jap offensive to drive British forces into the Bay of Bengal in the area north of Akyab has failed, and the Japs are falling back on Akyab after losing 700 dead of a total of 3,000 casualties. Another height overlooking a strategic pass in the Mayu range has been taken...

CHINA: The Alliss can achieve the same destruction in Japan as is now being hurled on Germany with only one tenth of the air forces being used against the Reich, Maj Gen Claire L. Chenault declared. Chenault, Chief of the 14th USAAF, who visited Japan before the war, said he believed Japan's industry and army will collapse if Allied airmen can knock out enemy shipping lanes in the South China Sea and the Yangtze River, along with railways in northern China...

ITALY: No ground force activity was reported from the Cassino front, while the Anzio front reported sharp clashes and the 8th Army was limited to patrol work by bad weather. While ground troops were apparently gathering strength for new attacks, Allied aircraft kept busy, reporting 850 sorties with the loss of 7 aircraft, against the Germans loss of 36 planes in only 6 sorties...15th USAAF bombers based in Italy flew deep into Central Austria to bomb Steyr, 90 miles west of Vienna, site of a Daimler-Messerschmitt component plant and a fairly new engine plant. The 15th met intense fighter opposition...Naples Harbor, which had been demolished prior to Allied occupation has been rebuilt and is said to be in better condition than it was before the war...

RUSSIA: A two pronged Russian drive coming out of the north brought the Red Army into the outskirts of Dno, on the road to Pskov, and brought the capture of Strugi-Krasnye, 45 miles northeast of Pskov and 44 miles northwest of Dno. Another force, which took Khov in two days ago, has advanced 28 miles west of that place, in a direction which threatens the flank of the Germans at Dno and Pskov...The German retreat westward from Krivoi-Rog continues, with the Nazis abandoning much material in their hasty withdrawal...

UNITED STATES: President Roosevelt's veto of a new revenue bill, and especially his criticism of the bill, provoked a tempest in Congress topped by the resignation of Senator Alben W. Barkley, (D.,Ky.) as administration leader in the Senate. In his veto message, the President said the measure was "replete with provisions which not only afford indefensible special privileges to favored groups but sets dangerous precedents for the future!" The bill, said the President, was not a tax bill, but a "tax relief" bill, providing relief not for the needy but for the greedy. Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee Doughton (D.N.C.) said he would veto to override the veto; House Republican Leader Martin found the veto message "carried a political tinge;" other Congressmen, of both parties, joined in criticizing the President's message, while Senator Barkley served notice that his resignation as administration leader in the Senate was not a gesture. Barkley described the President's message as "incosensational. Fantas...
THEY WERE, and flying through the air with the greatest of ease. If you've ever seen an African elephant, you can understand how Walt Disney's Dumbo could fly. African elephants have ears which are big past anything.

WE EXPECT SOMBER SAM back on duty tomorrow, in his old grade of Sgt, as usual; he left the bush those Staff Sergeant stripes given him by some bush boys.

BEGINNING TOMORROW morning, Feb 29, our Group consolidated mess will begin to operate as four separate messes. On the Sun Valley side, the Rep 2 Sq will use that half of the west wing nearest to their area while the other half of the west wing will be used by the Serv Sq and QM Tr Co. The east wing, south half will be used by Rep Sq; the north half by Hq, Sup, Ord and QM Platoon.

FROM OUR special correspondent in New York comes the story that on the deck of a ship was found scrawled this sad sad comment: "I have given the best years of my life to the Navy."

COFFEE AND DONUTS in the PX tonight at 2000, served by the Red Cross. Pingo has been postponed to Wednesday night at the usual time, 1950.

IT'S REVIVAL WEEK at the movies, until some new pix arrive. We're still hoping to see THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY, which we never did see.

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Feb 28, 2nd Lt Norman S. Wittsberg, Feb 29, 1st Lt George F. Price.

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CAPT. K. C.

NO SHOW at the Roscoy tonight. At Bushtown, FOLLOW THE BAND, with Hughes and Quillian.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow, for the first time in four years, to Pfc James F. Wooten, Jq, Hq and Pfc Stanley R. Plewniak, Rep.

FOR SALE: Motor bike, inquire Sgt Frank Trujillo, Hut Y-3, or Serv Sq Ordeley Room.

LOST: White leather wallet containing a large sum of money, between $5 and $10.00, by Pfc Frank R. Davis, Rep 2. Reward for return.

WANTED: Left lens for GI flying glasses, by Pfc Barba, Hut J-2.

BIBLE CLASS in the Group Chapel tonight at 1900.

IN SATURDAY'S WHO DAT it was incorrectly stated that midnight shows would be discontinued at the Roscoy. Only the Sunday midnight show will be discontinued. The other midnight shows during the week will continue as before.

SAD NEWS for Brooklynites: Coney Island's famous Roller Coaster and "Rumrels of Love" were destroyed by a five alarm fire. The damage also interrupted service on the two elevated railways, "EL" to New Yorkers, leading from Luna Park.

A women's group had a performance last night at the Roscoy but several of the group got lost in the bush. The group was so large that they could not all be seen until they were more than a mile away. They were finally found by a scout who had been searching for them since early afternoon.

A couple of women were walking through the bush when they suddenly heard a loud noise. They looked around and saw a large elephant standing in the middle of the path. The women were extremely frightened and tried to run away but the elephant chased them down the path. They were finally able to escape by running into a nearby village.

A group of boys were sitting in the bush when they saw a large elephant walking towards them. The boys were extremely frightened and tried to run away but the elephant chased them down the path. They were finally able to escape by running into a nearby village.
PACIFIC: The damage inflicted on the enemy in the recent American naval and air attack on Truk was greater than at first reported, the latest reconnaissance photos show. Instead of 19 Jap ships sunk and seven probably sunk, as first reported, aerial photos showed 23 ships sunk, 6 probably sunk and 11 damaged. At the same time the Navy revealed raids on Ponape in the Carolines and enemy held islands in the Marshalls, made last Thursday. In the southwest Pacific, American destroyers again shelled Rabaul and Kavieng. At the latter place their shells set fire to 2 cargo vessels and 1 freighter. Later in the day waves of Allied heavy and medium bombers dropped 100 tons of bombs on a Jap airfield near Rabaul. The Japs offered no air opposition to either the destroyers or bombers, the second day in a row that our aircraft carried out missions unopposed. There was sporadic fire from shore guns; Destroyers also shelled the west coast of Buka, just north of Bougainville. Other Allied bombers dropped 100 tons of bombs on Wewak, striking parked aircraft on one of the fields and knocking out an AA battery. Australians and Americans continued their ground advance against Medang, taking 3 more villages.

CHINA: Mitchells of the 14th USAAF attacked the Jap base at Tourane, French Indo-China, sinking a 1,000 ton cargo vessel and a 60 foot steam launch. They also demolished 5 warehouses, 4 railway buildings, damaged docks, railways and the airstrip. In another raid, on Hongay, a 1,200 ton ship was sunk and a 1,700 ton vessel set afire. At Campha a 1,500 ton vessel was sunk. At least 6 Jap transports were sunk or damaged when Chinese aircraft attacked a convoy near the mouth of the Min River off Fukien.

RUSSIA: Two Russian armies were moving directly on Pskov, one moving from the north was within 10 miles of Pskov, while another, advancing westward from Pskov, was 30 miles distant. German control of the last north-south railway in northern Russia was endangered by the Red drive west from Novosokoliniki, which took Soviet forces 18 miles from the rail line at the junction of Idrista. Further progress in this direction will threaten the right, or southern flank of all the German forces north of Idriesta to Pskov. The Russian front 80 miles in Poland is active again, with heavy fighting near Luck. The Reds are also on the move again in the south, moving along the Dnieper south of Krivoz-Rog. Probable objectives are Nikolaev and Kherson.

ITALY: British troops on the Anzio front captured two buildings which the enemy had heavily fortified. Nazi attempts at infiltration were balked by heavy American artillery fire, while the American cruiser supported land artillery in a bombardment of German positions near the shore. The southern front reported only patrol activity. The Mediterranean Air Force flew 400 sorties yesterday, concentrating on airfields and supply lines in the outskirts of Rome. 1 enemy plane was destroyed while we lost 2.

EUROPE: For the third successive night, the skies of Britain were free of enemy raiders. More than 500 planes, presumably Russian, delivered a 12 hour attack on Helsinki Saturday night. Considerable damage was done and a large number of fires started in the center of the city. The Finns claimed 12 of the raiders were shot down. Commando Capt Randolph Churchill, son of the Prime Minister, landed by chute in Yugo-Slavia to confer with patriarch leader Marshal Tito.

UNITED STATES: The US has supplied Russia with one thousand million pounds of war materials, including 2½ million tons of food in the past two years. In 1943 the loss of shipping to Russia was 12%; in 1943 it was 11%. A new disciplinary plan by which the United Auto Workers of America intends to prevent wildcat strikes was announced by R J Thomas, president of the union. Any local in the union which fails to take action against unauthorized strikes will have its charter suspended. Thomas charged that "an increasing number of corporations have taken advantage of the patriotic resolve of our members" and sought "to provoke them into engaging in work stoppages to discredit our union in the eyes of the public". However the winning of the war remains the most important objective of labor. Acting Commissioner of Labor Statistics Hinrich termed erroneous and unrepresentative the cost of living, increase rate given by labor leaders. The latter claim costs have risen 43.5% since January 1941. Hinrichs says the correct figure is an increase of 23.4%. Army and Navy parachutes were destroyed in a Pittsburgh fire causing $100,000 damage. Indorsing the candidacy of William L Bennett, Republican, 21st District, NY, Governor Dewey declared "Now if ever Congress needs