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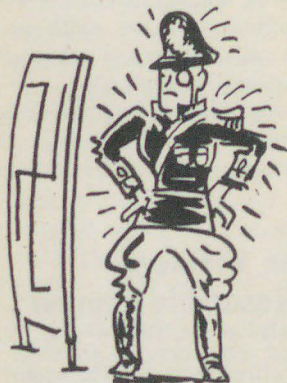
NO. 8

Former German Official Talks to Base Groups

"War is in the German blood," declared Mr. Herman Buttonweiser, former substitute member of parliament in Hamburg, Germany, in a series of lectures on Germany, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. Addressing several base audiences, including civilians, the speaker stressed the importance of recognizing the fundamental German belief that "might makes right."

Germans Essentially War-like

Intense and dynamic, he pointed out, "I am here to discuss basic problems that should be uppermost in our minds. The Allies won the first world war but lost the peace. What went wrong? First, we must see that the Germans have always been looking for a fight from way back." Quoting German historians, Mr. Buttonweiser offered these conclusions, "to the Germans, peace is unwelcome . . . they must fight and conquer constantly . . . they must distinguish themselves in uncertainties . . . they love to wear uniforms." Mr. Buttonweiser added, "Hitler shrewdly managed his revolution with an appeal to wear uniforms, but of course he was merely carrying on what others had started long ago. So much for the background."



Nazi Education Warps Mind

With his own eyes, Mr. Buttonweiser has seen the mental blockade established by the Nazi regime and com-



Mr. Herman Buttonweiser, former German citizen, warns
Base Group against Nazi philosophy

mented, "Teachers pour the Nazi poison into their pupils' ears and skillfully mold the adolescent minds. When the unhappy parents protest the Gestapo pays a visit. The children are constantly drilled in the thought, 'today we own Germany—tomorrow the world!'"

Religion Made a Mockery

"As for religion," the critic of Nazism exclaimed, "It doesn't exist as you know it. The youngsters are taught 'all things come from Adolf Hitler' and are forced to recite 'I believe in Adolf Hitler'."

"How can you change such thinking? You can't—the United Nations must wipe out this terrible strangler of all that is good, and remain united to keep it forever banished from the earth," Mr. Buttonweiser emphasized.

The speaker was a highly successful lawyer in Hamburg, as well as a keen student of politics and chemistry. His outspoken criticisms of Nazi policies so incensed the big-wigs that he was forced to flee the country. He has since given much of his spare time denouncing the Hitlerites and giving American audiences the benefit of his experiences.

Seidman Takes Daleckey In Badminton Upset

In a surprise finish, Cpl. Abe Seidman Newfy champ came through to grab the Dow Field crown with Cpl. Lee Daleckey on the short end. Seidman took two straight wins scoring 15-8 and 15-11.

At the opening of the tournament the entrants were: Daleckey, Niles, Berger, Adams, Toomey, Richardson, Bredowsky, Chernesky, Simmons, Wonderlich, Vermes, Krehel, Schuchman, Seidman, Corvello, Howath, Thomas, Horland and Schmit.

After the first skirmishes were over the line-up was narrowed down to: Daleckey, Toomey, Vermes, Krehel, Richardson, Thomas and Schmit.

The quarter finals found the field limited to Daleckey, Thomas, Seidman and Toomey.

Chief upsets were: Seidman's easy victory, Captain Schmit knocking out Major Horland in the early stages and Seidman handing S/Sgt. Thomas a drubbing in the quarter.

He was introduced by Lt. Peter Krehel, Asst. Special Service Officer in charge of Orientation.



Bowdoin Game Opens Bomber Baseball Season

On Saturday 6 May, the Dow Field Bombers will open up their power drive against Bowdoin College at Brunswick to start off the season. The game begins at 1400.

Although only three veterans, Mitchell, Seay and Roe, remain from last year's highly successful team, S/Sgt. Eddie Thomas predicts a booming season.

After a brief practice on Sunday afternoon, Thomas sizes up the situation like this. For catchers—Bud Mitchell, Red Carson and Frank Tkac; pitchers, Roe, Delano Fox, McKittrick, Cherneski, Adams and Murphy. On the bases, Grant, Gill, Seay, Wilson, Conoway and Pohlman. In the field, Adams, Grant (a different one) Miller, Toomey and Schuchman. At the time of this writing definite berths had not been determined.

The present schedule is as follows: Bowdoin College 6 May at Brunswick; Bates College 16 May, and the State Prison team at Thomaston on 21 May.

On 1 June the Bombers will join the First Service Command League and tangle with the best of New England nines.

Softball League To Be Formed Among Squadrons

All units that are interested in joining an on the base league should get their entries into the base gym crew immediately. Each unit should be good for at least two teams.

Physical Fitness Tests Given This Week

Under the direction of the gym crew, the regular quarterly physical fitness tests were given to find out what kind of shape you are in. These tests comply with the army regulations to check up on the fitness of the field and all men (officers and EM) are required to go through the exercises.

Communiques

CPL. W. R. BALDWIN

Did anyone ever beat Cannon to the mess hall or stay longer? He was seen in front of the barrack the other afternoon at 4:15 digging little holes in the ground with a stick to make firm foot emplacements from which to launch himself after assuming his usual pre-mess crouch. The swish you hear every day around chow time is not a plane overhead nor is it Superman "taking tall buildings in a single leap", it's merely Cannon taking off for chow.

Several Comm. casualties are trying hard to get Ahearn booked on a charge of "assault with a dangerous weapon" Armed with a very lethal nail file, Ahearn has successfully repulsed all attacks on the privacy of his bunk area.

Will someone please introduce Jackson to Rip Van Winkle. Never having heard of the sleepy fictional character created by Washington Irving, "The Head" is convinced that "Rip" resides in T-19 because of a gag he overheard.

Radio fans Keegan and Hanlin, so enthusiastic about the daily programs that they go to town to listen because of the distortion caused by electric razors in the barrack, at least that's the explanation offered for their frequent and lengthy trips into the metropolis. "Ma Perkins", "John's Other Wife" and "The Romance of Helen Trent" are all great favorites of theirs.

Prize crack of the week:—Jackson: "That girl in the PX must like me, she keeps winking at me all the time." Vanderslice: "She's not winking, she's blinking, she's can't believe it's true."

On good authority we hear that Jim Niles has been engaged by the Maine Welfare Service. His job will be keeping up the morale of the old ladies' home. His unique talent with aged females has at last been recognized.

With thoughts of a furlough buzzing around in our brain (???), we find it impossible to dish up any more nonsense for this week. Hasta La Vista.

Cleveland (CNS)—Two girls in bobby-socks peeked at the headlines on a newsstand. "British Bomb Sumatra," one headline read. "Gosh!" one of the girls exclaimed, "why are they picking on poor Frankie?"

Know Your OFFICERS



Captain Robert S. Wiggins Administrative Inspector

Captain Wiggins was born in New York City. He attended schools in Long Island and later went to Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts. In 1934 he received his AB degree from Dartmouth College.

After leaving college, Captain Wiggins joined the Hearst organization traveling all over Europe and South America as an advertising representative.

In 1940, he enlisted in the National Guard. Two years later he graduated from Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Over the 1942-43 period the Captain instructed a military police battalion in Colorado. Captain Wiggins' former outfit was the famed 69th regiment.

Since his shift to the North Atlantic Wing, Air Transport Command, he has specialized in tactical and administrative inspections. At Dow Field, he is the Base Administrative Inspector with offices in Headquarters.

Swimming, football and flying are his favorite pastimes. The Captain and Mrs. Wiggins are at present living in Bangor.

Solomon Maidens Don't Resemble Lamour

Philadelphia (CNS)—Girls at home need not worry about service men falling in love with beautiful maidens in the Solomon Islands, Explorer Osa Johnson reassured a Philadelphia woman's club. "The women there," she said, "are ugly, dirty and smelly."



DOW FIELD'S *Post Personality*

Sgt. Leo Schuchman Almost Becomes Franciscan— Ends Up Playing Professional Baseball



When Leo heard that one of the boys in the neighborhood was joining the Franciscan Order, he decided to have a talk with him. Although he originally had intended to enter Notre Dame, Schuchman figured the potential Franciscan might have some interesting ideas. So his mother sent him to the other lad and Leo listened eagerly to the wonders of the order. So impressed was he that he immediately entered into preliminary studies, adopted the name of Brother Fidelis and entered a monastery. To further his studies he also took a course in religious philosophy at Manhattan College.

"Were you actually a monk?," we asked.

"No," replied Leo, "the term 'monk' applies only to the Benedictine Order. Our group was known as the Order of Friar Minor. Of course we took the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. In the monastery we wore the hooded cloak and sandals. It is a very strict order, but I was ready to accept all the sacrifices, but unfortunately my health cracked down on me. I finally had to give it up."

"To get back into shape, I started working for the Crown Cork and Seal Co. in a tin mill. The job was technically known as "catcher on the flying shear." It was outdoor work and really built me up. Later I joined the Bethlehem Steel, working winters and playing professional ball in the summers."

Leo held down the catcher's position for a team called the Pocomoke City nine, a member of the Eastern Shore League. This league has provided many of the diamond's best, including

Jimmy Foxx, Lefty Grove and Dick Porter.

Before induction, Leo was under contract to the Baltimore Orioles in the International League. He was all set for the big time circuits when his throwing arm went bad.



Leo's number came up on the day that the United States declared war on Japan, 8 Dec. 1941.

Under the khaki colors, Leo has had basic training at Keesler Field, attended the Rising Sun School of Air Mechanics, trained at NCO school for physical training and played on the Presque Isle baseball team.

At Dow Field, Schuchman is a physical instructor in the base gym. His home is in Baltimore, Maryland."

Life Savers



Never dry clothing in the open. This also will attract the attention of the enemy observer to your location.



Don't walk in the open. Every time you put your foot down you leave a minimum sized mark of 48 square inches to attract enemy attention.

THIS PAPER USES **3**
CAMP NEWSPAPER SERVICE
COLONEL S. F. LANDERS
Commanding Officer

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Editorial

You're a \$3,600 a Year Man

"An unmarried private's income is equal to a civilian salary of \$3,600," so states the Financial Weekly, Barron's, and they've got the figures to prove it.

When you stop to think about it—you will find that you actually get more money than most bank tellers, bookkeepers, pharmacists, and radio engineers. In fact it is twice the average pay received by employees in public utilities, insurance and real estate companies, Federal Tax reports show that more than 90% of incomes earned by single persons throughout the United States fall below \$3600.

So, you're not doing so badly, soldier, sure—you gave up your home comforts, took out several years of a civilian career—but when you get right down to a dollar and cents basis, you are doing okay!

Perhaps you don't believe that you are a \$3600 a year man. Just come around to our office and we will show you the facts.

Of course we know that you are not in the army for the dough, but it's mighty good to have a jingle in your jeans—and know you are worth that much to Uncle Sam.

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Mrs. Alyce Connor, Librarian

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MOTHER'S DAY:

May 14th is the day set aside to honor your mother so don't put off writing her a very special letter that she will receive by then. Stationery and envelopes are supplied here at the Library so come in today and write your letters.

ARMED INSTITUTE COURSES

I have had many requests for information on these courses the past few weeks which shows that more men are taking advantage of this way to study while in the army. If you are thinking of some way to get credits for high school or college work just drop into the library and let me explain how easy it is. Practically any course that you might have in mind, you will find given by the Armed Institute.

MUSICALE:

There must be more men on the Field that are interested in classical music. We have been having a very small crowd at these gatherings on every Wednesday night. We do want to continue them if the men here want these Music Hours but if you don't we will have to discontinue them. Pvt. Jack Benson devotes many hours of his time outside of his regular duties in planning these programs for you. How about turning out a little better on Wednesday night.

NEW BOOKS

I am getting an order of books ready to send in but before I do, I would like a few suggestions from you men. Maybe there is some book or books that you think your Library should have, so if you just drop in and tell me about it or write it on a piece of paper and put it in distribution I will look it over and decide whether we do need it or not. I am sure that you must have some ideas.

BURMA SURGEON

By Gordon Seagrave

The rough and ready missionary surgeon giving all his skill in helping the sick and poor in the wild country near the Burma Road, with only a meagerly equipped hospital. All this before the war and then working up



Chaplain Lucius Waite

CATHOLIC

Sunday masses. 0730 and 1130

Thursday services. 1830

PROTESTANT

Sun. 1000 Wed. Vespers 1900

JEWISH

Friday Evening 1900

to the exciting episode of the retreat through the jungle with General Stilwell's party.

TOMORROW IS FOREVER

By Gwen Bristow

Elizabeth Herlong had married in World War I and the War Dept. notified her that her husband had died. After this she goes to California to start life anew. She marries again and has a family and everything is running very smoothly when she comes face to face with her first husband. A very entertaining evening's reading.

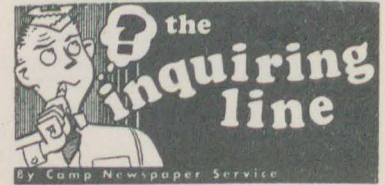
Observer Office Moves To New Location

The Dow Field Observer has upped and left the base library office and is now in T-6 in what was formerly the shower room. You will find us between the second and third faucet. We are anticipating cool water trickling down our back while the rest of the base swelters in the summer heat. As for hot water—we've been in that so much that we'll be right at home.

If you have any hot tips just call Ext. 397 and we will go right to work on it.



Mitchel Field, L. I.—Two sergeants were seated in the gym lockerroom here when they were approached by a recent inductee. "May I come in?" he asked meekly. "Sure," said the sergeants. "But," the kid said, "the sign says 'Enlisted Men' and I'm only a draftee."



Q. Last week I asked you if it is OK for me to designate my girl friend as beneficiary of a Class "E" allotment. You said it was. My CO says you are all wet. Who's right, you or my CO?

A. Your CO of course. The Inquiring Line was in error last week when it said that Class "E" allotments may be made out to benefit your girl friend. The correct dope is that these allotments may be made out only to banks, insurance companies, families and dependent relatives. Sorry.

Q. Hey, look—enlisted men are permitted to wear shoulder loops on their blouses, jackets and overcoats. Why can't we wear them on our shirts?

A. That's simple. Shoulder loops on shirts are "for officers only." See AR 600-35, Par. 15.

Q. I've been in the Army a month. When I was inducted I took out \$5,000 in National Service Life Insurance. Now I want \$5,000 more. Will I have to undergo a physical examination in order to receive this?

A. Under the regulations concerning National Service Life Insurance, no physical examination is required if the application is made within 120 days after induction.

Reyes Takes Bride

S/Sgt. Nicholas Reyes tied the nuptial knot in Manchester, N. H., this past week, with Laurice Harressey helping to make the bow. Congrats to both of you. The sarg is a line maintenance man.

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DOW FIELD'S Khaki Komics

Staff Sergeant Pursley, Friend of General, Builder of Barracks

S/Sgt. Pursley, a thirty year man if there ever was one, is never at a loss for words. This sun tanned Texan is capable of out talking practically every man on the base. He likes nothing better than to relate his experience with a clenched fist, he ences in the "old" army. Knocking his shakes his head dejectedly and says, "I don't know what has gotten in this army, it ain't what it used to be. Why, did I ever tell you about the—oh, what's the use, you wouldn't understand anyway you—you rookie!"

During his army career S/Sgt. Pursley has dined with a two star General, built dozens of army barracks, has designed and built numerous desks for various Colonels, and in general has proved himself to be a one man encyclopedia as far as the army is concerned. Formerly in the Engineers, S/Sgt. Pursley is now assigned to the Distribution Office, Base Headquarters. **Private Pert Shines in Blackout**

Last week's blackout proved to be quite an inducement for otherwise stay at home G.I.'s to go to town. The dim-out in the U.S.O. cast its erie glow upon many new faces including that of Private Pert, a soldier previously unknown to U.S.O. society!

Sergeant (Tick-Tock) Reddy, Alias Doctor of Time

Meet Sergeant Reddy of the base post office boys. He is a mild, modest and retiring sort of fellow, but a soldier about whom you ought to know. He does not believe in letting time hang heavily on his hands, no sinner, for Sergeant (tick-tock) Reddy is a watch and clock repairer of considerable ability, if not of great renown. This ability of his to fix almost any type of timepiece, should qualify him for the title of Dr. of Time! Sergeant Reddy is a busy mail clerk these days and also has a very charming wife, so you can easily understand any possible reluctance he might have in offering to repair your broken timepiece. However, if you do have trouble with your watch, and you approach Sergeant Reddy in a tactful and diplomatic manner, the chances are that he will devote a little of his precious time to an ex-

G. I. (On maneuvers in woods): "Say, did you see that skunk with stripes?"

Another G. I.: "Sir, you are speaking of the first sergeant I love."

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"Is there a factory on that road?"

"No, that's lover's lane."

"Then why did that girl say, 'I've just been through the mill?'"

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Mike O'Shaw obtained a position at an observatory and spent most of the time watching the professors at the telescopes.

One day a professor walked in, went to a telescope, and began to make observations. Just then a star fell. Mike gasped.

"Begorra, that was a fine shot, sir," he said, with great admiration. "Why, ye hardly had time to take aim at it."

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

amination of your ailing watch, and if you are not in too great a hurry there is a faint possibility that he will repair it for you, for a reasonable fee. **Private First Class Bredowsky's Dust Storm Strategy**

If looks could kill, then every room orderly in the lower bay of barracks T-20 who sprinkles water on the floor to lay the dust before sweeping, would be six feet under the soil by now, for Pfc. Rueben Bredowsky's slogan is, "What's a little dust among friends?" You see, Rueben is an agent for a dry cleaning firm in town, and only when there are thick clouds of dust arising from an equally dusty floor is Rueben really happy. "Come on fellas," he says with his slow Southern drawl, "Stir the dust won'tcha, it's good for business."

Staff Sergeant X.X. Big Time Operator And Champion Bull Shooter

S/Sgt. X.X. is a champion bull shooter from way back. Stulling a large cigar into his mouth and reclining in his swivel chair, X.X. shoots the bull: "Say, when I was in civilian life I was coming money, I had a swell car, plenty of dames, dozens of swell suits," "How were you fixed for shoes?" I interrupted. He removed the cigar from his mouth and spat a much chewed tobacco leaf into the waste paper basket. "Shoes," he said "why I had a

Soldier: "What keeps your should straps up?"

"Gal: "Your extreme timidity."

"Does your boy friend have ambitions?"

"My, yes, ever since he's been knee-high."

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A list of names posted on the company bulletin board was accompanied by these instructions:

"The following enlisted men will pick up their Good Conduct Medals at the supply room this afternoon. Failure to comply with this order will result in disciplinary action!"

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She's only a hula dancer, but I love her still.

* * *

pair of shoes for every day of the week. I was one of the most successful salesmen in Pennsylvania. Sold everything from calendars to automobiles. Everyone knew me because I gave everyone a square deal. Why I knew the best people, I—" (Pardon the interruption fellows, but to give you a complete and detailed account of X.X.'s civilian life in all its color and magnitude would require the entire space of at least twelve copies of the Dow Field Observer, unquote!)

Novel Address

Although it's strictly NOT the thing to do, we admire the taste of the G.I. who recently addressed an envelope: "For a young lady in a white coat with a kind disposition, University of Maine."

Nicknames of Flying Personnel

The variety of nicknames so prominently displayed by Flyers on the back of their flight jackets are seemingly endless. Here are a few that I observed while in the P.X. the other day: "Rosie", "Esquire", "Spark PLUG", "Big Time Operator", "Saucy Sue", and numerous others.

Hide-and-Go-Seek Dept.

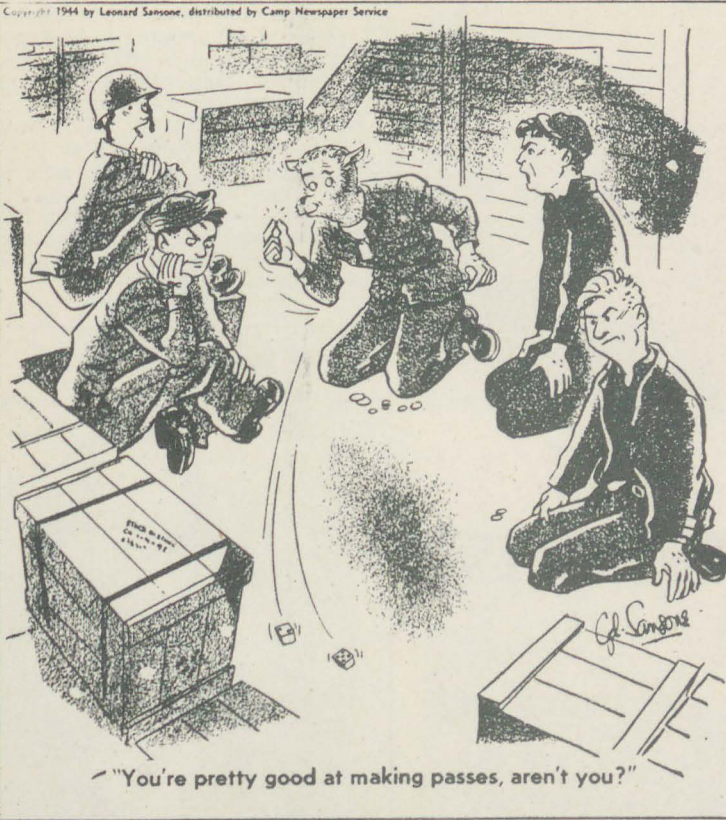
Sgt. McConnell says that when he goes into headquarters lately, that he sits down does a whole morning's work before he realizes that he is in the wrong office.

Cpl. Kenneth Bishop

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"You're pretty good at making passes, aren't you?"

PLAYING THIS WEEK POST THEATRE

Saturday 6 May
DAYS OF GLORY..G. Peck, Toumanova
Novelty and Feature
Sun.-Mon. 7&8 May
ONCE UPON A TIME..C. Grant, J. Gleason
Movietone News and Feature
Tuesday 9 May
MOON OVER LOS VEGAS..Anne Gwynne
Bugs Bunny, Sports Feature,
Wednesday 10 May
GIRL IN THE CASE..Edmund Lowe
Sports and Novelty Features
Thurs. -Fri. 11 & 12 May
AND THE ANGELS SING..D. Lamour
Movietone News, Feature

2 Shows nightly 1800-2000
Sunday matinee 1430

Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" R. H. I. P. (Rank Hinders Impromptu Propositions)





The Q. M. Annie Oakleys have their sights trained on the .22 Rifle Championship

Jackie Coogan Mistaken⁸ For a God by Burmese

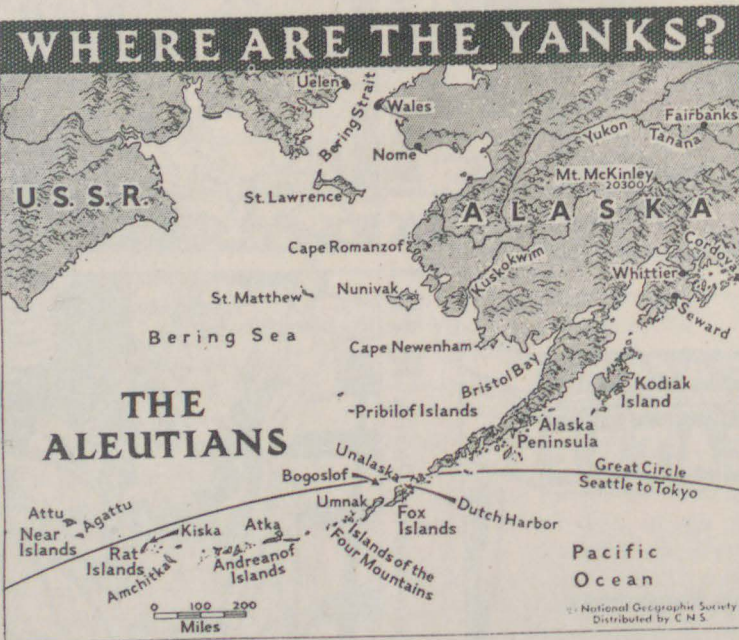
Burma (CNS) — F/O Jackie Coogan is accustomed to idolatry. As a child movie star, he was gasped at and sighed at from coast to coast. But he had to come all the way to Burma before anyone mistook him for a god.

Coogan, the first glider pilot to land Allied troops behind the enemy lines in Burma, said that the Burmese natives thought he was a god when they saw him alight in their paddy fields.

First Prize



First prize in an AAF lottery in China recently was Paulette Goddard, who is touring U. S. air bases in the CBI theater. A hat-drawing was held for the privilege of piloting the shapely movie star on her trip and the winners, three officers and one EM, turned down offers of \$100 apiece to trade places with their eager comrades.



The fog-bound, mist-hung Aleutian Islands string out a thousand miles across the north Pacific from the coast of Alaska to Asia. Attu, last whistle stop on the line, is farther west of Portland, Ore., than Portland, Ore., is west of Portland, Me. The Japanese, who early in the war seized Attu, Agattu and Kiska, have been driven away and the Aleutians once again are occupied by the U.S.A., providing stepping-stones in the essential United Nations supply routes across the Pacific to Soviet Russia. Yanks returning from these outposts of ours to the north will remember the Aleutians as islands of freakish weather, mists and fog, where the winter nights were long and cold and the spring was all too bleak and short.



G.F. TOTEM POLE

Houston, Tex. (CNS)—There is a city ordinance here which prohibits citizens from looking at a girl in a manner described as "making goo-goo eyes."

Gallup, N. M. (CNS)—A newly-rich Indian bought a grand piano but found that the door to his mud hut was too narrow to enable him to get his treasure inside. So he built a new hut—around the piano.