

## THE WAR THIS WEEK

The quickly executed invasion thrust of American and New Zealand troops against the Green Islands north of Bougainville early this week isolated 22,000 Japanese troops from their main supply base at Rabaul. The lightning stroke also gave the Allies their closest air base to the great Japanese "Pearl Harbor" at Truk.

### Truk Bombed

Late Thursday it was reported that the Truk base had been bombed by "several hundred" Navy carrier planes and that the raid may be continuing.

In his communique early in the week, General MacArthur stated that "for strategic military purposes, this (the occupation of the Green Islands) completes the campaign for the Solomons."

Allied forces in Italy are continuing to meet stubborn and fierce resistance. At Mount Cassino, the ancient monastery which the Germans have been using as a fortress was heavily bombed and shelled on Tuesday. Following were upon wave of Flying Fortress attacks, shelling of the monastery by heavy artillery was begun. Late in the week only a shapless mass of rubble remained of the abbey.

Bitter fighting was continuing in the streets of Cassino, with the Allied forces reportedly having occupied about one-third of the city.

### Russ Push On

On the beachhead-Anzio front, action on Thursday remained slack. General Alexander made his first line of the beachhead and said the Allies had won the first round, were winning the second, and that the third round would begin when "we have gathered our forces."

The Russians are continuing their relentless advance on all fronts. In the Cherkassy Pocket, where the remnants of 10 Nazi divisions are trapped in a 30-square-mile area, thousands more Germans were killed when they made a determined effort to break out of the Russian death grip.

Helsinki, capital of Finland, was bombed by Russian aircraft as reports continued that the Finns were negotiating with the Soviet for a separate peace.

South Pacific Area—(CNS)—Lt. Richard Blisk, of Burlingame, Cal., bailed out of his flaming plane over the shark-infested sea. Before he landed, however, a whale appeared, chasing all the sharks away. Later a Navy plane spotted him, dropped a first aid kit and sent a tug to his rescue.

# Hale Skiers Sweep Steamboat Carnival

## Camp's Second Service Club Is Now Under Construction

It was announced from Camp Headquarters and the office of Major William R. Goebel, director of the Special Service and Morale Branch, that Camp Hale is to have a second Service Men's Club, which will fill a long-felt need of the military personnel of the Camp.

The new club, to be known as Service Club No. 2, will be located in Building 190, the old Camp Finance Building, near the Camp Flagpole and next door to Post Exchange No. 1.

The Post Engineers are now at work remodeling the building, and, when completed, it will have a newly finished dance floor, a snack bar, where ice cream, coffee, sandwiches and candy will be on sale; a branch library, telephone booths, and a writing room.

It is expected that remodeling will be completed in the near future.

## Here's Some Income Tax Help For GIs

For those of you from whom Uncle Sam is expecting an income tax return this year, here's some good news. Mr. Joe McConnell, editor of the Leadville Herald Democrat, has very kindly given to Hale soldiers 500 copies of the Associated Press Income Tax Primer, a little booklet that is more than worth its weight in gold.

The Primer gives a great many facts about your income tax for 1944, tells you should pay, and how. It's first come, first served, so if you'd like one, drop in to the Camp Public Relations Office and it will be there for you.

## Table Tennis Meet Begins February 28

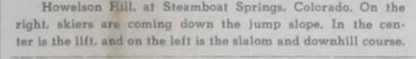
Table Tennis competition for the Division and Post will start February 28 and 29 at the Field House. Five men participating in single and double matches in the tournament will represent each unit.

Entries are to be submitted to the Special Service Officer of each unit who will determine the five men to make up his team.

## Facists Get Forum Rain Check 'til Mon.

Because most of the speakers scheduled for last Monday's Current Events Forum found themselves atop the Continental Divide on bivouac this week, the evening's discussion of Spanish Fascism was canceled.

Next Monday, however, at 7:30 p. m., in the Service Club lounge, the Forum's panel of four speakers will attack the important problem of Franco's Fascist government.



Howison Hill, at Steamboat Springs, Colorado. On the right, skiers are coming down the jump slope. In the center is the lift, and on the left is the slalom and downhill course.

## It's All For You, GI

### Giant Bond Rally Dance and USO Show Promise Thrills and Fun on Feb. 24

The largest number of girls ever to attend an affair at Camp Hale will be on hand at the Giant Bond Rally and USO Show Thursday evening, February 24, at 7 o'clock at the Camp Field House.

The affair is being sponsored by the Bond Officers of Camp Headquarters, Tenth Division, and 19th Special Troops.

Through special arrangements, the USO Victory Circuit Show, "Dim Your Lights," will precede the All-Post Bond Ball, the two combining to offer to the whole personnel of Camp Hale one of the biggest entertainment nights in the history of the Camp.

"Dim Your Lights," presented by USO Shows and the Camp Special Service and Morale Branch, is a musical revue, complete with song, dance and comedy, ball around one of the finest magic acts in the business.

The master magician in "Dim Your Lights" is The Great Lester, a close student of Oriental magic, and the equipment he carries is elaborate. His act has been written up in Pic-Look and Life magazines and is full of thrills fun and confusing legwork.

## Conceals Nothing

Lester has developed a wide variety of tricks which are peculiar to his act alone, probably the most sensational of them all being the sawing



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of a girl in half without concealing her body in the usual box. Simply grasping the young lady in a platoon, Lester, apparently moves a three-foot "buzz-saw" through her torso.

Other entertainers who will make up the remainder of "Dim Your Lights" are the Hoffman Sisters, acrobats; Diane Rivers, attractive assistant to Lester; Rosetta Barnette, singer; Vicki Valli, dancer; Gifford

## 86th's Sgt. Tokle Leaps 226 Feet To Take First in Jump

Camp Hale skiers, led by members of the Mountain Training Group, 16th Recon, 45th and 86th Infantry regiments, made a clean sweep of practically all events in the 31st Steamboat Springs Winter Ski Carnival last Saturday and Sunday.

Outstanding among the many individual feats of superb skiing was the 226-foot leap of Sgt. Torgy Tokle, 86th, in taking first place in the ski-jumping competition. Tokle, internationally famous ski jumper, made it two wins in as many years, having taken the same meet last year with a leap of 227 feet.

The Steamboat Springs meet is one of the three oldest such competitions in the United States, and features four events from famous old Howlson Hill, a picture of which appears on this page. The events are ski-jumping, down-mountain run, slalom and cross-country.

The Carnival this year was held in conjunction with the Routt County Fourth War Loan Drive, and, during two days of the meet, \$10,000 was subscribed, taking the county drive over the top.

Camp Carson entered a six-man team from the 87th Infantry, under the leadership of Lt. Mack, and these men made excellent showings, despite their lack of recent practice. In the team competition, the outfit from the Mountain Training Group took all honors, with Pvt. Donald Henderson, the ex-Berlin (E. H.) flash, sporting into the lead with three firsts and one second to amass 399.4 points out of a possible 400.

The Hale MTG team, composed of Don Henderson, George Hurt, Don Goodman, Doug Schmolts, Charles Broonshill and Hartvig Strand, garnered 1,482.2 points to take the team trophy from the Carson 87th group, whose total was 847.2.

The Carnival got under way Saturday morning with the 9-mile cross-country race, a hill-and-dale-type affair, without terrific climbs. Pfc. Hartvig Strand, MTG, paced the race with a blistering 30 minutes 17 1/2 seconds, followed by Henderson, MTG, Orval Bedell, of Steamboat, and Goodman, MTG, in that order.

While the cross-country was in progress, a fascinating series of events was going on in the tiny main street of the town. Ski-jumping fans dressed cowboys astride (Turn to Page 3, Column 2)

## Hale War Bond Sales Lagging In 4th Drive

### Little More Than Half of Quota Has Been Subscribed

The final quarter of the Fourth War Bond Drive finds many of Camp Hale's units still lagging in the purchase of war bonds and stamps. Unless a wave of buying takes place within the next two weeks, officials fear that the camp will fall short of its quotas.

Total purchases for the Post amount to \$130,536.90, a figure which represents the combined buying of civilian and military personnel. The Post goal is \$247,732.50.

Thus, almost one half of the goal remains to be attained. The goal of the Tenth Infantry Division is the purchase of \$106,875 worth of bonds and stamps. So far, the total buying has amounted to \$23,344.55—approximately one-seventh of the goal.

Although purchases, as a whole, fall far short of the desired totals, certain of the units have made excellent showings. (Turn to Page 3, Column 2)

# Hale's Own Musical Comedy, "Hale and Hearty," Shows February 22-23



The comedy stars in rehearsal. (l. to r.) Pvt. Thomas McFadden, 190th Army Band; Pvt. Lee Shuford, 86th; Pvt. Robert Weible, Camp Special Service, and, for a little feminine appeal, Cpl. Patty Burke, WAC Detachment. Next week's Ski-Zettie will carry more pix on the show scheduled for Theater No. 1 of Feb. 22 and 23. If you want a seat, come early!

## Sweet Music and Catchy Lyrics, Plus 190th Band and Talented Vocalists Are Featured

Last Sunday morning, NBC and Denver radio station KOA broadcast a "sneak preview" of "Hale and Hearty," the coming Camp Hale musical extravaganza. The broadcast originated in the Service Club, and any who happened to have their radios tuned to that station know a few of the many things in store for them on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 22 and 23, at Theater No. 1.

Lt. Francis K. Shuman, who composed and orchestrated the music for the hit songs in the show, was a composer and orchestrator in civilian life, and is now Assistant Athletic and Recreational Director for the Seventh Service Command.

He has been sent to Camp Hale from Omaha for the special purpose of helping us put on a show which promises to be acclaimed one of the finest yet staged extravaganzas by and for GIs.



The authors and producers of "Hale and Hearty." Standing (l to r) T/5 Charles Macak, 86th, lyrics writer; Lt. Glenn Granath, MTG, collaborator on story; T/5 Robert McIlroy, 15th Hqs. story author; Lt. George Earle, sets designer; seated (l to r) Lt. Evelyn Hanson, WAC Detachment, and Lt. Francis K. Shuman, 7th Service Command, composer of catchy music for show.