

CAMP HALE

SKI ZETTE

THE WAR THIS WEEK

Bitter fighting on two fronts—the South Pacific and Russian—marked this week's war news.

In the Solomon Islands area, where last week American forces struck suddenly and sharply by sea and air and land, Allied communique revealed that six Japanese warships probably were sunk and four others damaged in a sea battle in Kula Gulf, off the northern shores of New Georgia, where the enemy base of Munda is under attack.

Acknowledge Losses

The Americans acknowledged the loss of a cruiser and a destroyer.

The battle is still in progress and reports of losses and battle engagements are still incomplete.

Meanwhile, American forces were encircling New Georgia Island and Marines were infiltrating into the island, encountering little Jap resistance during early stage of the battle.

From the air dive-bomber and torpedo planes were bombing supply landing bases near besieged Munda. Munda is one of the major prizes at stake in this battle for the Solomons and loss of that base to the Japs would prove a major blow in supplying her troops in the whole South Pacific area.

Summer Offensive?

On the Russian front, where the Germans had opened a "summer offensive," Russian reports told of small German gains but at a high price.

The Russians claimed to have knocked out more than 1,000 tanks and 10,000 men in this four-day offensive. The major portion of the fighting was reported from the Orel sector and though there were reports of a widening of the battle front, it appeared unlikely that this was the real offensive the world had been waiting for.

Some reports had this Nazi drive only as a counter measure—a nuisance offensive to keep the Russian forces off balance and to hold the Reds from opening an offensive of their own.

Public Address System Entertains Iceland Troops

Iceland (CNS)—Sgt. Vale Mallick and Cpl. George Paine have built their own public address system here. They built it of discarded wire, a repaired microphone, and now they've planted loudspeakers in two thirds of their signal unit's barracks and run programs all day long.

Army Hostess Featured On Radio Program

Daily Activities At Service Club Aired Over KOA

The Army Hostess came in for a bit of attention Sunday during Camp Hale's bi-monthly radio broadcast when the Service Club put on a program of skits and music over KOA, Denver.

The program emanates from "the highest U. S. Army Service Club in the world" and presented Miss Eva Johnson, Club hostess, in a typical day at that recreation center.

Pfc. Ben Botvenek of Special Service, who took the part of a soldier writing a letter home from the Service Club, took the radio audience on a "tour" of the Club and presented Courtney Crandle of Co. H, 86th, and Cpl. Freeman Koberstein of the QM Detachment at the piano.

Crandle, who used to play for Bunny Berrigan, came through with a couple of swing numbers, and Koberstein touched on the heavier side of music with DeBussey's "Fireworks Suite" and Brahms' "Waltz in A Flat."

The half-hour show was written by Botvenek and Pfc. Wally Gittings and was announced by Gittings, who is also of Special Service.

A 15-minute transcription to be presented over KOA was made after the program and featured Lt. Col. John A. Chase, Capt. Frank B. Fisher, Jr., of Special Service, Sgt. Abe Fugi of DEML, and Pvt. Bob Pastor of the 86th.

The transcription dealt with the boxing tournament now being staged in Denver, in which 13 Pastor-coached Camp Hale men are participating.

GI FALLS OUT OF PLANE, PARACHUTES TO SAFETY

BROOKLYN FIELD, Ala.—(CNS)—When Lt. C. W. Goldbaugh landed his Army dive bomber here the other day after a routine flight from St. Louis, he was flabbergasted to find no one occupying the rear gunner's seat in the plane. Cpl. Lester Kennison had been sitting there when the bomber left St. Louis.

Cpl. Kennison, it developed, had fallen out of the plane during a bank 8,000 feet over Waynesboro, Miss. and then had parachuted to safety. He was unhurt save for scratches.



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PARATROOPER CHAPLAIN—Officers who minister to the spiritual welfare of American Paratroopers are "sky pilots" indeed. They have qualified in the rigid tests and do not hesitate to accompany their men in the 'chutes. Young men in topnotch physical condition are volunteering for service with the Paratroops. They receive \$50 a month over the enlisted men's pay of relative grade. (U. S. Army Air Forces Photo).

WAAC Becomes WAC; Now Rates All GI Privileges

On Thursday, July 1, President Roosevelt signed a measure making the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps a part of the Army of the United States, and changing its official name to Women's Army Corps. Thus the WAAC merely drops a letter and becomes the WAC.

The bill provides that members of the WAC will be known in their ranks and grades by the regular Army terminology. Thus a First Officer now not only wears two silver bars but is actually a Captain. The Second Officer becomes a First Lieutenant, and the Third Officer a Second Lieutenant. An Auxiliary becomes a Private, a Junior Leader is a Corporal. A Leader now gets the rank and title of Sergeant, and Staff Leader, Technical Leader, First

Leader and Chief Leader are respectively Staff, Technical, First and Master Sergeant. The T-Model ratings were the same in the WAAC as in the Army, so they don't change under the new order.

Members of the WAC are granted equal rights with any Army personnel as regards Government insurance, allotments, and free mailing privileges.

There can be no doubt as to the advantages that will accrue to the WAC's because of their new status, not the least of which is the availability of National Service Life Insurance to them. Nowhere else can the WAC get insurance which offers a like protection for the same low cost.

Po' Little Nell

Vent Your Deepest Feelings, Men, For That Viper Is At It Again

The hero, the villain and Little Nell will step on the Service Club stage at 8 o'clock tomorrow night to the mingled cheers and boos and catcalls (the latter for the villain, of course) of an all-soldier audience in the Denver University Civic Theater presentation of "He Ain't Done Right By Nell."

This all-student cast, which has presented plays before soldier audiences in and around Denver, threatens to put on a "mellow dramma" and free-for-all old time vodvil show which will make Little Eva and her bloodhounds rival the rough-and-ready Rosie the Riveter.

The advance blurb claims that the

show is for "laughing purposes only" and asks the audience to "jine in with the singin' at the end of the programme."

And the audience is forewarned that weeping and gnashing of teeth at the fate of poor Nell will not be tolerated for Nell will win out in the end, as all good girls should.

The play is under the direction of William A. Doherty and includes in its cast Nora Works, Victoria Doherty, George Holtorf, Harriet Freeland, Lucille Holtorf, Ted Lewis and William Myatt.

Harriet Freeland, Harold Jacobson, Victoria Doherty and Jeanette McMann will attempt to bring vodvil back.

COMBAT GUNNER RETIRED AT RIPE OLD AGE OF 16

NORTH AFRICA—(CNS)—S/Sgt. Clifford R. Wheeler of Elmwood, Ill.—turret gunner of a Martin Marauder with more than 100 combat hours to his credit—is retiring from the war. Four times decorated, Wheeler is being sent back home by parental request. He's only 16.

PROPOSAL FOR ALL WORLD TO HEAR, WINS 'YES'

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—(CNS)—"Helen, darling, I love you," said Pvt. Joseph Moscar in a soldiers' hour radio broadcast here. His girl friend, Helen Barus of Milltown, N. J., was listening. The wedding will be during Joe's next furlough.

Did YOUR organization have its column in today's Ski-Zette?

Laff of the Week

Washington (CNS)—Fifteen WAVES crowded into an elevator here and immediately something went wrong—with the car, it descended casually to the basement of the building and then refused to go up or down (or sideways). The operator suggested, hesitantly, that there was an emergency door but at basement level it led through a men's turkish bath. The group "commandette" was equal to the situation—true to the undaunted spirit of the Navy. "Form in line," she commanded. "Close your eyes tightly—and join hands—the elevator man will lead us through."

Orchestra to 'Hit' Camp Hale

Waring Show To Air 'Our' Requests

Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians will dedicate their "Victory Tunes" broadcast to the personnel of Camp Hale at 9 p. m. Monday over KOA, Denver and the coast-to-coast hookup of the National Broadcasting Co.

The tunes that will be played in honor of Camp Hale are "It's Always You," "Brazil," "You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To," and "Black Magic."

The tunes were selected through ballots cast by Hale men in the Service Club these past few days.

The organization of 55 performers has made a name for itself both on the air and on stage and screen through years of top ranking among musical organizations. The Pennsylvanian's glee club and own arrangements are recognized as tops in the world of modern dance music.

The 15-minute show also gives the day's baseball scores at the beginning of the program.

Camp Hale Gets First Three WOWs

Three members of the Women's Ordnance Workers arrived this week at Camp Hale and are working as mechanics in the Ordnance Maintenance shop.

Included in the group are Miss Margaret Bouaska, a mechanic's helper, who is working in the chassis bay; Miss Mary E. Frame, also a mechanic's helper, who is helping in reclamation; and Miss Mildred Iron, in the machine shop bay.

These WOWs, as they are commonly known, attended school for two months at Fort Creek Annex, Plattsmouth, Nebr., graduate mechanics school of the 7th Service Command.

Although ununiformed, the WOWs are not a part of the Army.

United Nations' Flags On Display at Club

Thirty-two gold-fringed silk flags—one for each of the United Nations—are now on display in the lounge of the Service Club.

The flags were purchased by the Special Service Division.

10th Recon Does Stuff For News Cameramen

Those photogenic, dare-devil mountain climbers of the 10th Recon strutted their stuff Wednesday for the newsmen and in short order will be telling the country's movie goers all about Camp Hale via the screen.

J. M. F. DuBois and John P. Slatery, Denver representatives of News of the Day, and E. K. Edwards, representing Paramount News, shot numerous scenes of the mountain climbers as they went through their regular training grind, employing ropes, pitons and snay-links in their spectacular climbs and descents.

Service Club EM Council Organized; Dance Sunday

Organization to Function as Liaison Group Between Club Director and GIs

Col. Tillotson Saves Boy From Drowning

Lt. Col. Robert E. Tillotson, commander of the Tenth Mountain Quartermaster Battalion, acted as life guard last Sunday when he rescued a 4-year-old Illinois youth from the rapids of Grizzly Creek, Colo.

Colonel Tillotson and Major Elliot and their families were fishing down stream approximately 75 yards from the Illinois family when their small son slipped from the bank and was carried away by the rapidly rushing current. The boy's father immediately jumped into the creek and attempted to save the youngster, but the current swept the boy quickly beyond his reach.

Colonel Tillotson noticed the excitement and yells and saw the boy's body, face down, approaching him. Without hesitation the Colonel bucked the current, leaped into the rapids, grasped the small body, and held the youngster's face above the water. As the Colonel administered artificial respiration, the boy opened his eyes, and with a couple of husky slaps on the posterior, returned the boy safely to his parents.

Colonel Tillotson modestly declines any complimentary action on his rescue and states that he has many problems with the mules at the Tenth Quartermaster Battalion, if anyone would like to help him.

English Class Held At Leadville USO

Conversational groups in English are being held each Friday evening from 8 to 9 o'clock in the Quiet Room of the Leadville USO Club, Mrs. Gaillard A. Tilmont, secretary, announces. Individual records are made daily, so that improvement may be noted. These courses are being given to aid many of the Norwegian troops here.

There are also about a thousand books in the Quiet Room. The Social Hall has been expanded to include ping-pong tables, Chinese checker boards, chess, and cards. There are two pianos and plenty of song books.

Then there is the "Snack Bar." Every Saturday night the USO holds a dance at the Club.

On Wednesday evening of this week, the newly formed Service Men's Club Council met for the first time and took initial steps toward perfecting its organization.

The Council, consisting of representatives from all organizations in Camp, was set up to act as the official voice of the soldiers in Camp Hale in the operation of their Service Club. It is to the Council that "gripes" and suggestions on improvements in the club will go, and the action of the Council will carry a great deal of weight with the Director of the club.

Under the direction of Miss Eva Johnson, newly appointed Director of the Service Club, it is the purpose of the Council to be the direct go-between for the men in service and the Director of the club.

The first official action of the Council was to appoint committees. Two were appointed at the Wednesday meeting, one to promote a dance to be held at the Field House on Sunday, July 11, for enlisted personnel of the Camp, and the other to write, cast, and produce a musical comedy for the Camp by the end of July.

Suggestions that anyone in Camp may have regarding the musical comedy or other recreational activities should be submitted to any member of the council, and they will be taken up when the Council next meets.

The council will meet once each week, and the membership of the Council will be rotated monthly, so that responsibility will be spread through each company and detachment in Camp.

Miss Johnson announces that the Fourth Army Ground Forces band will play for the dance Sunday from 2 until 5 in the afternoon. Refreshments will be served.

The following are the present members of the Service Club Council: Pvt. Tony Ostroff, 110th Signal Co.; Sgt. C. Schink, AA Bn.; Sgt. Joe Might, AA Bn.; T/3 Robert Wilson, QMC; Pvt. Robert Kemp, 86th; T/4 Murphy, Service Troops; Pvt. Leo Ginsberg, 86th; Pvt. N. Rosenberg, 86th; T/5 Joe Kartin, MTC; T/3 Roy Spears, 10th QM; T/3 Vernon Blidwell, CMP; Pvt. Howard Wahler, 110th Signal Co.; Sgt. Gene Crabb, 110th Signal Co.; T/5 Betty Vandergift, WAC Det.; Aux. Mary Ann Wood, WAC Det.; and Aux. Mildred Cooley, WAC Det.

Tales of Bunk Fatigue Have Nothing On This Drowsy GI Van Winkle

Rip Van Winkle may have slept longer than a certain soldier attached to the Station Complement, but reports indicate that he certainly couldn't have slept any more soundly.

It all happened about like this: One day last week, while the Engineers were salvaging an errant truck that had taken refuge in the icy waters of Eagle River, it became necessary for someone to cross the river (treason unknown).

Our soldier (anonymous for obvious reasons), was chosen for the job. He crossed the river, accomplished his mission, and sat down on the railroad track which parallels the river. It was a somnolent day, and he fell asleep—on the track!

The men on the other side of the river heard a train approaching and glanced across

to the track. There lay our soldier, blissfully unaware of his danger.

Loud shouts failed to awaken him and it became apparent that drastic steps would have to be taken to prevent disaster. One of the other soldiers hurriedly jumped into the boat, pulled himself across the stream, shouting all the while. Still no results!

On his way up the steep bank from the river to the track, he threw rocks at the sleeper, one of which, so the story goes, struck its mark squarely. Our soldier slumbered on.

Finally, when the train was a scant 40 feet from the sleeper, his rescuer dragged him from the track, the sleepy one protesting at being so rudely awakened from his siesta! Believe it or not!



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FIRST TO WEAR PRE-AVIATION CADET INSIGNIA—E. Gilbert Barker, 17-year-old Washington, D. C. High School senior, is the first Army Air Corps Enlisted Reservist to wear the newly designed pre-Aviation Cadet insignia. The silver-and-blue lapel button, which will be available to all young men accepted for pre-aviation cadet training is being presented by Brigadier General J. M. Bevans, Assistant Chief of Air Staff for Personnel. Barker is the fifth member of his family to enter the service. Prospective aviation cadets who wish to acquire reserve status during their 17th year may obtain the address of the nearest Aviation Cadet Examining Board from any Army recruiting office.

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