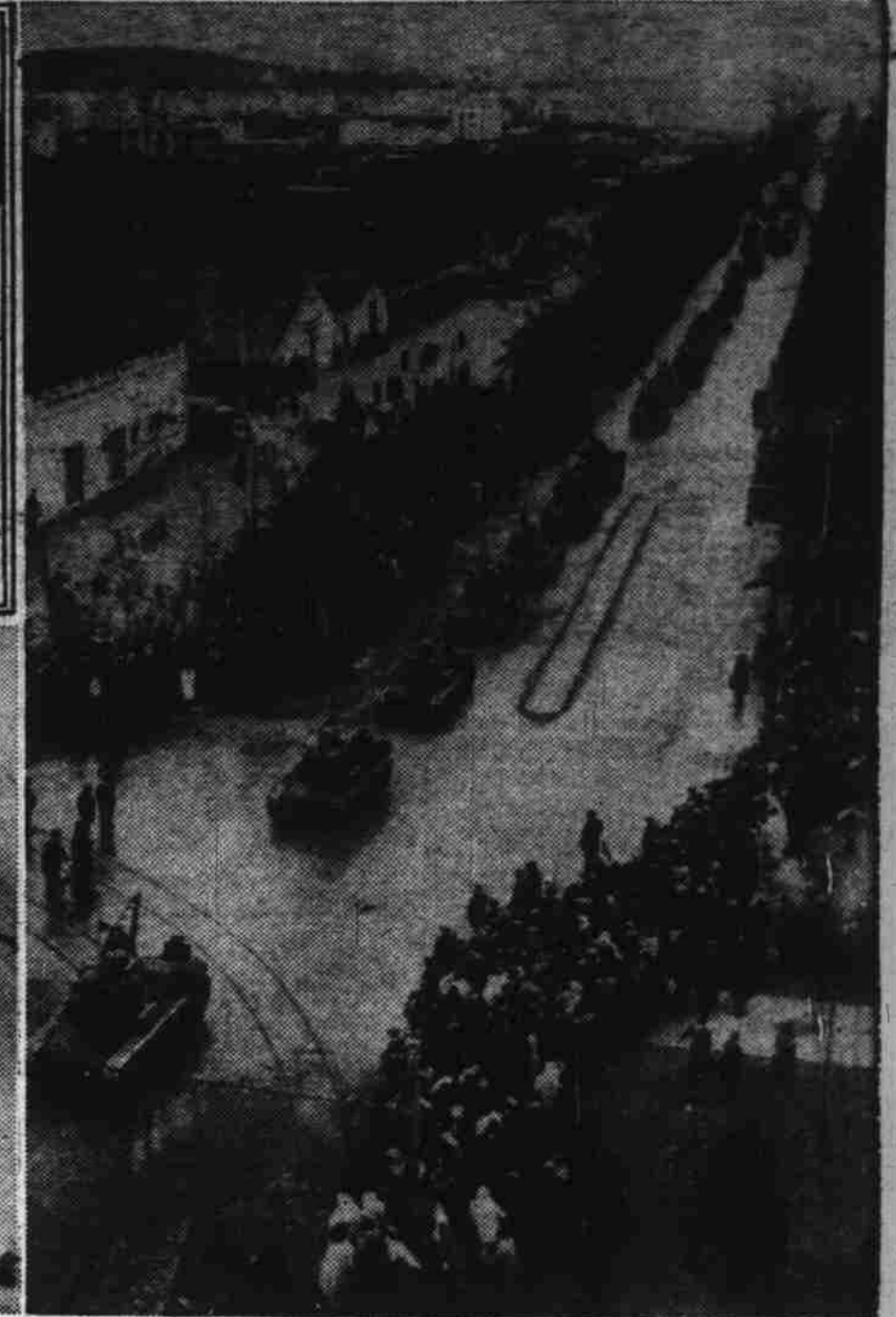


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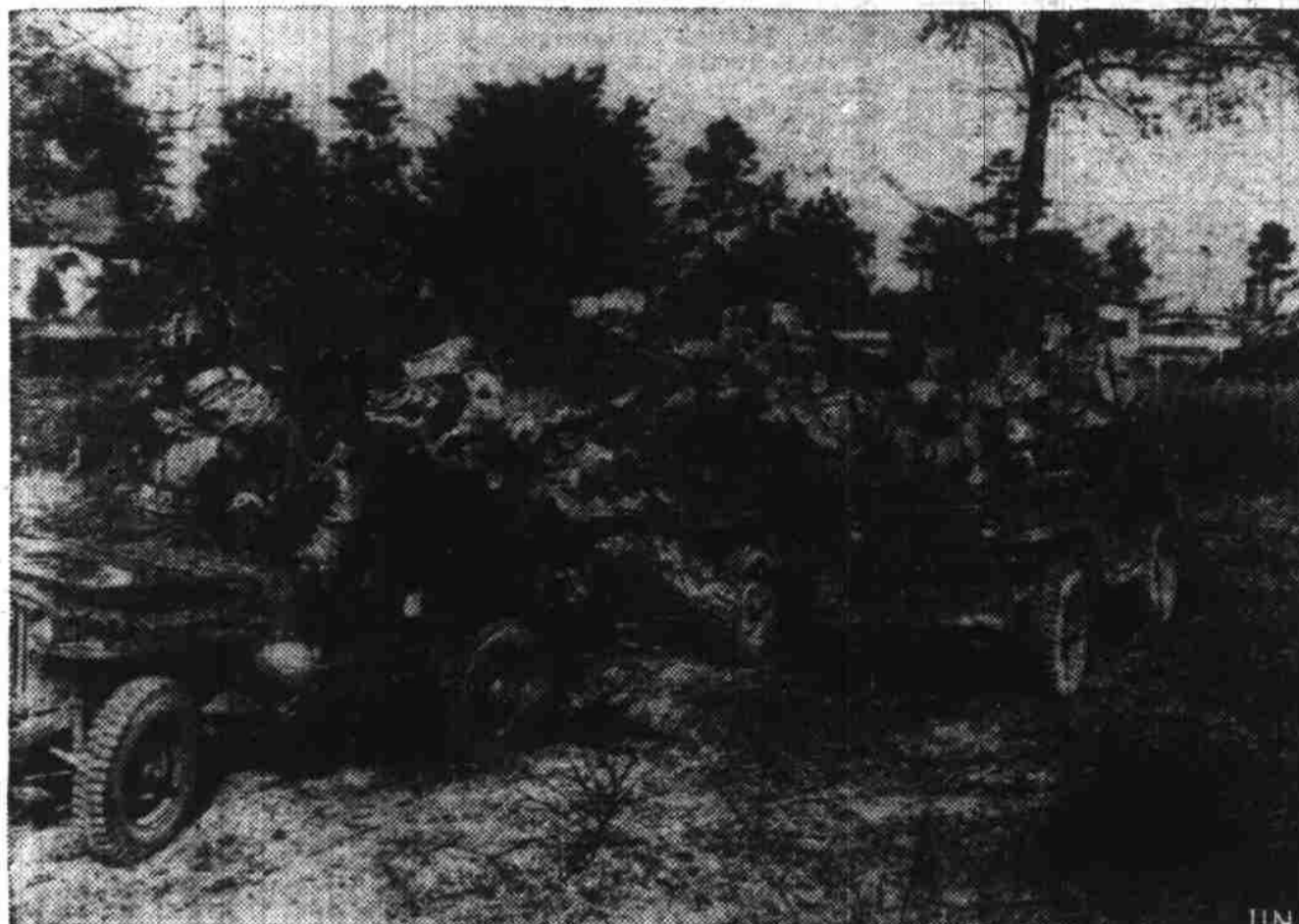
Aided by David A. Oppenheim (right), one of his production managers, shipbuilder Henry J. Kaiser demonstrates with a model how his ships are constructed in record-breaking time. In 10 minutes, using 81 scale-model parts, he put together the 14-foot model of the freighter which his Richmond, Cal., yard recently sent down the ways in 4 days and 15 hours. Kaiser constructed the model before maritime officials and others at the United Seamen's Service center in New York City.



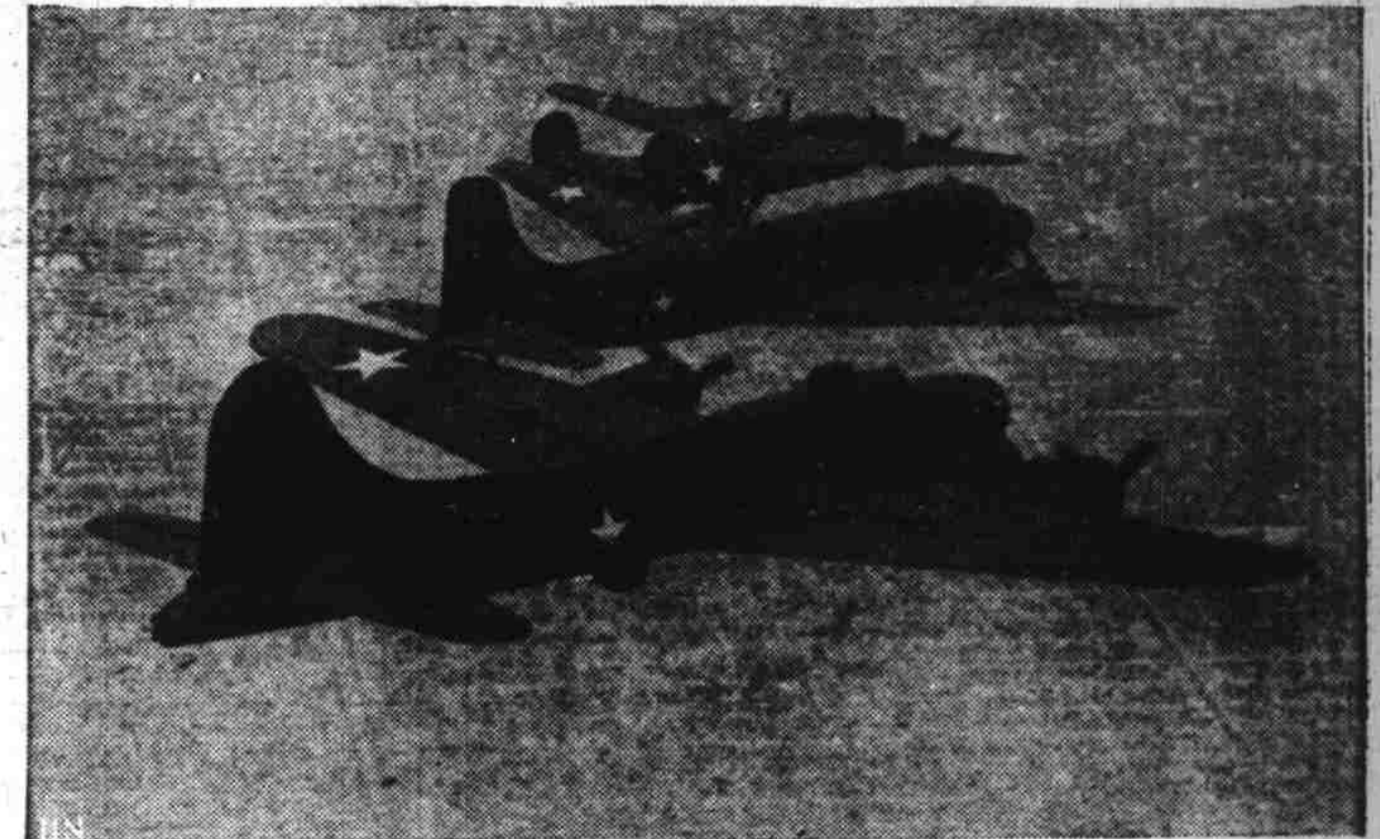
Key points in the Mediterranean battleground. Britain's fortified eastern gateway, Gibraltar (A), and the French colony of Tunisia (D), which separates Algeria, now in allied hand, and Libya, the axis' last battleground in northwest Africa, are shown above. Hitler has invaded Tunisia with planes and troops to attempt to stem the east-west pincers attack of the allies in a giant offensive aimed at complete control of the whole of north Africa. Hitler has sent his forces into Unoccupied France (B) and also to Corsica (C), strategic French island off the west coast of Italy. The British Eighth army is pressing onward from Egypt, driving the axis forces of Marshal Erwin Rommel into Libya. The Americans, supported by British air, sea and land forces, control most of French north Africa with the exception of Tunisia, which now becomes a battleground. Tunis, pictured above, is the capital of Tunisia. French colonial tanks are seen in the Tunis picture.—IIN Photo.



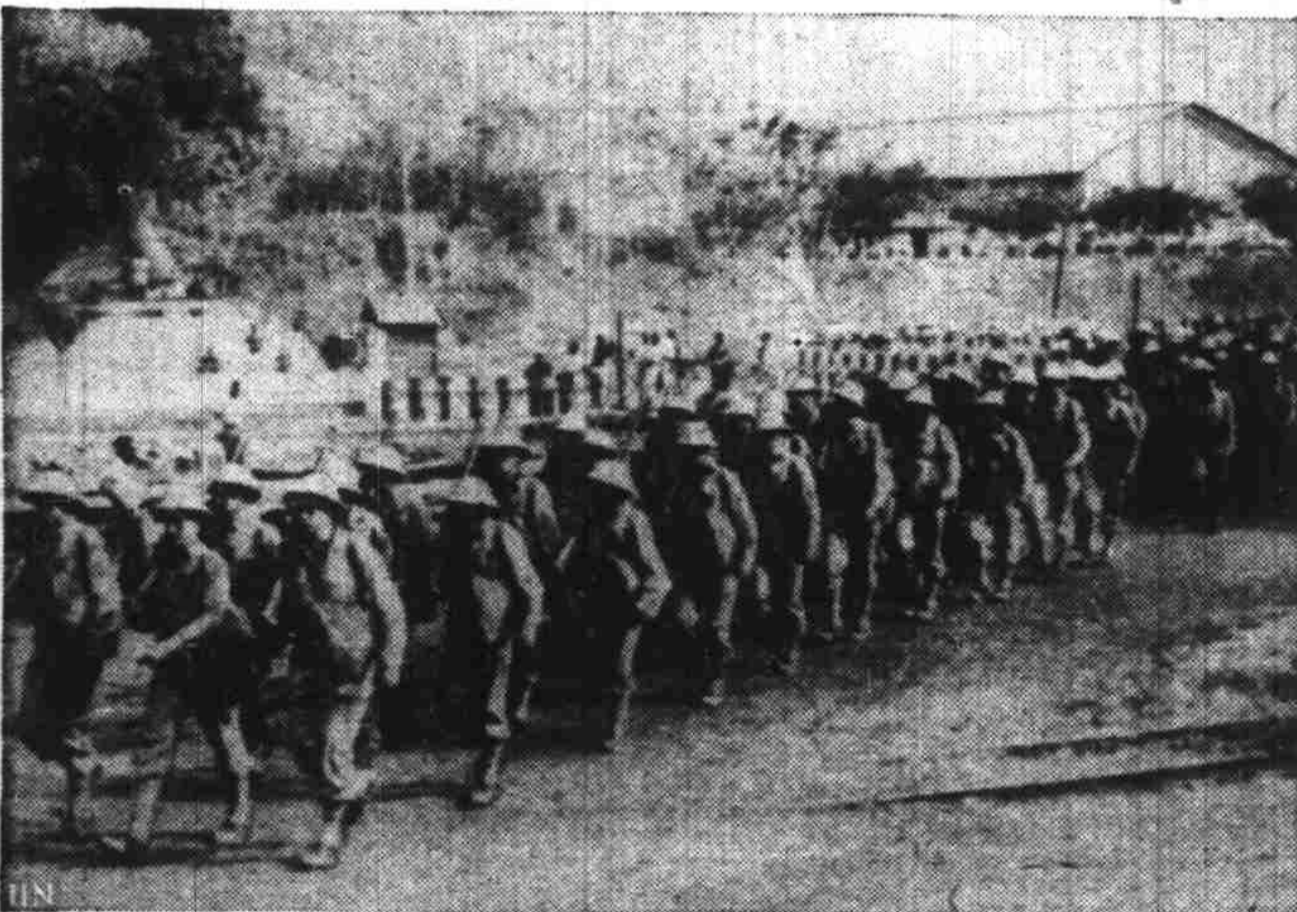
American troops stand among their duffel bags and supplies after planting the Stars and Stripes on Algerian soil at Oran in North Africa. This cablephoto obtained from a British newsreel, is one of the first taken after U. S. troops had stolen a march on the Axis and invaded strategic Algeria and French Morocco.



Praise the Lord and pass the cranberries, brother, that great day is coming! Soldiers at Camp Lee, Virginia, are rounding up the gobblers for Thanksgiving and they're doing it with jeeps, as you can see in the picture above.



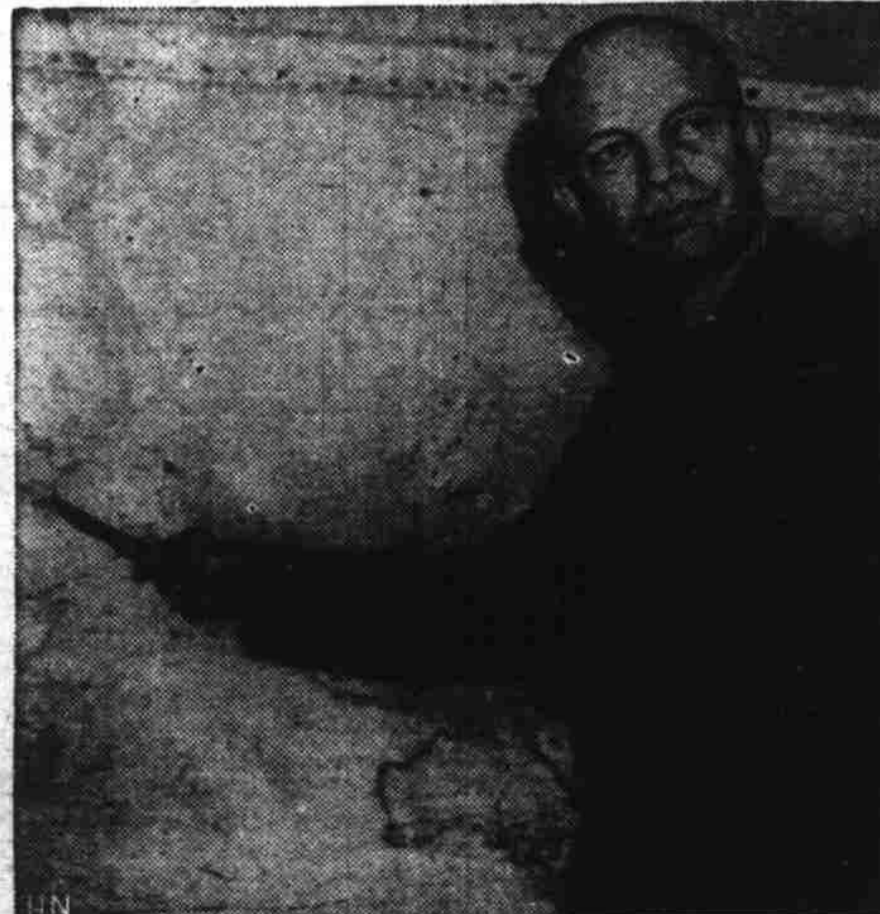
U. S. Army's three types of long-range, four-engine planes are shown together in the air. Closest to camera is one of the giant Flying Fortresses. Center is the C-54 combat transport, a troop carrier. The third plane is a Liberator bomber.



American troops, "deep in the heart of Africa," are seen marching through a street in Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, en route to a dock where they boarded boats for a trip across the river to Brazzaville, French Equatorial Africa, capital of the Fighting French in Africa. These troops landed in the Belgian Congo in September.



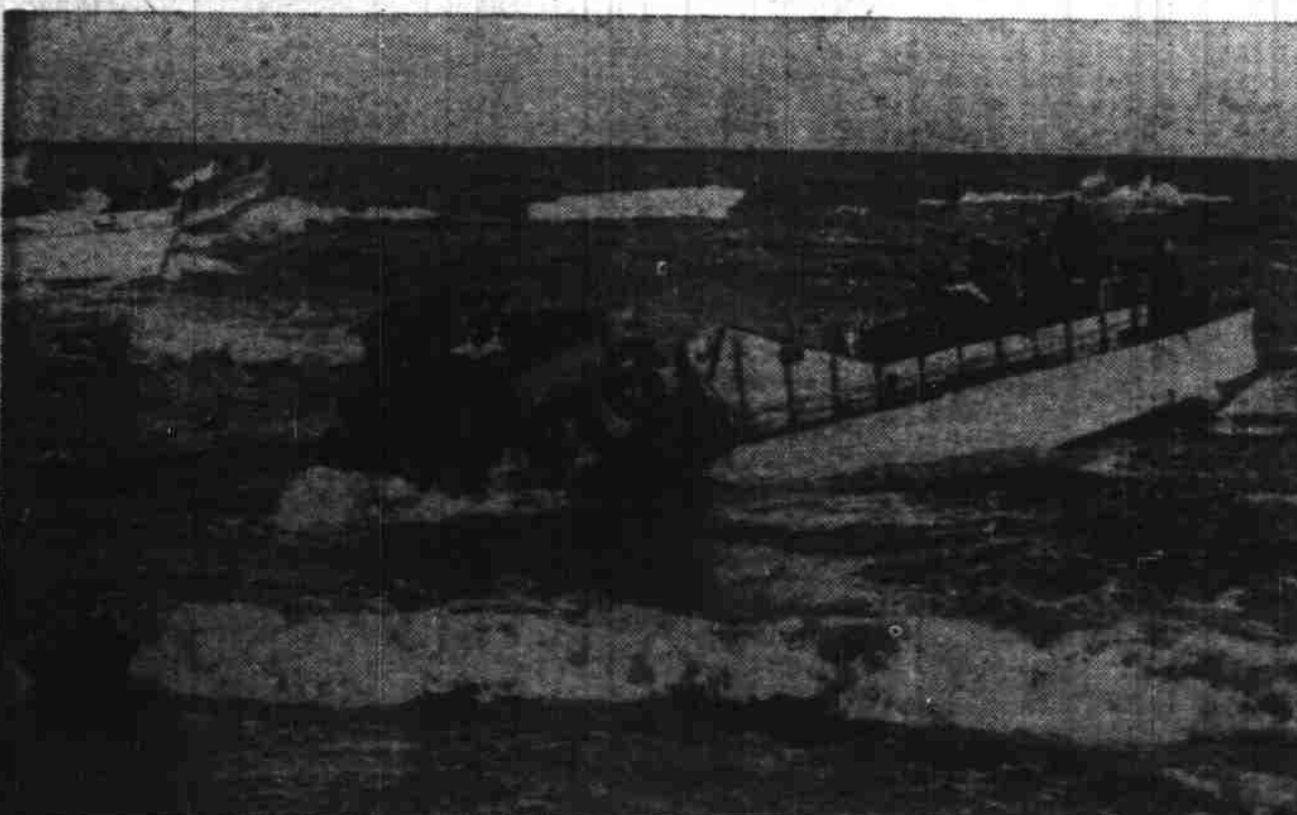
Disposition of the French fleet, believed to be still at the Toulon naval base, holds the key to Allied conquest of North Africa. The Allies have appealed to the French Navy to join the Allied fleet. The Axis is trying to add the French men-o'-war to their side. Conflicting reports as to the whereabouts of the main units of the fleet are keeping the world guessing. French battleships are shown above.



Here is a recent picture of U. S. Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander-in-chief of all Allied forces participating in the French North African invasion. Eisenhower is shown at American headquarters in London, where he had been stationed prior to the Allied African invasion.



Director of the "Free Italy" movement which was organized in New York several months ago, Count Carlo Sforza, exiled former Italian foreign minister, now is one of the leading figures in a new move for the formation of a Free Italian National Council, with political and military status, to cooperate with the United Nations in removing Italy from the Axis.



Using the same technique as the U. S. leathernecks who stormed their way into the Solomons, these marines are practicing landing operations at their base at New River, N. C. As the tank-carrying barge hits the sandy bottom of the beach, a light tank splashes into the shallow water ready to support infantry forces that have already landed.



Mrs. William Cherry, Jr., and her little daughter, Paula, smile happily in their home in Dallas, Tex. Mrs. Cherry had just received word from the Navy Department that her husband, pilot of the missing Rickenbacker plane, had been rescued from a raft somewhere in the Pacific. This is a phonophoto.



Maj. Gen. George S. Patton, tank expert, is commander of American forces landing on the west coast of Africa.



A small group of U. S. troops stationed in New Guinea struggle as they push a jeep across a jungle stream. In the background, some of their more fortunate buddies who are off duty splash about and cool off. In company with Australian soldiers, these men are part of the forces taking part in the battle to push the Japs back along the Buna trail.