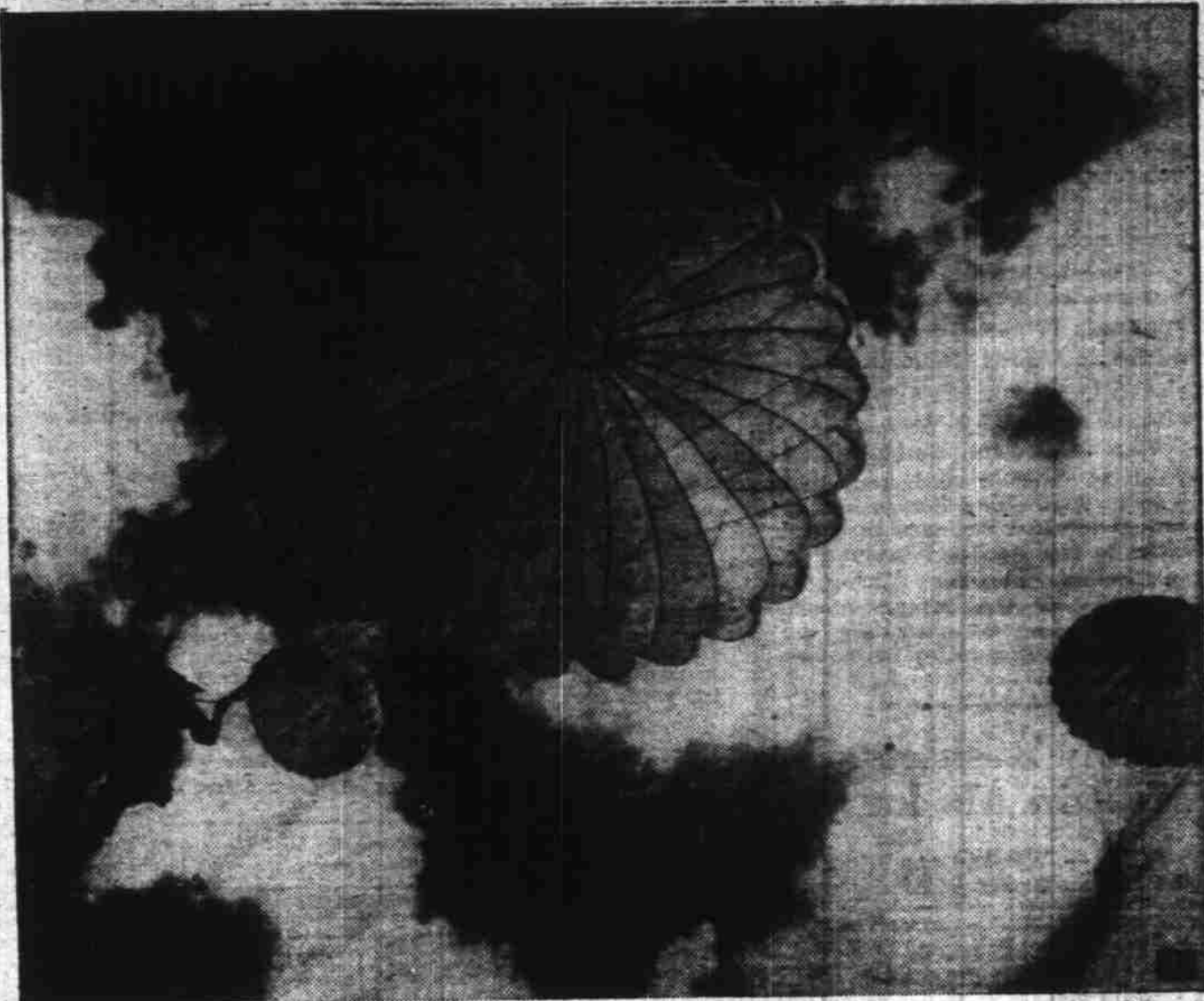


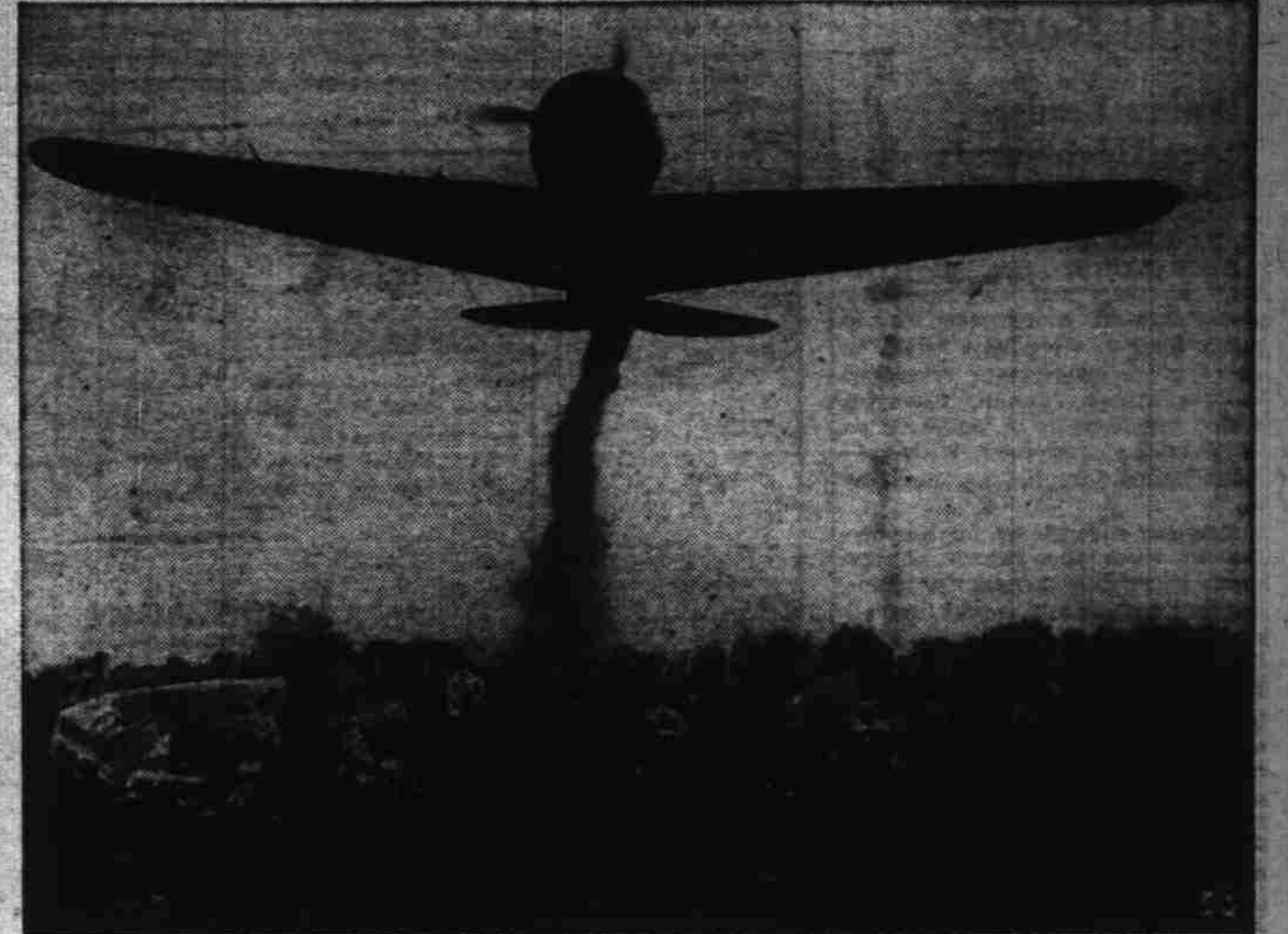
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MACARTHUR'S PARATROOPERS—U. S. paratroopers of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Southwest Pacific command, who cut off the Japs at Salamaun and Lae, go through their routine.



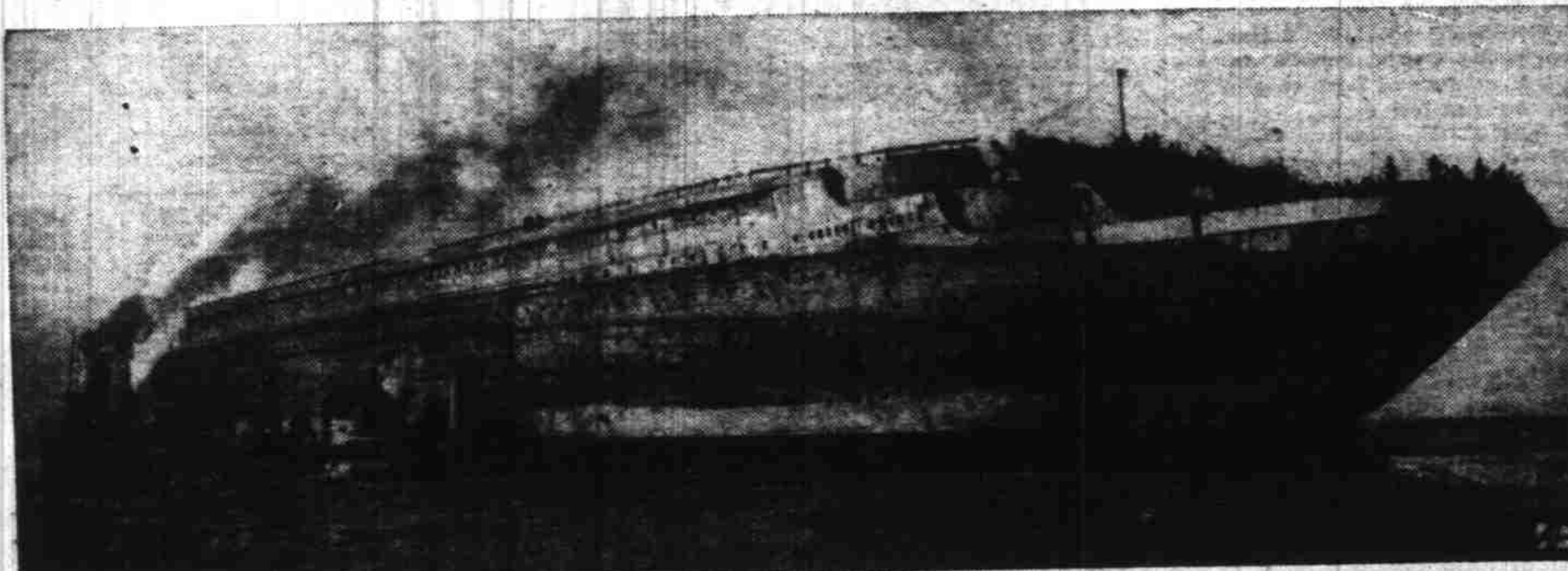
WATCH ON THE NILE—Radio observation post set up by the RAF atop Cheops Pyramid during the Allied conferences near Cairo. All equipment had to be carried by hand to the 500-foot-high peak. In background is Chephren Pyramid.



GAS PROTECTION DRILL—Encased in protective coverings, these soldiers are objects of a simulated gas attack in a chemical warfare drill at Mitchel Field, N. Y.



ZOOM—Sailors in the torpedo shop at San Diego Naval air station chose Lynn Merrick, film player, as their "zoom girl."



NEW BERTH FOR NORMANDIE—With its hull watermarked by its long immersion, the U.S.S. Lafayette, formerly the Normandie, is moved to the Brooklyn division of the Todd Shipyards Corporation for additional repair work for the Navy.



FAVORITE—Faye Lynch, shown at her machine which trims fan belts for Army trucks and jeeps at the B. F. Goodrich plant, was voted favorite model of the Akron, O., Camera club.



OPERA STAR'S SON—Helen Jepson, Metropolitan Opera soprano, and her baby son, Ricardo Dellera, in their Teaneck, N. J., home. In private life Miss Jepson is the wife of Walter Dellera, PT boat designer. Little "Ricky's" grandfather was a Metropolitan Opera orchestra conductor for 30 years.



MINISTER—This is a new picture, made at London County Hall, of Ernest Bevin, minister for labor in the British cabinet.



MOVABLE WAR PLANT—Mrs. Julia Briggs (left), day foreman, examines endless high speed machine bells made by Mrs. Mary Smith of the night shift in unique Cromwell, Conn., war plant. Hand looms were set up in a store on Cromwell's main street by the Russell Manufacturing Co. of nearby Middletown to solve transportation difficulties for village housewives.



FRENCH VILLAGE RECREATED—One of the largest sets ever built in Hollywood is this reproduction of the colorful French village of Lourdes for the Song of Bernadette.



FAIR MOTORCYCLIST—Elaine Riley, film starlet, tries out a German tracked motorcycle, one of the captured vehicles on display at the Army ordnance exhibit in New York.



LOW COUNTRY—Charming map of The Netherlands, where Hitler has installed heavy fortifications against invasion.



CUPS FOR WINNING WACS—Mrs. James H. Donahoe (right), wife of the noted Army Star, presents Colonel Airman merit trophies to Pvt. Ruth Davis (left) of Chicago and Pvt. Agnes Bard of Buffalo. The two WACs also won a trip to Montreal and the Laurentians for their courage on the home, "Way the Women's Army Corps Needs You."



'FIGHTING 69TH' AT MAKIN—Two members of the famous New York "Fighting 69th" are from their foxhole over the body of a dead Japanese during the Makin Island invasion.