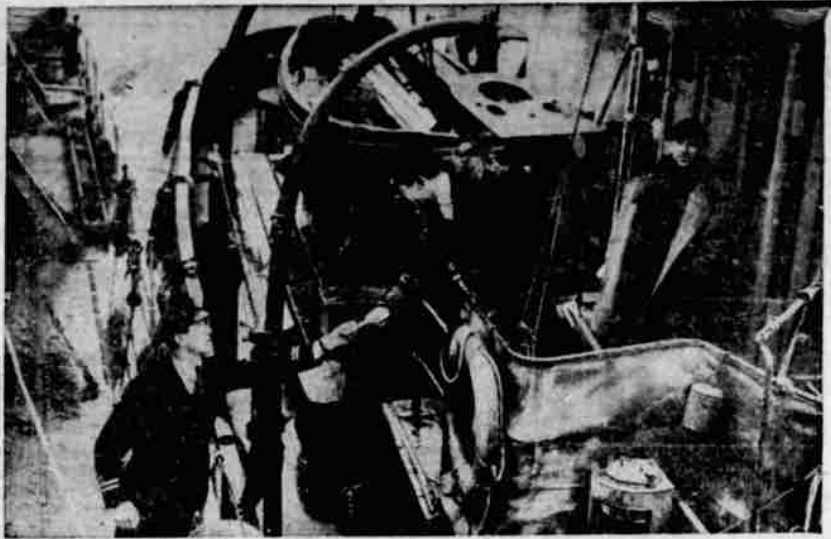


BRITISH SEA VETERANS HELPED YANKS TO AFRICAN SHORES



SEALED ORDERS, NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL SHIP LEAVES PORT.

Three years of meeting the threat of enemy mines, submarines and aircraft in the fight to keep open Allied lines of supply to distant ports has been a costly but educational experience for the British Merchant Navy. Wise in the ways of the undersea foes who harass shipping on the seven seas, grizzled veterans today carry on in the convoy service with the aid of younger recruits to whom they impart the knowledge which they themselves learned the hard way.

Men such as these played a major part in the transport of American troops and supplies down the Atlantic and through the Mediterranean for the surprise invasion of North Africa. Here's a routine day in their life aboard ship while on convoy duty.



LT. G. D. POUND, SON OF ADMIRAL, ON BRIDGE.



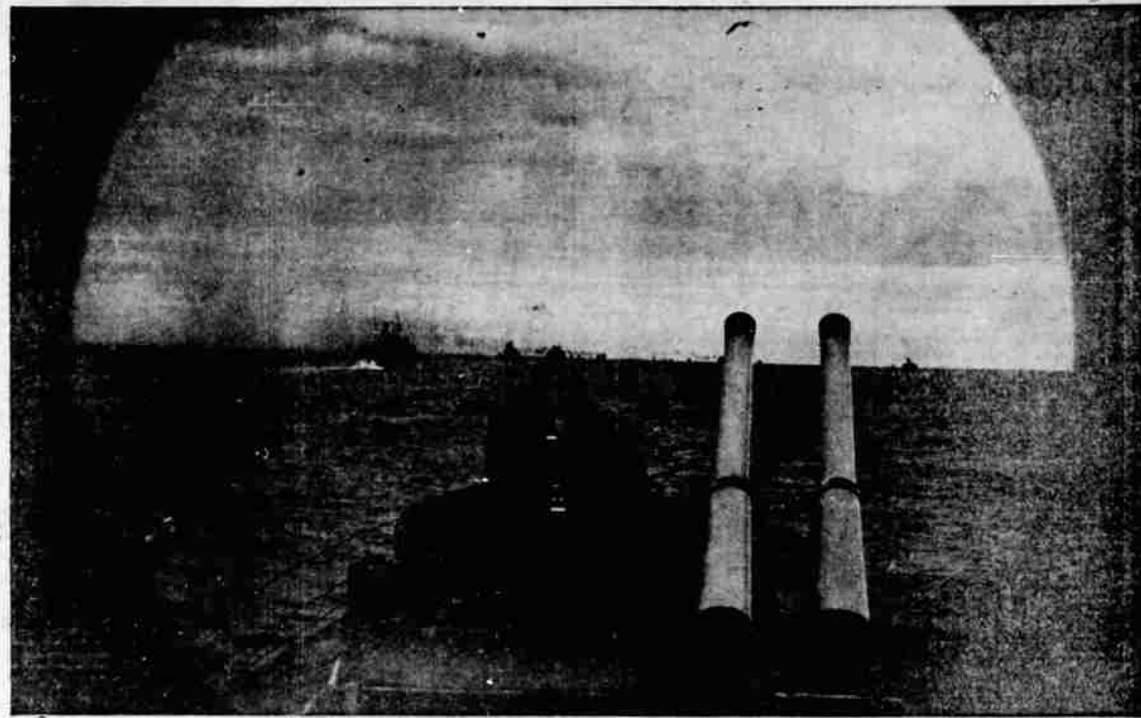
"SIX BELLS" (GROG CALL) IS WELCOME MOMENT.



MUSICAL MOMENTS ON "OFF WATCH."



MASKS PROTECT FROM FLASH BURNS AS WELL AS COLD.



CONVOY SEEN THROUGH PORTHOLE PRESENTS A SCENE OF GRIM BEAUTY.

TUNISIA PATROL FAR DIFFERENT FROM LAST WAR

Close Contact With Enemy Unknown in Conflict—No Wire, Bells or Rockets.

By Donald Coe
(United Press Correspondent)
With Col. Edson Raff's Tunisian Task Force, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—(Delayed)—Patrol activity in the Tunisian hills is far different from what it was in France in 1918.

There, patrols in No Man's Land were within yards of their own lines. Here, patrols can travel 45 miles toward the enemy without interference one night and meet resistance five miles away the next.

Few Ambushes
Occasionally, a patrol is able to set an ambush. On December 26, for instance, a jeep patrol spotted German motorcycles speeding toward them, stopped, opened fire, killed one motorcyclist and captured four.

Daylight activity is increasing. On December 27, Second Lieutenant Carmelo Falconiere, of New York, was changing the guard at a forward outpost. He sighted an enemy patrol of armored cars and motorcycles approaching, and kept his double-strength garrison intact until it approached.

"They knew where our outpost was, because they stopped just out of range," Falconiere said. "Then an armored car and half the motorcycles approached slowly."

"We waited until they were 200 yards away, then opened up with everything we had. I would have stayed there all day, but saw a tank column approaching in the distance."

"Before we retired, we knocked out the armored car and two motorcycles. Our first bullets got the armored car driver. Our boys felt good seeing their armor piercing bullets going right through that scout car."

Great Experience
"It's the best kind of experience." The Germans apparently are using gliders as well as motorcycles to approach Allied positions. Barbed wire, bells, and rockets—the bane of patrols in the World War—are not worries here.

But every Arab has a dog which barks when patrols approach within a mile. No way has been found to quiet the dogs. Moreover, the silence of the African night carries the

sound of motor vehicles 10 miles or more.

Despite these difficulties, Falconiere said, a patrol so close he could observe the situation and get he was after.

MUSICAL TREAT IS ENJOYED BY LIONS AT WEEKLY DINNER

Lions club members were afforded an unusual treat at their regular weekly meeting, Wednesday, at Ehrheart's, when the Misses Alice Stockton and Mildred Tummonds, of Tacoma, entertained with musical numbers. Miss Stockton displayed exceptional musicianship as a violinist, in her rendition of Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 5, Pablo de Sarasate's Zigeunerweisen, and Eugene Gruenberg's Moto Perpetuo. By special request, she responded with Schubert's Ave Maria, which charmed her audience with its delicate nuances.

Miss Tummonds demonstrated unusual versatility by skillfully accompanying Miss Stockton, after which she sang three classic airs. She was accompanied by Private First Class Newton H. Pashley, of Camp White, accomplished Rochester, Eastman School of Music student.

The entertainers were escorted by Chaplain Lloyd Jaeger and Eldon W. Borrell and Mrs. Borrell. The Misses Stockton and Tummonds are frequent entertainers at Fort Lewis, Washington, and this week are guests of Camp White.

WEALTHY ECCENTRIC DIES OF STARVATION

Darien, Conn., Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Miss Mary Burton, 54-year-old eccentric who owned property and securities worth \$50,000 and inherited \$50,000 from her father's estate this year, was found dead of malnutrition and exposure yesterday in her 12-room house.

HALL-MILLS MURDER FIGURE DIES AGED 70

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Willie Stevens, 70, one of the central figures in the Hall-Mills murder trial of two decades ago, died today after a long illness.

His death followed by 11 days that of his sister, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, wife of the Rev. Edward W. Hall who was found slain with the wife of his church sexton in 1922.

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TRAFFIC DEATHS STAY HIGH AMONG WAR PLANT HANDS

Car Pooling, Tire and Brake Deterioration, Increase in Drinking, Seen Reasons.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—The National Safety Council said today the same wartime driving that brought about a 30 per cent decrease in 1942 traffic fatalities below 1941 resulted in the death of at least 18,000 war workers and injury of a half million others.

Sidney J. Williams, public safety director of the council, estimated the 1942 traffic deaths totaled less than 28,000, a drop of approximately 12,000 from 1941.

Williams predicted traffic deaths of non-workers would continue to decline but car pooling, deterioration of tires and brakes and an increase in drinking drivers would keep the total of war worker casualties nearly the same.

He attributed the 1942 decrease to a decline in driving because of gasoline and tire rationing and said the nation could not "feel too much satisfaction" over it.

North Atlantic Tops

The council report showed the North Atlantic region had the smallest decrease in fatalities.

Cities reporting traffic deaths included: Milwaukee, 42 in 1942, 50 in 1941; Buffalo 45, 66; New York 692, 744; St. Louis 98, 81; Washington 79, 75; San Francisco 76, 84; Pittsburgh 81, 72; Chicago 415, 554; Cleveland 107, 122; Detroit 207, 256; Baltimore 118, 133; Philadelphia 216, 271; Los Angeles 287, 458; Indianapolis 82, 61.

WAS GRANDMA RIGHT ABOUT THESE COLD FACTS

For colds' coughing, to reduce sniffing nasal congestion, chest muscle soreness pioneer Grandma put faith in home medicated mutton suet and hot flannel. Today mothers use Penetro—the excellent modern medication with the mutton suet base. Penetro never fails to function 2 ways. Aromatic vapors go inside with every breath—outside it comforts like a warming, soothing plaster. Rubbed on chest and throat, it works fast. Try Penetro and agree "Grandma had the right idea." 25c, double supply 50c.

AUTOISTS FLOCK TO GET LICENSE

The final rush for 1943 temporary license stickers was underway at the sheriff's office today, with two lines of autoists extending from the desk to the front door of the courthouse. A few were waiting when the courthouse opened.

Autoists without stickers on and after tomorrow were advised by the sheriff, to leave their autos in garages, as they would be subject to arrest on a charge of driving with an improper license. Usual fine on this count is \$5 and costs.

The sheriff predicted most of the autoists of the county would have stickers before the end of the day. The stickers must be displayed on the windshield. Later they will be replaced by a "decals" from the secretary of state. The "decals" will take the place of metal plates. The 1942 plates should be left on the car.

GENERAL HOLIDAY NEW YEAR'S DAY

The county courthouse will be closed all day Friday, New Year's Day, a legal holiday. Offices will be opened for the usual half day Saturday. Banks and public offices will also be closed Friday.

The New Year will be greeted in the traditional manner in this city, with home gatherings, and fraternal organizations holding customary New Year's celebrations. The Elks lodge will hold its New Year's dance, and tomorrow its annual open house for members.

Under a recent ruling of the state liquor commission and the army, the dispensing of liquor after midnight is prohibited.

MAC'S FISH FRY

213 West Main St.

CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS IN FAMILY

WILL RE-OPEN ABOUT FRIDAY - JANUARY 15

TRAINING COURSE IN LEADERSHIP IS GIRL SCOUT PLAN

Medford Girl Scout Council, through Mrs. Aileen Peterson, Girl Scout executive, announced today a special leadership training course to be conducted at Girl Scout headquarters on East Main street, Jan. 6, 8, 9, 13 and 15. Girl Scout leaders, assistant leaders, troop committee members and all adults in the community interested in group leadership and the Girl Scout program are urged to be present and prepare themselves for responsible guidance of Girl Scouts.

Due to gasoline rationing the course is being held only four days and those attending are asked to bring lunch and the council will serve coffee or tea. As 99 per cent of all Girl Scout adult workers are volunteers the council urges all adults in the community who are interested in this work to contribute their volunteer patriotic service and group leadership in building the characters of these young women.

Mobilization of Girl Scout resources for defense is imperative members of the council state and requires the wisdom and untiring efforts of adult volunteers. The Girl Scout organization has been training girls to be citizens in a democracy for 30 years and now is able to offer the threatened nation a going concern with significant assets that can be used in the nation's program for victory. The Girl Scout program has easily been turned to defense measures during this time of stress and they are assisting in their communities in many ways.

Arrangements are being made for caring for pre-school children of mothers who care to participate in this special leadership training course.

Hunting Knives Needed By Boys Battling Nippos

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Maj. Gen. Barney M. Giles, commander of the Fourth Air Force, today endorsed a plea to California sportsmen to donate their hunting knives to the army for use against Japanese by American jungle fighters.

Frank Martinelli, San Francisco, formed the "Save a Life With a Knife Committee" at 1025 Columbus ave., San Francisco, to collect knives. The only requirement was that the knives have blades at least four inches long.

NEW RUBBER RAFT HAS EVERYTHING

Washington, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—A new rubber liferaft, weighing only 70 pounds and containing many improvements suggested by fliers forced down at sea, was demonstrated here by the U. S. Rubber Co.

The raft, which will be regular equipment on army Flying Fortresses, will hold seven men. It has a square rigged sail, a fabric sea anchor to keep it heading into the wind, and horizontal bulkheads to keep it afloat even if one chamber is pierced.

Wooden oars, fishing kit, emergency repair and signal kits, first aid equipment, rations for 30 days and—on some of the rafts—radio sending sets will be included.

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YOU FEEL YOU'RE LIVING, NOT MERELY STOPPING, AT THE HOTEL MULTNOMAH...

It's not only what we do but the way we do it that makes the Multnomah one of the nation's exceptional hotels.

Hotel MULTNOMAH
PORTLAND, OREGON

CAPTAIN KING OF MARINES VISITING HIS PARENTS HERE

Captain H. E. King of the U. S. Marine Corps is home for a short visit with his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. C. M. King, 211 N. Oakdale avenue. Just returned from the South Seas, where he has been stationed for the past 8 months, Captain King says it seems mighty nice to make a landing on home soil for a change.

Captain King spent his early childhood in Medford, where he attended the Lincoln grade school. Later he moved to Iowa, where he was graduated cum laude from University of Iowa in 1939. Upon graduation, he accepted a commission in the Marine Corps and was sent to Philadelphia for basic training. From Philadelphia, he was transferred to duty with the Pacific fleet, serving aboard the heavy cruiser U. S. S. Indianapolis in Hawaiian waters until shortly before the Jap raid on Pearl Harbor. Since that time, he has been on duty at San Diego, Washington, D. C., and finally in the South Pacific.

"The South Seas," the captain thinks, "are romantically overrated, but if it keeps Dorothy Lamour in a sarong, why that's all right, too."

Captain King has been assigned to flight training at Dal-

las, Texas, upon completion of which he hopes to get another crack at the Japs, only with a few "block busters" next time.

FOOD FOR ROMANCE
Jackson Corners, N. Y. (U.P.)—Shakespeare's Juliet contended "what's in a name?" But this modern romance sounds good enough to eat. Miss Frances Treat of Jackson Corners is now the bride of George Snack of Bloomfield, N. J.

Special notice ABOUT COLDS

Now when colds strike, relieve miseries with home-proved Vicks VapoRub

ACTS 2 WAYS AT ONCE..

It PENETRATES to upper bronchial tubes with soothing medicinal vapors. It STIMULATES chest and back surfaces like a warming poultice. And what's more, it keeps right on working for hours—even while you sleep!

Just rub throat, chest and back with good old Vicks VapoRub at bedtime. VapoRub goes to work instantly to relieve coughing spasms, ease muscular soreness or tightness. It invites restful, comforting sleep. And often by morning most of the misery is gone. Try VapoRub's special 2-ray action tonight! When a cold strikes, be sure you use time-tested Vicks VapoRub.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

Uniformly Excellent...



You may depend upon your children getting a uniformly excellent, nutritious, body-building drink when they ask for SNIDER'S Milk... Plenty of good, rich milk is so essential to growing youngsters—and you are assured of the BEST when you serve SNIDER'S.

Snider's GRADE "A" PASTEURIZED MILK