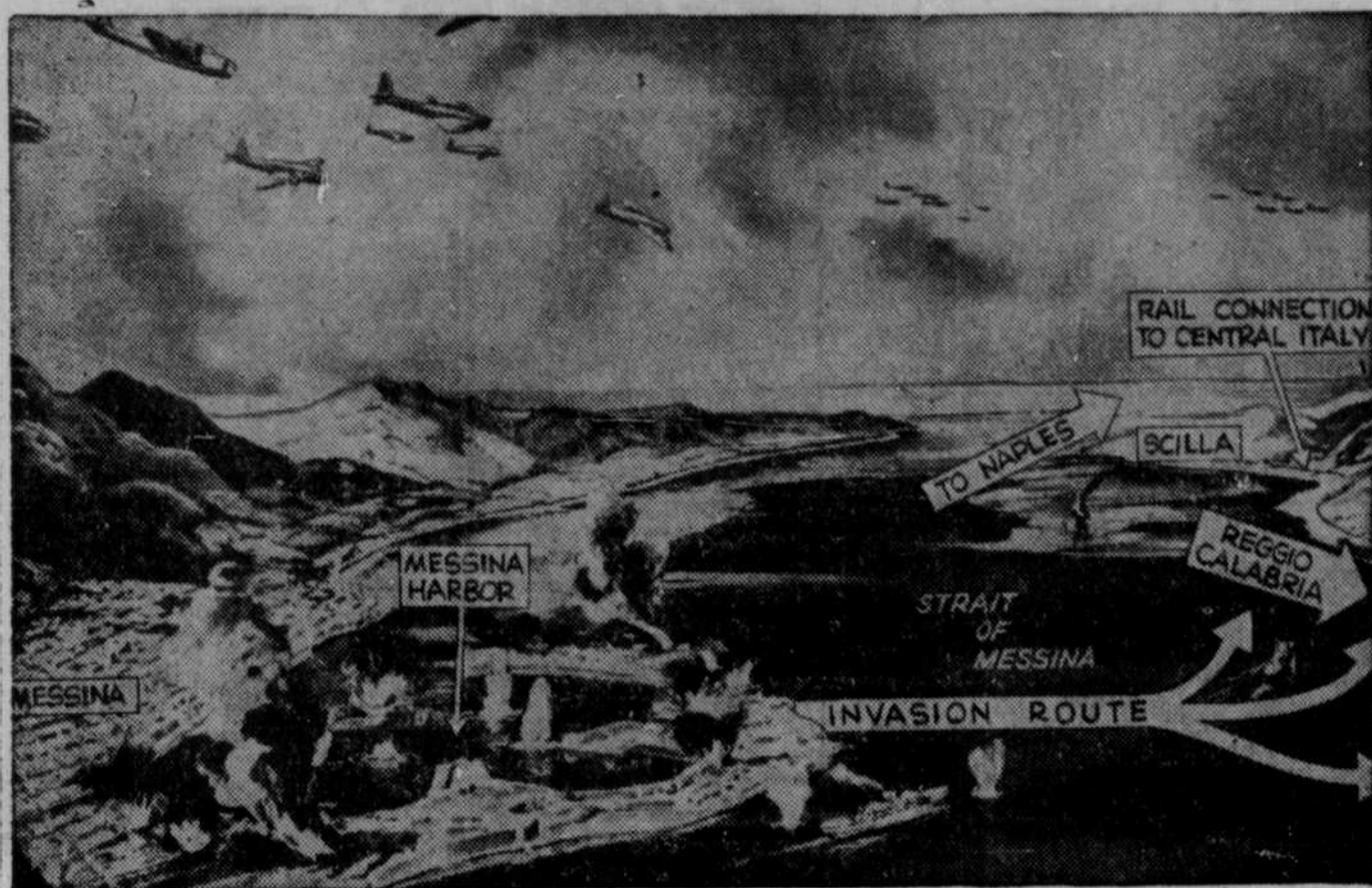


Sketch of a Victorious Invasion Route



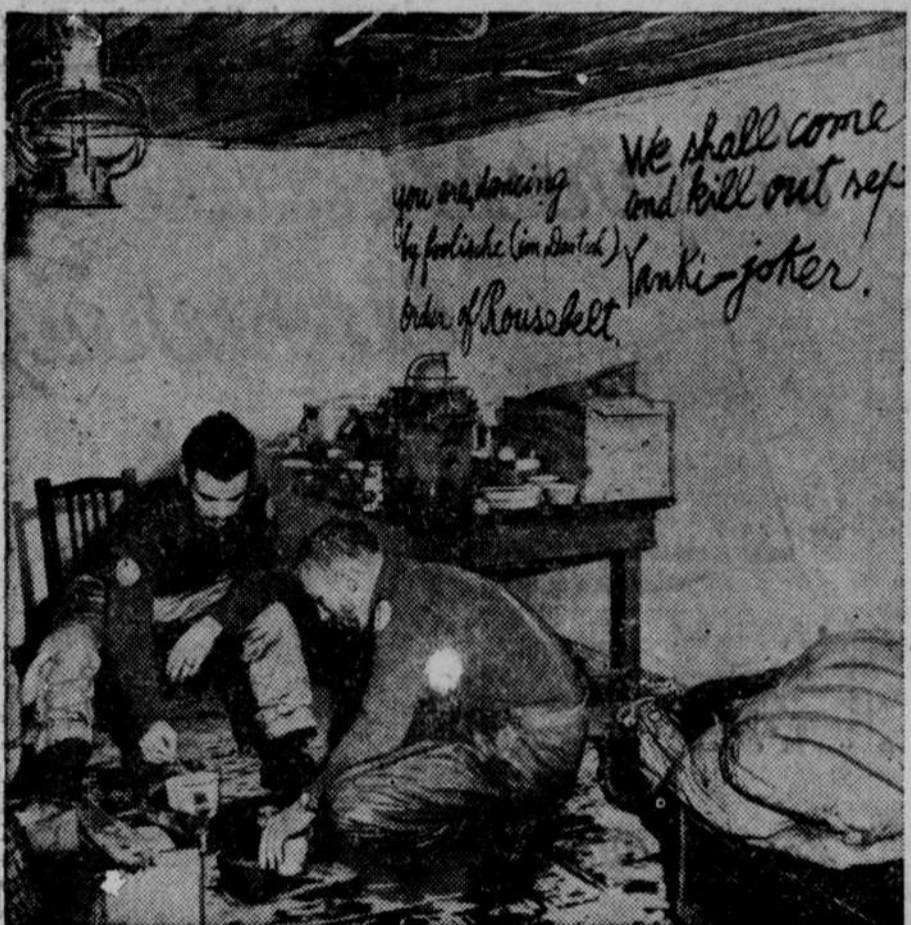
This sketch was made by the English artist E. G. Lambert as the Allies were bombing Messina harbor. It shows the entire area of the strait of Messina from the air. Across this strait, which separates Sicily from Italy's toe, the British Eighth Army spearheaded the first invasion of the European continent which resulted in Italy's surrender. The distance across the strait, at its narrowest point, is two miles. Prior to landing on Italy proper, Allied batteries along the Sicilian coast shelled Axis positions across this stretch of water.

Afrika Korps Men Save Peanut Crop in Georgia



Harvesting peanuts occupies most of the time of these former German soldiers, once dubbed "super-men." They were members of the Afrika Korps, first German troops to collapse. Farmers at Dublin, Ga., praise the work of the war prisoners and credit them with saving the peanut crop. Left: This "superman" swung his pitchfork with such zeal that he broke the handle. Center inset: Time out for lunch is taken by the prisoners. Right: Under a warm southern sun, these men apparently are regaining health and composure. One tenderly holds a baby rabbit caught in the field as his curious comrades surround him.

Japs Murder English Before Leaving Kiska

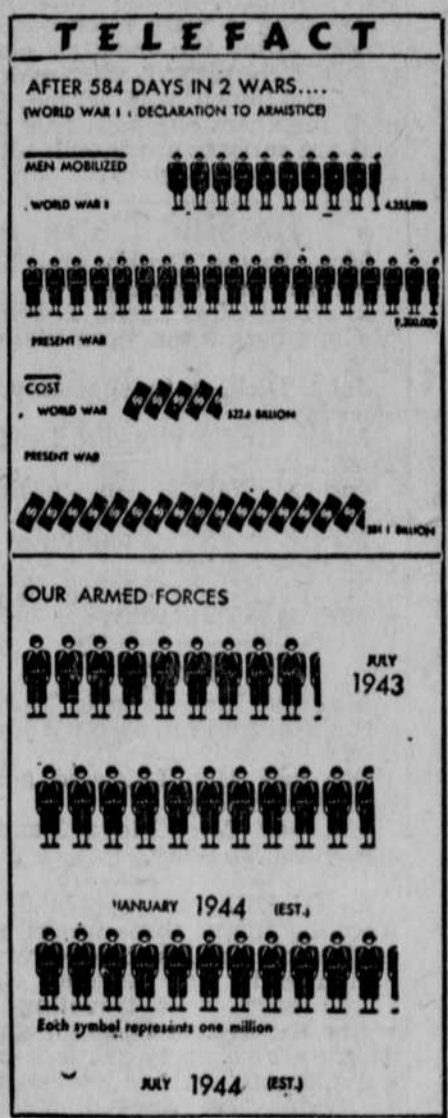


When U. S. troops entered this dugout on Kiska Island, they found the Japanese had murdered the English language in a message on the wall. Foolish was spelled "foolische" and Roosevelt became "Rousebelt."

Mary Churchill Visits the WACS



Mary Churchill, center, daughter of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, is in the British counterpart of our WAC. She is pictured inspecting the chevrons on the arm of a WAC at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Looking on are Alice Marble, U. S. pro tennis champ, extreme left, and Mary Hardwick, the British tennis champ.



Tiny Tarzan



He's only 40 days old, but Frankie P. Rust Jr. can chin himself several times. His amazed parents, relatives and friends are wondering if he will be a candidate for Tarzan roles.

One Down, Two to Go



Five days after Allied forces swarmed across Messina strait onto the mainland of Italy, that country surrendered unconditionally, culminating its alliance with Germany. With the war in Italy victoriously finished, the Allies have broken the Axis triumvirate, leaving Germany and Japan to be defeated.

Untangling One of Two Limited Wrecks



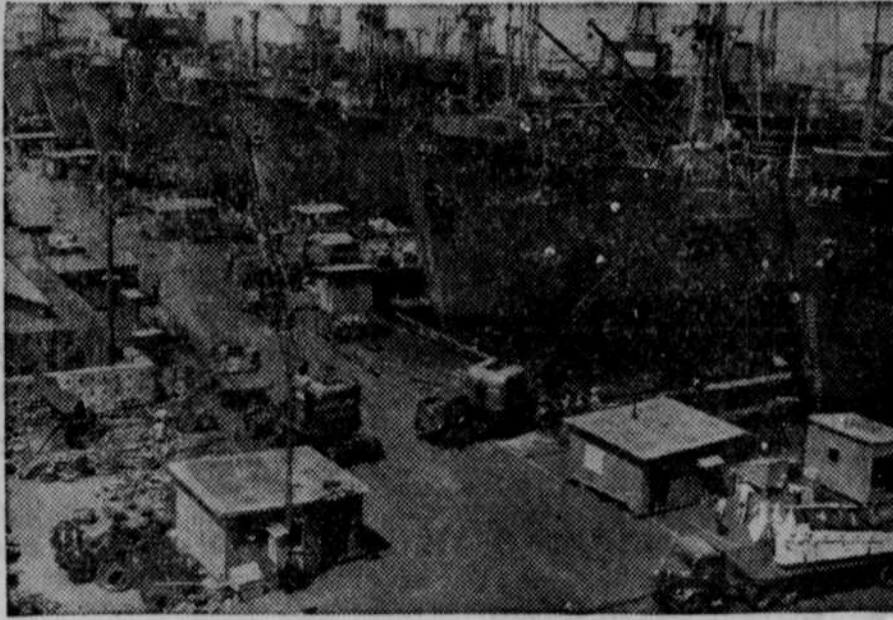
Huge cranes lift battered coaches of the Congressional Limited which was wrecked in northeast Philadelphia, killing 78 and injuring 123. Eleven hours later, the 20th Century Limited was wrecked two miles east of Canastota, N. Y., killing three and injuring seven. The first wreck resulted from a burned out axle journal, the second from a boiler explosion.

Bucket Brigade to Start a Fire



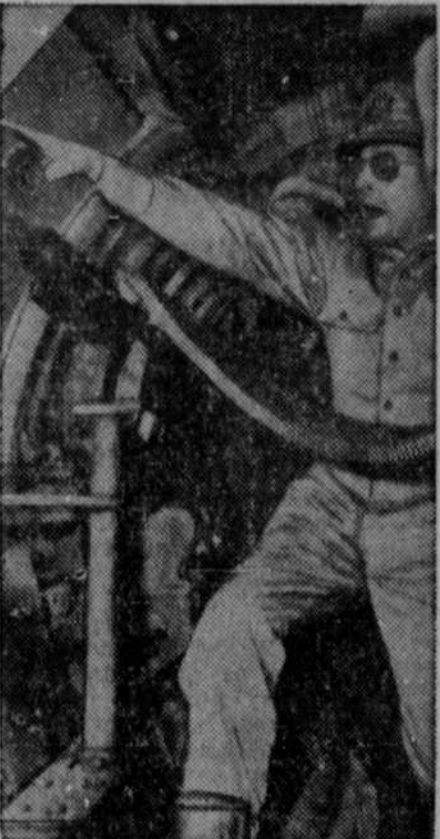
Here is a bucket brigade in action with the object of starting a fire. The members of the brigade are soldiers passing ammunition to bombard Japanese positions on Rendova Island. The seizure of this island by our forces was followed by rapid surprise actions of land, sea, and air troops, who are steadily advancing toward Japan proper.

10 Ships in 11 Days—a Wartime Record



A wartime record is shown in this photograph of 10 Liberty ships lined up at Los Angeles, Calif., where 10 vessels were launched in 11 days. This yard is America's largest single producer of Liberty ships and ordinarily launches a ship every 36 hours. These extra vessels just happened to "bunch up."

Sets Jap Trap



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Thankful Celebrant



Mrs. Ann DeJoseph, who has a son in the U. S. army, kisses the flag to show her joy that Italy, the land of her birth, has ceased hostilities against her adopted country.



MANY young homemakers are gaily setting forth to buy junk furniture for remodeling. The first thing they learn is to consider each piece not for what it is but for what it may be. The 40-year-old buffet shown here was picked up. The sketch shows how the main part of the buffet was remodeled to make a chest under a window.



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NOTE—This sketch is from BOOK 7 of the series prepared for readers. Number seven also contains directions for more than 30 other things to make from odds and ends. A whatnot is made of spoons; orange crates become bedside stands; a wicker chair is padded and covered; rags turn into rugs and many other transformations take place with clear directions for you to follow step by step. Booklets are 15 cents each. Send your order to:

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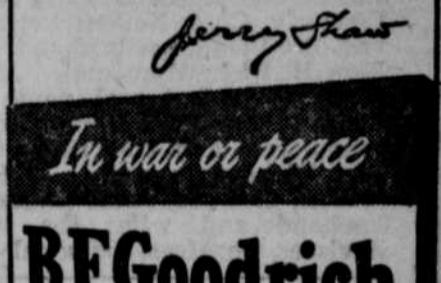
Has 97 Descendants
John B. Marchants, of Burlington, Vt., has 97 descendants, one for each year of his life.

SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER

If authorities prove to be correct, post-war tires may give 75,000 or more miles of service. Super-tough rayon, nylon or improved cotton carcass will help to make this mileage possible.

Army raincoats formerly containing 40 per cent crude rubber now are made almost entirely of synthetic resin and oil-treated material. Crude rubber content of boots and overshoes has been cut about 40 per cent.

A complete armored division on the road has 13,488 tires in use, not counting spares and reserve supplies.



How a dog should properly execute a parachute jump is demonstrated by "Chips," an army airfield mascot. Top: He jumps. Center: Floating earthward. Bottom: He calmly trots away.

Kills 38 Japs



The first enlisted marine to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor is Platoon Sgt. John Bastione. He personally killed 38 Japanese.

