

Sawmill Aids in Rebuilding Tarawa



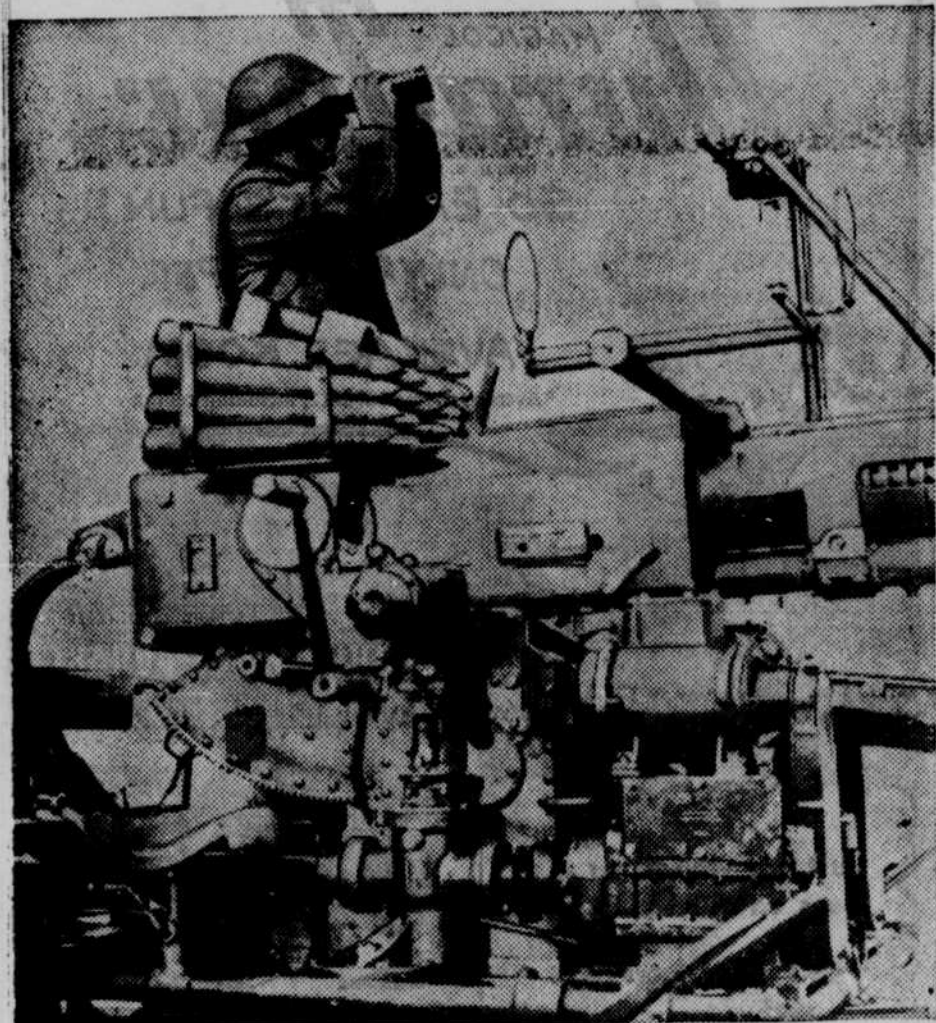
This sawmill was imported to Tarawa to aid in the reconstruction of the former Japanese base after the marines took it in the bloodiest battle of their history. The mill turns out lumber for tent frames, flooring and many other uses. The navy Seabees and marine engineers have done a masterful job in improving this important Gilbert Island base.

Mortar Crew on Bloody Hill 260



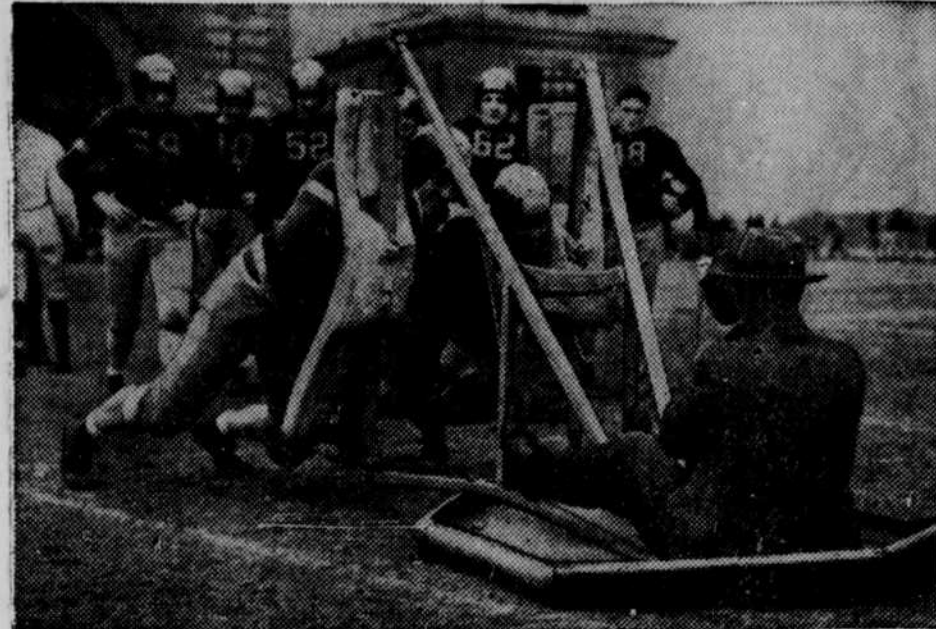
Members of the mortar crew of the Americal division, the only unnumbered army outfit overseas (all veterans of Guadalcanal), again see action—this time on Bougainville. Here two members of the unit are operating a 60-mm. mortar on Bloody Hill 260 where hundreds of Japs died from vicious counterattacks by American infantry soldiers.

Scanning the Beachhead of Europe



"Somewhere" on the channel coast, a British soldier standing at the breach of his gun, stares through his binoculars at the coast of France. There well-intrenched Germans braced themselves for the Allied assault they knew would come. What they didn't know was just when—and at what point. That information was in the hands of a few top-drawer Allied officers—who were rather discreet about it.

Navy Gridders Open Training Season



Putting enough steam into their work to weigh many an anchor, gridiron huskies of the U. S. naval academy at Annapolis, Md., smack into the bucking machine as they open spring training. An intrepid newsreel "photog" supplies incidental ballast for the machine as he makes a closeup of two plunging linesmen.

Enjoying Life



Charles Evans Hughes and wife are shown here enjoying an early morning stroll in Washington, D. C., following a winter spent in Arizona "enjoying life." Hughes, who retired as chief justice of the Supreme court in 1941, recently celebrated his 82nd birthday.

No. 1 Ace



Capt. Dominic Salvatore Gentile, Piqua, Ohio, flier, who has 30 Nazi kills to his credit in air raids over Germany. The feat installs the handsome Mustang pilot in top-flight position among American fighting aces. For his outstanding work the flier has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General Eisenhower.

Invasion by Cupid



Cupid shows up at Anzio beachhead in Italy to present a romantic interlude to the bitter fighting that has been waged there. The boy with the love darts looked in on the marriage of Lieut. Genevieve Clark, air corps nurse, and Lieut. Thomas K. Gale and saw them with their front line wedding cake.

Navy's Timetable



Final test on Scorsby machine used by the U. S. navy as "invasion gyro-compass." The young woman in the photo takes reading under simulated sea conditions.

Red Land and Sea Moves Mapped After Odessa



Swift and dramatic strokes came in the wake of the great Red victory at Odessa. By a sudden thrust at the Perekop isthmus the Russ had undertaken a move to cut off Crimea and gain Sevastopol. Action from sea, as well as land, was expected along the Romanian and Bulgarian coasts as well, following the Crimea offensive. Ships of the Black sea fleet had stood by for amphibious operations. Another move was a quick dash which cut the rail line at Ovidopol to trap Nazi forces hoping to escape.

General and Fighting Men of Burma Front



Three scenes from the Burma front and what makes it tick: Left: F. Messerby, commander of the 7th Indian division of the British 14th army. Center: A U.S. tank and American-trained Chinese tank crew who demonstrated to the Japs in the battle of Walumbum just how well-trained they were in the use of modern weapons of war. Right: Chinese boy of American-trained transport unit enjoys his meal of rice, girded with a captured Jap battle flag for an apron.

Training for a Brighter Future



Corp. Walter C. Wojtas (weaving) of Cleveland, Ohio, and Pfc. Andrew Kunda (in bed) of Scranton, Pa., two Americans blinded in action, are shown at the Valley Forge General hospital, Phoenixville, Pa. There the government has undertaken the task of rehabilitating American men who lost their sight in this war, and preparing them for a brighter future.

Princess Inspects Troops With Dad



King George VI is pictured here with head turned to a charming and interested princess—his daughter. The photo was made during a stop on the first full-length journey of the princess when she accompanied her royal parents on a tour of inspection of Scottish troops and armored infantry outfits.

Hula Girl on Ice!



"Steady, we'll help you!"—and who doesn't need help when donning ice skates for the very first time? Lieutenants Wilma Kaimien, Monroe, Mich., and Agnes Malone, Massillon, Ohio, army nurses, are used to ice-skating back home, so they volunteered to teach Miss Kuliuli Kehakeloa a few tricks on an indoor rink in Hawaii. Yes, there's nothing backward about Hawaii, as this skating rink proves.

'Stopped'



Boxer Freddie Kramer, 35-year-old "vet" of ring wars, bows in defeat. Kramer's fistic march was halted by "K. O." Morgan in fifth round of Detroit bout.

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