

**Air Force Triplets and Twins**



Upper photograph shows the triplet sons of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Aldinger, Springfield, N. Y. Henry L., Robert J., and William F. Aldinger have flown a total of 70 trips since May. Right, Boyd and Loyd Bartley, identical twins of Keystone, Okla., who were members of a B-24 bomber crew. Loyd wears a Purple Heart medal.

**Downs 12½ Planes**



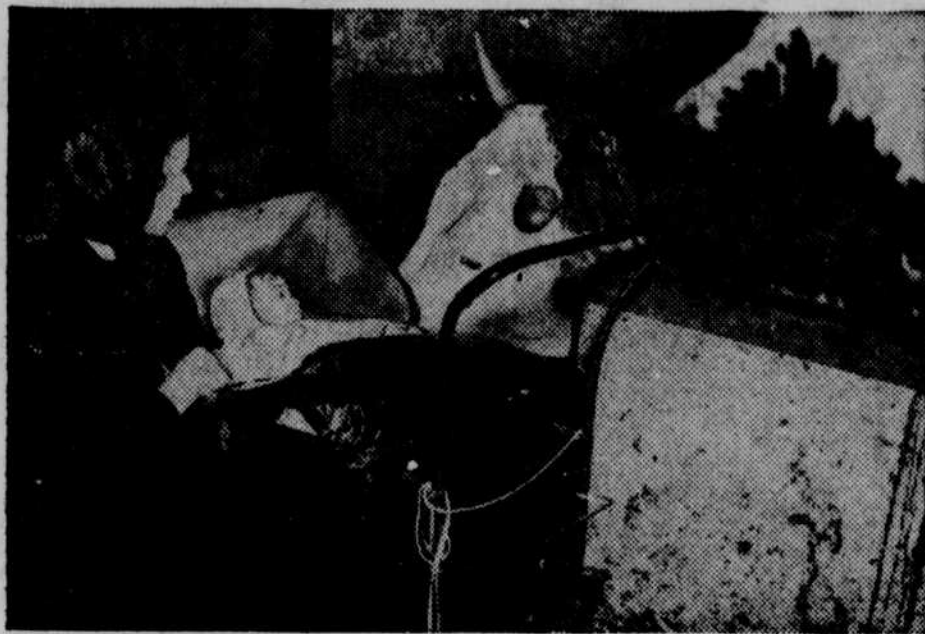
Maj. William J. Hovde of Crookston, Minn., destroyed 12½ enemy planes in one day, when he led his fighter squadron into the fire of Nazi aircraft seeking to break up the American daylight raid on Berlin.

**Health Champions and 4-H Club Hog Winner**



At left, four national health champions, selected at the 23rd 4-H Club congress held at Chicago. L. to R.: Lucille Laiza, 16, of Letcher, S. D.; Robert Tolbert, 18, Paul's Valley, Okla.; Elizabeth Laughner, 18, Leetonia, Ohio; and Lyle Ramey, 15, Redwood Falls, Minn. At right, Raymond Taylor of Kentland, Ind., and "Prince," Chester White Barrow, ruled supreme champion.

**Cow Shares Home With Refugees**



Refugee French mother, who fled from the village of Corcieux with other families, when retreating Germans razed the town, is shown with her baby in the stall of a barn, while the occupant, a cow, looks on. Most of the refugees were forced to do without even the shelter of an occupied barn.

**Vet Earns License**



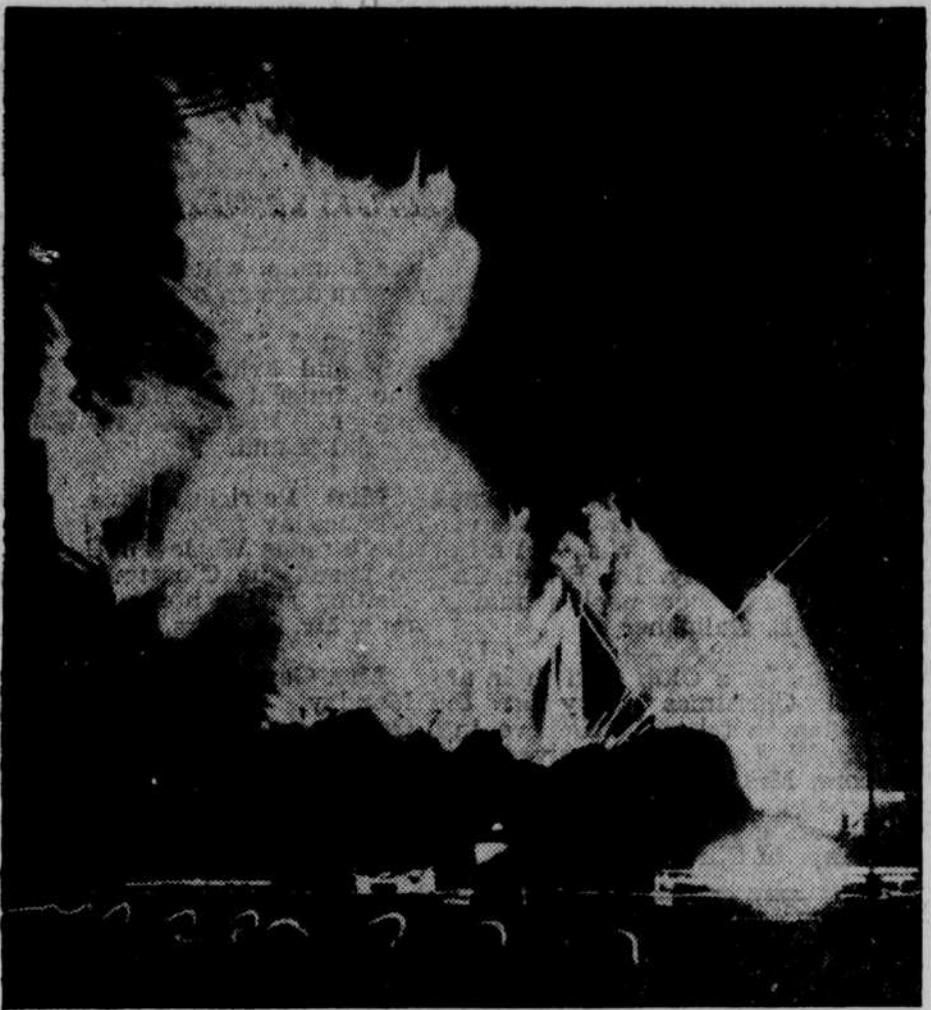
Wearing a hook, instead of the hand he lost in the service of his country, Marine Pfc. C. W. Fernot of Wilmington, Del., is shown behind the steering wheel of car in which he qualified for driver's license in Pennsylvania. Ten other amputation vets qualified.

**They Toil Daily Below Ground for Free China**



Chinese, forced below the surface of the earth by the incessant bombing raids of Japanese airmen, are working tirelessly to produce the munitions of war so sorely needed by their armies in the field. This enormous underground arsenal has been hewn out of the solid rock foundation of a mountain in southwestern China. Here are electrically lighted rock caverns, connected by arched tunnels lined with cement.

**Peleliu's 'Great White Way'**



This scene is typical of night life on Peleliu, in the vicinity of the Second marine air wing encampment. The streaks across the foreground are the headlights of jeeps and trucks. The curving line is a marine swinging a flashlight. The skies are lit up with tracer bullets and star shells during attack on Jap positions.

**General Wins Pals**



Chinese grade school children, who consider Maj. Gen. C. L. Chennault, U. S. Army 14th air force, their hero and their pal, presented him with a bundle of Christmas greeting cards, which they had made in school for their friend.

**Nazis Repaid by U. S. Artillery**



Heavy artillery, part of the U. S. First Army commanded by Lieut. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, contributes its share in repaying Germany for the wrecked cities of Europe. Photo shows the effect of complete saturation of American artillery of the town of Durviss, Germany, one of the border cities laid to ruins.

**Army Got Navy Goat**



Midshipman Bruce Winner is shown holding His Royal Goatship Bill IX, before the West Pointers won the traditional game by a 23 to 7 score.

**Ship's Hatch Becomes a Nursery**



Aboard a coast guard manned troop transport, a ship's hatch serves as a nursery for this healthy group of New Zealand-American war babies, with their mothers, all natives of New Zealand. They are on their way to a new home in the United States. Crewmen rigged the lines for the inevitable washing and made the hatch "comfy."

**Knife Saved Life**



Pvt. Duane Kinman, 19, of Walla Walla, Wash., operated with a pocket knife to save a pal's life on the battlefield. He has been promised a medical training.

**Gave Lives That Gobs Might Live**



The army's Distinguished Service cross has been conferred posthumously on four Men of God, who gave their courage and their own life jackets to others aboard the sinking troop transport Dorchester. The chaplains went down with the ship. Two of them, shown, are, L. to R., First Lieut. Alexander D. Goode and First Lieut. George L. Fox.

**Nurses French Boy**



Fvt. Walton Trohon, Caplan, La., member of the Third Army, plays nurse and washes face of orphaned French boy, somewhere near the German border, in France.

**Household Hints**

Use discarded tea leaves to clean the inside of a flower vase. Moisten the leaves with vinegar and let stand in vase overnight. Next morning apply warm soap suds to finish the job.

Wax ash trays with floor wax to prevent ashes from sticking to tray.

Add a handful of salt to the last rinse in cold weather, and the clothes will not freeze as they are hung out.

Sitting on the edge of a mattress weakens the edge and causes it to sag.

When grown indoors in window box or in flowerpots, herbs do best in a south window where they get plenty of sunlight.

Weights on the barn and shed doors should be adjusted so that the doors will close by themselves, thus avoiding the necessity of stopping to set down a couple of pails or a sack of feed to close the door.

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