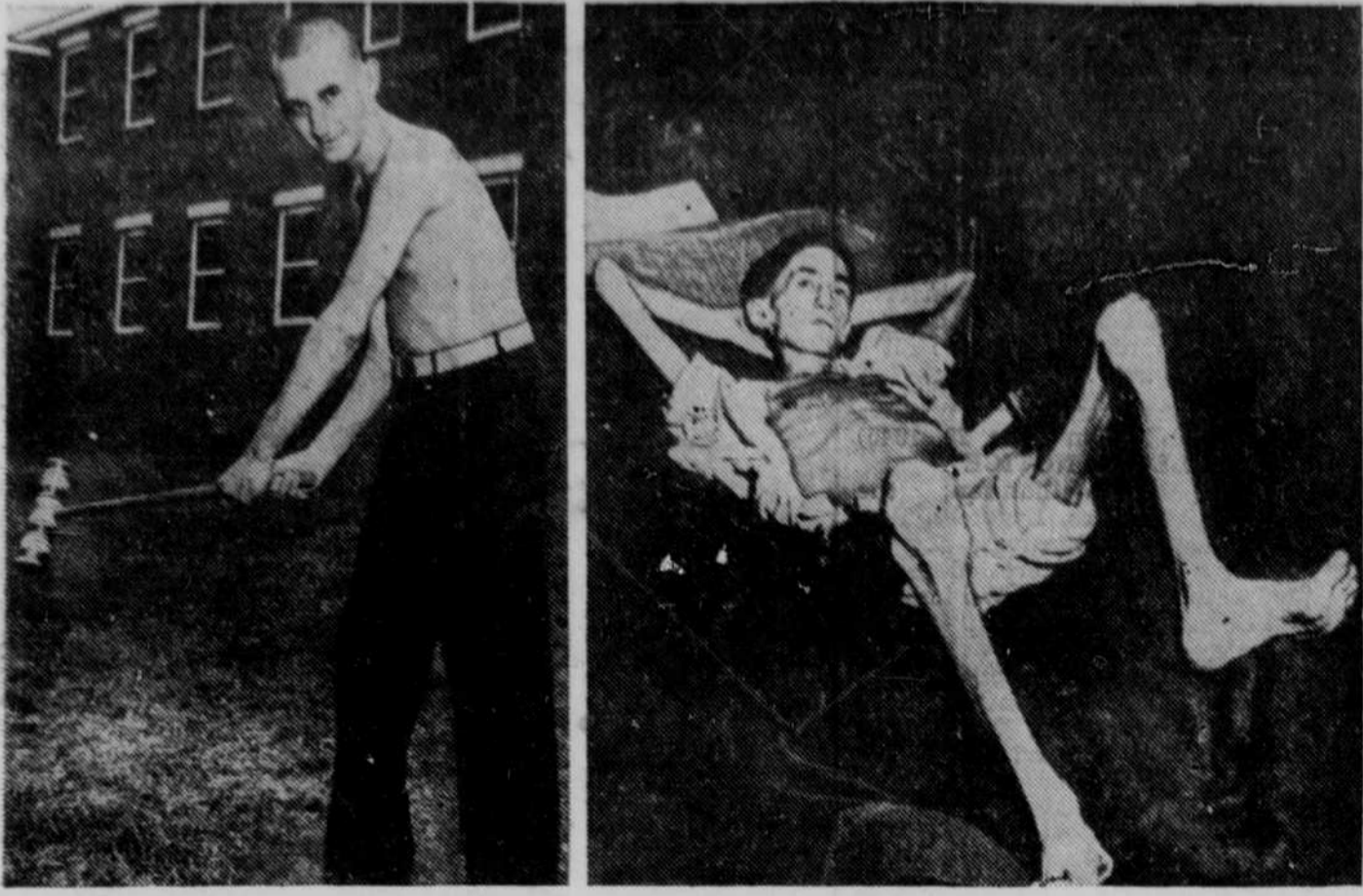


Returns From a German Prison Grave to Health



You would never think that Pvt. Joseph Demler of Fredonia, Wis., shown above as he appears (left) at the Kennedy General hospital in Memphis, was the same man who is shown at right, a bag of bones, as U. S. troops found him when they captured a German prison camp where he was held. He weighed 70 pounds on March 29, 1945. On June 7 he weighed 124 pounds. He was fed a planned starvation diet while a prisoner.

Star Dust

STAGE SCREEN RADIO
Released by Western Newspaper Union.

By VIRGINIA VALE
BEA WAIN'S new program is one of the high lights of radio's summer season. She's been doing guest shots, marking time, refusing to tie herself to any definite commitment—like many another army wife, she wanted to be free to join her husband any time, any place. Efforts to lure her to radio programs emanating from Hollywood



BEA WAIN

failed. Now Maj. Andre Baruch's affairs are set, and Bea's on the air with "Starlight Serenade," on Mutual Thursdays. Though she's young, she's a veteran entertainer; she became a professional at the age of six. And because she always knew just how she wanted to sing, she studied everything but singing; her method is all her own.

George Raft's first RKO picture is "Johnny Angel," a romantic mystery. It revolves around the efforts of Raft to track down the unknown mutineers who killed his father and highjacked eight million dollars in gold bullion from his father's ship.

Though they didn't know who he was, a lot of people still remember the tenor who sang "The Rose of Tralee" in "The Informer," while Victor McLaglen emerged from a building with his sinister reward. The tenor is Larry Burke, and he sings the title song in "Those Endearing Young Charms."

Twentieth Century-Fox won out over other studios and snared Burl Ives for a picture. He's the balladeer whose singing in "Sing Out, Sweet Land" was one of the hits of New York's theatrical season this year. His first film will be a technical version of "Smokey." While in Hollywood he'll continue with his Sunday night "Radio Reader's Digest" shows, with the rest of the program coming from New York.

Richard Tucker is likely to become one of radio's headliners, so if you want to be in on his debut listen when he replaces John Charles Thomas on Sunday afternoons over NBC late in July. Tucker is one of the Metropolitan Opera company's tenors.

The American's Breakfast Club, radio's oldest and most continuous program, heard six days a week, 60 minutes each day, recently celebrated the completion of its 12th successive and successful year. The program first hit the air on June 23, 1933, under the guidance of one Don McNeill, who has served as master of ceremonies of the show ever since that date.

Singer Danny O'Neil is headed for nationwide recognition soon, if history's any indication. He has replaced "Music That Satisfies" on CBS and that spot has been the springboard to fame for such stars as Kate Smith, Bing Crosby, Martin Downey and Frank Sinatra.

Jennifer Jones didn't have to learn the rolling-hip walk she uses in "Duel in the Sun"; it was already there. She's remembered by a friend who was with her at Northwestern university as "the girl most whistled at" when she was an undergraduate there. "It was that walk," he said. Incidentally, Joan Tetzel has joined the "Duel in the Sun" cast, leaving a hit Broadway show to do so.

Joan Leslie'd like to convince Warner Bros. that they ought to make a picture based on the life of Rosina Galli, the former first ballerina of the Metropolitan Opera company, and give her the title role. She's been working hard at ballet dancing for the last three years. Buddy Easton, the studio's ballet coach, says she could step right out of "Janie Gets Married" and star as a dancer.

ODDS AND ENDS—Jimmy Durante turns dancer for the first time in his 35 years as an entertainer, in Metro's "Two Sisters From Boston." . . . Felix Knight and Francis White will costar as replacements for Nelson Eddy this summer. . . . Jerry Wayne will have Joe Baker and Gladys Swarthout on his new show over CBS, on July 6th. . . . Guy Lombardo's postponed his concert tour, as he and the Royal Canadians are booked to start soon on a film based on his life. . . . Georgia Gibbs was so moving in that bond-buying talk on "Hall of Fame" that three people wrote her that they'd bought bonds and named her as coowner.

Swashbuckling General Cries

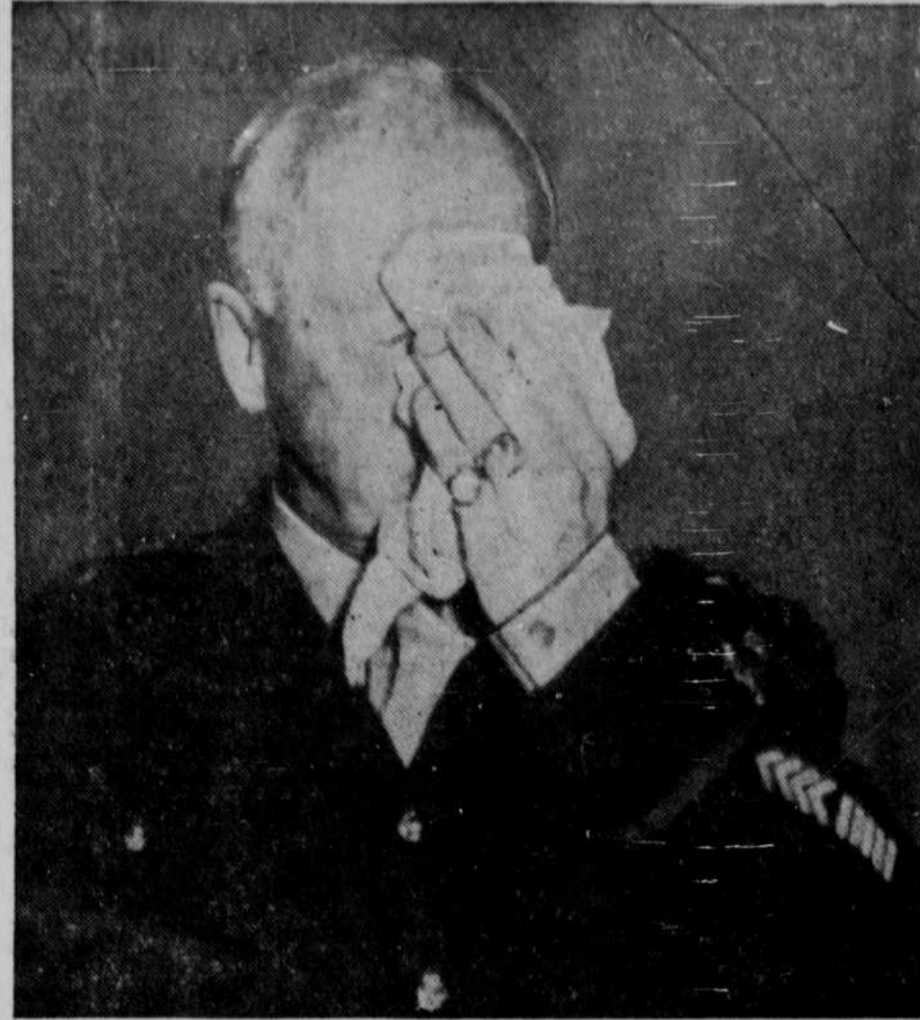


Photo shows that even Gen. George S. ("Blood and Guts") Patton may be overcome. At a reception given in his honor in Boston, at which time honor after honor was heaped upon him, General Patton responded with praises for his men and ended with: "We thank God such men were born, I can't say any more." At this point the photo was taken.

New One-Man Army



Pfc. Clarence Craft, Santa Anita, Calif., is credited with killing more than 30 Japs in a spectacular, and almost single-handed, rifle and grenade fight. He was exposed to enemy action during the entire time. It was his first time in battle.

Drums Furnish Home and Industrial Convenience



How empty oil drums are being used in the Pacific area is shown by these photos. Left, the drums were used in asphalt plant, as stacks, etc. Center, household use, wash sinks made from drums. Upper right, view of one of the oil drum farms. Lower right, used for barbecue. Other uses include bomb shelters, gateway arches, legs for water tanks, incinerators, sewer pipes and reflectors on light poles.

Coaches One-Armed Ball Players



Amputees at the Walter Reed hospital, Washington, watch Pete Gray, one-armed ball player of the St. Louis Browns, demonstrate how he can catch a ball, shake off his glove and throw the ball with the greatest of ease. Left to right are: Pvt. Steve Lawrence, T/5 Anthony Motyka, Pfc. Peter Brennan, Sgt. John Gallagher and Cpl. Harry Waters.

New Veterans' Head



Gen. Omar Bradley appointed head of the veterans' administration. "If I had a son I would like him to go to Bradley or Ike for advice," the late Ernie Pyle once said. Servicemen are backing the choice.

Army's Experimental Helicopter



What the helicopter of tomorrow may look like is pictured by this new army model. Seen in flight in Upper Darby, Pa., it looks like a giant bumble bee with its stubby fuselage. The craft is an experimental model and has been undergoing tests since August, 1944. Early tests indicate that it has merits not found in previous models.

Nelson Wins Again



Byron Nelson shown as he won the 72 holes of the \$10,000 Canadian Open Golf tourney. He finished 10 strokes better than Jug McSpaden, the second man.

Twenty-Four Planes—25 Minutes



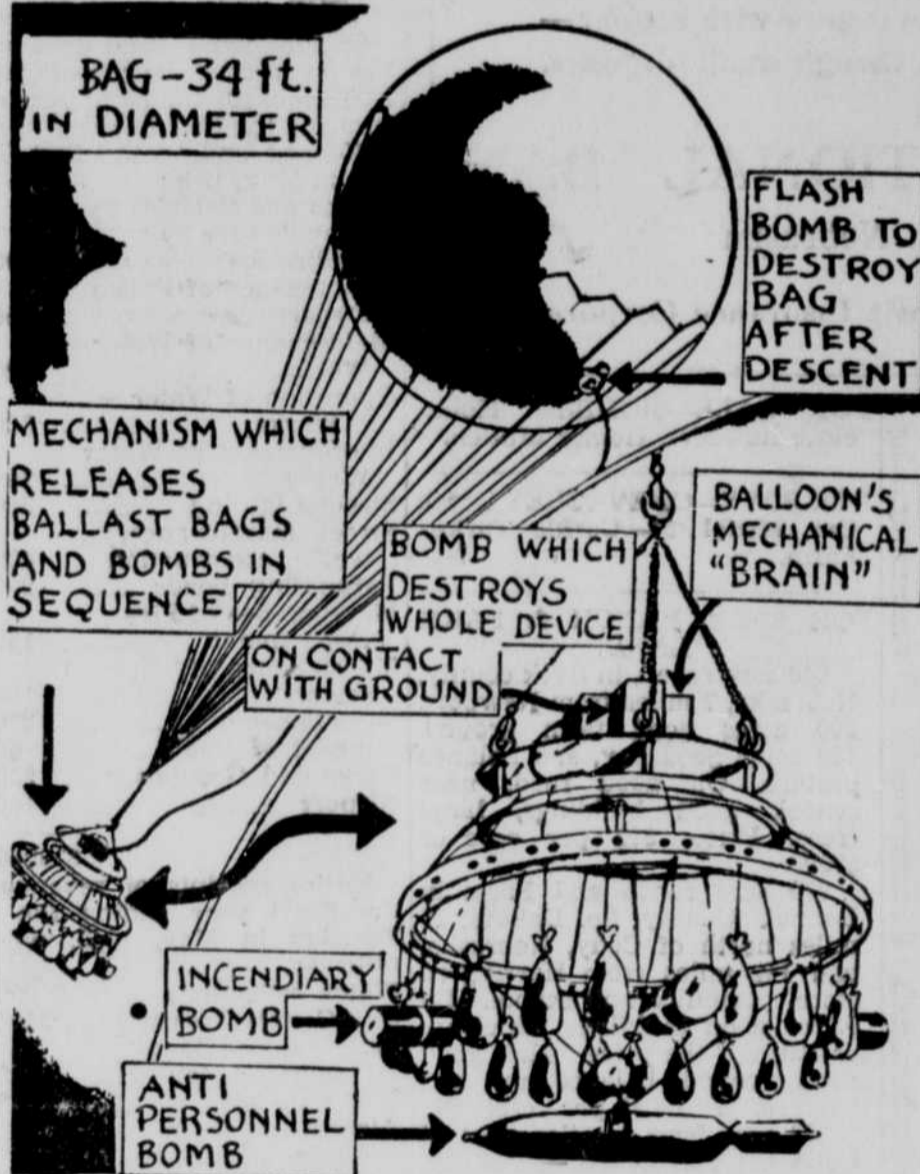
These marine pilots made aviation history off Okinawa by knocking down 24 Jap planes in 25 minutes. L. to R. in rear are: Maj. G. Axtell, Laguna Beach, Calif.; Col. W. E. Dickey, Du Bois, Pa.; Maj. J. Dorrah, Hood River, Ore.; Lt. E. Abner, Washington. Front row (L. to R.): Lt. W. L. Hood, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Lt. J. J. O'Keefe, Biloxi, Miss.; Lt. N. T. Theriault, Milford, Mass.; and Lt. C. Allen, Fort Worth.

Most Decorated G.I.



First Lt. Audie L. Murphy, Farmersville, Texas, is the most decorated American soldier. He has every decoration for bravery save the Legion of Merit. Murphy won the Congressional Medal of Honor by beating off 250 Germans and six tanks at Colmar.

Sketch of Jap Balloon and Bombs



Artist's sketch of the balloon, with bombs, which the Japanese are launching from their home islands against continental United States.

First Postwar Cars



The first photos of 1946 postwar cars to be received show, top: the 1946 Nash "600" passenger automobile. Lower, the "handmade" Ford passenger, to be known as the 1946 model. Motorists may have to wait from one to two years for these.

Big Four at Berlin Conference



Representing the Big Four at the Berlin conference, where the pact granting the Allies full supremacy over Germany was signed, are, left to right: Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov and Gen. Jean De Lattre De Tassigny. They will be in charge of occupied Germany.

Propeller Cuts Jap



Marine 1st Lt. Robert Klingman, Binger, Okla., who knocked down a Jap plane at 43,000 feet by using his propeller as a carving knife. His guns had frozen because of cold.