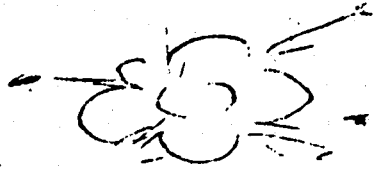
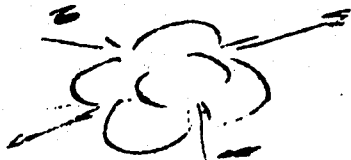


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ALL FRONT MOUNTAIN

The big news came from the Western front this week as hard hitting Yank armour broke thru the German defences and raced into the Brittany peninsula. One column cut straight across the neck, isolating the German troops from the mainland, while other forces struck at the great Brittany ports.

St. Malo, Brest and Lorient were ringed with tanks and troops as the week drew to a

Last week we published what we considered a "thumb-nail" description of the Republican nominees for President and vice-president. This week, for the sake of balance, we shall endeavor, in a small way, to describe the Democratic candidates.

It is difficult to write anything about FDR which you already do not know. It is entirely up to the individual to judge a candidate but when there can be no conjecture. Among the questions one may ask is: "Is the war progressing satisfactorily?" "Am I satisfied that will be taken care of when discharged?" "Do I think that the institution of 'Lend-lease' has been instrumental in shortening the war?" Etc. Etc. Answer these questions either in the affirmative or negative and you can pretty well make your mind up.

The Democratic nominee for vice president, Senator Harry S. Truman, recently resigned the chairmanship of the Senate War Investigating Committee over the protests of both Democrats and Republicans. His reason -- "Anything I might say or do as a member of the Committee might be construed as political." Very commendable, Senator Truman!

NAZI GENERALS DON'T FEEL VERY WELL!!!

FRANCE (CNS)--According to latest reports, dozens of top Nazi generals have been relieved of their commands due to "ill-health."



close and their fall was expected momentarily. Before the Nazis had a chance to catch their breath, the Yankee version of Blitzkrieg struck eastward bending around Rennes and Laval to Le Mans and beyond.

Meanwhile British and Canadians hammered their way south and southeast until the Germans who had launched a desperate counter-attack to split the American forces at Montain, were in peril of being encircled. The Germans found themselves in the unpleasant position of waging an offensive while Allied troops were forty miles behind them and still travelling.

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C. O.'s COMMENTS

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At present these letters are being written but not nearly as well as they could be. Your chaplain needs your help. Far too often I do not know the men intimately and therefore cannot be as personal as I would like to be. If tragedy befalls one of your friends come in and help me write the letter to the wife or parents. You may enclose an expression of your sympathy and by so doing bring comfort to a broken heart.

Chaplain Eastwood

BOOK REVIEW

BELL ON ICE: The Saga of the Jeanette
by Commander Edward Ellsberg.

This is the story of the JEANNETTE and the ill-fated expedition which a little more than sixty years ago set out of the Golden Gate northward through the Bering Sea to seek the North Pole.

In the half-suppressed logs of that hapless venture, Commander (now Captain) Ellsberg has found a story of incredible excitement and variety -- a tale of men locked two years in the Arctic pack, of sudden disaster, of desperate flight across the cruel ice, of a wild small-boat passage over the storm-swept Arctic seas to the frozen tundra of Siberia.

No one could be more ideally equipped to make this saga of the Arctic live than Captain Ellsberg. Author of ON THE BOTTOM, already recognized as a classic of the sea, himself a brilliant engineer, he recounts the story through the vivid personality of George Wallace Melville, chief engineer on the JEANNETTE.

Captain Ellsberg has recently finished an assignment of salvaging operations, during which he and his men have performed miracles in the raising of ships and drydocks in Italian Fritzed and along the North African coast.

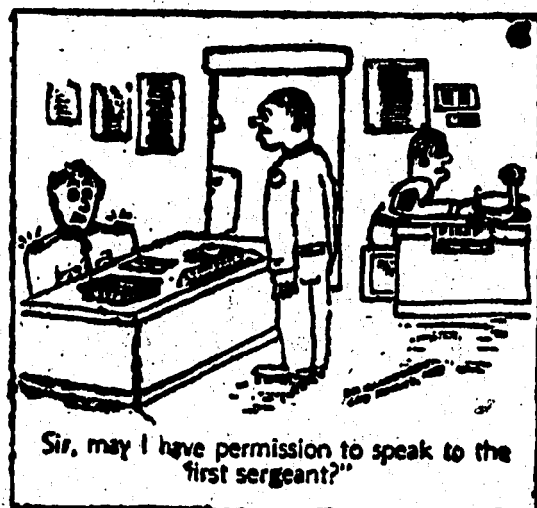
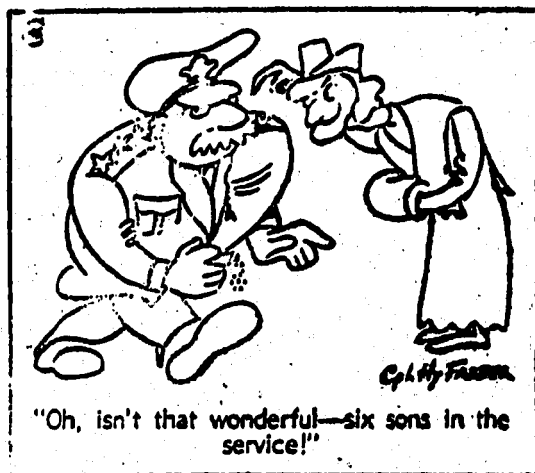
The book may be had for the asking from the library in the Special Services Tent.

MALE CALL by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" PERSPECTIVE IN MAP READING



THE WOLF

by Sansone



Try this some day: Look in the phone book for any name with a "Miss" in front of it, then phone thus: "This is Pvt Joe Smith (or whatever your last name is). My father used to live here and wrote that he had a cousin living here."

"Well I don't know whether I have any family I don't know of," she replies (we hope), "but it is a large one."

"How old you are, Miss Smith?" "Twenty-two." (we hope)

"That's what my father said she should be." "Who knows, she may be nice!"

The Kitchen

by.....John F. Kennedy

MESS HALL...Cooks pet peeve - The Line Men... "They're always complaining about something - Think we got an easy job - We trade with them... We're the only outfit where the cooks and K.P.'s work every day."

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED: Another stripe for C.R. Adams; L.J. E.W. Anky, and J.H. Stiles - that makes five apiece. R.H. Early; G.L. and K.G. Moore now have a rocker. A.J. Warner is sergeant.

ORDERLY ROOM: Say they're too busy to talk.

LUCKY FELLOWS: Capt Garlock, Lts Johnson and Huggins. Also Brown and Warren in the Enlisted Section. They've made their fifty. Practically in one piece too. Possible exception, Warren. He got beaned playing a hazardous game called baseball. We hear it's not serious.

TRUCK DRIVER'S LAMENT: "We're always getting chewed out. No matter what we do it's wrong. Good job huh? We often work eighteen hours, and then sometimes lose out on the grub."

COMBAT OFFICER SOUNDS OFF: "Up at three and just coffee before the off. Nothing to eat until we get back 12 to 14 hours later, and all we get is cold Vienna sausage."

OPERATIONS: Kusmick says that Pfc Hines could do with a little PT daily. Maybe Boan would like to get Hines for a testimonial. Cpl E. Anderson says Indiana is the best state. Is willing to take on all comers verbally.

CASUALTY: Understand the Germans are trying to get our new CO, Maj [redacted] - THE medics gave him first aid for a slight flak wound on the forehead.

76th OFFICER'S CLUB: Awaiting formal opening at next stand down. Ample supply of suitable beverages will be on hand.

OFFICERS' GOSIP: They're all sweating out Lt Fecht's baby. Some say all that's needed is a little bi-carb.

MAIL CALL: Ed Grochowski says we're getting into for the Service Club. How? A military secret. Champagne has reared its lovely head in the club. Multi-buono say the boys. Ed also wants to know why the boys don't use the PTA system for sending their money home instead of money orders. Sometimes a full house or a seven makes the difference Ed.

ENGINEERING SECTION: Biggest squawk - The boys to get a pass for Naples, lose out on their PX ration. Seems they forget to take their ration card with them and get back too late to collect their supplies for the week. They like the PX opening in the morning.

COMBAT BOYS IN TENT 30: Want to know why the PX profits are not ploughed back in the business. Maybe they're right. Some of them don't hang around long enough to enjoy future benefits. They're like the 77th club say. The moving of the mess pit stands to the other side of the mess hall meets with their approval - Now they don't get smoke in their eyes. ---They express biggest approval of Johnie Graham and the ground crew boys for the way they've taken care of "Pistol Packin' Mama"

THE FOUR BOYS: Have a little dog named [redacted]. He likes all alcoholic beverages - and is the service club's best customer. Is getting tired of Vienna sausage.

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by.....CPLMIBSOA

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News from HERE and THERE

GUAM RADIO BREAKS TWO YEAR SILENCE!

(CNS)--The Guam radio, silenced since 10 Dec 1941 when Capt George J McMillin, then Naval Governor of this island, informed Pearl Harbor that Jap planes were strafing Agana, is back on the air again. The first message sent by the Signal Corps after the landing on Guam was the following: "This news is from radio Guam. Nothing heard from you since 1941..... Greetings."

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TASTY LITTLE NUMBER WARNS DRIVERS IN INDIA

(CNS)--At a snaky section of the Ledo road, a life sized figure of an alluring and curvaceous girl has been planted. Beside the figure is a sign with this inscription: I want my soldier to come home, too. Watch those curves!"

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WHEN IN DOUBT--DUNK

(CNS)----- Biscuits are more dangerous than bombs to soldiers' teeth, according to a report published recently in the Army Journal. Dentists have reported that K Rations impair more teeth than bomb concussion. And their advice to fighting men is--"dunk."

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(CNS)----- Stanley Olson, a baseball umpire, was arraigned in Municipal court on a charge of passing a traffic light. "I didn't see it," the umpire pleaded. "I played ball for 15 years," said the judge, "and I never saw an umpire with good sight. Five dollars fine."

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(CNS)---George Tuthill was forced to call a police car after taking a swim at Phelen Park. Someone had stripped his clothes.

CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT!!!

Due to the uncertainty of the hours in this group, it has been found more suitable to arrange for a challenge tournament. The following is the standings of teams:

777th Engineering
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777th Communications
Headquarters
779th Engineering

Any additional teams desiring to enter into competition will be placed at bottom of list----- HOWEVER-----a team may jump two places by challenging the team two places above it. For example---in the above standings, 779th Engineering may take 3rd place by challenging and defeating 777th Communications. No team may refuse challenge-----penalty----loss by default.

MORNING REPORT

LT. DAVID C. WAYNE
AWARDED MEDAL OF HONOR FOR STOPPING ENEMY TANK SINGLE HANDED WITH FIRE FROM TUMMY GUN!



REMARKS: 3 TANKS CHERESTIMATING STRENGTH OF PATROL WERE ABANDONED AND FOUND INTACT NEXT MORNING

WHEN (NAME AND NUMBER) HONORED, IT SHOULD BE IN DIRECT LINE OF...
...ENGINEER...
...ALONG THE T.O. TRACKS...
...TANK!

ALL FRONTS ADVANCING
(Continued from Page 1)

Rommel is trying to keep his line firmly hinged on Caen for a British break-through here might easily roll the Nazis all the way back past Paris. Rumor has it that German troops were being withdrawn from southern France and that the Vichy Government was planning to move elsewhere.

The Russians seemed to be taking inventory before launching the final attack on East Prussia though they kept the Germans back on their heels at them all the way from Riga southward to the Carpathian mountains. The 200,000 troops trapped on the Estonia cape by the Soviet drive to the Baltic Sea are being slowly driven into a cul-de-sac. In the mountains of the south Soviet troops were pushing towards the Czechoslovakian border.

In Italy the Allied forces are pushing into Pisa, while Florence, declared an open city is being defended by the Germans. Allied troops are trying to flank both cities to save them from damage. Both are expected to be completely in Allied hands within a short time.

Overhead the combined Allied Air Force shuttled back and forth hitting at vital industrial and transportation targets. Oil storage tanks, factories, oil wells, railyards and bridges were hit by everything from fighters to heavy bombers.

Not only did the harried Germans face assaults from without but fighting broke out in a number of places. Warsaw once again became a battleground as Polish patriots fought the German army to a standstill, until tanks, big guns and even bombers were brought into the fray. Fighting and uprising were reported in Danzig, while the Czechs blew up bridges, derailed trains and engaged in widespread sabotage. In France the French Army of the Interior seized several towns and villages, while Tito forces slashed at German communication lines in Yugoslavia.

EXCERPTS FROM CHURCHILL SPEECHES

12 November 1939

We are at war, and we are going to make war, and persevere in making war, until the other side have had enough of it.

13 May 1940: His first speech as Prime Minister.

I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat. You ask what is our policy? I will say: it is to wage war, by sea, land and air with all our might and with all the strength that God can give us.

4 June 1940: After Dunkirk.

We shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end. We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air. We shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be.... We shall never surrender.....

20 August 1940: On the RAF.

Never, in the field of human conflict, was so much owed by so many to so few.

11 September 1940: About Hitler

Little does he know the spirit of the British nation, or the tough fibres of the Londoners, whose forebears played a leading part in the establishment of Parliamentary institutions and who have been bred to value freedom far above their lives.

22 June 1941: On German Invasion of USSR.

At four o'clock this morning Hitler attacked and invaded Russia.... We have but one aim and one single irrevocable purpose. We are resolved to destroy Hitler and every vestige of the Nazi regime. From this nothing will turn us---nothing. Any man or State who fights on against Nazism--- will have our aid. Any man or State who marches with Hitler is our foe.

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