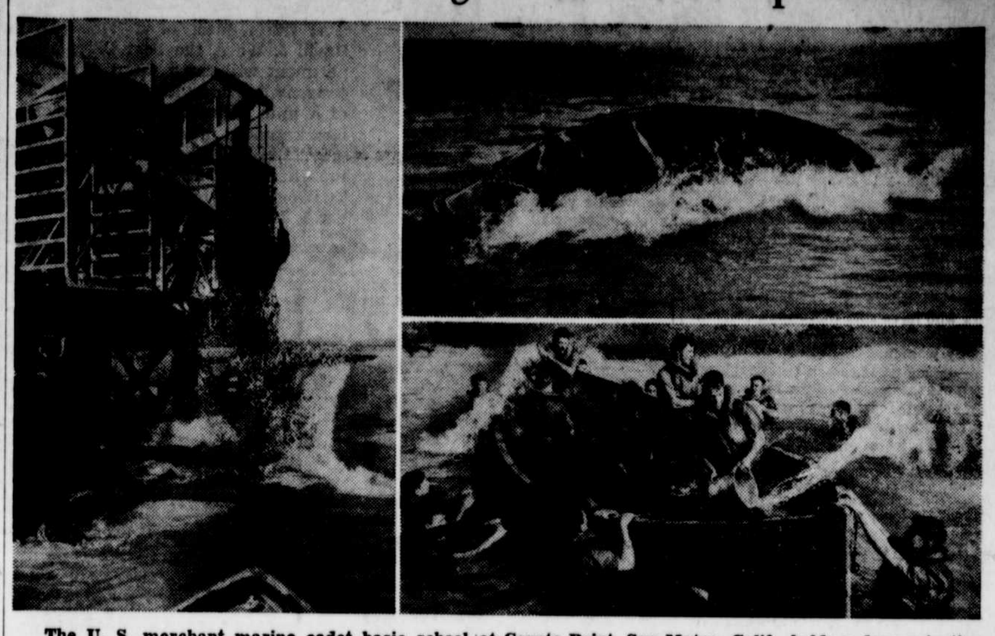
North African Nerve Center Falls to AEF

The city of Algiers, important transportation nerve center in French Algeria, North Africa, surrendered to attacking American forces shortly after the long-awaited second front was opened. At top is shown a panorama view of the harbor. Below: A view of the railroad and terminal at Algiers.

Leaders of AEF

Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of the forces directing the first great American blow at Italian-German military might in Vichy-controlled North Africa, is shown above at the left. Saluting with him is Gen. Mark W. Clark, who was named second in command to General Eisenhower. General Eisenhower made a proclamation in French to the people of North Africa immediately before the invasion.

Merchant Marines Taught 'Abandon Ship' Methods



The U. S. merchant marine cadet basic school at Coyote Point, San Mateo, Calif., holds a demonstration of equipment used to teach methods of abandoning ship. Photo at left shows cadets jumping into the water at the word "abandon ship," from frame replica of ship's quarters built on deck. The men must then right and climb aboard a standard life boat (upper right). Picture at lower right shows merchant marine cadets bailing out the life boat.

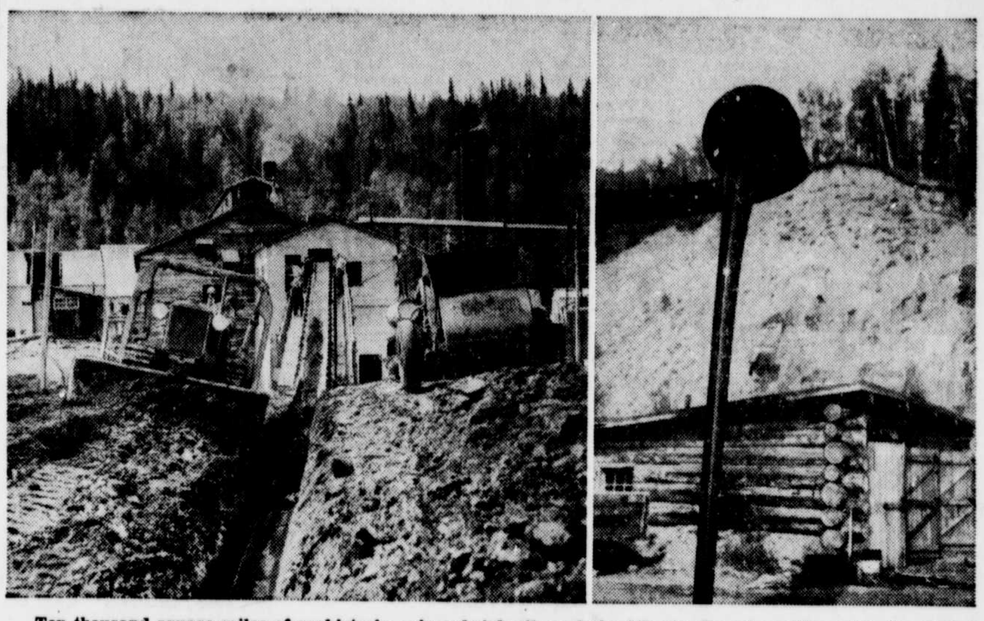
Help for U. S. Marines in Solomons

A U. S. army task force is shown boarding a transport leaving New Caledonia, in the Coral sea, to reinforce the U. S. marines fighting in the Solomon islands to the north.

Air Commander

Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who led the smashing American bombing raid on Tokyo last April, is in command of the U. S. air forces that support our doughboys in the thrust against North Africa. General Doolittle is shown above. —Soundphoto.

Canadian Oil Reserve Harnessed by Science



Ten thousand square miles of prehistoric, mineral-rich oil sands in Alberta, Canada, will provide the United Nations with huge quantities of oil. Experimental production has been in effect for more than a year at McMurray, 300 miles northeast of Edmonton. Photos show (left) conveyor belts carrying oil sands to the separation plant where, through flotation, hot water washes oil free from sand. Right: "Black gold" flows freely through the pipeline after the separation process is completed.

Jungle Camp on Caribbean Frontier

These boys on our Caribbean frontier are on the job, fighting jungle pests and other inconveniences to keep that frontier safe from all comers. Here is a view of a camp set up in the jungle by a party of United States troops.

'War Cinderella'

Pleasure radiates from Catherine Hunzinga, 21, "war Cinderella," who overnight took her brother's place helping to produce Cyclone and Whirlwind aircraft engines in Paterson, N. J., when he left to enter the army. For three days before he left sister Catherine stood at the shoulder of brother George, and watched him work a high speed pneumatic grinder, finishing gears and shafts on powerful engines.

Bullets for Offense and Defense

U. S. Flying Fortresses not only spell death in the form of heavy bombs. Their excellent armor plating provides a good defense against enemy fighter attacks, and the many guns with which the Fortresses are equipped make them deadly to the would-be-attacker. Somewhere in Great Britain a Flying Fortress prepares for a raid over Hitler's Europe. Picture shows its cartridge belts that feed the machine guns being checked.

Air Raid Signal

Police Chief James Gray of McKeesport, Pa., with home-made air raid signal which he put together with a couple of pieces of old pipe. He devised this signal after McKeesport was unable to agree on a signal. Gray got the idea from an old police whistle, and submitted his creation as an alternative to a $100 air horn which the defense council had contemplated buying.

Mother Is 5th in Uncle Sam's Service

Mrs. Helen E. Barry of Medford, Mass., salutes the photos of her four sons, two of whom are in the Pacific. She, herself, is doing her bit as a nurse in the John Adams hospital of the Chelsea soldiers' home, Boston.—Soundphoto.

Out of the Mud

Mrs. Jean McMullen of Perryville, Md., is ready to hook up winch of army half truck, purposely grounded in the mud of the automotive test course at Aberdeen, Md., proving grounds. Mrs. McMullen never had a job before, except that of bringing up her son of five.

We Hope the Tea's Good, Gen. MacArthur

Gen. Douglas MacArthur sips tea while on an inspection tour of United Nations positions in New Guinea. Seen to the right of MacArthur is Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, commander of Australian land forces (profile).

Help for Midget

Johnnie Winters, midget assembly expert at an aircraft plant in Los Angeles, gets a helping hand from Edith Chadwick, who assists him when he gets in a tight spot.