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Huge Force Of Fighters Strafes Foe

Hit Widely Varied Targets Nearly to Berlin; Blows From South Go On

Germany's air defenses, strained and battered by a week of attack from north and south, got a respite yesterday while Allied forces in Britain and Italy were preparing a new phase in the pre-invasion aerial assault.

Over the weekend, however, the Nazis continued to suffer a two-way pounding. Britain-based bombers were grounded, but a fleet of 500 to 750 Eighth and Ninth Air Force fighters swept deep into Germany Saturday on a 'drome-strafing, train-busting expedition which accounted for at least 18 enemy planes in air combats and at least 36 more on the ground.

In the Mediterranean theater, USSTAF Fortresses and Liberators pounded Bucharest and Ploesti; RAF Wellingtons hit the Rumanian port of Turnu Severin, hundreds of U.S. fighters swept Balkan skies and mediums hit targets in Italy and Yugoslavia, the whole force accounting for 13 enemy interceptors.

30 Fighters Lost Here

Losses Saturday were 30 U.S. fighters from Britain and ten heavy bombers and four fighters in the Ploesti-Bucharest attacks. No other losses were listed.

Yesterday was the third day of enforced idleness for the Eighth AAF heavies after a week topped off by the fighter armada's onslaught against Nazi installations all the way to the Berlin area.

The attack, which saw P51s, 47s and 38s going into the Reich at levels all the way from the deck to five and six miles up, obviously was aimed at giving the Luftwaffe no rest even when the heavies couldn't go over; bad weather was reported over much of the continent.

Strafing Part of Strategy

The strafing forces—now apparently an accepted part of USAAF applied strategy—checked in with at least 18 planes shot down in aerial combat, and twice as many definitely destroyed on the ground. Col. Hubert Zemke, of Missoula, Mont., led his P47 group which destroyed five enemy aircraft in the air, nine more on the ground.

A Lightning group led by Lt. Col. George T. Crowel, of Chicago, turned in a combat report: "Shot up 15 locomotives, four trucks and trailers, three power houses, one radio station, two flak towers, two factories, two planes in the air."

High scorer of the day was 2/Lt. James M. McElroy, of Orlando, Fla., whose Mustang guns destroyed five enemy planes on the ground.

Got Two Without Firing

One Lightning pilot, Capt. Gerald Brown, of Phoenix, Ariz., claimed two enemy ships destroyed without firing a shot. Attacking an FW190 near the ground, he chased it until it spun out of a turn and crashed, and five minutes later a Heinkel 111 nosed down and crashed after Brown's burst of fire had missed it.

In the south of Europe, the Mediterranean air forces concentrated on transportation centers, damage to which not only further cuts into the Nazis' strength in the Balkans but is in almost direct and tactical support of the Russian land drive in the southeast.

Some 500 to 750 Liberators and Fortresses flew 1,200 miles round trip to hit railway yards at Bucharest, the capital of Rumania, and Ploesti, Hitler's petroleum jackpot. That a large proportion of such attacks is of a tactical (Continued on page 2)

Gets New Command



Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale
'We'll Bomb Jap Mainland Soon'

Tokyo Is Only 1,800 Sea Miles Away, Says Hale

Departing 7th AF Chief Hails Gain of Bases In Central Pacific

SEVENTH AIR FORCE HQ, Central Pacific, Apr. 16—Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale, revealing that the USAF's most advanced air base is 1,800 nautical miles (2,073 statute miles) from Tokyo, told Seventh Air Force combat crews today:

"It will not be long before you are over Tokyo. No other air force had advanced its heavy bomber bases so far in such a short time."

Gen. Hale, who has been in command of the Seventh, spoke to the men on his departure to take command of land-based air forces in the forward areas of the Central Pacific. Brig. Gen. R. W. Douglas will succeed to the command of the Seventh Air Force.

"The Japanese now appear to have been defeated in the air in the Central Pacific," Hale said, adding that "unless Japan can greatly reinforce its air arm our future progress in the Central Pacific air war will be determined entirely in Washington and not to any extent in Tokyo."

"They recently moved up a large number of fighters to some of their bases, but they have not been able even to slow up our bombing missions."

"The most striking evidence of the waning Japanese air strength in this theater is seen in our naval operations."

"Our great Pacific fleet has been able to defy Japanese air power and to penetrate some 1,500 miles into an area which was fully on the alert and which should have been a hornet's nest of viciously-attacking planes."

"The Japanese will never have a better opportunity to strike our Navy than they have had in the past two weeks. They did not do it because they have not what it takes."

"In operations from November up to the present time, including the Marshalls campaign," Hale said, "33 members of the Seventh Air Force have been killed, 135 wounded and 215 are missing."

"They have destroyed 206 Japanese Zeros and probably destroyed a further 125, and since December they have probably sunk or damaged 108 Japanese ships of all types."

Joe Louis Opens His Tour Today, But Won't Box Till Wednesday

By Tony Cordaro

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

CHELTHAM, Apr. 16—S/Sgt. Joseph Louis Barrow and his entourage arrived here today for an overnight respite before launching his worldwide boxing tour of Allied posts at a camp somewhere in southern England tomorrow afternoon.

The world's heavyweight champion and his party, which includes four boxers and two officers, rolled into town from London late this afternoon.

Capt. Fred Maly, Special Service officer from San Antonio, Tex., who is in charge of the party, had not determined late today what role Joe will play in his first official ETO appearance, but definitely announced that the Brown Bomber will not don the gloves until Wednesday.

Joe plays three roles on the tour, that of physical instructor, actor and boxer. His stage performance calls for a 35-minute verbal brawl with Sgt. Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles welterweight contender.

Sevastopol Virtually Encircled By Reds; Fall of Tarnopol Opens Hitler-Termed 'Gate to Reich'

Stars and Stripes Is 2 Today

The Stars and Stripes, celebrating today its second birthday as the soldier-edited paper for all Americans in the ETO, received congratulatory messages last night from some of the top-ranking U.S. officials in Britain. The paper's second annual "report to the stockholders" is published on page 6. The birthday greetings follow:

Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, deputy ETO commander, said in a letter to Lt. Col. E. M. Llewellyn, editor:

"On this second anniversary of the first publication of The Stars and Stripes may I warmly congratulate you on the service the paper has rendered to the American forces in this Theater of Operations."

"No doubt you and your staff sometimes feel that your part in the war effort is relatively small and inconsequential. I should like to assure you that it is very real and very important."

"Under your guidance The Stars and Stripes has fulfilled its primary purpose of keeping the troops informed of world events as they occur; and in addition it has rendered a splendid international service, for the War Orphan Program, the Arts and Hobbies exhibits, sports promotions and other similar activities have made a most favorable impression on the British public and have contributed to a better understanding between the people of our two great nations."

"You have succeeded to an admirable degree in sustaining morale, and in the important year ahead I wish you and your staff continued success."

Adm. Harold R. Stark, commander of U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, made the following statement:

"The Stars and Stripes has, if possible, enhanced its value to our forces in its second year of life. You supply a daily need to our men, hungry for news of their homes and their comrades."

"The men of the Navy in this theater have come to feel that the Stars and Stripes is a paper in which they have a very real share."

"They join with me in sending congratulations and best wishes for your continued success."

Tornadoes in 4 States Kill 40 Of Early Voting

400 Injured In Kansas, Missouri, Georgia and South Carolina

NEW YORK, Apr. 16—Tornadoes swept through four states over the weekend, killing 40 persons, injuring 400 others and destroying and damaging thousands of dollars worth of property.

Seven were killed at Royton, Ga., as the violent winds cut a path through towns in the eastern part of the state. Seven more dead were counted in southeastern South Carolina, and one each in Missouri and Arkansas.

Four days ago a tornado cut across Arkansas and took a death toll of 37.

Meanwhile, the Mississippi and Missouri rivers continued to rise from Iowa to Louisiana and three breaks in levees were reported.

One of the breaks at Boyer Bend, on the Iowa side of the river, threatened about 5,000 acres of land. An auxiliary levee was being built. Thus far there have been 24 levee breaks.

Prisoners of war were being used at Pleasant Valley, Mo., to help stop a break in the levee. The flood water spilled over farm lands. At Cairo, Ill., the river reached 44 feet.

Bennett to Oppose Fish

NEWBURGH, N.Y., Apr. 16—Atty. Augustus W. Bennett announced today that he would oppose Congressman Hamilton Fish Jr. at the August Republican primaries. Bennett was an unsuccessful candidate against Fish in the 1942 election.

GIs Instructed to Ballot in Primary Elections In June, July

SPECIAL Cable to The Stars and Stripes. WASHINGTON, Apr. 16—Instructions for soldier voting in primaries which will be held in 11 states during June and the first half of July have been dispatched to all military installations, the War Department announced today.

It said organization commanders had been instructed to call the primaries to the attention of men from Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Washington.

In all but New Mexico, soldiers may apply for ballots on official Army-provided postcards. New Mexico does not have an absentee-voting law.

Oklahoma requires that the card be sent to the local election board but in other states the application should be sent to the secretary of state.

Most states allow 30 days for sending and receiving ballots but there are two exceptions—Oklahoma, which allows only from July 1 to July 11, and Idaho, where the interval is from June 1 to June 13.

Tennessee Amends Laws

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Apr. 16—A special session of the General Assembly has amended voting laws to make 30 days of military service acceptable in lieu of poll tax payment as a prerequisite for voting. An overseas voter may obtain his ballot through a member of his family. After certification of his name, the ballot will be sent direct to the soldier by the secretary of state.

Pennsylvania to Spend \$700,000

HARRISBURG, Pa., Apr. 16—Pennsylvania plans to spend \$700,000 to see that absentee soldiers vote in the coming elections. The state legislature (Continued on page 2)

Farm-Laborites Board 4th-Term Band Wagon

MINNEAPOLIS, Apr. 16 (UP)—A new party tried to seek the re-election of President Roosevelt for a fourth term came into existence in Minneapolis today. The Farmer-Labor party of Minnesota, one of the most persistent third-party movements in the U.S., voted itself out of existence and combined with the state's Democrats to form the new party, which is known as the Democratic Farmer-Labor Party.

7,500 Pennies—One Bond

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 16—A newsdealer walked into Freedom House in City Hall Plaza yesterday, dumped 7,500 pennies on the desk and asked for a \$100 war bond. It took four girls nearly three hours to count the money. The newsie three hours later walked out with his \$100 war bond.

Soviet Tanks on Edge Of City, Nazis' Last Crimea Fortress

With Sevastopol almost surrounded and Soviet tanks fighting in its outskirts only three miles from the city's center, the Red Army yesterday deprived the Germans of their only other evacuation port in the Crimea by capturing the small resort town of Yalta, on the southeast coast 30 miles distant.

At the end of the ninth day of the Red "blitz" through the Crimea, all attempt at organized resistance had ceased except for Sevastopol—and Soviet reporters with the front-line troops predicted that city, too, could not hold out much longer than Tuesday.

The Russians' new success came at an end of a weekend which saw the last Nazis driven from the southern Ukraine and the fall of the stubbornly held town of Tarnopol, last of the German "bolt" positions defending the big enemy base at Lwow, Poland, 65 miles to the northwest.

'Gateway to Germany'

Adolf Hitler himself called Tarnopol "the gateway to Germany" in an order of the day addressed to its garrison.

Capture of the rubble heaps marking all that was left of the town after two months' siege by the Russians freed Marshal Gregory Zhukov's armies to attack the German forces which drove a wedge last week into the Soviet lines and relieved the trapped remnants of 15 Nazi divisions encircled at Buczacz, 30 miles south of Tarnopol.

Moscow looked for Zhukov to begin a new drive into Poland once he had disposed of this threat to his rear.

The Crimea, Tarnopol and Gen. Rodion Malinovsky's cleanup of Odessa cost the Germans no fewer than 90,000 men in dead and captured, according to Russian figures.

"Everywhere are signs of defeat," Simonov said, describing a later ride in an army car toward Sevastopol. "Our car rushes at high speed past abandoned German equipment, even loaded railway trucks with factory equipment and machine tools. We pass endless columns of prisoners headed for the rear."

Thousands of boxes packed with stolen factory equipment had been abandoned along the roadways, he said.

Whole Garrison Wiped Out

In Tarnopol, the whole garrison of 16,000 was wiped out with the exception of 2,400 who surrendered. More than 37,000 surrendered in the Crimea, in addition to unnumbered thousands reported killed. In the fighting for Odessa from Mar. 25 to Apr. 12, some 26,000 Germans and Rumanians were killed and 10,680 were taken prisoner, the Soviet Information Bureau announced. The figures did not count the cost in Malinovsky's push beyond Odessa to the Dniester.

Isvestia's correspondent, Alexander Simonov, flew over the city and reported the port crammed with overturned, sunk and half-sunken ships. Piles of ruined and wrecked equipment were strewn out along the docks, he said, and thousands of Germans and Rumanians had been killed. He described the port as rocked with explosions and pictured great columns of black smoke pouring out to sea from fuel dumps and warehouses set on fire by Russian bombers.

Tirpitz Is Believed Crippled by Attacks Of Subs and Planes

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (Reuter)—The 41,000-ton German battleship Tirpitz was about to leave Alton Fjord in Norway for a German Baltic port to finish repairs when she was bombed by fleet air arm Barracudas on Apr. 4, according to reliable reports from Norway.

After the attack by midge subs on Sept. 22, 1943, the Germans set 800 men to work on the battleship.

They had a difficult job in patching up the ship.

Workmen succeeded in making the Tirpitz seaworthy by Mar. 14, nearly six months after the submarine attack.

Between then and the attack by the Barracudas, the battleship was taken out beyond the torpedo and submarine nets in Alton Fjord for trial runs.

It is believed that the Tirpitz, if she had managed to leave Alton Fjord for Germany before the Barracuda raid, would only have been able to steam at a very reduced speed.

The War Today

Russia—With Soviet tanks fighting three miles from center of Sevastopol, Germans lose Yalta, only other evacuation port left to them in the Crimea. Enemy resistance in Crimea ends, except around Sevastopol itself. Capture of Tarnopol gives Reds what Hitler termed "gateway to Germany."

Air War—Germany gets respite from heavy bomber attacks over weekend, but U.S. fighters in strong force sweep almost to Berlin, hitting every type of military target. Italy-based bombers strike at Ploesti, Bucharest and Rumanian port of Turnu Severin.

Pacific—Bombers hit three Japanese island outposts in the Kuriles group. Other aircraft attack islands in the Truk atoll of the Central Pacific. Australians take Jap base in their advance toward Madang, New Guinea, in Southwest Pacific.

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Air Umbrella Invasion Role 'Aired' to U.S.

British, American Experts Tell Public How Planes Will Support Attack

What can the ground soldier expect from the "air umbrella" when operations begin for the liberation of Europe?

The first public explanation of the role of the combined American-British-Canadian tactical air forces in forthcoming operations was made in London in a week-end broadcast to America by two high-ranking officers of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force, the air arm of Gen. Eisenhower's supreme command.

The ideal situation would be for the ground troops not to see any aircraft at all, either friendly or enemy, it was emphasized in a trans-Atlantic program shared by RAF Group Capt. Richard Atcherley, OBE, DFC, and Col. John Ulricson, of the Ninth Air Force.

Ground Picture Limited

"If every soldier had the air support he wants, he'd have a plane circling him personally—and we'd have lost the battle," declared Group Capt. Atcherley, who is attached to the staff of Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory, air commander-in-chief.

His opinion was supported by Col. Ulricson, commander of a U.S. Mustang fighter group, who pointed out that the man on the ground can see only a small part of the battle.

"If the man on the ground sees ten enemy planes, he may not realize that 300 Hun planes started out and that the 290 others never arrived on the battlefield, thanks to the air umbrella," Col. Ulricson said.

Air support of ground operations was described as an "anesthetic" by Group Capt. Atcherley, a Desert Air Force veteran who controlled fighters and fighter-bombers in the victorious African campaign.

Planes an 'Anesthetic'

"Airplanes on the battlefield are more of an anesthetic. Your air forces first attack. If you hit with your Army immediately afterward, they have half-stunned enemies to deal with. But if you wait a little while, the enemy recovers and fights just as hard as he ever did," Group Capt. Atcherley explained.

Col. Ulricson, a West Point graduate, stressed that the man on the ground cannot expect his air force to wipe out all objectives so that opposition automatically stops.

At the beginning of operations, there are two battles to be fought out—one in the air and one on the ground," Col. Ulricson declared, explaining that the first objective of tactical air power is to eliminate enemy air power altogether, then to concentrate on ground targets which are impeding the advance of the land armies.

"Remember that the man on the ground sees only a small part of the battle," Group Capt. Atcherley said. "If he's opposed by one jeep and two pill boxes he may want air support to knock them out, without realizing that Smith, just over the next hill, is opposed by two jeeps and three pill boxes. So if the first man doesn't get the planes he can be sure that they're doing a bigger job somewhere else."

Both officers emphasized that ground targets are selected in joint conference between Army and Air Force commanders, with the Army commander specifying which targets take priority.

Yank Braves Flames, Saves 2 British Children

Braving the flames in a burning building, an unknown American soldier was credited yesterday with saving the lives of two children when a fire broke out at a building in Kingston Friday night.

The Yank, according to a neighbor, made repeated trips into the building and carried out two small children. The children were alone when the fire was discovered by a neighbor. Flames were then bursting through downstairs windows.

Harris Says Allied Air Blows Wreck Luftwaffe-Army Liaison

Allied bombings have wrecked cooperation between the German army and air force and "will take his other weapons from the German soldier as effectively as it has already been taking the aircraft which once gave him air cover and close support," Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, Bomber Command leader, said in an article published in Moscow in the British Ally and quoted by London's Daily Mail.

"It will be nothing short of a miracle," Harris said, "if the German armies on all fronts, with their war factories crumbling to dust behind their backs, prove to be anything like as well armed in 1944 as they were in 1943."

Declaring that there are now four times as many German fighters on the Western as on the Eastern front, Harris said the Luftwaffe "Order of Battle" revealed that one-half of the German air force is now facing westwards toward Britain and the bombers of the RAF and USAAF—each of which can now send out 1,000 bombers by day or night in a major attack.

Harris estimated that the German

Has Anzio Beachhead Paid Dividends?

Well, It Has Kept Ten German Divisions Out of France

By Basil Gingell
For the Combined Press

ANZIO BEACHHEAD, Apr. 15 (Delayed)—The beachhead established by the Fifth Army south of Rome is three months old today.

There have been critics who argue that this is a ripe old age to remain in a beachhead state, but as the only war correspondent who has remained here throughout its 12 weeks' existence I think it provides an excellent opportunity to review what has been accomplished.

In this shell-torn area, which I have made my home since Jan. 22, an area without water supply, artificial lighting or any of those amenities accepted as normal in a well-ordered community, there is nevertheless among the men here a great spirit and everywhere one feels reflected the words of the commander who told me today that we are in a very much healthier condition than we have been at any time since "D" day.

Against the 70 square miles that the Allies hold today there face us many thousands of German troops. The landing at Anzio has resulted in forces being brought into Italy from France and the Balkans, and there is no doubt that it has kept ten divisions out of France, including such forces as the Hermann Goering Division and such well-tried divisions as the 29th and the 26th.

Col. Gen. Von Mackensen, who commands the army operating against the bridgehead, has a considerable artillery force, which fires an average of 2,000 rounds daily into the beachhead. The shells vary from the 88mm. to the 280mm., weighing nearly a quarter of a ton.

Despite this great shelling, damage has been extremely small. How well troops can protect themselves against such bombardment is exemplified by the fact that



An American half-track vehicle emerges from the smoke screen which has been maintained over the Anzio beachhead area in order to screen Allied activities from enemy artillery observers.

after the German guns had fired 3,000 rounds on to one of our battery positions the effect of such a huge expenditure of ammunition was one man killed, seven wounded and two guns out of action for 24 hours.

This may appear to apply in the same way to our artillery fire, which is normally ten times as great as that of the enemy. But against this the Allies have advantage of aerial observation posts that the Germans dare not use against the beachhead. Moreover, a smoke screen by day around the 30-mile perimeter of the beachhead has done much to restrict observation.

People who should know tell me that the troops against us cannot be compared with the type of men that faced Gen.

Montgomery at El Alamein, although they did not wish to infer that the foe did not fight hard. Some of the enemy's tactics in action against our defenses, however, showed a lack of leadership, and it was believed that the Germans were suffering from a shortage of good staff officers at divisional and brigade levels.

Since the landing the enemy has thrown in many air attacks, varying in intensity from three or four to 50 planes. As I write, the number of raids approaches 300; actually it is 277, and the total number of planes involved in this effort has been more than 2,470. Our anti-aircraft gunners, whom many believe are the best in the world, have destroyed 176 enemy planes and probably destroyed an additional 117.

Allies at Anzio Retake Village

NAPLES, Apr. 16 (UP)—A three-mile advance on the northern sector of the Anzio bridgehead has been made by Allied troops, who re-entered the village of Carroceto, on the main road and rail line to Campoleone.

Allied infantry and tanks were forced to withdraw yesterday after taking a number of prisoners in one of the most successful actions on the bridgehead.

Another engagement was fought three miles southwest of Littoria, on the southern sector of the bridgehead. The Germans admitted the loss of several advanced positions, although claiming their recapture.

U.S. Seizes Two Plants In Connecticut, Kentucky

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt has ordered the Army and Navy to take over and operate two war plants on the grounds that interruption of work was threatened.

The factories, owned by different companies, are situated in Connecticut and Kentucky. The managements of both had refused to pay wage increases ordered by the War Labor Board.

Nazis Say Stuka Carries Anti-Tank Cannon Now

Germany's famous dive-bomber—the Stuka—now carries two 3.7 anti-tank cannon adjusted under its wings, the German Overseas News Agency reported yesterday.

A German magazine has published photographs of these "flying anti-tank guns" for the first time, it was said. The cannon were said to be operated automatically from the pilot's seat.

Crimmins Convicted On Homicide Charge

DETROIT, Apr. 16 — Johnny Crimmins, widely known Detroit match bowler, received a six-month to five-year sentence following conviction on a negligent homicide charge. He is George T. Murphy recommended the minimum term.

Crimmins was accused of running down and killing Vincent Ereaux while driving his car through an intersection last Dec. 18.

11 States Warn Of Early Voting

(Continued from page 1) will meet May 1 to vote on the elimination of registration as a prerequisite for voting and to permit 100 days for sending and receiving ballots.

The \$700,000 would be spent this way: \$300,000 for the special session, \$200,000 to pay local election officials to compile lists of eligible absentee voters, \$200,000 for postage.

Governor Gets Indiana Bill

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Apr. 16 — A soldier vote bill which allows servicemen from Indiana to vote for federal, state and local candidates has been passed by the General Assembly and sent to Gov. Henry F. Schricker. The Democratic minority in the House sought to insert a clause allowing use of a federal ballot if the state ballot failed to reach the servicemen, but this was voted down by the Republican majority.

Dewey Vetoes Easing Plan

ALBANY, N.Y., Apr. 16 — A request by the Democratic minority for a special session to liberalize the state's soldier vote law has been turned down by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. The present law requires soldiers or sailors personally to sign the request for a ballot, but the Democrats proposed that ballots be sent abroad to all names and addresses furnished by relatives and friends in the U.S.

In denying the request, Dewey said the New York law was "the simplest and best" of its kind in the U.S.

\$100-Keep-the-Change Man Sought in New York

NEW YORK, Apr. 16 — Waitresses and countermen are on the lookout for a man who plunks down a \$100 bill and says "keep the change." The mysterious customer stopped at a swank restaurant on 42nd street and paid a fifty-cent check with \$120 and walked out. He then turned up at a Third Avenue hamburger stand and peeled off a century note to pay his check. Two other restaurants also reported visits and one barroom said "the man with the dough" started to pass out \$100 bills until halted by the manager.

Freighters for Britain

PORTLAND, Me., Apr. 16 (Reuter)—Two of three Liberty ships launched yesterday were assigned to the British Ministry of War Transport.

Red Army Chief Vatutin Is Dead

Gen. Nikolai Vatutin, first Soviet commander to penetrate into pre-war Poland, has died after an operation, Moscow radio announced Saturday. At 38 he was one of Russia's youngest generals.

Vatutin, one of the conquerors of Stalingrad and the liberator of Kiev, led the First Ukrainian Army group from the Don Bend to the Donetz and on to the Dnieper and Poland.

He was taken ill six weeks ago and relieved by Marshal Gregory Zhukov. The People's Commissariat for Defense announced Saturday a monument to his memory will be erected in Kiev.

Raids - - -

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or short-range strategical nature was evident in the choice of targets at Ploesti—railway yards rather than the producing oil fields. Destruction to the fields would build up an effect on the Wehrmacht's strength in weeks and months to come; destruction of the rail junction there would be felt immediately.

The Wellingtons were making their first pass at targets in Rumania, and were sent to one of the few points at which Nazi power is funnelled down almost to a bottle neck as it reaches toward—or away from—the fighting on the eastern front.

Turnu Severin is 15 miles south of the Iron Gate of the Danube, where the river cuts through the Carpathian mountains to the plains, 200 miles from the advancing Soviet armies. Railways which follow the level of the river and which are a prime link of any Nazi move to reinforce their Balkan armies or try to get men and material out of the way of the Russian drive funnel through a junction there, and it was the object of the Wellingtons' two-ton blockbusters.

M'Arthur-Miller Letters Cause Widespread Comment in U.S.

NEW YORK, Apr. 16—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's letter to Rep. A. L. Miller (R., Neb.), describing as "sobering" the Congressman's description of U.S. conditions and the New Deal's "military dictatorship," met with criticism from both Democratic and Republican sources today.

Many political commentators interpreted the letter as indicating that the southwest Pacific commander intended to run for the Presidential election and that he was hostile toward the Administration. Some concluded that Gen. MacArthur will remain on active service and will not get the Republican nomination for the Presidency.

The New York Sun, long a Republican supporter, said MacArthur was "a good general, but this correspondence with Congressman Miller shows that as a politician he is somewhere near the foot of the class."

Saying that the "misguided zeal" of Miller had done the general more harm than good, The Sun classified MacArthur as a U.S. Army officer and "not a civilian,

Bombers Blast Jap Bases on Truk, Kuriles

Carolines, Marshalls Also Hit; Aussies Advance In New Guinea

Three of the islands in the Kurile chain, north of the Jap mainland, were hit by U.S. bombers Thursday night in the wake of an attack by Army Liberators on five islands in the Truk atoll in the Central Pacific, it was announced by the Navy Department over the weekend.

Paramushiro, Jap naval base approximately 1,300 miles north of Tokyo, was pounded twice as other American bombers blasted two other islands in the Kuriles—Shimushu and Onnekotan. Only little anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

Only weak opposition was met by the Liberators as they bombed Uman, Paran, Dublon, Fefan and Moen, on the Truk atoll. Three Jap planes were in the air as the Libs flew toward their targets, but no attempt was made to intercept the bombers.

Ponape and Ujelang, in the Carolines, also were hit and 55 tons of explosives were dropped on four Jap bases in the Marshalls.

Meanwhile, on New Guinea, Australian troops yesterday pushed past captured Bogadjim to within 20 miles of Madang, big Jap base on the north coast.

Two hundred miles up the coast from Madang, at Wewak, the Allies dropped 20 tons of bombs on Jap installations.

Gen. MacArthur's headquarters announced yesterday that 3,000 Japs had been killed in the Admiralty Islands since Feb. 29.

At the same time, headquarters reported that medium and light bombers based in the Solomons had dumped 89 tons of explosives in daylight attacks on Rabaul.

Allies Capture Hill Near Imphal

Capture of a hill feature northeast of the Imphal Plain was announced yesterday by Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters as dispatches from the front said that the Japs at some points were less than eight miles from the town of Imphal, capital of the Indian state of Manipur.

The Allied communique, asserting that the Imphal Plain was entirely in Allied hands, said that fighting was confined to the hills lining the plain.

In the Kohima sector heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy when Jap positions along the Kohima-Dimapur road were cleared northwest of Kohima.

Third of Japanese Merchant Fleet Has Been Sunk—King

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (UP)—Adm. Ernest J. King, Navy commander, said in a speech yesterday that the Allies had reduced the Japanese merchant fleet to two-thirds its Dec. 7, 1941, size.

"We have sunk more than 2,000,000 tons of her cargo tonnage and have so seriously damaged her fleet of warships that she can never hope to make up losses by building new fighting ships or repairing those that we have damaged," he said.

Japan's shipping problem has become so acute, King said, that she was using self-propelled barges for long inter-island hauls of men and material.

Mountbatten HQ Moved From India to Ceylon

CEYLON, Apr. 16 (Reuter)—Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten has transferred his headquarters from New Delhi, India, to Kandy, Ceylon, an island off the southeast coast of India. The move indicates that the Southeast Asia Command has moved from a training and supply base to an operational headquarters.

It was pointed out at headquarters that Ceylon contains the main naval bases of southeast Asia which would play a large part in any campaign to recapture Japanese-occupied territory in the theater.

free to speak his mind." All the military traditions of the military service require him to refrain from anything that may be construed as public criticism of his superior officers, The Sun added.

The New York Post, staunch Administration supporter, reported that Gen. MacArthur "showed himself to be highly receptive to the idea of running against President Roosevelt on the virulent Chicago Tribune platform."

Publication of the letters, according to the United Press, is not likely to make much change in practical policies in the next few months as far as the Republicans are concerned. Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, remains the outstanding potential Republican candidate.

"Gen. MacArthur's action has been deplored by some newspapers and politicians," the United Press said, "but it should prove a fillip to those who have long sought to switch the major part of American war effort against Japan."

A spokesman for Gen. MacArthur said: "The general has no comment to make."

U.S., German Fliers in Sweden Are Returned in Equal Numbers

American Official Denies Some Airmen Have Been To Internment Camp More Than Once; Falun Called a 'Boom Town'

American fliers, interned in Sweden after landing or bailing out, are being shipped back to Great Britain under an exchange agreement which Sweden has with both the Allies and Germany, Stockholm dispatches said yesterday.

The Daily Express Stockholm bureau said the first public revelation of the operation was made in the Swedish Nazi newspaper Dagsposten, which also reported that some of the Americans had returned to Sweden for their second

Swiss Hold Nearly 500 U.S. Airmen

BERNE, Apr. 16 (AP)—One hundred and thirty Americans, crews of 13 bombers which landed in Switzerland Thursday, arrived at Adelboden yesterday for internment in the mountain resort. The group brought the total of internees and escapees, the latter living in Klosters, to just under 500.

The Swiss announced they shot down one plane when it failed to respond to landing signals. The entire crew, however, parachuted safely, the plane falling near Siebnen, southeast of Zurich. Investigation has not yet established why the plane didn't observe the signal to land.

The Swiss system of signaling and guiding planes in has won the fliers' admiration. First, well-marked Swiss planes approach the bombers from an angle from which attack is difficult, thus clearly establishing they are not enemy ships seeking combat. Rockets are set off and are supplemented by hand signals for bombers to follow to the field.

The signals are repeated several times until the bomber comprehends, or if it ignores the plane becomes subject to attack. The Swiss thus far have announced downing two.

Bombers escorted to landings are brought down with precise field signaling.

Upon landing, fliers are taken to barracks where their names, etc., are recorded on special forms given them by the American attaché. The fliers are then routed to hotels which the American government has leased at Adelboden. Three among Thursday's group, slightly injured when parachuting, were taken to hospitals.

Seventeen U.S. fliers are now buried in Switzerland, 13 of whom died in crashes last fall. The others died from injuries sustained in combat over Germany.

Approximately 400 Adelboden internees wear uniforms, while nearly 100 escapees at Klosters wear civilian dress. Twenty are assigned to the Berne legation. Internees get room and board and \$15 monthly, plus a credit system for purchases of clothing, cigarettes and other desirables. The balance of their salary is credited to them. Escapees draw full pay.

USAAF Given Huge Airfield

AN EAST ANGLIAN AIRFIELD, Apr. 16—This giant airfield, which took nearly 1,000 men two years to build, was handed over officially to the U.S. Army Air Forces by the RAF yesterday.

The field, which will enable American heavies to step up their daylight bombing on German targets, has concrete runways and roads that equal a 20-foot road 100 miles long.

While formations of Fortresses thundered overhead and RAF fighters dove in salute, British and American troops paraded before the reviewing stand for the opening ceremony. The RAF ensign which flew from the station flagmast was lowered and the Stars and Stripes hoisted in its place while troops of both nations presented arms.

Col. D. Abraham, new commander of the base received the deeds to the field from Squadron Leader Houghton during the ceremony.

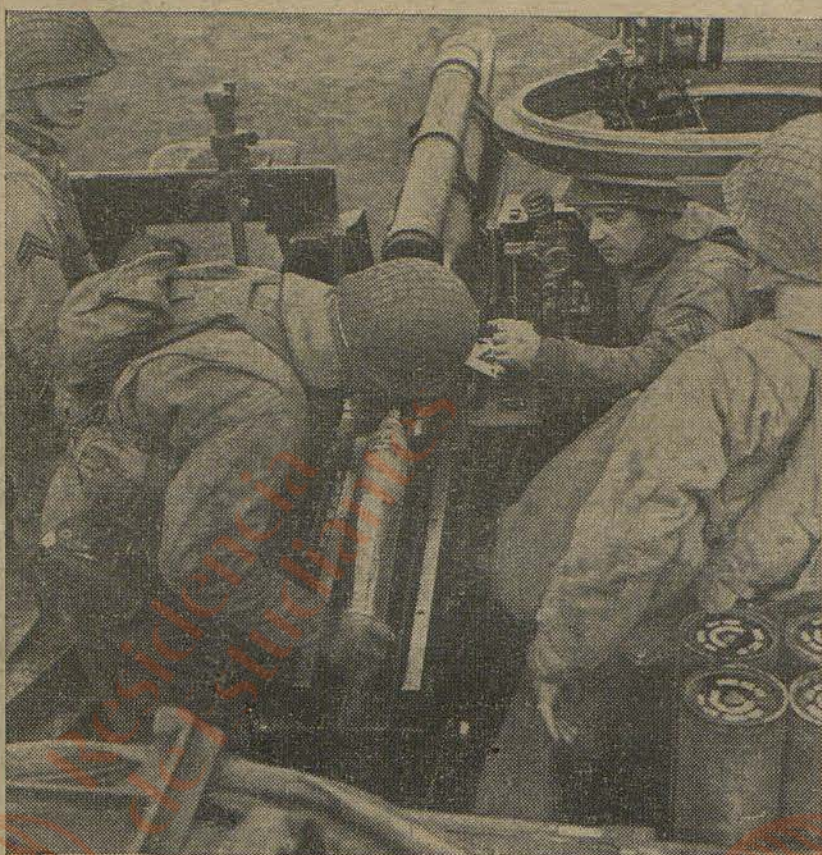
AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
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Monday, Apr. 17

1100—Spotlight
1115—Personal Album.
1130—Novatime.
1150—French Lesson.
1200—Noon Edition.
1205—Barracks Bug.
1300—World News (BBC).
1310—Melody Roundup.
1330—Dinah Shore.
1400—News Headlines—BBC Orchestra.
1430—Visiting Hour.
1500—Music While You Work.
1530—Off the Record.
1630—Family Hour.
1700—Rainbow Rhythm and Program Resume.
1730—BBC Midland Light Orchestra.
1755—Quiet Moment.
1800—World News (BBC).
1815—GI Supper Club.
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
1905—Red Skelton with Harriet Hilliard and Ozzie Nelson's Orchestra.
1930—Command Performance.
2000—News from Home.
2010—Fred Waring Program.
2025—Leave and Learn.
2030—Contented Hour.
2100—World News (BBC).
2115—Front Line Theater.
2145—Ranch House.
2200—Village Store—with Joan Davis and Jack Haley.
2225—One Night Stand with Shep Fields.
2255—Final Edition.
2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Tuesday, Apr. 18.

Infantrymen Will Guide Their Fire



Members of an artillery gun crew prepare to shove home the shell of a 105 howitzer. Accurate aim depends on "fire direction" phoned back by a liaison observer. Without this direction the big guns might drop shells into their own infantry.

Infantry Outfit Training Men In Correction of Artillery Fire

By Tom Hoge

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. INFANTRY DIVISION HQ, England, Apr. 16—Taking a lesson from experiences of American armies fighting in Italy and Tunisia, this outfit for the first time is testing the correction of artillery fire by infantrymen.

It has been proved in combat that the infantry should have officers trained to adjust artillery fire at a moment's notice. The importance of this was evident in recent campaigns where casualties occurred among the artillery

13 Orphans Get New 'Uncles'

Thirteen more war orphans will be sponsored by Army units, which sent in more than £1,340 last week to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund.

The fund is a collection of a signal battalion, through Chaplain John A. Nye, contributed £200 to sponsor a boy and a girl. The same amount was sent in by Hq. of a Ninth Air Force base depot area, commanded by Col. Charles W. Steinmetz, to sponsor two brothers.

A donation of £140—the extra £40 as a special gift for the girl it sponsors—was made by 1 Co. of an infantry regiment, through Capt. Charles R. Stineburg.

Each of the following units will sponsor a war orphan by its £100 contribution:

Hq. of a fighter wing, through 1/Lt. Vernon E. Hansen; a USSTAF station, through 2/Lt. Robert H. Fischard; the money collected by Chaplains Sturais and Cleary; Hq. Co. of an infantry battalion, through Lt. Ray S. Silbert; D Co. of an engineer's general service regiment, through 1/Lt. Lucillas Thredaill; Hq. of an ordnance maintenance battalion, through Maj. Gilbert D. Partridge; a medical collecting company; Canada Hall of a USSTAF station, through Capt. Winstanley Knight; and a strategic air depot, through Chaplain Horace L. Fenton.

Partial payments included £65 14s. 6d. from Hq. of a signal construction battalion.

1st WAC Warrant Officer In the ETO Is Appointed

Sgt. Nana Rae, of New York, WAC who has served in three overseas theaters of operations, has been appointed the first WAC warrant officer in the ETO.

She arrived in England from North Africa in January and was assigned to Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, in a secretarial capacity. She was a member of the first WAC group which landed in Africa in January, 1942. Later she performed a brief tour of duty in Italy.

Scottish-born, she enlisted in the old WAAC in August, 1942. Previously she was employed as a private secretary by the Kerr Steamship Co., New York.

and, in some cases, third internment stretches.

However, the American Air Attache in Stockholm denied that any of the U.S. airmen now "detained" at the special camp in Falun, north of Stockholm, had been there before.

According to the Dagsposten, two pilots in the last batch of crews sent to Falun (188 force landed in Sweden over the Easter holidays) were given a big luncheon by other internees celebrating the fact the pair were coming back for their third stand. Twice they had gone back to Britain to resume bomber activities, the Dagsposten said.

Transfers in Equal Numbers

The agreement for disposing of internees allows "for an exchange of equal numbers agreed on both sides whenever possible," the Swedish Ministry of Information told the Dagsposten. "This does not affect Swedish interests, but merely the Governments concerned, and the exchange was arranged through the mediation of protecting Powers.

Meantime, the Associated Press, in a story from Stockholm, said that the Yankee "invasion" of Falun was reflected widely in newspaper comment in Sweden, "which dwelt largely on the spending and love-making abilities of the average American fliers suddenly released from the gruelling job of bombing Hitler's Europe."

"Falun now has so many Americans that the town should be able to open a Second Front of its own," the Swedish Communist newspaper My Dag wrote.

Most pungent comment came from the Svenska Dagbladet columnist who devoted his entire space to a whimsical review of the situation.

Falun a 'Boom Town'

He hailed Falun as a boom town where "Americans and their money have spread out over the city—and especially over the girls. In the last few days new possibilities have opened up for every young and good-looking girl to be invited to champagne dinners and to experience the thrill of receiving lavish gifts."

"The Yankees have money like grass," the columnist continued, "and they spend it on the Swedish girls. Not only for movies, flowers and candy, but also for watches, furs, bracelets and underwear which rain down on the girls and make them crazy in the head."

"Taxi drivers also are getting rich. Ordinary citizens have absolutely no chance of getting a taxi on Saturdays because the Yankees have engaged them on the previous Wednesday for a Saturday night ride with their girl friends."

16 U.S. Fliers Flee Denmark

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16 (UP)—Sixteen Americans have escaped from Denmark and arrived in Sweden, it was learned here. Ten of them, crew of a bomber, arrived in a rowboat after having lived in the Denmark forests since Apr. 11. The other six, according to Allehanda's Karlskrona correspondent, escaped in a small boat and were picked up by a Swedish vessel and landed at Kalmar, Sweden.

Not Satisfied to Eat

VENTURA, Cal., Apr. 16—R. W. Agnew admits a war is on. But he thinks ten cents for a cup of coffee, seventy-five cents for meals and fifteen cents for a piece of pie definitely out of line, so he has filed suit against the Modern Cafe asking for \$50 for each of the 100 times he claimed he was overcharged during the last five months. He is suing for \$14,000.

Boston Park Sells Rowboats

BOSTON, Apr. 16—For many years one of the favorite spots in Boston was the lagoon in the Public Gardens, but the park department has sold the rowboats. Visitors now will have to enjoy the park from dry land.

Mechanic Rides Plane's Tail To Safety by His Fingertips

A British mechanic, who was swept off the deck of an aircraft carrier on the tail of an airplane, survived a 15-minute flight through a snowstorm and landed safely at an airfield, the Admiralty revealed yesterday.

Half frozen but otherwise uninjured, the mechanic said he was lying on the tail of a Seafire while the pilot prepared to take off from the flight deck of a carrier operating in home waters.

"The plane started to move but I had no feeling of forward motion," he said. "The slipstream plus the storm almost blew me from the tail but I was able to get four fingers of my left hand into a slotted position where the elevator is hinged. With my legs swinging in the air and my eyes closed, I hung on."

"When I was able to open my eyes I saw the carrier below and astern. A few minutes later I spotted a cruiser below and thought of dropping off in the hope of being picked up but realized I would be killed in the fall."

The pilot, Lt. David Wilkinson, son of a former Mayor of London, was informed by radio when he left the carrier that there was a man on the tail. He looked for the nearest landing place.

The landing was made on a runway covered with snow and not until the plane stopped did the mechanic lose consciousness. He said he was without feeling in his body until electrically-heated blankets and hot-water bottles restored his circulation.

Tests in Field Gave ETO Best Combat Rations

Rangers and Infantrymen Were 'Guinea Pigs' for Front-Line Chow

By Richard Wilbur

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Combat rations which U.S. troops will take when they invade the continent are "the finest operational rations provided for any army in the world," according to a new book, Messing in the ETO, published by the Office of the Chief QM here.

A Ranger battalion and an infantry battalion, during field exercises here last year, were given food tests under supervision of an ETO ration board, which applied practical experience in helping to develop the present combat rations, the book states.

To live on these rations in the early stages of an operation is "no hardship for the soldier," according to the book.

GI food in the British Isles is equal, if not superior, to GI food in other parts of the world, Messing in the ETO also states, and the ration developed here saves thousands of tons of shipping every year.

A drive made for better preparation and serving of food here is outlined briefly in Messing in the ETO, which is a complete reference book for mess personnel. The book claims that the drive has been a success, partly due to scores of recipes invented by "alert organization cooks and mess sergeants," and that messing now is built around experience in the ETO, rather than theories.

Duties Govern Rations

Here are some other points brought out in the book:

The ETO ration provides somewhat more food than is required by office workers, who represent less than ten per cent of U.S. troops in the theater.

Units doing exceptionally hard work may be authorized more bread, potatoes, and lard by the base section commander.

Two more kinds of sausage—dry salami and hard cervelat—may be added to the ETO ration when supplies are available.

Green coffee, owned by the Army, is brought direct from Brazil to the ETO in British ships. Mobile coffee-roasting units of the Army are increasing production monthly; the rest of the theater's requirements of roasted coffee is still being supplied by British civilian firms.

Bread made from the British national wheat flour "is steadily becoming more acceptable" to American soldiers, as U.S. Army bakeries, getting into full production, turn out a GI loaf that has "a silkier texture and a better flavor" than the average British commercial loaf.

All U.S. Army requirements in the ETO of corned beef and sugar, purchased by the British government, are brought here direct from South America in British ships.

50% of Milk Powdered

Fifty per cent of the Army's milk requirement here is being requisitioned in powdered whole milk—"a satisfactory, ship-on saving substitute for canned milk"—and an increase in daily allowance from seven to eight ounces has been made.

Combat rations C, D and K make each soldier independent of the company kitchen for brief periods. K was originally designed for paratroops, and C has proven to be "well liked by most soldiers" because of its high meat content.

Combat rations 10-in-1 and 5-in-1 provide balanced meals before dumps and transportation systems are well organized enough to distribute the 96 separate items in B ration. Troops can live on 10-in-1 "for 20 days or longer." Only field hospitals will use 5-in-1 in the early stages of operations.

One reason behind the drive for better ETO messes was the fact, revealed in an inspection survey, that "there were many more messes than there were good cooks, mess sergeants and mess officers."

Improvement in ETO messing was brought about through a new school for cooks and bakers, a model mess in each base section to train newly arrived mess officers and mess sergeants in ETO methods, an enlarged messing advisory service, a field range service, and a subsistence laboratory, as well as through ingenuity of GI cooks.

U.S., British Rations Differ

The first ETO ration was developed soon after U.S. Army troops first met up with the British Army ration—"It quickly became evident that if the American soldier and the British Tommy were to fight this war out on the same side, it would be wise not to expect them to enjoy one another's rations."

Mutton and lamb were eliminated from the GI menu—"their appeal to American troops is not a general one"—and an American diet was worked out, emphasizing eggs, milk, fresh vegetables, fruits and coffee.

Food amounting to hundreds of thousands of ship-tons has been obtained for the U.S. Army in the U.K. This tremendous saving in shipping has been accomplished by British selections of 36 food items not required for the well-being of British civilian food economy.

Mormon Elder Here

Hugh B. Brown, elder and chief coordinator of servicemen in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, has arrived in Great Britain to meet servicemen of his faith and conduct services at army installations here. He is making his headquarters at British Mission Headquarters, 149 Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12.

Home Sweet Home Is Nazi Propaganda Theme Song in Italy

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Apr. 16 (Reuter)—Propaganda leaflets with pictures of attractive, lonely American girls "waiting for their doughboys" are being fired by shell into the American lines in Italy.

Other German propaganda leaflets evoke the old theme of peace-time nostalgia by reminding the troops of the days when they went dancing with their girls and were able to eat juicy steaks.

Other leaflets carry cartoons of President Roosevelt after the old German propaganda theme that the war was started by the wealthy and that Mr. Roosevelt wants to use the unemployed as cannon fodder and provide contracts for his wealthy election backers.

"It is a rich man's war but a poor man's fight" is the argument used in the leaflets against the "fairy tale that the Axis was to blame."

Woman Killed in Acid Mishap

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 16—One woman was killed and two other women and a man injured when a pot of boiling acid exploded at the Allied Chemical and Dye Corp. plant. Mrs. Marie Zolmerek, 38, died at Frankford hospital. Mrs. Mary Ferst, 25, and Mrs. Charlotte Blazer, 32, were badly burned. A guard, Walter Bunting, 32, was burned trying to rescue the women.

Derby Preview

Feder Mounts the Bandwagon To Join Backers of Pensive

Ben Jones Is 'Due' After Successes With Lawrin And Whirlaway; Muddy Track Would Boost Alorter's Stock

By Sid Feder

(Sid Feder, Associated Press sports columnist now in London, herewith gives readers of The Stars and Stripes an inside line on the Kentucky Derby.)

It is a thousand to one—and a cheap price at that—that you can't tab a Kentucky Derby winner before he's been to the races.

Yet Benjamin A. Jones—Plain Ben from Parnell, Mo. (remember Lawrin—and wacky Whirlaway?) looks, as though he may be on the way to pulling this four-star special out of the hat with one of his customary husky chestnut gee-gees—an oat-burner tagged Pensive, which doesn't necessarily mean he thinks a lot.

Now, this is not to say that Plain Ben is around giving himself the necklace of roses already. But it's just about a year ago next week—while we were waiting for Count Fleet to come home—that Plain Ben took us out in front of a barn at the Downs, brought a good-looking stepper out into the sun, and said:

"This is my best two-year-old. His name's Pensive and he looks like he might be a Derby hoss next year. Now that doesn't mean I'm picking him already—that's foolish. But if someone would come along and lay a thousand to one with me right now, I might be inclined to nibble at a little bet on this fellow."

Now it might be pointed out that Ben knows as much about hosses as Heinz does about pickles or Billy Rose does about glamor gals. If you don't think so, just go back to '38 when he took a big country hoss with a swollen knee and won the Derby with him while everybody was laughing at him. That was Lawrin. Three years later he had a little chestnut with a big tail tagged Whirlaway. If you wanted to be charitable, you called him "Little Mr. Bigtail, slightly

batty." Bust mostly you called him Wacky Whirl. And when he pulled one of his crazy gallops on you when you had a bet on his schnozzola, you called him a lot of other things. But came Derby Day and Whirl not only picked up the marbles but ran the fastest Derby in the book doing it.

So when Plain Ben told you about Pensive you rode with him, despite Pensive's flopola in the Belmont Futurity last year and a couple of other sloppy jobs of stepping he did during the fall. And the way he came bouncing in at Pimlico early this week made it look as if Ben may have had a crystal ball up his sleeve that early 1943 morning.

Certainly, that race made him no worse than evens with such over-the-winter glamor boys as Sonny Whitney's Pukka Gin, George Widener's Platter and Al Ernst's mud-running whiz, Alorter, the Cleveland Kid. Off their two-year-old form, this corner likes Alorter the best of this trio, especially if it comes up goosy May 6 out there at the Downs. He can really romp with his boots on.

If some gal galloper should do what only Regret, way back in 1915, has managed to do in 70 Derbies, it might very well be one from Plain Ben's barn. He has a pair of them—Miss Keeneland and Twilight Tear. They can go, too. One of them was rated the champ of her sex last year.

Or it might be Bee Mac. This is a little swiftie from Cunnell Ed Bradley's farm, named after Beatrice MacGuire, granddaughter of Jim Butler, who founded the Empire City race track in New York. Bee Mac raced in Beatrice MacGuire's colors last season, but there's some doubt as to whether she'll run in the same silks or under Bradley's banner this year.

But of all of 'em, this corner still strings with Pensive—or, if you must, Plain Ben. Ben knows the score; he's also "due," because between Lawrin and Wacky Whirl he operated on the three-year plan and now it's three years later. He likes to keep right on schedule that way. And what's more, he has more than a milk-wagon totter in the big fellow he'll be sending out there come Derby Day. However, hosses being what they are, don't ask us to book any bets.

Football Officials to Discuss Adoption of 10 Rule Changes

CHICAGO, Apr. 16—Not to be outdone by the basketball folks, the National Football League rules committee will enter its annual spring meeting at Philadelphia Tuesday with pencils well sharpened.

Things undoubtedly will be different next year. Where the basketball boys have changed four rules, the footballers are going to consider at least ten proposed changes and maybe more. Out of 43 suggestions of varying degrees of upheaval, the ten most prominent changes chosen by and from reports of coaches, officials, and the League's group of observers, scouts and kibitzers, the following seem most likely to be acted upon:

Galleta Takes Links Crown

PINEHURST, N.C., Apr. 16—Mal Galleta, of St. Albans, Long Island, captured the North-South amateur golf championships by defeating George McAllister, 8-6, in the 36-hole final here yesterday. Galleta also was tournament medal winner.

McAllister was wild most of the day and Galleta was four up after the morning round. The Long Islander had an easy time in the afternoon, finally winning on the 12th green. The prize was a \$100 war bond.

Minor League Results

Pacific Coast League									
Friday's Games									
San Francisco	8	Portland	3						
Hollywood	8	Seattle	7						
Los Angeles	6	Sacramento	2						
San Diego	10	Oakland	1						
Saturday's Games									
San Francisco	14	Portland	2 (first game)						
Portland	11	San Francisco	5 (second game)						
San Diego	8	Oakland	3						
Los Angeles	5	Sacramento	2						
Seattle	4	Hollywood	3						
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Los Angeles	6	0	1.000	Portland	4	4	.500		
San Diego	6	2	.750	Seattle	3	5	.375		
Hollywood	5	3	.625	Oakland	2	6	.250		
S. Francisco	4	4	.500	Sacramento	0	6	.000		

Terry and The Pirates



85,000 at Wembley Cheer Gen. Eisenhower

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was cheered by a record war-time soccer crowd of 85,000 when he appeared at Wembley Stadium Saturday for the South Cup final between Charlton Athletic Club and Chelsea.

He shook hands with every player—most of whom were servicemen. Charlton won, 3-1.

Six Titles Split In Ring Finals

Armored Squad Dominates Tourney, Winning Four Of Eight Crowns

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A SOUTHWEST TOWN, Apr. 16—Twelve Field Forces co-champs and two champs were named here last night following a four-day ring tourney, with an Armored unit squad dominating four of the eight brackets.

Pvt. Jimmy Dunn, 119-pound two-time Mexican Golden Glove titlist from Chihuahua, TKOed Pvt. Felipe Frausto, of Santa Barbara, Cal., in the first stanza of their bout last night, when Frausto was unable to come out for the second. In the only other title bout last night, Pvt. Anthony Rubino, 180-pound Golden Glover from Lisbon, Ohio, out-punched Pvt. Denny Bochnak, of Minneapolis, Minn., for the heavyweight crown. Rubino had scored first-round TKOs in the quarter and semi finals.

Because fighters from the same outfits worked their way up to the finals and an injury was sustained by one of the scrappers, co-champs were named in the other brackets.

Pvt. Sammy Slutsky, 124-pound Philadelphia, who drew two decisions in the tourney, was named co-champ in the featherweight bracket along with Pvt. Eddie Garcia, of Las Vegas, N.M., 125.

The lightweight title is shared by Cpl. Art Hurst, of Port Arthur, Texas, and Sgt. Jack Miller, of Covington, Ky.

Pfc. Harry Schneider, 140-pound Pittsburgher, who recently kayoed Pvt. Dick Menchaca at the Rainbow Corner, and Pfc. Henry Zielazny, of Chicago, 143, split the welter honors after Schneider drew a decision and third-round kayo and Zielazny scored two decisions.

T/4 Eddie Valles, of El Paso, Texas, who suffered a sprained thumb in gaining his second decision, was named to share the senior welterweight bracket with two-time kayo artist T/5 Chet Aleski, of Brooklyn, while S/Sgt. Barney Villa, of Greenwich, N.Y., and S/Sgt. George De Smet, of Chicago, won the middleweight laurels.

Team light heavyweight honors will be defended by Pvt. Pete Martinez, who drew a bye throughout, and Cpl. Art Tatta, of New Haven, Conn.

Widdoes Named To Ohio S. Post

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Apr. 16—Carroll Widdoes has been named head coach of the Ohio State football team in absence of Coach Paul Brown, who has joined the Navy as a lieutenant (jg) at the Great Lakes Training Station.

Widdoes, 41 years old, came to Ohio State with Brown from Massillon High School three years ago and perfected the backfield that featured the Buckeye team which won the Big Ten championship in 1942. Married and the father of three children, he was born in Manila of missionary parents and was graduated from Otterbein College.

Meanwhile, at Great Lakes, the station commander announced that Brown will be assistant to Lt. Paul "Tony" Hinkle, former coach of Butler College, who will continue as Great Lakes' football mentor in addition to serving as athletic officer.

Izzy Jannazzo Outpoints Anzalone in Boston Tiff

BOSTON, Apr. 16—Izzy Jannazzo, Brooklyn welterweight, won a decision over Larry Anzalone, of Lido, N.J., in a ten-round feature bout at the Boston Garden Friday night.

Berlie Lanier, Philadelphia Negro, won on a foul from Johnny Seaman, of Quincy, Mass., in the second round of a scheduled ten-round.

DIAMOND DUST

PLAINFIELD, N.J., Apr. 16—Connie Mack signed garrulous Bobo Newsom to a contract today and announced at the same time that the eccentric right-hander's indifferent workout against Curtis Bay Coast Guard Friday cost him his previously promised assignment to pitch the opener against Washington Tuesday.

Luman Harris, the only A's pitcher to go seven innings this spring, probably will get to twirl the inaugural Mack also disclosed that Al Simmons, veteran outfielder, has been signed as a player instead of a coach. Simmons has been battering fences thus far in the exhibition season.

CHICAGO, Apr. 16—Chicago Cub pennant hopes soared today when Lou Novikoff, colorful outfielder, arrived from his California home. Novikoff, who held out last year until the season was well under way, said he stayed home until now because of his wife's illness.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16—Presidential Secretary Stephen Early accepted American League passes for President and Mrs. Roosevelt here today and expressed the President's gratification that baseball is carrying on. "I know the President is pleased to see baseball continuing," Early said.

BROOKLYN, Apr. 16—A prodigious 410-foot home run by Shortstop Oscar Grimes with Don Savage, rookie third baseman, aboard in the tenth inning enabled the New York Yankees to shade the Dodgers, 7-5, in Friday's exhibition test. The wallop came off Veteran Curt Davis, who hurled the last six frames. Rookies Walt Dubiel and Al Lyons pitched for the champs, Lyons holding the Dodgers scoreless in the last four innings. Yesterday's scheduled game was rained out.

ST. LOUIS, Apr. 16—Home runs on successive pitches by George McQuinn and Vernon Stephens off Mort Cooper failed to do enough damage and the Cards clipped the Browns, 3-2, in an abbreviated five-inning affair to clinch their intra-city spring title Friday. Rain forced a halt after five innings. The round trip clouds came in the first and Gene Moore followed with a smashing single off Cooper's foot, forcing the Cardinal ace to retire.

Harry Brecheen finished and halted the Browns with one hit. The Cards rapped Jack Kramer for two runs in the fourth and shoved across the winning marker in the fifth, when Stan Musial singled Johnny Hopp home. Rain canceled yesterday's tilt.

PLAINFIELD, N.J., Apr. 16—Making his spring debut, Bobo Newsom had his ears pinned back in the third inning by Curtis Bay Coast Guard, but the Philadelphia Athletics pulled the game out in the ninth, 9-5. Don Black succeeded Newsom and held the Guardians in check and made three hits. His double in the ninth launched a four-run surge to win the game.

CHICAGO, Apr. 16—The White Sox held their 3-1 lead over the Cubs in their annual spring intra-city series as yesterday's game was washed off the slate. Friday the Chixos edged the Cubs, 3-2, on Skeeter Webb's ninth inning single after Bill Fleming had walked three men. Orval Grove handcuffed the Cubs with four hits and one run in five innings, while Gordon Maltzberger, who relieved him, yielded only one hit. Paul Erickson was expected to oppose the Sox' Buck Ross in today's finale.

CINCINNATI, Apr. 16—Joe Beggs, star relief hurler of the Cincinnati Reds, was sworn into the Navy today as a lieutenant (jg), but will remain with the club until Apr. 25, when he leaves for Fort Scott, N.Y.

CINCINNATI, Apr. 16—A three-run outburst in the eighth inning that featured a homer over the left field wall by Outfielder Pat Seery gave the Cleveland Indians a 5-0 triumph over the Reds, here yesterday. It was the Indians' second win of the five-game series. Paul Calvert held the Reds hitless until Eric Tipton

BOSTON, Apr. 16—The Red Sox captured two straight from the Braves in their hometown spring series, dumping the Braves, 6-5, Friday and 3-2 yesterday. In Friday's clash, the Sox pummeled rookie Pitchers Armand Cardoni and Carl Lindquist in the late innings to overcome the National League's early advantage. Al Javery started for the Braves, holding the Sox to one run in seven innings. Ford Garrison trotted home with the winning run yesterday in the sixth on a passed ball by Phil Masi, Brave catcher. Yank Terry and Vic Johnson worked for the Sox.

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NEW YORK, Apr. 16—Yankee stock rose considerably today when Manager Joe McCarthy announced that Rollie Hemsley, veteran catcher, will join the team for Tuesday's opener in Boston. Previously, Hemsley had decided to retire from baseball for the duration. Last year he hit .239 in 62 games as understudy to Bill Dickey, who doesn't live here any more. His arrival gives the Yanks four catchers, although he's the only one with major league experience. The others are Mike Garbark, purchased from Newark; Bill Drescher, Binghamton, N.Y., product, and Bob Collins, lured out of retirement after a year as a railroader.

MUNCIE, Ind., Apr. 16—Elwood "Preacher" Roe went the distance for the Pittsburgh Pirates and held the Detroit Tigers to nine hits here Friday, but three of them were homers and the Tigers triumphed, 7-2. Rudy York, slugging Tiger first sacker, cracked two of the circuit drives, each with one runner on base. Jimmy Outlaw hit the other. The score was tied, 1-1, until the seventh, when the American Leaguers chased home three runs, sparked by the first of York's round trippers. Yesterday's contest was postponed by the weatherman.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16—Extra base blows by George Case and George Myatt led the Washington Senators to an 8-2 victory over Buffalo, of the International League, here Friday. Roger Wolf hurled seven innings against the Bisons, allowing only one run, that being scored in the seventh when he tied. Yesterday's Washington-Baltimore contest was canceled.

NEW YORK, Apr. 16—Yesterday's Giant-Phillies game was rained out so Giant Manager Mel Ott spent the afternoon denying rumors of a trade with the Quaker City team. Ott admitted, however, that his surplus of pitchers and catchers might be used for trade bait. Meanwhile, the Phils announced the purchase of Chet Covington, southpaw twirler, from the Louisville Colonels of the American Association.

NEW YORK, Apr. 16—Al Schacht, baseball's clown prince, resigned his broadcasting job here today, saying he is "a pantomimist and out of character before a microphone." He was scheduled to assist in play-by-play accounts of Yankee and Giant home games and already worked a couple of spring exhibition games.

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Cards Picked to Repeat; Nats May Unseat Yankees



The American School Center Angels opened defense of their SBS baseball crown last week, blanking a General Depot nine, 4-0. . . T/Sgt. Reid J. Moy, of Galaway, N.Y., hurled for the Angels and limited the opposition to five hits while striking out eight. . . Pfc Ray Rickman, of Crystal Hills, Va., slapped out three hits for the Angels, including a long double that launched a two-run rally in the second inning.

S/Sgt. Thomas E. Berna, of Philadelphia, captured the ping pong title at an Air Service Command base when he trounced Cpl. John R. Finley, of Sharonville, Ohio, in the finals of a round-robin tournament, 21-7 and 21-18. . . Berna was one of the first five ranking players in Pennsylvania before the war.

Pvt. Pete Mead, 160-pounder from Truman, Ark., handed Pvt. Gus Skopin-sky, of Hudson, N.Y., 169, his second boxing defeat of the year when he punched out a decision over Gus at a southern town last week. The last time they met, Mead won by a kayo. . . In all there were 11 bouts on the card, two ending before the final bell.

The Administrative quintet dropped its first two starts, then romped through its next 13 to triumph in the Eighth AF Service Command basketball tourney presented by Capt. Steve Hamas, Special Service officer and ex-contender for the heavyweight title. . . The championship team was composed of Sgt. Edward P. Silva, captain; T/Sgt. Charles H. Cook, S/Sgt. Alfred Droms and Cpls. Robert F. Lindsay, Luther Taylor and Anthony Shuper.

Lt. Maury Schwarz, Special Service officer at a USSTAF station, is seeking professional boxers and wrestlers, weight lifters and judo experts to organize a barnstorming all-star athletic troupe. . . GIs with experience in these sports may contact Schwartz through The Stars and Stripes Sports Department.

Softball got off to a flying start at an Eighth Fighter station last week, when 18 teams started chasing the league title. . . The Wheels, Cowan's A's and Pig Chasers each have won two starts, while the Ack-Acks and Gansberg's Jockeys sailed through their lone tests without mishap. . . In the last round of games, the Wheels toppled the Flares, 6-3; the A's outslugged the Brass Hats, 17-12; the Pig Chasers thumped the Buntan-balls, 14-4; the Jockeys walloped the Pilots, 16-2, and the Ack-Acks victimized the Satchels, 6-1.

Navy Lt. Larry French, ex-Dodger and Cub southpaw ace, started the Supply nine on the winning path last week when he unlimbered his arm to pitch his team to an 8-1 victory over another Navy team. . . Larry stymied his rivals with three hits, while the Supply club plastered Y2/c Sidney Rogak, of Brooklyn, for 11 safeties.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1. Telephone: ETOUSA, Ext. 2131. Unless otherwise stated in the ad, direct all correspondence c/o Help Wanted.

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YALE men will hold a reunion dinner at the No. 3 Grosvenor Sq. Club, London, Saturday, Apr. 29, at 7 P.M. Reservations should be sent to Maj. W. P. Breckenridge, c/o The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, 37 Upper Brook St., London, W.1. No reservations accepted after Apr. 25.

TEXAS Aggies will meet at 8 Hill St., London, Apr. 21, from 5:45 to 10 P.M.; refreshments and drinks included. Send reservations to "Texas Aggies Muster," c/o The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, 37 Upper Brook St., London, W.1. Today is last day for sending in reservations.

WALLET containing £20, check book and papers, near Cavendish Sq., London, Mar. 22. Reward—Capt. Edward D. Crookshanks.

Redbirds Have Punch at Plate, Strong Hill Staff

Pirates and Cubs Likely Contenders for Second; Bums Lack Infield

NEW YORK, Apr. 16—The third wartime National League pennant scramble promises to be unpredictable from the outset Tuesday, but experts are betting their blue chips on Billy Southworth's St. Louis Cardinals to lead the parade for the third straight season.

Not that the Redbirds haven't suffered in Uncle Sam's drain on big league ivory, because they have. There are enough holdovers around, however, to furnish headaches for Senior circuit rivals and the champs once again will field a formidable array of talent, including power at the plate, steady fielding and outstanding pitching.

Second Baseman Lou Klein is being replaced by Emil Verban and Outfielder Harry Walker is another draft casualty. The outfield is fearsome for any pitcher, with three veterans—Johnny Hopp, Stan Musial and Danny Litwhiler—slated for regular duty and Gus Bergamo, a 4-F who batted .324 for Columbus last year, standing by.

Cooper Behind Plate

Although Al Brazle, Murry Dickson, Howard Krist and Ernie White have departed, the Cardinal pitching staff still has Mort Cooper, Harry Brecheen, Harry Gumbert, Max Lanier and George Munger. And this talented quintet of hurlers again will be aiming at Walker Cooper, Mort's brother, who ranks high among National League catchers.

Most of the experts are baffled when it comes to peering at the crystal ball for a second place team. Some like the Pittsburgh Pirates, others choose the Chicago Cubs and there are scattered votes for the Cincinnati Reds, New York Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers. Only the Boston Braves and perennial second division Philadelphia Phillies are on the outside looking in when the critics cast their ballots.

Frankie Frisch has a well-balanced infield at Pittsburgh with Babe Dahlgren replacing Elbie Fletcher at first, Bob Elliott back on third and Frank Gustine and Pete Coscarart in between. Rip Sewell, who won 21 games last year, returns with his puzzling "cephus" ball, and great things are expected of Preacher Roe, who won 15 games for Columbus in '43.

Cubs Minus Bithorn, Passeau

The Cubs will operate without their two best right-handers, Claude Passeau and Hi Bithorn, although Passeau may eventually leave his Mississippi farm. Infielders Stan Hack and Peanuts Lowery and Catcher Clyde McCullough also will be missing from the lineup. However, the Bruins still have Phil Cavarretta, Bill Nicholson and Lou "The Mad Russian" Novikoff, plus two new outfielders who hit .358 last year, Andy Pafko, of Los Angeles, and Ed Sauer, of Nashville, so the club can't be sold short.

The weakest link in the League's western chain is Cincinnati, which has lost Johnny VanderMeer and Clyde Shoun and soon will lose Joe Beggs and Elmer Riddle. Lonnie Frey is gone from second base, Shortstop Eddie Miller is 1-A, and in the outfield, Gee Walker is draft bait and Max Marshall already has been called up.

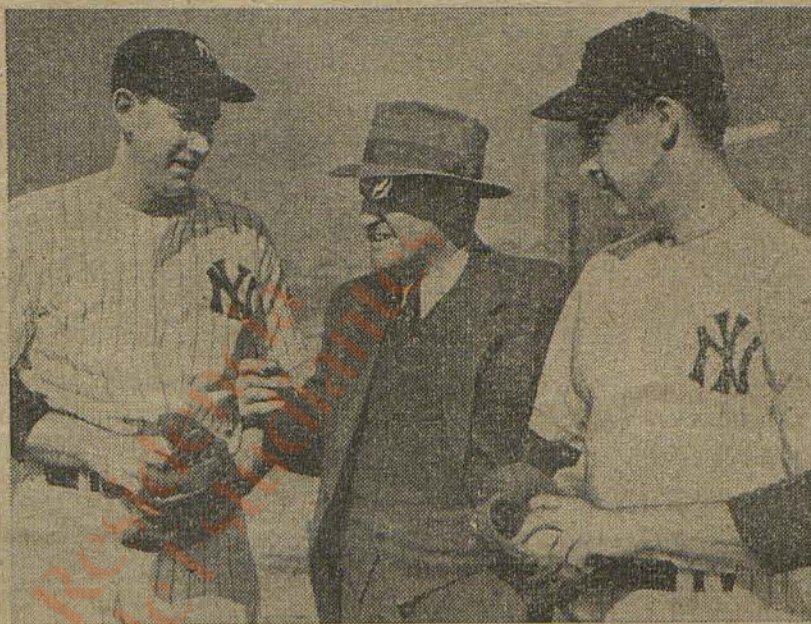
Enough Gone to Make Team

In Flatbush, Lippy Durocher has a barrel of woes, chiefly because of what the war has done to his once-proud infield. The Dodgers have become separated from enough veteran stars to make a pennant team, including Dolph Camilli, Billy Herman and Kirby Higbe, valuable enough to make the difference between finishing in the first or second division.

The Giants are suffering from a dearth of pitchers and untested infield. Ernie Lombardi will be a steady influence on youthful twirlers, but probably won't be able to work behind the plate every day of the campaign. The boss, Mel Ott, isn't getting any younger, although plenty of enemy pitchers may think differently, and, at present, only Phil Weintraub, is hitting his weight.

Bob Coleman's revamped Phillies have the dubious distinction of being mentioned for a position elsewhere than in the familiar cellar, ranking just ahead of the Braves.

Marse Joe Counsels Rookie Hurlers



Manager Joe McCarthy, pilot of the New York Yankees, talks with two of his rookie pitchers, Floyd Bevens (left) and John Johnson (right) at the Yankees' spring camp at Atlantic City, N.J.

Fliers Add Flatbush Touch To Sedate English Cricket

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

AN EIGHTH AF BOMBER STATION, Apr. 16—A lend-lease scheme of teaching nearby villagers the rudiments of baseball and softball in exchange for cricket lessons has developed so well here a group of officers intends to invade big league cricket competition this summer.

Organized by Capt. John F. O'Connell, of Holyoke, Mass., the American cricketers went through the motions of a token schedule last year, much to the consternation of GIs stationed at this base and British civilians. Now, however, the team is experienced and ready to meet all comers, starting Apr. 29 against an all-Allied club in London.

None of O'Connell's converts ever had seen a cricket match before landing in the ETO. And most of them figured no doubt their athletic careers were just as full without it. But they soon became enthusiastic boosters of the traditional British sport, albeit adding a few old-fashioned American wrinkles.

The fliers amazed the customers last year with their "U.S. version" of the game. They threw the ball (similar in size to a baseball, but harder) around after every bow like the Gas House Gang putting on a pepper game; they encouraged their bowlers (pitchers) with fast patter, and dugout jockeys in the States could pick up a few choice phrases for their vocabularies when the airmen sound off to disconcert rival batters.

Coached by John Bellami, resident of a nearby village, the Bombers include Lt. Col. James P. Hartman, former All-American fullback from Denver U. and later with the Brooklyn Dodgers, who is the wicket keeper (catcher); Capt. John Puryear, Hartsell, Ala.; Alvin E. Podwojski, Cleveland, and 2/Lt. Oscar F. Schaaf, Wichita, Kan., bowlers (pitchers), and Majors John R. Mitchell, College Park, Md., and Harrison V. Peterson, Cleveland; Capt. O'Connell, Howard E. Furnas, Detroit; Paul E. Landt, Ammington, Ala., and James D. Buford, Holly Springs, Mass., and 1/Lts. Robert Jerue, Lincoln, Neb.; Gene A. Wolf, St. Paul, and Robert J. Lynch, Atlanta, Ga., fielders.

Haegg, Andersson Accept Bids; Seek Transport by Air

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 16—Gundar Haegg and Arne Andersson, Swedish track stars, said they are anxious to accept invitations to compete in the United States track championships in New York in July, but insist that air transportation be arranged.

Andersson, holder of the mile and 1,500-meter world records, said he would compete if he could complete the round trip by air in one month. He said a trip by ship would take too long without adequate training facilities.

Haegg, who toured the U.S. last summer, said, "If Arne goes, I'll go, too." Every effort will be made to obtain air priorities for the Swedish runners, Daniel Ferris, National AAU secretary, said yesterday.

Oregon Girl Annexes AAU Free Style Title

OAKLAND, Cal., Apr. 16—The National AAU women's 100-yard free-style swimming championship was captured by Brenda Helsar in the Athens Club pool Friday night.

The 19-year-old Portland, Ore., mermaid nosed out Ann Curtis, of San Francisco, and Marie Corridon, 14-year-old New York sensation.

Rookies, 4-Fs Bolster Hopes Of White Sox

3-Way Battle Predicted For 4th; Little Hope Seen for Bosox, A's

NEW YORK, Apr. 16—For the first time in several seasons Joe McCarthy's New York Yankees will be just another team of nondescripts trying to keep above water when the American League championship race gets under way Tuesday.

That's no reflection on McCarthy, however, because virtually all the Yanks have left from their brilliant period of domination in the name. Observers contend that if the Bombers are unseated during the '44 campaign, Ossie Bluege's south-of-the-border Washington Senators are the team to turn the trick, unless manpower authorities go through with their threat to draft or deport Clark Griffith's collection of foreigners.

The Yanks have Pitchers Ernie Bonham and Catcher Rollie Hemisley, but little else. McCarthy has a fabulous reputation for turning up with stellar rookies to fill gaps in his team, although he'll have to search high, wide and plenty far to locate a catcher capable of filling the shoes of Bill Dickey, now in the Navy.

If the Senators disappoint their partisans, Jimmy Dykes' Chicago White Sox will be ready to jump into contention. The Chisox have 19 players classed as 4-F and a cluster of promising youngsters, the loss of hard-hitting Shortstop Luke Appling being the hardest jolt to the club. Big things are expected of Orval Grove, Bill Dietrich and other hurlers, and Dykes has a lot of potential batting power on the roster.

Nats Could Take It Easily If—The Senators can capture the flag easily if they don't succumb to the many "ifs" confronting the team. If they don't suffer severe losses in the draft; if players dangling by 1-A threads stick around; if the veterans perform as they did last year, and if the newcomers make the grade, the Nats will grab the sugar.

A three-way battle among the Cleveland Indians, Detroit Tigers and St. Louis Browns is anticipated for fourth place, with the rapid development of freshmen making any of the three a serious pennant contender overnight. That leaves little except the assurance of playing 154 games like the others for the riddled Boston Red Sox and patch quilt Philadelphia Athletics.

Connie Mack has surprised the experts with worse material than he has this year. The Indians, banking heavily on rookies, possibly could tumble into the "cellar duel" between the Red Sox and A's. With Rudy York's bat among those present, the Tigers can't be counted out of the race, and the Browns loom as another unknown factor, Manager Luke Sewell boasting of 20 4-Fs and discharged players, including 11 pitchers, three catchers, five infielders and one outfielder.

Tom Yawkey couldn't purchase an American League pennant for Boston, but his Red Sox, short on pitching and outfielders, may confuse the experts by accomplishing the goal during the impending topsy-turvy season.

Connie Mack is too grand a guy to list his team's deficiencies in this piece. However, Connie should lead the league in laughs, if nothing else, because Bobo Newsum wins the screwball title of the circuit hands down.

Basketball No. 1 Sports Paradox

NEW YORK, Apr. 16 (INS)—Practically every sports expert in the country who has a flair for figures will concede that basketball is the best-attended and most widely-played game in the nation. The attendance and play-participation figures for the court game are astronomical.

On the surface, this would make it appear that basketball ranks on a par with baseball or football with the American public. But it doesn't.

Basketball ranks first in this country only as the nation's No. one sports paradox. It is a game which is supported at the turnstiles, but is friendless in the popularity polls.

Basketball has produced a host of stars, but as fast as they rose to public pro-

minence they slipped back into the oblivion from which they came.

Wherever there is room for a court or enough players to provide two teams, basketball is played, with the result that 20 million people are handling a ball in court play every year. But when it comes to voting for favorite sports or teams or stars the public leaves basketball far behind.

Sports stars who have gone abroad to entertain our fighting men report that in their informal quizzes on athletics, the vast bulk of queries deal with baseball, football, boxing and the stars of these games.

The fighters throw the support of their sentiment behind such men as Ruth, Cobb, Dempsey, Grange and Thorpe, or

such teams as the Yanks, Cards, or Notre Dame. Even the greatest basketball teams are seldom mentioned.

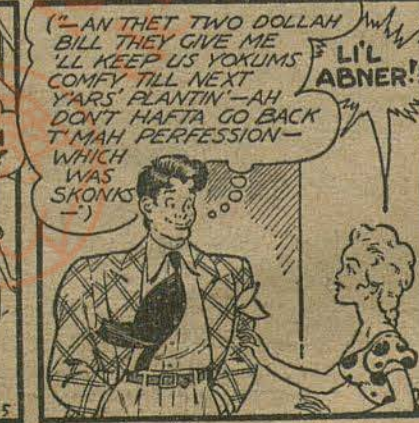
That this purely American sport, which has flourished since 1891, could produce so little in the way of voting support is almost beyond belief. But incredible as it may sound to the 40,000,000-odd basketball enthusiasts over the nation, there were three times as many track stars listed in the popularity poll as there were court favorites, and twice as many tennis figures.

As a crowning insult to the court game, marbles matches, intercollegiate billiards, gymnastics and weight lifting all have their place in the 1944 edition of the world almanac, but basketball is completely ignored. It might, of course, have been the paper shortage.

By Al Capp

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The Two-Year-Old

Two years ago today the first edition of The Stars and Stripes published since June 13, 1919, began rolling slowly off a flat-bed press at Hazell, Watson and Viney, printers located in London, England.

It was a great moment for the tiny staff of two officers and five enlisted men charged with the responsibility of editing, distributing and building the Armed Forces newspaper in the European Theater of Operations.

As successors to such great names as Guy Viskniski, Harold Ross, Grantland Rice, Steve Early, Hudson Hawley, Alexander Woolcott and John T. Wintherich, all associated with the original publication, we were a bit humble, a bit cocky and a trifle scared, for we knew we faced no small task.

But soon we discovered many were willing, even anxious, to help. These were located in almost every military unit. They included hundreds of men who have, in addition to their other duties, acted as our voluntary and unpaid news boys within each camp. They include commanding officers, unit correspondents, officials of the British Ministry of Information and last, but not least, the American Correspondents' Association of London.

Our writing staff was almost nonexistent, so we appealed to the newspaper correspondents in this theater, and they came through to a man. Big names in the field of news writing took assignments from the desk of The Stars and Stripes as readily as they did from headquarters in New York City. But their help didn't stop with feature articles. The facilities of AP, UP, NEA, INS, the New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Life Magazine, BBC, MBC, CBS and Mutual were given to your newspaper freely and without cost. King-Syndicate, the Des Moines Register and other cartoon agencies offered their comic strips without charge. Army Pictorial provided photographs and Walter Winchell, Pearson and Allen, Walter Lippman and Dorothy Thompson said go ahead, use our copy . . . it's on the house.

Gradually we grew up . . . frankly we're still growing . . . actually thousands of officers and enlisted men in the European Theater of Operations are still assisting us in this job of producing and promptly distributing your newspaper.

We would be derelict in our duty, however, if we did not take this opportunity to mention a few by name. These include Brigadier General John V. Dallquist, who helped us over the early rough spots, the late Colonels E. N. Barnum and Morrow C. Krum, Commander R. E. Vining, Navy P.R.O., Brigadier General O. B. Abbott, G-1 and wise in personnel and transportation needs, and Lieut. General John C. H. Lee, who has never let us down when the going was tough.

Then came a day in October two years ago when General Dwight D. Eisenhower gave the order "Make it a daily." Those instructions were carried out in three weeks and then we really began to grow.

Today we greet you with our second annual edition. With it comes the hope that next year at this time you'll read about Stars and Stripes from the comfort of your easy chair pushed close to the family hearth at home.

Another Book

They've done it again . . . this time the book contains helpful tips for tipsy tars, advice on how to make a life preserver out of a pair of pants . . . and what to do when shipwrecked. It's all found in a breezy edition prepared for merchant seamen by the medical division of the War Shipping Administration.

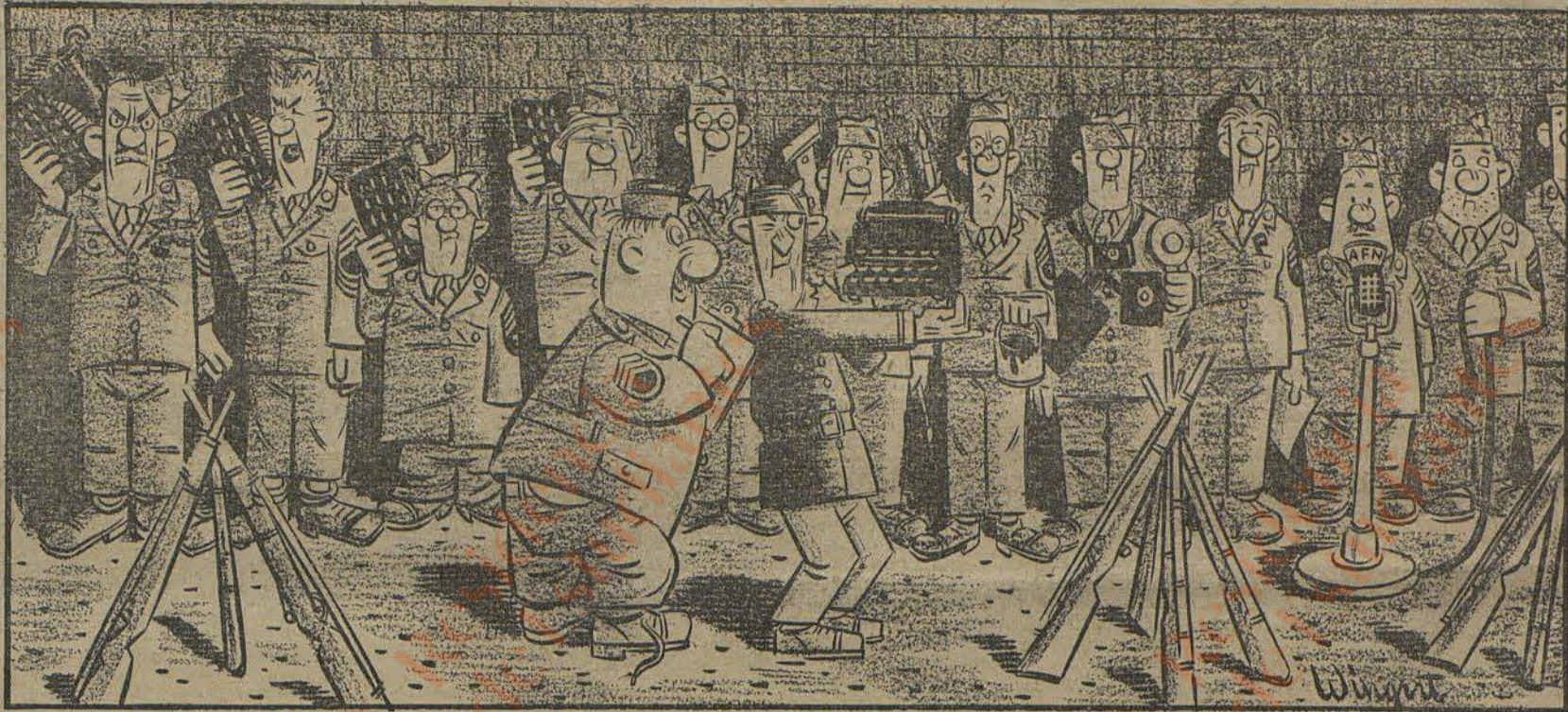
And nothing has been forgotten. For example, since a seaman's life may depend upon a clear head, the booklet even offers a hangover cure for those sailors who may have imbibed too much while in port. Eat nine yeast cakes a day and take an all-inclusive vitamin capsule, the booklet recommends. Be sure to get plenty of liquids and a good diet, it adds. If your ship is sunk and you find yourself paddling around without a life preserver "Tread water" says the book. (Boy and how.) Then take off your pants or jacket, tie a knot in the legs or sleeves, button them up and swing them through the air so that the arms and legs fill with air. Then twist the open ends so that the air stays in . . . and you have a life preserver.

The new edition doesn't think much of shouting to catch attention of passing ships. Whistles, when blown together, carry further and use less energy. For seamen in a lifeboat, the booklet advises, "Churning the sea with oars increases your visibility to airplanes . . . yellow is the color seen furthest at sea, so use it for a flag. If you go swimming to cool off, remember that in the tropics you can get sunburned under water."

Finally, the booklet advises: "Keep daily track of your ship's position, and if your ship is sunk, pick out something big to steer for, like a continent . . . something you simply can't miss."

There you are and we hope this latest advice proves useful . . . it's all so simple, don't you think?

Second Annual S & S Report to Stockholders



Some Assets Listed For Its GI Owners—And Some Debts

Second annual report of The Stars and Stripes to its stockholders—the censored number of American soldiers, sailors, marines, technicians, merchant mariners and auxiliary personnel in the European Theater of Operations. The secretary will read the minutes of the last 365 days:

Your newspaper is two years old today. On the night of Apr. 16, 1942, 5,000 copies of an eight-page weekly were turned off the presses of a London printer, and the next day two officers and five enlisted men—the entire staff of the newly-born Stars and Stripes—peddled those papers to a handful of Yanks who felt three months had been a long time to be away from home.

Today's press run of your newspaper is a military secret, but 5,000 copies would hardly provide L'il Abner to all the subscribers with a rank of lieutenant colonel or better.

Since the last report to the stockholders The Stars and Stripes has achieved the following fiscal status:

The Good and the Bad

Assets: An established, pretty well-functioning organization of scores of professional newspapermen geared to publish, print and distribute your newspaper wherever you go; a thoroughly modern plant in The Times of London operated on reverse Lend-Lease and one in the Belfast Telegraph for the Northern Ireland edition; a financial status exactly as sound as yours; the gratified thanks, accepted on your behalf, of more than 500 orphaned Allied children for the more than £50,000 you have contributed to them through the War Orphans' Fund; a Help Wanted Department which is handling 500 to 600 requests a week from privates and generals and everyone in between; a group of specialist reporter-fighting men, trained to go with you and write the story the day you storm Hitler's Europe, some of whom have been flying in combat with the Air Forces ever since the first attack on Germany itself.

Debts: Most important, the occasional complaints against policy and operation submitted by various stockholders to the directors, some of which have been acted upon; occasional failure to cover all the news and print and distribute it to all the stockholders as quickly as it was done back home; a deficit of space, due to the paper shortage, in which to print more news from home.

Specific assets and debts will be itemized in the following extracts of reports to the board from departments involved:

The professed aims of The Stars and Stripes, during its two years of publi-

After two years this policy "soldiers first and newspapermen second" begins to run pretty thin!

cation, have been to give the men in the field a newspaper as much like the one they left back home as paper restrictions and the vicissitudes of war permit. On that basis your newspaper is set up along these lines—

The publication has two main offices separated by three miles of London streets through which people who come to the editorial office when they want the business office are always travelling. Lt. Col. Ensley M. Llewellyn runs the show.

In the editorial office are about 20 men, editors, reporters, photographers, cartoonists who actually put the paper out. Lt. Bob Moora and a staff of enlisted men comb American and British news services copy, the Associated Press, United Press, International News Service and Reuters, while reporters working out of London get from camp to camp looking for significant news and feature stories.

The business office handles all problems not pertaining directly to the production of the daily paper. Bookkeeping and circulation are the major headaches. The circulation department, under W/O Warren MacDonell and Sgt. Bob Collins services all subscribers in the British Isles. Financial reports from the corporals and sergeants, who are field managers with up to 15 circulation men under them, are collected and audited by a crew of ten bookkeepers and three field auditors under T/Sgt. William Gibson, the organization's statistical genius.

It's Crown—and How!

For the first seven and a half months the paper published weekly.

The original staff of the weekly, two officers and five enlisted newspapermen, wasn't enough. The organization expanded and gradually the key men floated to the top. Pvt. Warren MacDonell was the organization's first sergeant, and general trouble shooter for ten months. Sgts. Bob Collins and Bill Gibson took over distribution and finance respectively and in the news office Sgt. Ben Price got the paper out.

In October, 1942, word came to Lt. Col. Llewellyn, editor and officer in charge, that Gen. Eisenhower wanted information on the problems involved in setting up a daily for U.S. troops in the British Isles. The problems were set forth, plans were made and the first daily was printed on the great rotary presses of the venerable London Times on Nov. 2, 1942.

As more troops moved in circulation men needed more cars and the organization needed more circulation men. Sgt. Bob Moora transferred to the editorial offices from Yank's London bureau. Bud Hutton, fugitive from 25 odd newspaper jobs in the States and at present the only SOS's soldier with an Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster, transferred to The Stars and Stripes from the Canadian Army. The staff grew.

The Stars and Stripes picked up five

editorial sidelines. First is its edition in Northern Ireland. Distribution to camps there was slow and the paper printed in London arrived there one day late. The first Belfast edition was printed Dec. 6, 1943. Sgt. Carl Larsen put this material together from copy teletyped to him from the London office under the direction of Maj. Harry Harchar, managing editor of the edition. In November, 1942, Harchar had gone to North Africa for three months with a nucleus of personnel to establish The Stars and Stripes there.

Second sideline is the publication of Army Talks in conjunction with the Army Education branch of Special Services. The Stars and Stripes set up the editorial staff and distributes the education branch's booklet through its distribution organization.

Third job is the distribution of the British edition of the Army's great weekly news magazine Yank.

Fourth comes The Stars and Stripes radio projects. Originally Cpl. Ford Kennedy was the voice of America to several million British listeners of BBC who heard his nightly five minutes of scores and sports news for American soldiers. When the Army Forces Network started operation Kennedy, along with five other Stars and Stripes men, took over the job of reporting the news.

Last editorial supplement to the paper is the Thursday feature section edited under different management than the daily paper. The four-page weekly supplement is entirely the work of Capt. J. C. Wilkinson with occasional contributions by staff members.

The weirdest Stars and Stripes department is that labelled "Help Wanted." In the books the department was established on Dec. 12, 1942, but actually the thing was all Pfc Dewey Livingstone's fault. Dewey wrote to the paper and said he couldn't get a pair of shoes to fit him at his outfit and could The Stars and Stripes help.

Big Feet Department

The editors inserted an ad and before long it paid off. Into the office came Dewey's pair of 13EE brogans. Immediately The Stars and Stripes tried to get in touch with Dewey Livingstone to tell him that his shoes were waiting for him. No Dewey. He'd gone to Africa.

Meanwhile, other soldiers who either had feet that were too big or too small for a local QM to shoe wrote in, and before long the paper had a shoe department. The shoe department expanded and that, briefly, is how Help Wanted was founded.

Sgt. Lou Rakin, a former Linden, N.J., lawyer and police judge, runs the department. Today he gets from 500 to 600 letters a week from soldiers all over the British Isles asking him to locate everything from their sharpshooter's medal lost in the park last night to Cousin Joe now somewhere in the ETO.

Among the items listed under debts, on which the stockholders are entitled to a report, is what some have referred to as a disproportionate balance of types of news—home, sports, ground training in the ETO, air warfare, directives and so on. Most serious would seem to be the charge that a larger than warranted section of the paper was given over to stories of the U.S. Air Forces in combat against the Luftwaffe.

It has been a considered policy of your newspaper, supported by a majority of the stockholders, to give time and space priority to the doings of units actually in combat. At present, the Air Forces are the only major units actually fighting the enemy. When other forces go into combat and the losses of war begin to strike home to them, your newspaper will report their doings more fully, with a natural decrease in the proportion of space devoted to air news.

The employees of your newspaper, Joes too, feel there is one further item on which the board of directors should report to the stockholders.

As far as is humanly and militarily possible, The Stars and Stripes has tried to present to its readers all the news the way it happened. This has been done to the

Paper Too Optimistic? Air News Heavy? The Answers

best of the staff's ability, subject to all the rules of military censorship.

The War Department activated The Stars and Stripes of this war Mar. 3, 1942, with the full intention that it be a newspaper and not a propaganda sheet. Its staff, from enlisted men to top brass, has fought for and will continue to fight for that right, supported by the highest military authority.

When the paper was established, Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, issued this statement:

"Like any other veteran of the AEF in France, I am delighted to welcome the new version of The Stars and Stripes."

"I do not believe that any one factor could have done more to sustain the morale of the AEF than The Stars and Stripes," wrote Gen. Pershing of this soldier-newspaper. We have his authority for the statement that no official control was ever exercised over the matter which went in to The Stars and Stripes. "It always was entirely for and by the soldier," he said.

"This policy is to govern the conduct of the new publication. From the start The Stars and Stripes existed primarily to furnish our officers and men with news about themselves, their comrades, and the homes they had left behind across the sea."

'Symbol of the Freedoms'

"A soldier's newspaper, in these grave times, is more than a morale venture. It is a symbol of the things we are fighting to preserve and spread in this threatened world. It represents the free thought and free expression of a free people."

"I wish the staff every success in this important venture."

Their responsibility includes much more than the publication of a successful newspaper. The morale, in fact the military efficiency of the American soldiers in these islands, will be directly affected by the character of the new Stars and Stripes."

The Stars and Stripes complaint department reports that among its communications from the stockholders the chief gripe over the two-year period is that The Stars and Stripes is generally over-optimistic.

"The war is always ending tomorrow in The Stars and Stripes," so many say.

All the staff can say in reply is that while they personally don't think it will be over until the day after tomorrow, they just put in type what happens. Can they help it if the Russians push the Germans to hell and gone? Or if the Yanks out in the Pacific mop up one island after another and fail to get the Jap fleet to come out and fight? Or if the air forces here make the Nazis a bit uncomfortable for several days running?

When Gen. Somebody-or-Other says that he thinks the war will be over in four months, The Stars and Stripes says: "Gen. Somebody-or-Other said yesterday the war will be over in four months."

Joe, in the chow line, nudges the guy in front and says: "Look at this, willya, The Stars and Stripes says the war will be over again."

Honest, The Stars and Stripes didn't. The guy it quoted did.

And just as The Stars and Stripes has reported the predictions of victory in 1944 by such men as Gen. Eisenhower and President Roosevelt, and has carried Gen. Arnold's statement on large portions of enemy plane output smashed, so has The Stars and Stripes carried the pessimistic statements of others that it's gonna be a long, tough fight and that the enemy is still pretty damn strong.

The headlines, from day to day, give a pretty good picture of which way the wind is blowing.

There being no further business in the second fiscal year of The Stars and Stripes, the directors unanimously approved a motion to continue their efforts on behalf of the stockholders to tell all the news of the war, as truthfully as they can, for as long as it takes to reach the day when people will stare at a Joe in Piccadilly Circus.

Hash Marks

What's in a name? GIs at a station hospital over here got a big laugh when a visiting British lecturer referred to our Japanese enemies as "hairsty tenants of the jungle." One man didn't even grin, though—he was Sgt. Harry Tenant, chief clerk of his outfit.

* * * Fun on the Home Front: Irked because his draft board wouldn't classify him I-A, Sam Wilson, of New York, punched the board chairman in the eye. "I'm a fighting man," he explained to police.

* * * The following conversation "actually" took place the other day between one of the ETO GIs and a lieutenant of the same outfit.

The GI: "I gotta new girl, Lieutenant. She owns a pub."

The Lt.: "New girl, eh? Better than that ATS girl you've been going with?"

The GI: "Lieutenant—I said she owns a pub!"

* * * Anglo-American co-operation has reached a new high. A high-ranking officer of the ATS found herself face to face with a social problem. No games

books or encyclopedias could supply the answer; so she wrote an Englishwoman attached to the American Red Cross. The letter read in part, "I am writing to ask



your help on a most peculiar subject. I have been instructed by my superiors to find out exactly what the Americans mean by 'necking' and whether the GAME is fully understood by the English girls. I am trying to find out just how this American game of 'necking' is played and just what rules are considered standard." J. C. W.

NEWS FROM HOME

Bridges Sorry
He Misjudged
Aussies' PlanSenator Learns Only Men
Of Limited Service Are
Being Withdrawn

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16—Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.), who last week described Australia's decision to reduce its army by 90,000 men in the next year as "pretty surprising and shocking," made amends today to Australia for commenting prematurely.

He said he had since learned that the Commonwealth's plan constituted an adjustment of paper strength to actual fighting strength and that only 20,000 to 30,000 limited service men were being withdrawn from the army for vital production work.

"The latest official complete report indicates," Bridges said, "that Australia is taking no step inconsistent with an all-out war effort."

Chicago Snatch Probed

CHICAGO, Apr. 16—Police were investigating the kidnapping in suburban Berwyn of Jack Guzik, gambling boss and former aide of Al Capone. The search started when police received a call from a man who said he saw three masked gunmen pull a man out of a car, push him into another and drive away. The call was traced to the apartment of a friend of Guzik.

FDR Grants Furlough Request

RAHWAY, N.J., Apr. 16—Sgt. Elmer Truax is on his way home from the Pacific to see his wife and ailing baby. Mrs. Truax appealed to President Roosevelt for an emergency furlough for her husband because their 18-month-old baby has leukemia, a blood malady. Mrs. Truax was informed last night that her request has been granted.

Wants 'Oklahoma' Official Song

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Apr. 16—The title song of the Broadway stage hit "Oklahoma" may be adopted as the official state song for Oklahoma. Gov. Robert S. Kerr said that "I think this song 'Oklahoma' that causes Americans to stand up and cheer anywhere it is sung is certainly one that Oklahoma could feel proud to adopt."

Skelton Didn't Dood It

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Apr. 16—Red Skelton's proposed marriage to Muriel Morris, blonde movie actress, has been canceled. Their engagement lasted only three days. Said Miss Morris: "There is someone else in my life." Skelton said nothing.

4-Year-Old Stray Found

LEWISTOWN, Pa., Apr. 16—Two high-school boys, part of a searching party of 600, found Donald Curry, four, after the youngster had been lost in mountain underbrush for 24 hours. Donald had wandered away from a cabin.

Boy Killer Sentenced

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Apr. 16—Jerome Brockway, 18, a high-school student, has been sentenced to an indefinite term in a correctional institution. He was found guilty of the murder of Harry Bressler, 45, a farmer, last July.

'Little Pagans' Decried

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Apr. 16—Dr. Clarence H. Benson, of Chicago, who founded the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, said here that 70 per cent of the children in the U.S. were getting no religious training. They are growing up as "pagans," he said.

\$100,000 Fire in Portland

PORTLAND, Me., Apr. 16—Firemen from four communities battled a \$100,000 fire which threatened the Portland waterfront area and destroyed a four-story warehouse.

Joseph P. Day Dies

NEW YORK, Apr. 16—Joseph P. Day, the real-estate executive who operated on a national scale, died here at the age of 70. He organized the company which bears his name in 1894.

Albany Mayor Drafted

ALBANY, N.Y., Apr. 16—Mayor Erastus Corning II left for the Army after appointing Frank Harris, state treasurer, as temporary head of the city.

Gallup Poll Shows
Dewey a Standout
West Coast Choice

NEW YORK, Apr. 16—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, is the outstanding choice of West Coast Republicans for their party's Presidential nomination, according to the latest Gallup poll.

Figures released this weekend for California, Washington and Oregon showed the following preferences, in percentages:

California: Dewey, 46; Wendell Willkie, 25; Gen. Douglas MacArthur, 6; Gov. Earl Warren, of California, 11; Eric A. Johnston, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 2; Gov. John W. Bricker, of Ohio, 6; former Gov. Harold E. Stassen, of Minnesota, 4.
Washington: Dewey, 38; Willkie, 27; MacArthur, 7; Warren, 3; Johnston, 14; Bricker, 4; Stassen, 7.
Oregon: Dewey, 46; Willkie, 23; MacArthur, 18; Warren, 4; Johnston, less than 1; Bricker, 3; Stassen, 6.

Army Hospital Entertainment in U.S.



Associated Press Photo.

Convalescing soldiers smile their approval of the dance performance of Miss Jerry Whipple, member of a Dallas, Tex., Junior Chamber of Commerce troupe, at Ashburn General Hospital, McKinney, Tex. (Left to right) Pfc Albert Monet, Kankakee, Ill.; Pfc Paul Fine, Lowell, Mass.; Sgt. George Peckham, Winchester, Mass.; Cpl. Robert LaRosee, Waltham, Mass.; Sgt. Victor Posateri, Rock Island, Ill.; Pvt. Kenneth McDonald, Detroit; Sgt. Lenny Keane, Chicago; Pvt. George H. Massey, Dallas; Pvt. Joe Zaklukiewicz, Yonkers, N.Y.; and CM 1/c Frank O. Doone, McKinney, Tex.

Police Judge Cleared
Of Chaplin Conspiracy

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 16—Federal Judge J. F. O'Connor has dismissed an indictment accusing Police Judge Charles Griffin, of Beverly Hills, of conspiring with Charlie Chaplin and five others to violate Joan Barry's civil rights. Judge O'Connor held a federal court had no jurisdiction over Griffin's official acts.

\$4 Thought-Reading

NEW YORK, Apr. 16—Joseph Dunninger, a mental telepathist, appeared in traffic court as a defendant on an over-time parking charge. "What's on my mind?" asked Magistrate Anna Kross. "You're contemplating sending your daughter there," said Dunninger. "Amazing!" said the magistrate. "What else am I thinking of?" "Four dollars," said the mentalist. The judge agreed and he paid the fine.

Convicts Hailed for War Work

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Apr. 16—Fifty inmates of Leavenworth prison have received certificates for proficiency in war work. The certificates were handed out yesterday by James V. Bennett, director of the Bureau of Federal Prisons. The prison industries are engaged entirely in war work.

Helium Output Tops
U.S. Wartime Needs

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16—The Bureau of Mines is producing more than 25 times the pre-war output of helium—more than enough to meet all wartime requirements of the Army, Navy and governmental agencies, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes announced. He said a considerable surplus was available for medical, scientific and commercial uses.

6-Year-Old Hero

HARRISON, Ark., Apr. 16—Six-year-old Eulis Worthington is being showered with gifts and flowers and money at the local hospital for his heroism during a tornado Monday night. Eulis saved the life of a brother born 12 hours before the house was demolished, killing his mother. Eulis shielded the baby with his body; the baby escaped, but Eulis was injured critically.

Baby Killed in Truck Crash

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Apr. 16—A four-month-old baby and the driver of a truck bringing 35 people to work in sugar-beet fields were killed and seven others injured when the vehicle overturned. Police said the driver, Joseph Cervantes, 16, of Eagle Pass, Tex., apparently lost control of the truck.

15-Mile-Long Ship Lines Jam
N.Y. Harbor With War Supplies

NEW YORK, Apr. 16 (UP)—A shipping boom the like of which the world has never seen before has packed New York harbor with a line of ships sometimes 15 miles long.

Night and day, thousands of men load ships with war materials. Docks are piled high with food, guns, aircraft, oil, ammunition and other supplies for European battlefronts.

Miners Bill U.S.
For \$18,000,000

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16—John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, has presented Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes with a demand for prompt payment of \$18,000,000 in retroactive portal-to-portal pay for his miners.

He said a conspiracy existed to defraud the miners of the money he claimed was due to them under strike-settlement terms.

He added that "the miners are becoming increasingly angry at the failure of their government to redeem its promise."

Delayed Action

BOISE, Idaho, Apr. 16—James O. Newcomb, 64, has been awarded the Purple Heart by the Army for wounds suffered in the Battle of San Juan Hill (Spanish-American War), July 1, 1898.

Old Jobs Lose Appeal

BATAVIA, N.Y., Apr. 16—A survey of 3,000 servicemen and women from Genesee County has revealed that a little more than half don't care about going back to their former jobs.



"Target for To-night!"

By Jean Baird

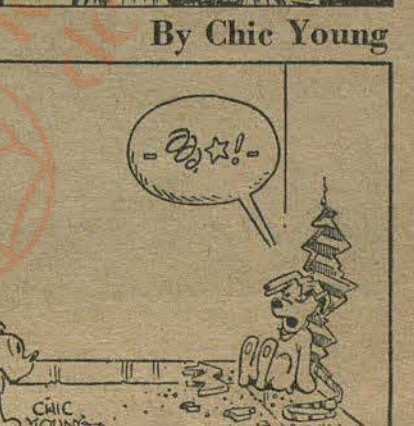
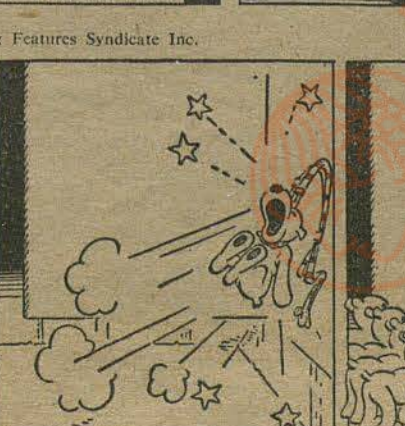
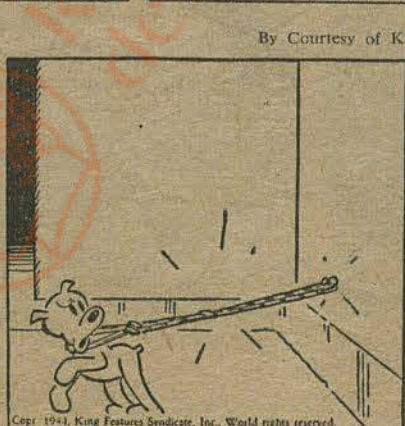
Diane



Male Call



Blondie



By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate Inc.

By Chic Young

Lending a Helping Hand—And Foot



Keystone Photo
An Army nurse training in Burma gives a pal a boost with her pack before starting an eight-mile hike, a regular part of their instruction in jungle warfare.

Guess Who?



Keystone Photo
It's Pistol Packin' Mama as portrayed by Bea Schuler in a Texas contest to choose an ideal gun-toting babe.

Symbol of British Toughness



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo.
Helen Hall of the USO-Camp Show "Keep 'em Rolling" and S/Sgt. Harold Gerstein get a welcome to the UK from "Winnie," who's British to the core.

The Mail's Here—Everybody's Happy



Keystone Photo
Marines invading Cape Gloucester, New Britain, cheered when the mailman caught up with them less than a week after the initial landings. The hundreds of sacks were sorted a short distance behind the battle lines.

Like a Bolt From the Blue



Bird's-eye view of a paratrooper hitting the silk in the Southwest Pacific. Paratroopers have played important roles in all major theaters of war.

Swing High, Swing Low For Health's Sake



OWI Photo
Girl recruits for the Coast Guard Service learn that a few rounds of the obstacle course is just the thing to keep that girlish figure.

Fishing in Dangerous 'Waters'



OWI Photo
Here's fishing adapted for war use. A GI who has unearthed a mine on the Italian Front attaches a hook to the explosive to pull it safely from a distance.

Greeks Had A Word For It



Curvaceous Juanita Stark has Hollywood press agents stumped—they can't coin a word to describe her charms. "Oomph" and "It" are out. What's your guess?