

Allies Demand Pantellaria Surrender

FDR Warns Axis Powers Against Gas

Promises Retaliation If Enemy Uses Poison Gas

WASHINGTON, June 9—There is increasing evidence that the Axis is preparing to use poison gas, President Roosevelt told his press conference here yesterday. The President said reports on the projected use of gas by the enemy were coming "with increasing frequency from a variety of sources."

He said "we promise to any perpetrators of such crimes full and swift retaliation in kind and I feel obliged to warn the Axis armies and peoples in Europe and Asia that terrible consequences of any use of these inhuman methods by them will be brought down surely and swiftly on their own heads."

"Any use of gas by the Axis will be immediately followed by the fullest possible retaliation upon munition centers, sea ports and other military objectives throughout the whole extent of the territory of such Axis country."

All For One

"I want to make it clear beyond all doubt that the use of gas against any one of the United Nations will be regarded as having been committed against the United States itself and will be treated accordingly."

This is the President's third warning against the use of gas during this war.

On the prospects of invasion of Europe President Roosevelt was silent. He declined to elaborate from the American angle on Prime Minister Churchill's statement to Parliament that amphibious warfare was in prospect.

Asked whether an American officer had been selected to head the invasion, Roosevelt dismissed the question as a leading one and told reporters that they would know about it a few months after the appointment.

Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. Chief of Staff, who accompanied Prime Minister Churchill to North Africa after the Washington conference, called at the White House earlier but President Roosevelt has no comment to make on the discussions.

Axis Reported Ready

"I have been loathe to believe," the President said, "that any nation, even our present enemies, could or would be willing, to loose upon mankind such terrible and inhumane weapons. However, evidence that the Axis powers are making significant preparations indicative of such an intention is being reported with increasing frequency from a variety of sources."

"Use of such weapons has been outlawed by the general opinion of civilized mankind. This country has not used them, and I hope that we never will be compelled to use them."

The President's words served to start a minor controversy among technical military men here as to just how Germany could—if they wanted to—employ what is primarily a siege-warfare weapon in the fast-moving modern mechanized type of conflict.

Some experts expected that possible landing places would be drenched with gas by the German defenders. Another school of thought held that German bombers might use gas in terror raids against Allied cities within reach of the Luftwaffe.

U.S. Navy Plans War Bond Drive

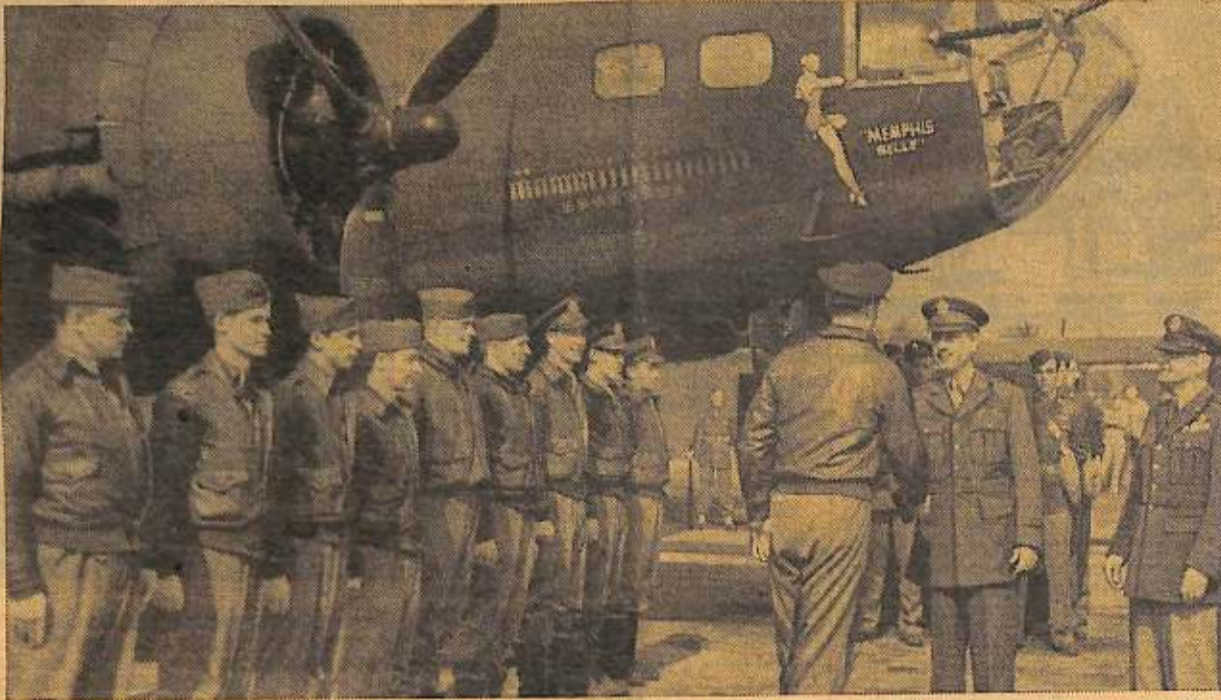
An effort soon will be made to sign up all sailors with the U.S. Naval Forces in Europe for \$10,000 in government insurance, according to Lt. (jg) R. Michael Fox, of Indianapolis, Ind., newly-assigned insurance officer of ComnavEu, who has arrived in London to direct the campaign.

He will contact bluejackets and officers in all naval activities in ComnavEu and plans to carry the drive to men on sea duty whose ships put into ports in the United Kingdom.

Lt. (jg) Fox explained that National Service Life Insurance costs the average Navy man \$6.60 a month for \$10,000 protection.

Until Aug. 10, no physical examination is required to sign up for a policy, regardless of the applicant's length of service.

Gen. Devers Congratulates Chief of 'Memphis Belle'



Associated Press Photo

Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commanding general of the ETO, shakes hands with Capt. Robert K. Morgan, skipper of the Flying Fortress "Memphis Belle," during ceremonies in honor of the crew and bomber which have completed 25 missions against the enemy. Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Eighth Air Force commander, follows Gen. Devers during the inspection.

Veterans of 'Memphis Belle' Going Home to Teach Others

By Charles F. Kiley

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, June 9—The men who rode the "Memphis Belle" on 25 raids over Germany and occupied Europe during the last seven months will be back home soon telling the folks all about it. They are going back with their big, battle-scarred B17 as instructors to teach rookies the finer points of getting a Flying Fortress to a target and back again. In their spare time they will try to promote the sale of a carload of War Bonds.

U.S. Will Keep War-Size Navy

Sec. Knox Tells Middies Country Will Not Scrap Ships

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 9 (UP)—The U.S. intends to maintain her Navy after the war, and will never again be lulled into a false sense of security, Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, told the graduating class at the Naval Academy here today. He said the fleet would be doubled this year.

"We do not intend to scrap the ships we are building, and you can be sure there is going to be work for everyone who looks on the Navy as a career," he said.

He gave a warning against the dangers of complacency, and said underestimating our enemies was a certain shortcut to defeat. "Ships have been sunk, and men needlessly lost, because of self-complacency on their part, or on the part of those above them."

"Today the demands of war have reached every American, and month by month the backing at home has gained momentum."

Six ships a day are now sliding down the slips, and this year the numerical strength of the fleet will more than double, and the tonnage increase by two-thirds. Thousands of landing craft also are being built.

"The United States is in this war with a clear conscience," Col. Knox said. "We wanted nothing from other nations except peace and good-will, and we sacrificed much to achieve what we hoped would be a lasting peace, laying our strength upon the block. We realize now what a mistake that was."

Allied Bombers Strike At Japanese Shipping

ALLIED HQ, Australia, June 9 (AP)—Liberator bombers damaged a 5,000-ton Japanese cargo ship in an attack on enemy shipping in the harbor of Soemba in the Dutch East Indies, today's communique reported.

In Dutch New Guinea Allied units started fires in Kaimana and bombed an airfield and supply dumps at Babo. Hits were scored in the runway area, causing explosions among buildings which rocked the aircraft at 6,000 feet.

Top ETO Boxers To Fight British Champs Tonight

11-Bout Card Begins In Albert Hall At 7 PM

The top boxers in the ETO take on the champions of the British Army on an 11-bout card at the Royal Albert Hall here tonight in the first meeting between the two services since the last war. In that fracas the British came out on top, scoring 50 points to 39 for the Americans.

The opening bell tonight rings at 7 PM with the house already sold out. On the American side, tonight's competition completes a program started by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee last November pointing for such a match. Through the combined efforts of the Army's Special Services, the American Red Cross and The Stars and Stripes, a series of fight programs was planned to give the Americans in this theater a chance to round into shape in order to meet the British champions.

The first contests were held at the Rainbow Corner and then the program was expanded to Belfast, Cheltenham and other centers.

After five months of ring battles, the ETO championships were held two weeks ago with winners crowned in eight weight divisions. These eight titlists, as well as the runners-up in the lightweight, welterweight and middleweight divisions, form the American squad.

Flyweight—Pfc Eddie LaBorde, of Gretna, La., vs. Pvt. Victor Sheard, RAVC.

Bantamweight—Cpl. Primitivo Molina, of Concord, Cal., vs. Rfm. Richard Carlan, RUR.

Featherweight—Pvt. Don Webber, of Roanoke, Va., vs. L/Bdr. William Marlowe, R.A.

Lightweight—Pvt. Frank Missella, of Cleveland, vs. Gnr. Fred Smith, R.A.; Pfc Gene Donato, Steelton, Pa., vs. Sgt. Bob Jones, APTC.

Welterweight—Pvt. Bill Garrett, of Braddock, Pa., vs. Sgt. Cyril Gallie, (Continued on page 3)

2,000 Mile Liberators Help Beat U-Boats in Mid-Atlantic

American Liberators with a range of more than 2,000 miles are the Coastal Command weapons defeating Nazi submarine packs in the Battle of the Atlantic, the Air Ministry disclosed yesterday.

The announcement revealed the identity of the aircraft which Prime Minister Winston Churchill referred to as VLRs—"Very Long Range" planes.

Speaking before the House of Commons earlier this week, in a review of his Washington conferences with President Roosevelt, the Prime Minister declared that the Libs' flights were closing the mid-Atlantic gap in which U-boats used to be able to operate without fear of air attack.

Equipped with especially large fuel tanks enabling them to carry depth charges great distances, squadrons of Liberators are patrolling the sea lanes from bases in the United States, Iceland and Northern Ireland.

One recent Liberator attack occurred 1,100 miles from the plane's base. It is not unusual, the Ministry stated, for a Liberator to be on patrol 18 hours.

Referring to their activities, Mr. Churchill said: "No longer has the U-boat a section of the Atlantic in which it can operate without fear of air attack—and there is reason to believe that attack is becoming yet more deadly."

Planes Drop Ultimatum To Give Up

Allied Invasion Expected As Axis Rejects Offer for Isle

Italy was prepared last night for an Allied invasion of Pantellaria—Mussolini's Mediterranean "Malta"—following rejection of reported Allied demands for surrender of the tiny island outpost, hammered continually by sea and air since the fall of Tunisia.

A communique issued at Allied Force Headquarters last night said that a demand for the unconditional surrender of the Italian garrison on Pantellaria was dropped on the island yesterday by Allied planes. No reply was received from the Pantellaria garrison.

Rome radio said the admiral commanding the garrison had ordered all men to their posts after Allied planes dropped leaflets demanding surrender by 6 PM last night.

The demand was ignored, Rome said, and the defenders "prepared to make the enemy pay the highest price for his expected landing attempt."

The most powerful pounding yet given the eight-mile-long outpost, only 45 miles from Cape Bon peninsula, was delivered simultaneously Tuesday by American Fortresses escorted by Lightnings and a large British naval squadron.

A Malta communique meanwhile revealed the "big-scale" Allied attack on the Italian island of Lampedusa—pictured by the Axis as one in which numerous craft were sunk and the landing forces "annihilated"—was just a reconnaissance operation in which only two men were lost.

Only Two Men Lost

A Malta communique said the landing was carried out by parties put ashore from British light naval craft. London observers said apparently this was only a minor rehearsal for the big-scale amphibious operations forecast by Prime Minister Churchill.

The growing power of the Allied assault against Europe, with its resultant effect of putting the Axis on the defensive, was underscored by President Roosevelt's warning in Washington of "full and swift retaliation in kind" if the enemy resorts to poison gas.

A ring-side seat at the bombardment of Pantellaria was enjoyed by American Lightning pilots, escorting Fortresses, who saw British Navy units pour salvo after salvo into the island, which has been pounded 17 successive days from the air and bombarded five times by British warships.

Weak Anti-Aircraft

Anti-aircraft fire ashore grew "noticeably weaker" as the first vessels opened fire "in perfect timing" with an assault by medium bombers. Paul Lee, Associated Press correspondent, wrote from the vantage point of a British destroyer off the island.

He said the Italians apparently thought invasion was at hand, because at the height of the attack they exploded beach mines "which cracked along the shore like a string of futile fire crackers for two minutes."

Lee said the warships cut back and forth firing shell after shell, making the island look "almost as if volcanic Pantellaria was having an extremely violent eruption."

From Allied headquarters came reports that Fortresses and Wellingtons which preceded the naval bombardment did not meet the enemy fighter umbrella they had encountered previously. However, some of the escorting Lightnings met enemy fighters on the way back and shot down two of them into the sea.

There was nothing from Allied sources to confirm the Italian reports of the demand for Pantellaria's surrender, but the Rome communique said it was conveyed in leaflets dropped from Allied planes and signed by Gen. Carl Spaatz, commanding the USAAF in northwest Africa.

Dagger Note To Hitler Declares 'We'll Be Back'

STOCKHOLM, June 9—The latest story to seep across the Norwegian border tells of an Oslo fisherman who found a note pinned to the door of his hut by a British naval dagger.

Addressed to "Cpl. Adolf Hitler," it said: "You said we won't succeed in landing on the European mainland. Now you see we've been here and we can promise to come back again." It was signed "Tommy Hawkins, submarine officer."

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Meet Colonel Blimp

A new picture, the Life and Death of Colonel Blimp, has been released for public showing. Filmed over a period of two years, this movie runs for nearly three hours, making it a close second in length to Gone With The Wind.

The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp is a British film that takes a gentle crack at military men who attempt to fight modern wars with antiquated weapons and tactics, and although the leading character is a "British Brass Hat" he is familiar to those who have served in every army and he can be found in almost every grade and rank.

We have seen Blimps who were privates, sergeants, captains, or colonels. They are the officers and men who are always sure they know the only way to tackle a job. They give advice freely and teach tactics that prove wrong when tested in the hard school of experience. They enjoy giving dull lectures that teach nothing new, and they have a long list of things that can't be done in the army for they have tried to do them and have failed.

Blimps are often quick to spot a soldier with initiative, and quite often they will "Tell-off" a good man just to keep him in his "proper place."

Many a Blimp has a splendid military record, and his character at times is lovable. But Blimps are good soldiers who have gone to seed. When they go to seed in time of war they lead a hard life for they soon attract attention and are promptly weeded out.

We feel the film Life and Death of Colonel Blimp will give you a new slant on the army and we hope it will alert a few "Blimps," particularly those who so often delight in throwing monkey-wrenches into the wheels of progress.

Your New Car

The folks at home are thinking about your new car, and leaders in the automobile industry are laying plans to have it ready to deliver to you on your return to America.

The groundwork for a spectacular expansion in the production of passenger cars has been laid to insure production during the immediate postwar period. The program has a two-fold objective:

- 1-To cushion anticipated widespread unemployment during the reconversion to peacetime production; 2-To meet the brisk demand of eager buyers for new cars.

A substantial increase in automobile production, perhaps as much as 50 per cent over 1941 output of 4,500,000 cars, is contemplated by manufacturers whose facilities now are turning out more than twenty million dollars worth of war material daily.

Cessation of passenger car building shortly after Pearl Harbor has deprived motorists of approximately eight million new cars in 1942 and 1943. The industry hopes to make up these units by stepping up its production to record levels immediately after the war.

The industry expects to swing back into production of 1942 models, with minor changes, within three to six months after the war ends.

Your new car will be ready for you at the dock, claims one manufacturer, who hopes to be able to have production well under way by the time the great mass of troops reaches home.

War Vocabulary

Among the latest war additions to the language in Holland are the terms "diver" and going "cycling."

Both mean the same thing, for a "diver" is a man who dives underground and disappears from legal existence. The same individual can also be said to have gone "cycling," which is in most cases a literal description of the truth.

Hiding by day, the "diver" usually cycles from place to place in the darkness, knocking at farm doors to obtain food.

As the occupation of Holland develops into a battle of wits it is becoming increasingly clear that the "Gestapo" has nothing on the average Dutchman, who always seems to be a jump or two ahead of the Nazi bloodhounds, despite their claims of superiority.

Divers in Holland out cycling could, if they wished, stop and tell stories that would make the listener's hair curl. They could also mention words whose dictionary meaning would leave one impression; but when used by a "cycling" man enable him to move round the countryside freely and provide him with friends when the need requires.

Hash Marks

The other day we got talking to a tall, tanned Texan who had joined the Canadian Army several years ago and came overseas at an early date. His face was shiny with a particularly well-scrubbed look and his hair glistened. He hastened to explain his appearance thusly: "I was getting all cleaned up to come on leave and asked a buddy to hand me some hair tonic; he handed me cod-liver oil instead, and I poured it on in a hurry. When I got to town, 20 cats started following me before I had gone a block—so I had to duck into a club and scrub up a bit."

GI observation: Figures may not lie,



but girdles keep a lot of them from telling the truth.

This was bound to happen sooner or later. At a camp in the States last week a captain married a captain (one being a WAAC, of course). Odds are 10-1 the first-born will be a born first sergeant.

If you want action, not excuses, a good spot to visit is the post commanded by Capt. J. A. Anderson, of Everett, Mass., now serving over here. A familiar sign that stares you in the face when you enter the post reads: "Yes, Sir, It Shall Be Done!" The motto is that of Capt. Anderson's old regiment now somewhere in the S. Pacific. Says Anderson, "When someone comes up to me and says that something just can't be done, I just refer them to that sign as my answer and no more questions are asked."

Here's a little verse that slipped by the poet's corner:

There was a young girl from Peru, Who decided her loves were too few, So she walked from her door With a fig-leaf, no more; And now she's in bed—with the flu.

GI Philosophy: Four out of five women-haters are women.

Two sweet young things back in the States were gossiping over a snack at



the corner drug store. Asked one, "What war-time occupation are you pursuing, dearie?" "Well, right now, it's a second lieutenant," was the candid reply.

GI Philosophy (WAAC version): Womanhood suffers from three delusions—marriage will reform a man; a rejected lover is heartbroken for life; and if the other woman was only out of the way he would come back.

J. C. W.

GI 'Playground' in Roman Relics

Yanks Spend Leaves At Scenic Spot In Bath

By Arthur W. White Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BATH, Somersetshire, June 9—A corporal from Brooklyn named Joe Swartz was sitting on the edge of the ancient swimming pool here where the Roman governors of Britain used to cure their hangovers 2,000 years ago.

Joe didn't have a hangover, but he was relishing a thought: "What a place for a guy from Brooklyn; Caesar's swimming hole!"

It all started when Joe heard that at Bath, in England's West Country, there are swimming pools built in 54 AD by the Romans, and that the place is full of relics just as old.

"That was OK," said Joe, "I nearly believed this guy, even though that works out at about a coupla thousand years old. But I sure gave him the old fish-eye when he rolled out a line about there being a 2,000-year-old loaded dice here as well."

Joe felt the hollows in the stone floor made by the toes of the Roman bathers.

"But now I've seen it. A loaded dice 2,000 years old."

"And right now, I guess, Joe Swartz is sitting where thousands of Romans sat, maybe Caesar himself. Kinda makes you feel funny, don't it?"

And being a sensible guy, unlike a certain "George, Pa., '42," he didn't have to be told that "Joe Swartz, Brooklyn, '43," isn't quite the thing to carve on pillars that have stood unmolesied for centuries.

He joined a party following a guide, and later went swimming in the mineral water in another pool.

Just Don't Believe It

Joe's reaction to the old baths was the same as that of practically every American soldier who has been there. Some of them, awed by the age of the place, shut up like clams, according to Mrs. G. M. Hardy and Miss M. Ferguson, of the local Overseas Hospitality Committee, who have shown them around.

Others, said Sgt. Charles G. Millet, of Denver, Col., who was escorting S/Sgt. Fred Bozer, of Carthage, Mo., just don't believe it.

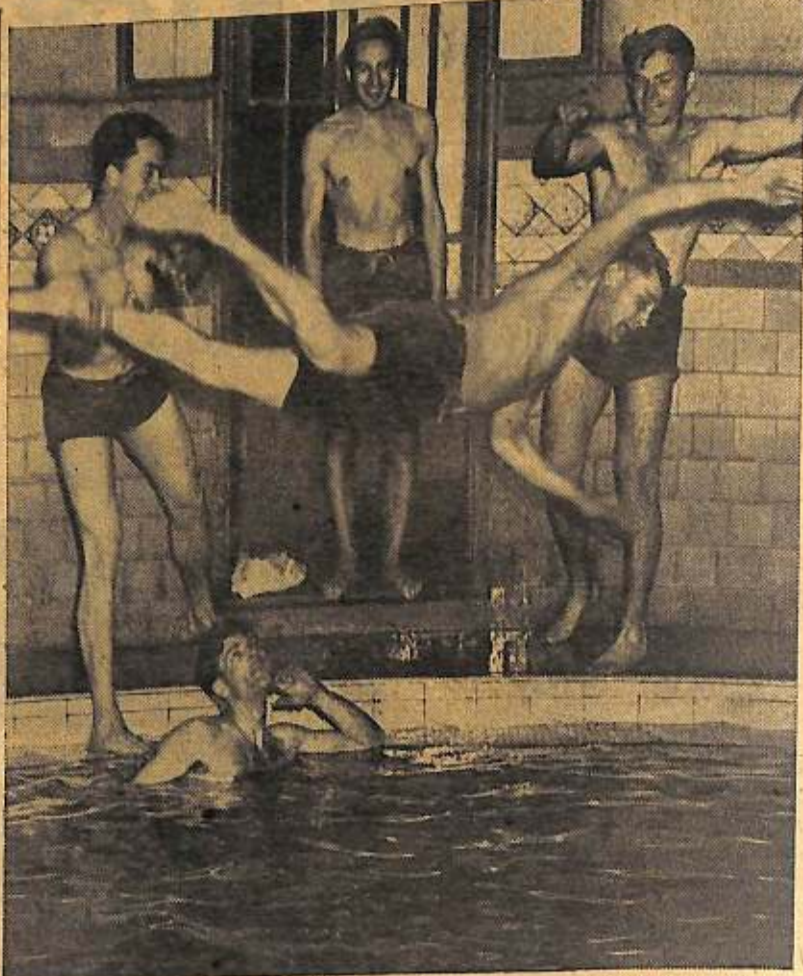
"It takes quite a while to convince some of our boys that it isn't a fake. They just can't believe that anything can be so old."

Pfc Bill Poley, of Chicago, voiced what most GIs think when he said, "Boy, how I'd like to cart some of these stones home. They'd sure give an artistic touch to our backyard."

A space on one side of the pool, Cpl. Sam Edelman, of Brooklyn, theorized, was obviously where the ancient swimmers did calisthenics.

T/Sgt. Wayne W. Carlton, of Denver, Col., and S/Sgt. Mauritz Williams, of Fort Morgan, Col., were especially interested in the remains of the hot air chambers where Romans with banquet hangovers sweated it out.

Julius Caesar and Claudius, standing solemnly in stone on the balcony at one end, hung their heads in shame in April last year, following two Jerry raids on



Stars and Stripes Photo

Heading for the waters of a swimming pool built on Roman foundations is Cpl. Joe Simpson, Falmouth, Ky., launched by Sgt. James Woods, Milan, Tenn., and Sgt. Lawrence Kemsy, Atlanta, Ga. Cpl. Daniel Leone, Jersey City (in doorway), and Cpl. Frank Nolan, Paterson, N.J. (in pool), watch.

Bath. The local British Restaurant staff washed their dishes in the pool, tied a line between the two statues and hung their tea-towels up to dry.

"Old Julius must have looked like a Union Pacific waiter," said Pfc Max Braverman, of Chicago, one of the "MP twins" present. His fellow nightstick, sitting precariously beside him on a tall rock on the water's edge, was Pfc George A. Cross, of Madison, Wis.

The great pool, still covered with lead on the bottom weighing 40 pounds to the square foot, is now filled with goldfish and no longer used for swimming. It remained hidden for centuries beneath the city and was discovered during excavations in 1878.

A Loaded Bone Dice

Water still bubbles from the nearby hot spring at 120 degrees F., is cooled, and relayed to modernized pools, built on Roman foundations.

One loaded bone dice, probably dropped hastily by a Roman when his wife disturbed a quiet crap game, was found in a recess nearby. It contains, officials say, a tiny piece of lead, and usually turns up "six."

Cpl. Samuel Pearlman, of New Haven, Conn., saw three tiny bottles, the size of a shaving brush, the bottoms of which are pushed in to make it look as if they contain more than they actually do, just like modern tomato ketchup bottles.

There are also ancient sharp-toothed combs, GI-size spoons and cups, and rings which would make good knuckle-dusters.

Every Wednesday a party of Yanks staying at the Lansdown Grove ARC club, 600 feet above sea level, comes down the hill to town and swims in the mineral water in one of the modernized pools.

One of the feminine Lansdown ARC trio—Virginia Stanley (director), Ann Carmack, both of Washington, or Louise Breuninger, of Coatesville, Pa.—always goes with the boys.

ARC man Ernie A. Williams acts as lifeguard, and has promised to look for any GI who doesn't come up in 15 minutes. That's because a lot of them spend most of their time on the bottom searching for ancient relics which aren't there.

Sgt. James Woods, of Milan, Tenn., almost burst a lung vainly searching under water for a glimpse of old rock with Cpl. Joe Simpson, of Falmouth, Ky.

Sgt. Lawrence Kemsy, of Atlanta, Ga., and Cpl. Frank Nolan, of Paterson, N.J., both of whom were YMCA swimming fans back home, said the water was better than any they'd tried before.

Curse Engraved on a Stone

Guides escorting GIs always keep the prize relic to the end.

It is an ancient stone with a slick little curse engraved on it in Latin by a disgruntled Roman youth.

His girl friend, Vibbia, liked a lot of guys—eight to be exact—and that's some competition even for an energetic young Roman. The last time she stood him up he could take it no longer, and as a parting gesture dreamed up a curse and threw the stone to the deity of the hot springs for him to get to work on.

The words on the stone are, "May he who carried off Vibbia waste away like this dumb water." He followed with the names of the eight rivals, one of whom had pinched his girl.

Every Yank who has ever felt the wind whistle up his ODs while he waited in vain under the clock on Bath's gloomy grey Abbey knows just how the poor guy felt.



Forward Home!

Our boys are thinking: "O, to get back home!" An old nostalgic note, a note of weakness. American pioneers thought: "Forward home!" And drove their "schooners" hard through desert bleakness toward something new and better in the West. With finer freedoms, kinder harvests blest. "Forbid we go back home with all its blindness!" What thoughtless, makeshift domiciles they were, Those homes we left in tears, whose partial kindness Shut out the indifferent world and made us err With kinsmen, neighbors, friends, who failed as one To shape our destinies beneath the sun!

And bursting shells that cause our thoughts to freeze Yet when safe silence fills the starlit dome Would we go back or now go forward home?

Men, forward, home! Through battles and distress To homes that we shall purge and renovate; Homes that we love yet, loving, change not less But hasten to the task because it's late Our harvest needs the fearless flail of Truth, The dreams and drive of pioneering Youth.

Scott Henry Perky.

Mentioning No Names

Said Johnny Kraker, the handy man, "This defense thing's full of jolts. Why, it's hard to buy even little things, Like screws and nuts and bolts."

"Now, Johnny," said I, "take it easy, For without any ifs or buts, Tho they may run low on screws and bolts, We'll always have plenty of nuts!"

Jazbo



"Com'on Joe, forget he's an Englishman—imagine he's a German; Jap or a U.S. Marine!"

Haegg Needs Weeks to Get Into Condition

Finds New York Weather Too Hot After Sweden

By Bob Considine

International News Service Sports Writer
NEW YORK, June 9—Gundar Haegg, Swedish distance ace, holder of five world records set in Sweden last summer and reputedly the greatest distance runner of all time, was greeted at LaGuardia Airport by an American and Swedish contingent, including Greg Rice, America's leading distance runner.

"Hallaa Amerikamka pressman jag ar glad far mota er och happas gora mitt basta i Amerika," half whispered Haegg when he was unveiled before sports writers after his arrival at New York after a 26-day sea trip.

"How's that, bub?" asked somebody. So Sven Dahlman, first Secretary at the Swedish Embassy, smiled and said he would take over and transmit all questions.

Haegg is a sallow fellow who looks like Hamlet in tweeds. He has long, light hair, slicked straight back. He now weighs 159 pounds, eight or nine over his best running weight, and stands just under six feet. When Chief Specialist Greg Rice shook hands with him, they looked like Mutt and Jeff. Gundar can't speak a word of English and seemed a little unhappy about leaving sub-arctic Gavle, where he is a fireman, for a city so stifling he could hardly breathe.

On Guard Against Newsmen
Haegg said softly he might need six or seven weeks to get in good shape, but added with a melancholy air that he was past his prime.

"But you're only 24," protested one of the boys. This was transmitted quietly into Gundar's slightly flanged ears and after a glum reply from the fabulous runner, Dahlman smiled and said, "He says it is natural to be past your peak at 24. And says that is time to become a sports writer."

That brought up the question of the great misquote wherein Gundar is supposed to have said he wouldn't run for American war charities. He replied again that he had been done dirt and added, "Hereafter I'll always be on my guard around newspapermen."

"My wife feels the same way," wheezed one of the boys.

"She must be nice person," Haegg said mirthlessly, through Sven his translator.

Has No Special Diet
Here are his plans:

He will go away to some place—"where I can get close to nature"—and work out for half hour each evening. He will run in the National Championships June 19 and 20, but does not know yet whether in 1,500-meter event wherein he is scheduled to face our current champion Gil Dodds, or in 5,000-meter event, against Greg Rice. He would prefer the latter.

His American tour will take him from New York to Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Washington, in that order. There will be special meets in all places.

Haegg hasn't a special diet. Said he was astounded at the size of the steak he got at Antoine's in New Orleans shortly after he arrived in this country. "It was a month's meat ration in our country," in an awed whisper.

His main concern is our heat, which he thinks will keep him from coming very close to the world marks he holds for every distance from 1,500 meters to 5,000 meters.

Not a Bucket Brigade
Haegg thinks somebody will run the mile in four minutes one of these days, but it won't be him. His world record is four minutes, four and six-tenths seconds. The record he is proudest of is the 1,500-meter mark of three minutes 45 and eight-tenths seconds. He thinks that will be toughest to beat.

He doesn't know what makes him a good runner. He does not run with a stop watch in his hand, and the training he does in snow is just incidental. Somebody asked him how he happened to be a runner and Haegg, after staring bleakly at his questioner, asked in Swedish, "How did you happen to become a sports writer?" No more was heard from the ink-stained wretch.

It offended Haegg slightly when somebody asked if his fire department was a bucket brigade. He replied that it was fully motorized. Mutual friends will introduce him to New York's well-known fireman, Mayor LaGuardia, and they may run to several together. The mayor is said to be holding out for a 100-yard start.

U.S. Boxers Who Fight Tonight



Here are the boys who'll be fighting against the British Army team at Albert Hall tonight. Front row: Pvt. Don Webber, Roanoke, Va., featherweight; T/5 Bat Rossi, Ogleby, Ill., welterweight; Pfc Gene Donato, Steelton, Pa., lightweight; Cpl. Primitivo Molina, Concord, Cal., bantamweight; Pvt. Eddie LaBorde, Gretna, La., flyweight. Rear row: Pvt. Frank Missella, Cleveland, light-heavyweight; CM/3c Frank Loucka, Cleveland, middleweight; Pvt. Vincent Kozak, Hazleton, Pa., heavyweight; Cpl. Bill Eck, Allentown, Pa., middleweight; Pfc Bill Kingsland, Redondo Beach, Cal., light-heavyweight; and Pvt. Bill Garrett, Braddock, Pa., welterweight.

National League Power Lies With Western Ball Teams

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NEW YORK, June 9—The major league teams rested today after untangling themselves from a series of inter-divisional games which apparently previewed the remainder of the season.

The clashes showed beyond dispute that the balance of power in the National League lies in the West and that the pennant will be won or lost against teams from the other side of the mountains.

For the faltering Brooklyn Dodgers, who open against the Boston Braves, it is now or not at all. Their chance to move from second place into a lead substantial enough to withstand the onslaught of the St. Louis Cardinals depends on what they do in their forthcoming swing through the East.

The front-running Cardinals will be meeting some power like their own in the Pittsburgh Pirates, who were a bundle of bad news for invading western clubs during a recent series.

The Philadelphia Phillies, now in sixth place after their sensational early season spurt into first division, open against the New York Giants at the Polo Grounds in a series that threatens to drop the fading Giants into the cellar.

Cincinnati and Chicago will be idle until Friday.

The high-flying Washington Senators, only one game out of first place, travel to Boston to meet the Red Sox, now in seventh place but only five and a half games off the pace.

The Detroit Tigers, playing up to the form expected before the season, seem likely to improve their third place tie with Philadelphia in a home series with Chicago White Sox, now in fifth place by half a game over the Cleveland Indians.

The cellar-dwelling St. Louis Browns move into Cleveland for a series opening with a night game.

The New York Yankees, whose successful home stand meant plenty of money in the bank, are idle tomorrow, but resume play Thursday against the Athletics.

Fran Hecker Fans 15, ASC Tops Medics, 7-0

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, June 9—Fireball Francis Hecker, big fast-baller from New Orleans, shut out the General Hospital, 7-0, as the American School Center put together seven hits for as many runs. Hecker, who used to blow them by in the Georgia-Florida league, struck out 15, allowed five hits, walked one and permitted one runner to reach third base.

The Center strung together a run in the third inning on Hecker's single, a walk and an error; added four more in the fifth, capitalizing on two medic errors, another in the sixth when Hecker stroked his second single and the last run in the ninth stanza, Jim O'Neill unloading a tremendous triple behind a walk.

The victory was the Center's second in as many games and boosted Hecker's strikeout total to 26.

No Games in Majors
NEW YORK, June 9—No games were scheduled yesterday in the American and National Leagues.

Blondie (By courtesy of King Features Syndicate and the London Daily Sketch)



Minor League Results

International League
Tuesday's Games
Newark 8, Montreal 5 (first game)
Newark 8, Montreal 2 (second game)
Jersey City 4, Toronto 1
Buffalo 2, Syracuse 1 (first game)
Buffalo 2, Syracuse 1 (second game)
Rochester 4, Baltimore 2

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Toronto	30	.18	Baltimore	20	.19	.513
Newark	23	.18	Rochester	16	.22	.421
Montreal	23	.20	Springfield	9	.23	.281
Syracuse	18	.16	Buffalo	15	.23	.395

Eastern League
Tuesday's Games
Scranton 11, Utica 6
Elmira 4, Hartford 3
No other games played.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Scranton	24	.5	Albany	16	.14	.533
Wilkes-Barre	18	.13	Hartford	16	.18	.471
Binghamton	17	.13	Springfield	9	.23	.281
Elmira	16	.13	Utica	6	.23	.207

American Association
Tuesday's Games
Indianapolis 5, Milwaukee 3
Kansas City 8, Louisville 7
Columbus 7, St. Paul 1
Toledo 11, Minneapolis 3

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Indianapolis	19	.16	Minneapolis	18	.17	.514
Milwaukee	19	.16	St. Paul	17	.20	.459
Kansas City	17	.15	Kansas City	12	.18	.400
Columbus	17	.15	Louisville	12	.20	.375
Toledo	17	.15				

Southern Association
Tuesday's Games
Little Rock 5, Knoxville 3
No other games played.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Nashville	30	.16	Atlanta	21	.22	.488
Little Rock	25	.18	Knoxville	19	.26	.422
Chattanooga	23	.17	New Orleans	20	.28	.417
Birmingham	27	.20	Memphis	12	.30	.286

Pacific Coast League
Tuesday's Games
Los Angeles 8, San Francisco 1
Oakland 5, Hollywood 3
No other games played.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Los Angeles	39	.12	Portland	23	.27	.460
San Francisco	31	.19	Hollywood	23	.29	.442
San Diego	26	.26	Seattle	18	.31	.367
Oakland	25	.26	Sacramento	17	.32	.357

Ramblers Trounce Tigers With Rally in Eighth, 12-6

WBS HQ, June 9—Rain interfered with all but one game in the scheduled inaugural of the central district baseball league of WBS.

In the only contest played, the Port Ramblers took the measure of Trainer's Tigers, 12-6, as the result of an eighth-inning rally which netted six runs. Leading by only 6-5, T/Sgt. Louis Schneidewind clouted a triple with men on bases to start the rally that broke up the game.

T/4 Jack Lawrence, of Grosse Park Farm, Mich., was on the mound for the Ramblers, with T/5 Earl Herstich, of Youngstown, Ohio, behind the plate. Losing hurler was T/5 Roger Martin, of Bradford, Me., with T/4 H. Pawlak, of Buffalo, N.Y., catching.

Wolverines Lead Corps Loop
—CORPS HQ., June 9—The Lions clipped the Tigers, 7-2, and the Wolverines stopped the Bears, 9-1, in the latest league games here. League standings:

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Wolverines	3	0	Lions	1	2	.333
Eagles	2	0	Cavaliers	0	1	.000
Yellow J's	2	0	Leopards	0	2	.000
Bears	1	1	Tigers	0	3	.000

Pep Outpoints Bartolo in Title Scrap at Boston

Willie Takes 15-Round Featherweight Contest

BOSTON, June 9—A lightning jab and agile footwork enabled Willie Pep to outpoint Sal Bartolo in a 15-rounder here last night in his first defense of his New York and Massachusetts version of the featherweight title. Pep rallied splendidly in the closing rounds to score a clearcut and unanimous decision in a fight that was anybody's until the 12th.

Bartolo, a Boston Italian, punched hard and body-attacked savagely, but seemed to run out of gas in the 12th. It was Pep's 67th victory in 68 fights and it was easier than his famous one-point decision over Bartolo in a non-title bout last April, although Willie suffered a bloody nose and a mouse on his left cheek. Bartolo showed only a bruise over his left eyebrow.

Pep jabbed Bartolo silly in the early rounds, but in the fifth the Bostonian left-hooked Pep into a corner, clinched, slipped out and caught Willie with a left and a right to the head, forcing him to the ropes.

Pep in Control
First blood was drawn in the tenth when Bartolo smashed Pep's nose, but Pep retaliated in the 11th, partially opening an old cut over Bartolo's left eye. Bartolo rocked Pep with two shots to the head in this round, but it was his flurry.

From the 12th on Pep had the situation in hand, showering Bartolo with lefts which the Italian seemed unable to avoid. After nailing him with a right to the jaw in the 13th, Pep wrestled Bartolo to the canvas.

The best punch of the whole bout was Pep's right smash to the face in the eighth which sent Bartolo reeling on heels against the ropes.

Pep scaled the featherweight limit of 126, Bartolo a half pound less.

Jimmy Bivins Stops Marshall

CLEVELAND, June 9—Local boy Jimmy Bivins kayoed Lloyd Marshall in the 13th round in his first defense of his "duration" light-heavyweight championship before a crowd of 18,000 at Cleveland Stadium.

The coupe-de-grace was a hard right to Marshall's cheekbone as he fell back into the corner from a series of Bivins' left hooks. Except for a few brief flurries of action in a few rounds, the bout was slow. Marshall tired in the later rounds, while Bivins was content to fight only as hard as was necessary.

Marshall commenced with a fast pace, winning the first three rounds on his speed. Bivins took the next three on his superior punching power. Marshall took the seventh, dropping Bivins for one count with a right to the head.

Pacing himself nicely, Bivins scored with hard left hooks and rights to the body during the next three frames. Marshall was floored for the nine-count in the ninth and again in the twelfth, but recovered each time.

Bivins, at 174 and three-quarter pounds, availed himself of a ten-pound weight advantage to clinch frequently.

It was Bivins' eleventh successive victory in a streak, which started when he was outpointed by Bob Pastor in April of '42.

Count Fleet Cut During Running of Belmont Stakes

NEW YORK, June 9—Mrs. John D. Hertz's racing stables revealed that Count Fleet suffered a deep gash and severe wrench of the left ankle during his Belmont Stakes victory last Saturday.

The Count walked around today without a limp, but won't run for several weeks. He should, however, be ready for the Arlington Classic in Chicago, July 24.

Jockey Johnny Longden said the Count was injured during the second quarter of the mile and a half race when he was crossing from the middle of the track to the rail. He felt the Count falter and reined him in until he regained his faultless, frictionless stride. Old timers said the accident explained the Count's otherwise inexplicably slow—25 seconds—second quarter.

Stuhldreher to Coach All-Stars
CHICAGO, June 9—Harry Stuhldreher, University of Wisconsin football coach, has been named head coach of the College All-Star squad for the game with the professional champion Washington Redskins at Evanston, Ill., Aug. 25. The squad is reporting for practice Aug. 7. Stuhldreher will have four assistant coaches representing the East, South, Pacific Coast, and Midwest.

Carideo Ordered to Report
DES MOINES, Iowa, June 9—Frank Carideo, backfield coach at the University of Iowa, has been ordered to report for naval training as a lieutenant, jg. The entire Hawkeye football coaching staff is now in the armed forces.

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Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, EC4.

Personal
WILL Adrian Hart, of St. Genevieve, Mo., write Shipster Second Class E. N. Nevils, at USNOB, Londonderry, North Ireland, or, if he sees this within the next few days, leave word at the Red Cross Washington Club where Nevils can reach him?

Musicians Wanted
ARMY band desires fine musicians. State qualification, experience and instrument played.

Musical Instruments
SAXOPHONE, CLARINET OR FLUTE (alto or tenor) wanted by S/Sgt. James A. Shepherd who is willing to give up poker for the duration to pay a reasonable price.

Nazis Reported Short on Vital Stocks of War

Production Reported Cut By Lack of Metal, Oil Supplies

STOCKHOLM, June 9 (UP)—Striking evidence that German war production is suffering heavily from a growing shortage of certain vital metals, lubricants and petrol has reached Stockholm.

It comes from a well-informed man who has an intimate knowledge of the shipbuilding and repair yards at Stettin, on the Baltic, and, while it is limited to three Stettin firms—the Stettiner Oder Werke, the Vulcan Werke and the Golnow Werke—there is reason to believe that the troubles these firms are now meeting do represent an accurate picture of German war production problems today.

According to the informant, an enormous change has taken place in production. Earlier in the war the three firms were important builders of U-boats, motor torpedo-boats and other light naval craft, but in the last six months the Stettiner Oder Werke has not produced a U-boat or torpedo-boat, and the other two firms' production of torpedo-boats and light naval craft has dropped sharply.

Swamped With Repairs

The fall in production is attributed to the fact that all three firms are swamped with repair work; there is an increasing shortage of bronze, copper, zinc and certain alloys; and there is a steady decrease in the output of workers.

Ley's Labor Front organization has placed signs in all factories calling upon the workers to put forth a greater effort.

Due to the lack of antimony the Germans have been experimenting with wood, hardened by a special process, to line parts of the large housings around the propeller shafts. These so-called plastic bearings have not been successful, it is reported, and ships are forced to return to port after ten or 15 days at sea to have new bearings installed.

Shortage of labor and the hard driving by employers which has affected the worker's health, are other contributing factors in the falling production. Use of foreigners and prisoners has failed to solve the problem.

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chosen for an important home-based assignment because its exploits typify the experiences of most bomber crews, because the geography of the nation is represented in their eight home states but mainly because they are an example of an ideal combat team.

Fellow fliers of the Belle's airmen call them the luckiest guys in the world for several reasons. Theirs is the first bomber crew in the ETO to finish its tour of operational duty and get a home assignment. It also started and finished its ops with the same crew that was assembled in the states and flew together on every mission, except a few on which a superior officer rode as co-pilot.

And, despite numerous battles with enemy fighters and the best flak the Axis can throw at a plane, only one of the Belle's boys was injured. Sgt. Quinlan was nicked in the leg with flak over Rouen and was awarded the Purple Heart. The rest of the crew kid him about it.

"I've had worse than that happen to me while sewing buttons on my shirt," Capt. Morgan told him.

Whereas her crew escaped practically unscathed, the Belle did not and is a tribute to the maintenance men who kept her in the air. She has had a new right wing, tail assembly and nine new engines besides scars that hide holes from machine-guns, cannon and flak.

Capt. Morgan said the maintenance crew deserves the trip home as much as any of them and regretted leaving them behind.

The six men who kept Belle's nose powdered and chassis in working order are M/Sgt. Joseph H. Giambone, Norristown, Pa., crew chief; Sgt. Robert G. Walters, Walla Walla, Wash., assistant crew chief; S/Sgt. Max Armstrong, Albright, W. Va.; Sgts. R. C. Champion, Chicago, Ill., and Charles P. Blausner, York, Pa., and Cpl. Leonard E. Sowers, St. Louis, Mo.

During her seven months of operational duty the Belle dropped approximately 60 tons of bombs on the dock installations at Brest, submarine base at St. Nazaire, locomotive repair shops at Lille, Romilly's aircraft pool, the Hamm railroad center, fighter base at Abbeville, Lorient's U-

'Year and Three Minutes to Live'

U.S. Born Japanese Anxious for Action, However Brief

CAMP SHELBY, June 9—Spiritedly conforming to its regimental motto, the Japanese-American combat team is rapidly taking shape here on the red clay drill-fields of southern Mississippi.

Japanese by ancestry but Americans by speech, customs and ideals, the several thousand Nisei from Hawaii and war relocation centers on the mainland are training for the day when they can fight shoulder-to-shoulder with other Americans against a common enemy.

"Go for Broke" is the motto they have inscribed on their self-designed and officially approved coat of arms. It is soldier slang born of dice games, and it means "shoot the works" or risk all on the big venture before them.

It was no idly chosen phrase. They realize they have perhaps more at stake in this war than the average soldier. They have known from the beginning they would be under close public scrutiny, each soldier—in the words of their commanding officer—"a symbol of the loyalty of the Japanese-American population." By temperament, character and zeal they are admirably suited for a combat team.

'Year and Three Minutes'

The Nisei are proud to be chosen for a combat team. Young, mostly unmarried and with all the makings of combat team troops, they are keen for action and anxious to make good. Among themselves they boast they have "a year and three minutes to live—a year of training and three minutes of action." Already they have the psychology of shock troops.

The Nisei are proud, too, that the combat team is 100 per cent an organization of volunteers. In fact, thousands



Tommy guns and 30 cal. machine-guns are some of the weapons Americans of Japanese descent are being trained to use at Camp Funston, Cal., by the U.S. Army.

more volunteered than the prescribed quota. Many applicants who were turned down actually wept in disappointment. Many quit high-paying jobs in Hawaii to enlist, and some left wives and children in the islands.

From a mainland volunteer came this succinct statement: "We are anxious to show what real lovers of American democracy will do to preserve it. Our actions will speak for us more than words."

On the post they already have made a name for themselves in athletics, with their musical talent and in war bond buying. The combat team, in two days and with no more than a suggestion from company commanders, bought \$101,550 worth of war bonds, putting their cash on the barrelhead.

Commanding the combat team is Col.

Charles W. Pence, who was born in Illinois and served overseas in the last war in the Fourth Division. Col. Pence also served four years with the famous 15th ("can do") infantry regiment in China.

'Bomb Tokyo' Fund

HONOLULU, June 9—More than 1,700 Americans of Japanese descent in Hawaii Sunday presented a check for \$10,340 to the U.S. government with the specific request that the money be used for "bombs on Tokyo."

The donors said the gift represented an expression of their horror at and condemnation of the cold-blooded murder by the Japanese of the American fliers who bombed Tokyo. Both Americans of Japanese descent and alien Japanese contributed to the bomb fund.

MP Corporal Has Dad, Three Brothers in Canadian Army

A MILITARY POLICE UNIT, England, June 9—Cpl. Harold M. Swartz of this post isn't laying claim to any record or applying for any award. He just states in a matter of fact fashion that his father and four brothers are actively engaged in the fight against the Axis.

Only a matter of inches and pounds prevented his wife from enlisting in the WAACs.

"Hi, Sarge," he greets his father, J. F. Swartz, a Bren gunner in the Canadian Army, when he meets him. Father and son saw each other just a few weeks ago when Harold was attending a chemical warfare school at the American School Center. Another meeting is scheduled for around June 21 when the MP corporal returns to the center to take a MP refresher course.

Brother Jack, an anti-tank gunner in the Canadian Army, is also in Britain. They have met several times. Another brother, Ross, an officer in the Canadian Tank Corps, hopes to be in England soon.

Bob, a sergeant in the U.S. Army, is a machine-gunner in Hawaii. Junior, a coast artillery gunner in the Canadian Army, is stationed at Vancouver.

Remarkable is the fact that none of the Swartzes were drafted. All volunteered. Harold's father, who is 51, "and still the best man of us all," according to the Pennsylvania soldier, enlisted in the Canadian Army when Canada declared war against the Axis.

Harold was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He went to the States in 1935, settled down and married. He wants to take the oath of allegiance to the United States from Dr. Henry Hazard, Justice Department representative who is now in England.

Mrs. J. F. Swartz, Harold's mother, lives in Vancouver, where she is near her youngest son, Harry, just 16, who is working in the Vancouver shipyards.

"Mom does her part for the war effort by keeping us happy with letters," Harold said.

Infantry Company Joins 100% Insurance Ranks

—INFANTRY HQ, England, June 9—Co. "G" here has joined the ranks of the 100 percenters in the national service life insurance drive with a claim that all eligible personnel, without exception, have had \$10,000 worth for more than a month.

Credit was given to 2/Lt. James G. Bagley, company insurance officer, and Capt. Eccles H. Scott, unit commander.

New Yorkers Meet Tonight

Soldiers from New York state will gather for a reunion tonight at the Mostyn Club, 17 Portman St., W.I. Tomorrow night will be "Rhode Island Night" at the club.

The second reunion of Indiana soldiers, held Tuesday night, was attended by: T/Sgt. Walter F. Johnson, T/4 Forrest Guyant, Sgt. Gayle Palmer, and Sgt. Harold Dietrich, Indianapolis; 1/Lt. Milton Williams and 2/Lt. F. Jay Mitz, South Bend; Pfc John H. Fox, Valparaiso; Cpl. Christian Christoff, Gary; T/5 Ernest V. Emery, Bloomfield; Sic Ronald D. Wood, La Porte; Cpl. Merrill Harrison, Da Bos; S/Sgt. Theron M. McClure, Crawfordsville; M/Sgt. Lawrence E. Layden, Lafayette; Sgt. "Red" Romanowski, E. Chicago; Sgt. George T. Meyers, Upland; Pfc Victor C. Neibert, Waldron; Pfc Warren L. Brock, Linton; Cpl. Andrew Bush, Ramsey; T/4 Roy C. Funnannon, Plainville; and Pfc "Bob" Masters, Nedford.

Glasgow

GLASGOW, June 9—The USO-Camp Show, "Pickle Dillies," will be given at 7:30 PM next Monday at the American Red Cross club here. The program for the week: Friday—Dancing, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Dancing, 7:30 to 11 PM. Sunday—Motor coach tour, 10 AM; tea dance, 2:30 PM; "At Home" party, 5:30 to 10:15 PM. Monday—"Pickle Dillies," USO-Camp Show, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—Party and dance, 7:30 to 11 PM.

Southport

SOUTHPORT, June 9—Dances are scheduled Saturday from 8 PM to 11:30 PM, and Sunday from 3 PM to 5:30 PM, at the American Red Cross club here. There are dancing lessons Saturday from 7 PM to 8 PM.

Indiana Pilot Rescued Within Sight of France

P/O R. W. Thatcher, an RCAF pilot from Rushville, Ind., was rescued within sight of the French coast by an RAF amphibian "Walrus" which landed on the sea a few miles north of Les Sept Iles, Brittany, the Air Ministry announced.

Thatcher was returning from a raid on Northern France, where he had damaged three locomotives, when the engine of his Spitfire failed as a result of an anti-aircraft hit and he was forced to jump. He was in his dinghy when the flying boat picked him up.

The course of the "Walrus" was charted in the operations room by the WAAF wife of the plane's pilot.

New Type Convoy Escort

WASHINGTON, June 9 (UP)—The first of a new type of patrol craft, designed for heavy convoy duty in northern waters, has been launched in the U.S., the Navy Department in Washington has revealed.

NEWS FROM HOME Pfc and a T/5 Fly Home With Gen. Marshall

Soldiers Were Invited By Chief of Staff At Takeoff

WASHINGTON, June 9—Probably the two most surprised enlisted men in the entire American Army were patients at Walter Reed Hospital today after a plane flight back from North Africa in Gen. George C. Marshall's ship.

Just as the Chief of Staff was ready to take off, after flying to England and Africa, he discovered there were two empty places on the plane. Gen. Marshall inquired if any hospitals had men ready to go home.

Pfc Joe Robinson, 28, of Rice, Tex., and T/5 Wilbur Fendrick, 31, of Dunellan, N.J., were the lucky two. Robinson's head was still bandaged from a head wound and Fendrick had his arm in a sling because of a fractured left elbow.

Hull Greeted French Delegates

WASHINGTON, June 9 (AP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull received M. Andre Hoppenot, diplomatic representative of Gen. Henri Giraud, and M. Philippe Baudet, Gen. Charles de Gaulle's delegate, yesterday and was officially informed by them of the formation of the French Committee for National Liberation. Hull said he "warmly welcomed" the unification of Frenchmen in the common war against the Axis.

Ethiopians Ask Revenge

NEW YORK, June 9—Tall, English-educated Yilna Deressa, representative of Emperor Haile Selassie and spokesman for the Ethiopian Army, called on Secretary of State Cordell Hull in Washington this week to ask a favor. The warriors of Ethiopia, he told Hull, want the privilege of leading the invasion of Italy. He said the ill-armed tribesmen who were bombed and machine-gunned into submission by the Italians are now a well-trained and well-equipped force. They want the honor of leading the attack, Deressa said.

Air Freedom Vital—Knox

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 9 (AP)—Freedom of the air, as well as freedom of the seas, must be won and maintained during this war, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox told a graduating class at the United States Naval Academy here yesterday.

"The wide sea has been the free highway of the world," the Navy Secretary said, "and we propose to keep our world free for the commerce of men, goods and ideas."

"This war is double, for now the skies are highways too, and the air is the new symbol of freedom or slavery."

Big Increase in Munitions

WASHINGTON, June 9 (UP)—Munitions output in the United States in April increased by 7 per cent over the previous month and approached the \$5,000,000,000 mark, Donald Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, reported.

April war production was "in better balance than at any time since Pearl Harbor," he said. Aircraft ordnance production was up 14 per cent, "largely due to a tremendous increase in the manufacture of heavy aerial bombs for Axis delivery."

'Jap Empire, Not Fleet Alone, Must Be Smashed'

BERKELEY, Cal., June 9—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, who has arrived in the United States to attend an important war conference, warned Sunday that destruction of the Japanese fleet alone would not bring victory to the United Nations. The Japanese Empire must be completely destroyed, he said.

"Japan is now attempting to knock out China. We must do everything in our power to aid China. We must use bases in China to attack Japan," Adm. Nimitz said. He added the Japanese were now on the defensive in the Pacific.

The conference he is about to attend, Adm. Nimitz told University of California graduates, will not be "particularly solicitous as to the welfare of the Japanese."

U.S. Officers Guests At Liverpool Luncheon

LIVERPOOL, June 9—The Soroptimist club entertained 40 U.S. Army and Navy officers at a luncheon here today. Lady Derby and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were special guests.

Officers attending were: Col. C. C. Sibley, B. G. Wallace and John H. Judd; Lt. Col. J. A. Petzborg and N. W. Armstrong; Maj. F. G. Wise, F. O. Tafel, D. J. Reina, W. T. Ennis, A. G. Baker, H. R. Arundel, S. S. Fletcher, F. G. DeBuske, W. H. Berrier, E. W. Siler and R. E. French; Capt. B. P. Jewett, John A. Anderson, A. D. Levin, M. A. Hoard, John F. Richardson, W. A. Hennessey, R. E. DeRaismes, W. A. Bushnell, R. B. McCleary and T. F. Barry; Lt. R. C. Healey, H. W. Smith, A. K. Rouse, J. E. Forch, H. Rice, T. James, D. H. Perella, L. G. Ropes, H. C. Hawk and R. T. Flint. Lt. Lu. Powell, Jorgensen and Holzinger, of the Navy, and C. D. Yorkman, of the American Red Cross, also were present.

