

Allies Cornering Rommel in Tunisia Tip

Allies Smash Another Jap Air Armada

37 of 100 Enemy Planes Destroyed in Dogfights Near Port Moresby

AN ADVANCED ALLIED BASE, Australia, Apr. 13 (AP)—Approximately 100 Jap bombers and fighters—the largest single formation either the enemy or Gen. MacArthur's forces have used in the southwest—struck at Port Moresby, New Guinea, in a daylight attack yesterday, which resulted in 37 Japanese planes being shot out of action in a 40-minute series of dogfights interspersed with heavy ack-ack gunfire.

This was the first major attack on Port Moresby. Actually the battle raged over almost 100 miles, with the Allied fighters making their first contact with the Japs at about 20,000 feet over the Owen Stanley mountain range, 60 miles north of Moresby.

There the Japanese losses began with three bombers sent into the saw-toothed jungle and the matted mountains.

The bombers approached Moresby flying in close formation with fighters overhead as well as to the rear. Allied pursuit planes quickly broke up the formation and a series of swirling, raging dogfights followed at heights mostly between 23,000 and 25,000 feet.

One U.S. Fighter Lost

Allied losses in these battles were listed as one fighter destroyed and one missing.

Returning Allied fighters reported that the Zeros which composed roughly half of the attacking force were manned by excellent pilots.

German radio, quoting Tokyo reports, claimed that an Allied transport vessel was sunk off Port Moresby yesterday with a fully laden munitions ship of 7,000 tons.

A Japanese submarine was sunk by Allied heavy bombers yesterday in a low-level attack when they found it on the surface of St. George's Channel between New Britain and New Ireland. The bombers discovered the sub during a dawn attack on enemy airdromes at Vanakanau, Lakuanai and Rapopo. Direct hits on the dispersal areas were scored and fires were started.

U.S. Bomber Gets 7

Seven enemy planes were shot down by a single U.S. heavy bomber on reconnaissance near Wewak yesterday, on the northern coast of New Guinea. Despite slight damage, the U.S. bomber returned to its base.

At Cape Wardhunt, New Guinea, a fighter patrol intercepted a mixed force of enemy bombers and fighters retreating from Port Moresby and shot down three bombers and one fighter without loss to themselves.

In the Bismarck Sea, a heavy bomber strafed and bombed a Jap cargo ship and a fleet of small coastal vessels, scoring direct hits on the bow of the cargo ship and starting fires on the smaller craft.

Japs Ready For Offensive

ALLIED HQ., Australia, Apr. 13 (AP)—Japan has concentrated 200,000 first line troops and a great air force north of Australia, and may be expected to open an offensive at any time, Brig. Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey warned today.

Gen. Blamey said that heavy Japanese air attacks on allied bases in the Solomons and New Guinea recently marked the opening of a phase of the enemy's struggle to regain parity and then mastery in the air. He said that the "profound shock" of the losses in the Bismarck Sea and in other actions had taught the enemy that he cannot move large forces without first gaining control in the air. "The result of this struggle in the next few weeks will have great importance for us."

RAF Hits French Yards At Abbeville and Caen

RAF planes raided railroad yards at Abbeville and Caen, in German-held French territory yesterday, an announcement from the Ministry of Information said.

The brief flash gave no particulars as to the effectiveness of the raid or of any planes lost.

It was assumed that the raids were a continuation of the locomotive "busting" tactics of the RAF which have whittled French rolling stock to a low figure and seriously hampered German movements of troops and supplies.

Axis is Eyeing Spain, Neutral Sources Think

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 13 (AP)—Observers speculating today on the Hitler-Mussolini conference considered it highly likely that Spain figured prominently in the discussions as a possible springboard for Axis aerial attacks on Allied convoys entering the Mediterranean as a means of fighting the threatened southern European invasion.

A German occupation of Spain by Franco's submission after a "token" resistance or by force would give the Axis air bases to strike at the British Mediterranean Fleet as well as at convoys.

Observers were doubtful whether Gibraltar could be taken, but pointed out that the German army and air force might make it an untenable base for Allied operations.

The Axis need for new striking points was mounting with the threatened loss of Tunisia.

OCS Graduates Class of 71 Men At Center Today

Third Group Largest Yet; 23 States Represented By New Officers

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, England, Apr. 13—The third and largest class ever graduated from the Officer Candidate School in England—71 men—will be commissioned as second lieutenants here tomorrow.

Representing 23 States, the new officers will be handed their commissions by Col. Walter G. Layman, school commandant, who also will deliver the graduation address.

Among the new officers is one Negro, S/Sgt. Edwin D. Jones, of 261 W. 112th St., New York. There also is one man whose official residence is in England, Cpl. William E. Coss, of Petersfield, Hants, who was born in the United States and served in the British Army before donning an American uniform. Heading the class is Sgt. Hubert Joseph John Jr., of 413 Copley Rd., Upper Darby, Pa., who had the highest marks.

Members of the class are:
New York: Sgt. Harry Aceto, Rochester; Sgt. Veryl P. Bevelacqua, Scarsdale; T/S Earl W. Crawford, Buffalo; M/Sgt. Lawrence A. Dineen, Bronx; T/S John Dirks, New York; T/Sgt. Fred Dunitzky, Brooklyn; S/Sgt. Curtis B. Harrington, Hilldale; T/Sgt. Frank B. Hildebrandt, Saugerties; S/Sgt. Edwin Doyle Jones, New York; Cpl. Donald S. Mackenzie, Lynbrook; M/Sgt. Gilbert A. Monti, Auburn; Sgt. Miller F. Moran, Low.
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Orphan Soldier Donates £30 To Unit's Fund for Blitz Kid

A U.S. FIELD ARTILLERY HQ., England, Apr. 13—A check for £100 from the officers and men of the 11th Field Artillery was turned over to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund yesterday. It was accompanied by a letter from Pfc Frank Erlandson, himself an orphan, who contributed £30—two months' salary—to the unit's collection.

The letter from the 27-year-old ex-farm worker of Woodhull, Ill., was addressed to a "two-year old, blonde, blue-eyed boy," and will be given to the child when it is old enough to read.

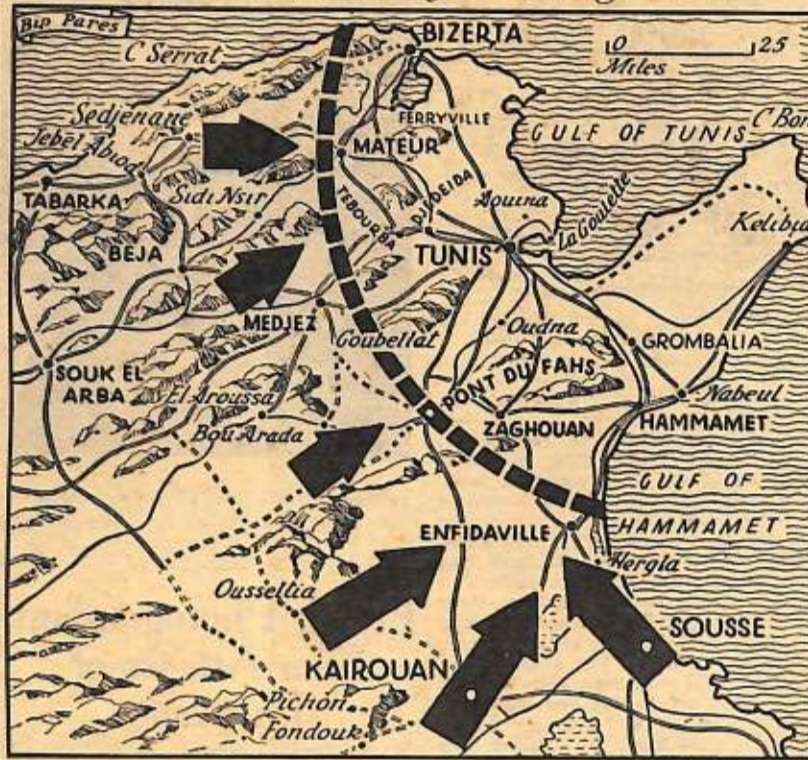
"By the time you are old enough to read this note from one of your foster uncles, the world should be decent again for youngsters to grow up in," the letter reads. "Because I am an orphan myself, I know how you are going to feel when you grow older. Maybe, then, you'll be able, when you are 27 years old, as I am now, to pass along some kind of help to another orphan who needs it."

Asked to select the type of orphan his unit will sponsor, Erlandson pointed out it didn't make much difference because "one orphan deserves as much assistance as another."

However, he recalled his own experience— orphaned at the age of two when another war was in progress—and decided on a child resembling himself as much as possible.

Aside from Erlandson's contribution, the rest of the money raised by the unit was collected in tin cans distributed throughout the regiment on pay day.

On the Heels of Fleeing Axis



Rommel retreats to foothills of the last range of mountains that protect Tunis and Bizerta. Eighth Army reaches Enfidaville on the heels of the fleeing Axis forces. French, American, British First Army drives north of Kairouan. About 210,000 Axis troops are concentrated in the area.

Airmen Will Entertain English Children at Easter Lawn Party

By Cpl. Stanley Ferber
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A USAAF STATION, England, Apr. 13—A celebration reminiscent of the old American custom of throwing the White House lawn open every Easter Sunday to the children of Washington will take place at this station Easter Sunday, when the entire personnel of the 11th Bombardier Wing plays host to a group of 150 evacuee children from neighboring towns. The youngsters, now living in country homes with their guardians-for-the-duration, are mostly from London and were bombed out or evacuated during the blitz.

What with rationing, there will be no egg-rolling such as the White House has made famous at the yearly Easter parties, but the children will play games on the lawn here, which, on the other 364 days of the year, serves as a drill field. They will also see a movie.

The boys and girls, all of whom are of school age, will have a one-day holiday from candy rationing. A box has been set up at the station's post exchange counter and each officer and man making his weekly purchases drops in his allotment of candy, gum and peanuts. These will be distributed to the children.

The idea of the party grew out of talks among the men of the organization and was brought to the attention of Wing
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Queen Elizabeth Toasts Soldiers

Inspects Cheltenham Red Cross Club, Meets 'Spam,' the Mascot

CHELtenham, Apr. 13—Queen Elizabeth was conducted through the American Red Cross club here by a group of U.S. soldiers and following the tour drank a toast to them with Coca-Cola.

The Queen entered the club along a pathway lined with U.S. soldiers and was met by George Weir, of Brooklyn, club director, and Miss Louise Suechting, assistant director from Ottumwa, Ia.

At the completion of the inspection visit the Queen said it was a "very lovely club." During the tour she also met the club Scotty mascot christened "Spam" by soldiers visiting the club.

The Queen was conducted through the club by Sgt. Leon Rozene, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Pvt. Ralph Porter, Boston; Sgt. George Emery, Rochester, N.Y.; Pvt. William Ford, Boston; Sgt. James McDonnell, Manchester, N.Y.; Sgt. Lester Swartz, Beatrice, Neb.; Pvt. Don Garner, Richmond, Mo., and Cpl. Jay Jensen, Little Rock, Ark.

Africa Air Score Is 1,253 to 498

ALLIED HQ., North Africa, Apr. 13 (AP)—The North African campaign has cost the German and Italian air forces 1,253 planes shot down by the Northwest African Air Force and ack-ack guns, it was officially announced today. The Allies have lost 498 planes.

Three hundred and eighteen of the enemy's losses have been destroyed in the last 14 days, 88 of them transport planes. Allied losses for this period were given as 100 planes. These figures include victories scored and losses suffered by both American and British air forces in this theater since the landing on Nov. 8, and those of the Western Air Force since it came under this command in mid-February.

Hundreds of other enemy planes, on the basis of communiqués, have been destroyed on the ground, but there is no way of ascertaining precise figures.

210,000 Axis Troops Face Allied Siege

8th Army Reported Past Enfidaville; Attacks By Air Increase

The once mighty German Afrika Korps, commanded by the "desert fox," Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, was cornered last night in the northern tip of Tunisia, with the British Eighth Army pressing close at its heels along the coast, and the American, French and British forces closing in from Kairouan.

Rommel's forces were in the foothills of the last range of mountains protecting Tunis and Bizerta from the south. Not only were their rear guards being hammered back by the advancing Allied forces but an ever-increasing Allied aerial offensive was battering at troop columns, supply bases, communications and the lines of supply reaching from Sicily and southern Italy.

Eighth Army advance guards were reported by Algiers radio to have reached the Enfidaville area, southern outpost of the Tunis defenses, 25 miles of Sousse, which the Eighth Army captured Sunday.

The First Army, composed of American, British and French units, was said to be 15 miles north of Kairouan. "The final battlefield has now been reached," said an American commentator over Algiers radio.

210,000 Enemy Troops

Rommel's forces now had completed their junction with those of Gen. von Arnim's units in northern Tunisia. Together they were believed to have about 210,000 troops—150,000 Germans and 60,000 Italians.

In Washington Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, expressing pleasure at the progress in North Africa, said: "We have to clean up the Mediterranean before there is a change in the situation and that is providing we have Tunisia."

Paris radio said yesterday the American and British troops had received reinforcements of fresh troops. In Kairouan Allied troops heard persistent reports that Rommel was already evacuating technicians, high officers and other key individuals.

The fight ahead is expected to be the fiercest of the entire African campaign, not even excluding that at El Alamein, where the British march across Africa began last November.

Many observers in London feel that the Axis can hold the Tunisian tip until midsummer if Rommel is willing to pay the highest price in men and materials, but unless he buys the time ruthlessly he might be swept out of Africa in May or early June. Many military, naval and air officers agree that if the German High Command sacrifices practically all of the men now in Tunisia and, more important, its funnels of precious air power, the cleanup could be delayed until July or August.

Allied armored units have punched through meagre enemy rearguard defenses below Enfidaville and Djebbena, both
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Patton Praises Troops For El Guettar Fight

WITH U.S. FORCES, Tunisia, Apr. 13 (AP)—Maj. Gen. George S. Patton praised troops of the American Second Corps in a congratulatory order of the day written on the field of battle.

The order read: "After 22 days of relentless combat, in mountains whose ruggedness beggars description, you won the battle of El Guettar."

"Each one of you in his sphere has done his duty magnificently. Not only in the front-line, where death has never ended his gruesome harvest, but everywhere else all of you have demonstrated your valor and constancy."

Giving details of the "faithful and hazardous performance" of the supply service, maintenance units, signal men, engineers, air forces, and medical corps, he concluded, "due to your united efforts, and to the manifest assistance of Almighty God, the splendid record of the American has attained added luster."



Pfc Frank Erlandson

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Hush Marks

T/S George Ullman of an engineers unit says a bull session in his hut resulted in the thought that one more "ribbon" is needed to make the present assortment complete. The boys suggest an "Over the Hill" ribbon—a bright red background, with a green hill with a blue arrow curving over the top!

How times change. Back on the college campus when the Joes plan to invite a gal to a dance they don't ask, "Can she



dance? Is she pretty? Does she cuddle?"—the burning question is, "Does she live near the bus line?"

Two flying cadets struck up a conversation with a girl sitting in a car parked outside a movie studio in Hollywood. One of the guys said he'd like to have a look in the studio so he could see some movie stars. The girl said she worked there and thought she could fix it up. The other Joe said he liked it all right where he was. When the elated GI finally got in the gates, he turned to a guide and said, "Do you know that girl out there with my buddy?" "Sure, that's Rita Hayworth," said the guide without batting an eyelash. "Well, I'm a sad sack," muttered the GI as he mournfully watched the car drive off—buddy and all.

There is a GI Joe in the air force over here who has the most thoughtful, ingenious wife we have ever heard of. Before the package ban, Joe got word that a parcel was on the way. Finally the long-awaited bundle arrived. Joe's friends swooped in for the kill, but quickly scattered when the contents turned out to be a cake whose icing would do credit to any concrete mixer. But the forlorn Joe continued to poke at the icing—then began to dig feverishly. Beneath the hard exterior was hidden in all its incomparable glory, a quart of bourbon, so help us! Greater love hath no woman!

"Every time cigarettes go up my wife expects an increase in her allowance."



Complaint of a witness in a London police court.

A patent attorney back in the States has a client who is a novelty manufacturer. Among other things, the client created the pin-cushion caricature of Hitler which President Roosevelt keeps on his desk. The attorney sought patent rights on the cushion and back came the reply, "Sorry, no patent on a caricature of a living person without his written permission." So far no letters have gone to De Fuhrer about the matter.

J. C. W.

FW190s? Lights, Action, Camera!



U.S. Army Air Force Photo

Jack Ramsden, of Fox Movietone News, buttons up the "overcoat" on his camera, mounted on the rear entry door of a Flying Fortress, as he prepares to accompany USAAF bombers on a raid over Germany.

Flying Photographers Film Attacks of Luftwaffe

By Bryce W. Burke Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

When Luftwaffe pilots peel out of formation to attack American daylight bombers, they not only dive into the blazing guns of the Flying Fortresses and Liberators, but into motion picture cameras as well.

These cameras, operated by veteran newsreel cameramen, bring back a record of the raid, showing the falling bombs, attacks by enemy fighters and flak bursting around the plane. The films are primarily for use in training new pilots in enemy combat tactics, but after censoring are released for showing in public theaters.

Daring Cameramen

Smart pilots of these four-motored bombers do all they can to avoid the German fighters and flak, but these flying cameramen figure on getting in close enough to bring back a complete picture story of daylight bombing raids over Germany and German-held territory.

Some of the pictures taken by these civilian newsreel cameramen are showing on British movie screens at the present time and will appear shortly in U.S. theaters.

These pictures are the best taken so far of high-altitude precision bombing and give theater-goers a ringside seat for the raid on the Renault works on the outskirts of Paris.

The cameras pick up the Seine and follow down its banks to the factory. The bombs can be seen leaving the plane, big, ugly, and slow at first, then smaller and smaller until finally they strike targets

five miles below, and mushroom into puffs of smoke and rubble that mean another enemy factory will produce no more weapons.

The film also shows preparations for the trip, the flight to the target, attacking enemy fighters and flak bursting around the ship. In general, it gives theater audiences a grandstand seat for one phase of the big show.

Ernest J. H. Wright, for seven years a flying officer with the RAF and now a photographer for Paramount News, took the Renault raid movies. He also made newsreel shots of the Eighth Air Force raid on Hamm, Mar. 4, the first attempt at this type of front-line coverage of the war in the air. Wright has been on eight flights with the USAAF, and has bagged good films on four.

On the Hamm raid some planes carrying automatic still cameras were shot down, but the Fortress in which Wright was riding fought its way to and back from the target, and the pictures he brought back proved that the target had been plastered.

Jack Ramsden, of Fox Movietone News, has made three flights with the bombers. James E. Ewins, of Gaumont-British News, and Eric Barrow, who photographed the Malta and Murmansk convoys for Universal, will make their first flight soon. Joseph Dearing, of Collier's magazine, and Dave Scherman, of Life, are two still cameramen who will be added to the "flying photos" soon.

Pictures Pooled

The pictures these men take are pooled and each organization may distribute them. The USAAF also receives a print to be used in training new pilots in enemy combat tactics.

Each of these men has completed a special course in which they learn all the tricks of living and doing a job at 27,000 feet where the air is thin and the temperature hits 44 below zero. They learn first aid methods, the use of oxygen, aircraft recognition and the correct means of abandoning ship.

Motion picture photography at high altitudes, however, is still in the experimental stage and the pictures that have been taken represent a technical victory over the most severe difficulties, it was explained.

The men not only needed to accustom themselves to their new job but had to devise a means of keeping their cameras from freezing and perfect mounts from which to shoot.

'Electric Overcoat'

Experiments already begun by the RAF Film Unit were carried further by the USAAF, and as a result the "electric overcoat" for cameras was perfected.

The cameramen now work from three positions in the plane: through the camera hatch, to the rear from a special mount in the radio compartment turret, and through a hole in the rear entry door from which the cameraman can cover fighter attacks on his own plane and on others in the group formation.

The camera hatch mount was worked out by Capt. William Clothier, of Hollywood, Cal., now with the Eighth Air Force Film Unit. Capt. J. R. "Tex" McCrary, of New York, developed the radio compartment mount, which permits the cameramen to work without interfering with the gunner. Ramsden perfected the rear-door platform.

This plan for using newsreel cameramen to cover bomber operations was

worked out in the Newsreel Section of the Eighth Air Force in collaboration with the British Newsreel Association which furnished the personnel and equipment.

The "tactical" coverage of the air war for training purposes was the primary consideration, with the release of the film for public showing secondary.

"You can tell the story of a raid in adjectives and exclamation points but no media can touch newsreels for really reporting what happens when our bombers hammer the enemy's factory front in daylight. It's really right from the ringside," Capt. McCrary said.



Nurse

We'll let hist'ry tell the story Of gals who win wide fame; But here's another, just for you, About a modern dame.

She carries on what Florence Nightingale began to do, With added trim and miseries, And each one, folks, is true.

The Army Nurse of '43 Has got just what it takes, And when it comes to nursing Earns every cent she makes.

She opens ev'ry day with drill And calisthenics, too, Then takes a twenty-mile hike And comes back black and blue.

Then in between this life of ease She nurses sick boys well, And in her ward she is a queen The Joes all think she's swell.

Her home at night, a Nissen hut, Is anything but hot; No coal, no fire, no privacy; Sweet nurse's on the spot.

With her helmet for a wash tub She refreshes under-things, So she'll feel a bit angelic Without the use of wings.

When morning comes it's bitter cold; But nurse must get up And try to dress with icy hands, She's awkward as a pup.

Her only suit of navy blue That looked so nice last night Is wrinkled now, and how it droops, It really is a sight.

She irons and she presses it To give it a new style, And hopes the damn thing holds its press At least a little while.

Then out to drill she goes again, Another day to start; So don't you think along with me That nurse does her part.

E. M. L.

U-boat Weather

Good U-boat weather is here, and with it comes the smooth seas and improved visibility needed for accurate spotting and torpedoing, but facing the U-boat menace and a supreme test are all anti-U-boat measures concocted by the best brains in the Allied air and naval commands.

In the dark days of the last war the convoy system was the most important contribution in countering the U-boat. In this war the convoy system is only one of the many protections given to sea transport.

Adequate air escort and reconnaissance have become vital in the continuing battle against the sub. There is nothing the U-boat fears more than the modern bomber, for these long-range craft can spot the under-sea ships, attack them on their own, and then call up destroyers and corvettes to deal with them still more effectively.

In 1918 the Allies defeated the submarine menace. This was achieved with escort and anti-submarine flotillas so numerous that our offensive defense and relentless sub hunting broke the morale of the German submarine crews.

In 1943 more destroyers and more fast corvettes, and more long-range reconnaissance bombers are joining the Battle of the Atlantic. These will ruthlessly attack the bigger, better and more numerous submarines operating against us in this war. Ship sinkings in the next few months will indicate our success or failure.

Confidentially, we expect to see the Axis submarine beaten during the coming period of U-boat weather, for it must be remembered that bombers also operate most effectively during this season, and the sky over the Atlantic is going to be full of "aerial fishermen" hunting "metal sharks" in the days just ahead.

Some Gain

With war always comes some gain. This is true in America and the story is told graphically by the Census Bureau in an inspiring look at what lies ahead.

Unemployment, says the Census Bureau, has fallen in the United States from more than 4,000,000 at the end of 1941 to about 1,500,000 at the present time. Subtract from the above figure the total sick, aged, physically handicapped and insane and it becomes plain that unemployment in America has at last approached the irreducible minimum.

But unemployment is not the only problem that shows signs of being temporarily solved. Owing to the lend-lease program, export volume is now moving at a rate equal to the peak years of 1919 and 1920 and imports from Latin America, Canada and Africa have offset loss of trade with the Far East.

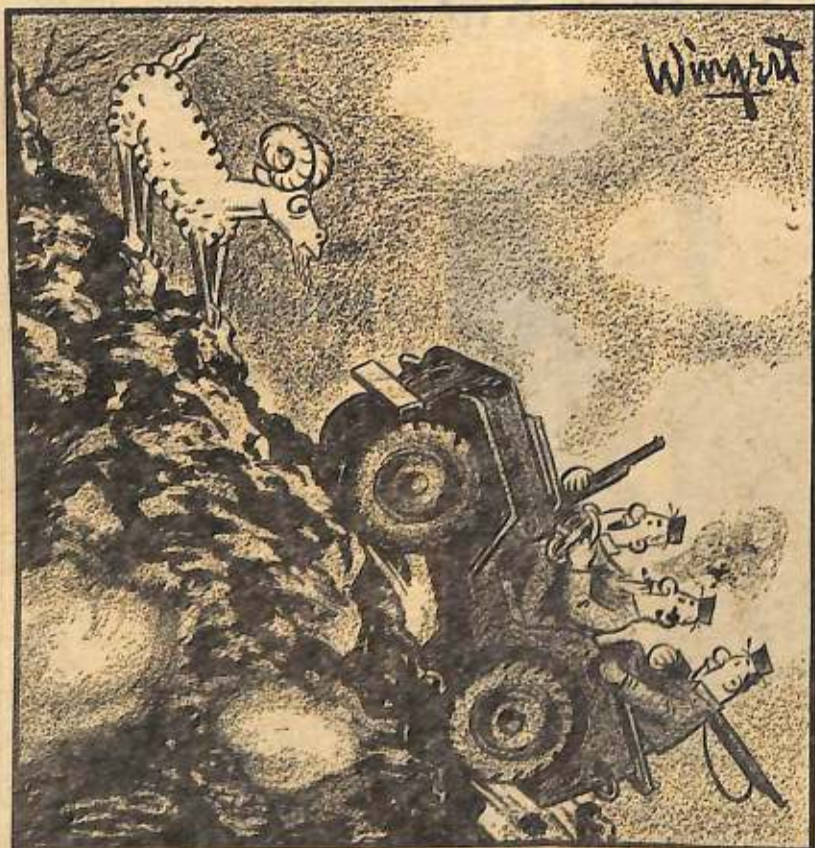
And in the production field, the flow of metals diverted from the production of articles of domestic use and from automobiles to the manufacture of airplanes, tanks, guns and shells has stimulated American ingenuity to the development of many durable substitutes.

In the field of health, a widening knowledge of food values and hygiene has also produced remarkable results. The Census finds not only that the nation's health has been good during the past year, but that epidemics often associated with war have not appeared.

The year has also set a new low in the national death-rate, reports the Census Bureau, and infant mortality stands at the lowest ever recorded.

Safety, too, has become a matter of national concern, and motor accidents have decreased sharply as driving restrictions and fuel shortages reduced both car speed and miles travelled.

Sketched in cold figures this story lacks the punch it deserves, for here we see unemployment eliminated and the national health improved in time of war. If this can be achieved under war-time handicaps surely these gains can be maintained during the happy days of peace.



"Well, for Gosh sake! How the hell did HE get clear up here?"

Division Boxers Hammer Victory Over All-Stars

Cub Executive Suggests Player Pool in Majors

Would Be Patterned After Professional Football College Draft

NEW YORK, Apr. 13—The Sporting News, official baseball organ, always has been a fertile breeding ground for diamond controversies but it may outdo the record this year with the opening barrage concerning post-war players.

James Gallagher, general manager of the Chicago Cubs, in an article written for Sporting News, has suggested that the majors create a player pool after the war to take care of the surplus talent and make up the other clubs' deficiencies.

Gallagher's plan suggests pooling the talent of both major leagues to bring a better balance between successful and consistently unsuccessful clubs. Under his system, a certain number of players would be put in the pool at the end of each year and selected like the professional football college player draft—the cellar team getting first choice and so on. This would prevent the wealthier clubs from garnering all the talented men.

Breadon Dissents

Headman Sam Breadon of the St. Louis Cardinals has made no bones about classifying the suggestion as "unthinkable." He said it would destroy the incentive for a clubowner who put time and much money into developing player talent. Breadon wound up the argument from the viewpoint of the fans. He said the fans wouldn't want to see an established star and favorite moved to another club through a draw.

Anyway, both sides of the argument have merits and the player problem certainly will harass the major leagues the moment the war ends, when some such program as Gallagher's plan must be devised.

Carl Hubbell In Good Shape

NEW YORK, Apr. 13—New York Giant Manager Mel Ott doesn't know whether it's the diet, vitamins or the fountain of youth that's put youth back in Carl Hubbell's left arm, but Ott doesn't care. The main thing is that Hubbell shows promise of a good year. He has shown excellent control, especially against the Ellis Island Coast Guard recently when he retired the side with the bases loaded and one away.

Hubbell says that his physical condition is A-1, but he adds, "My age needs a lot of sun to bake the stiffness out of my arm." Ott echoes this belief—and Ott knows what he's talking about when it comes to Hubbell. They've been the closest pals since old John McGraw brought them up to the big time. Although Hubbell looks good, don't forget that the screwball maestro is now 40 and has been kicking around the big show for 14 years.

NEWS FROM HOME

Plan Congressional Showdown On Income-Tax Collection

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13—House Republican leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. said here yesterday that he would take steps to discharge the Ways and Means Committee from further consideration of pay-as-you-go tax legislation if the committee failed to submit a plan to the House within the next few days.

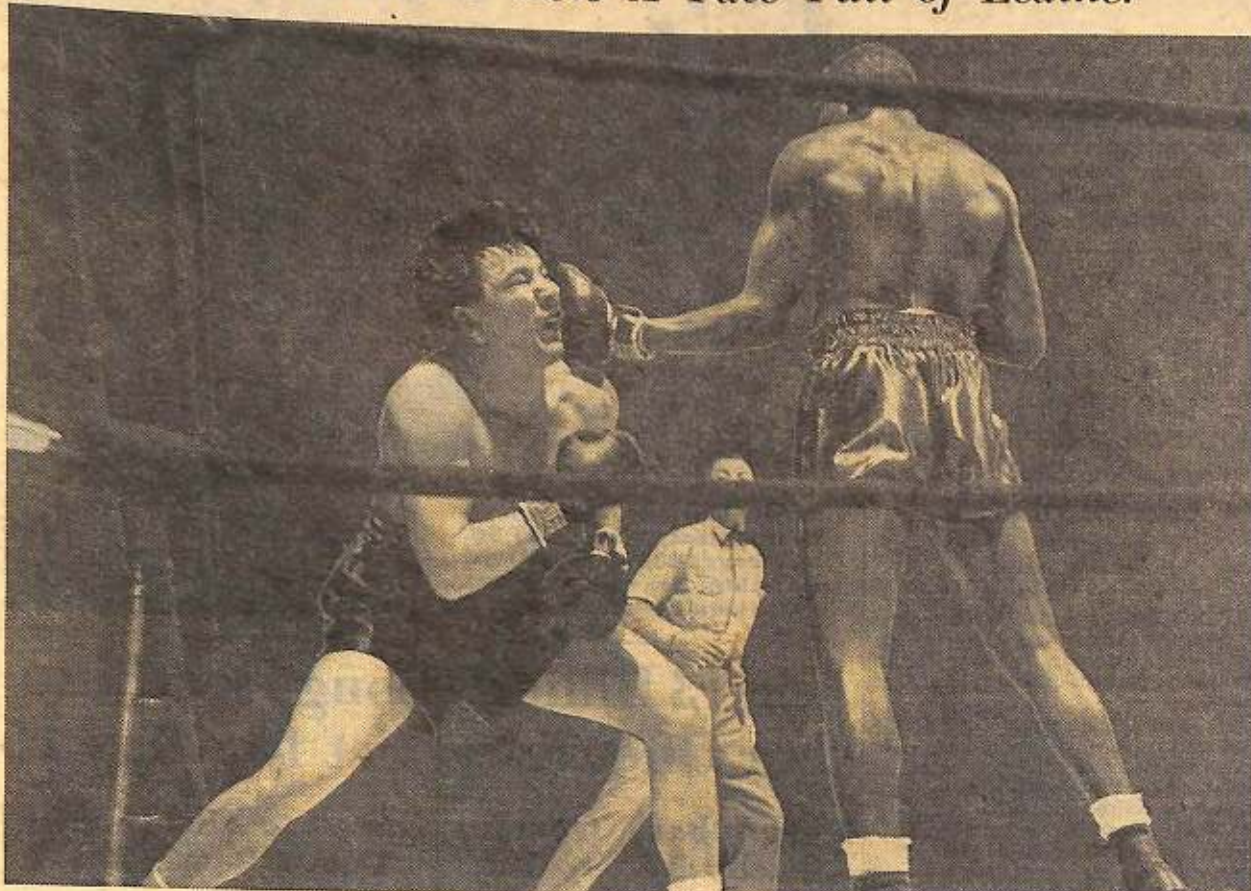
Martin said he was "fully confident" he could muster enough votes to discharge the committee and force action in the House.

Earlier, Speaker Sam Rayburn had proposed that the House settle the controversial income-tax collection matter by enacting a 20 per cent withholding tax against wages and salaries.

Graduate Foreign Technicians

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Apr. 13—A class of 28 foreign officers, representing three continents, has just been graduated

Tami Mauriello Gets A Face Full of Leather



Tami Mauriello ducks but is not able to get out of the way of that hard left thrown by Jimmy Bivins during their ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden last month. The dusky Cleveland lad came through with flying colors to trim the Bronx Italian and walk off with the decision.

Lombardi May Stay a Holdout

Quinn Willing to Trade Catcher if Terms Can Be Reached

WALLINGFORD, Conn., Apr. 13—President Robert Quinn, of the Boston Braves, is ducking questions concerning the future of Ernie Lombardi, heavy-footed, but hard-hitting, catcher who was '42 batting champ. Ernie announced recently that he had not retired from baseball which Braves' officials had reported, but was holding out and wanted to be traded to another club which would pay him a salary commensurate with his prowess.

Quinn said, "Lombardi was well paid last year and perfectly satisfied. I'm sure that if his difficulty is dissatisfaction with our salary, then an agreement can be reached. If it is true that Ernie prefers to play with another club and they are willing to negotiate a trade, that's satisfactory to us." It is rumored that Mel Ott is seeking Lombardi for the Giants.

Frank Carideo Commissioned

DES MOINES, Iowa, Apr. 13—Frank Carideo, University of Iowa backfield football coach, has been sworn into the Navy as a lieutenant commander.

Colonel Is a Holdout On Officers' Team

Col. Ralph Pulsifer, business manager, of the newly formed all-officer softball team of the AG section, has announced that 28 contracts have been mailed out and 26 accepted. Lt. Col. William Barrett, of Philadelphia, is one of the two holdouts.

Player-manager Maj. Edward Gamble, of New Rochelle, N.Y., held his first workout last night at Number 2 diamond in Hyde Park with 1/Lt. Ed Price, of Philadelphia, acting as team captain.

Lightweight Sammy Fuller Hitting Comeback Trail

BOSTON, Apr. 13—Sammy Fuller, 36, pride of Boston's North End, who was among the best lightweights during the early thirties, now is trying a comeback. He meets Ralph Zannalli, of Providence, R.I., on Friday.

Sammy began as a flyweight in 1925 when Jack Dempsey ruled the heavyweights. He fought the best lightweights during his career, licking most at his peak career, then he retired and took up the restaurant business.

Recently Fuller took a searching look at the bleak busting business and decided the time was ripe for a comeback. He said, "I'm eager to find out if I still have my Sunday punch." Evidently he has because he punched Bill Speary, former national amateur champ, into oblivion the other night after 92 seconds of leather throwing.

Hans Crescent Golf Team Will Be Selected Today

The American Red Cross Hans Crescent golf team will be chosen this afternoon and handicaps set when candidates go through their paces at the Sudbury Town golf course. Candidates for the team should be ready to leave the club at 12.30.

Candidates also are being sought for the softball squad which works out every Sunday morning. Candidates for the squad should report at the club to Allan Ellsworth. The use of nearby tennis courts also is being sought.

Bomber Softballers Ahead

A BOMBER STATION, Apr. 13—The Bombers softball team of this unit defeated a wing unit, 18-3. Cpl. Ely Lavetter, chucking for the winners, was consistent behind a strong infield and tight outfield.

SOS Quintets End Tourney

Rebels, Coffee Coolers, Yellowjackets Crowned

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SOS HEADQUARTERS, Apr. 13—Three champions were crowned here last night as the basketball league season, sponsored by —st Special Service Unit, came to a close.

The first game of the playoff saw the Coffee Coolers scuttle the Headquarters AGs, 26-10. The AGs, participants in The Stars and Stripes ETO tournament, lacked their former power and were an easy prey. The Coffee Coolers led at the half, 16-7.

In the second game the Rebels stopped the Yellowjackets, 48-15. The final score belied the closeness of the contest, for it was a hard-fought, tight affair. At the intermission the Rebels were ahead, 16-8.

Prizes to Winners

Capt. George W. Smoot, unit CO and post Special Service officer, presented prizes to the winning quintets. Members of the Quartermaster Coffee Coolers and the Headquarters Yellowjackets, champs of the Roosevelt and the Churchill Leagues respectively, were given fountain pens. Silver identification bracelets were given to the Infantry Rebels, winners of the runner-up round-robin playoff.

Officials throughout the season were: S/Sgt. George W. Drago, Port Chester, N.Y.; T/4 Carmen E. Mercadante, Amsterdam, N.Y.; T/5 Joseph V. Santoro, Marmaroneck, N.Y.; Pfc Nathan J. Levine, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Pfc John J. Wilkinson, Morristown, N.J.; and Pfc Romeo Trogu, West Frankfort, Ill. 1/Lt. Sveto Kremer, Ripon, Wis., and Cpl. Joseph P. McDermott, Pittsburgh, Pa., were guest officials at last night's activities.

Coffee Coolers—26				AGs—10			
Bucco, lf	Pierznick, rf	McGrath, c	Gabriel, lg	Carter, rf	Nabat, lf	Maloney, c	Orentlicherman, lg
2	1	5	0	1	1	3	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0
1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals .. 11 4 26				Totals .. 4 2 10			

Churchill League		Roosevelt League	
Yellowjackets	AGs	Coffee Coolers	Rebels
6	0	6	0
6	1	6	1
3	2	4	2
4	3	4	3
2	4	2	4
1	3	1	3
1	5	1	5
0	5	0	5
0	5	0	5



Default Victory Gives Champs Final Edge, 5-3

Generals Andrews, Hartle, Giraud See Ring Show At Rainbow Corner

The Division boxing team, winner over an Artillery-Engineer combination three weeks ago, staked a strong claim as ETO champs last night by defeating an All-Star team representing Air Force, SOS and Artillery at Rainbow Corner. The score was 5 to 3, with one bout ending in a draw.

The All Stars had a chance to get a tie in the final bout, but their entry failed to appear, leaving Pvt. Vince Kozak, — Division's heavyweight titleholder from Hazelton, Pa., with a default victory.

The crowd, which gathered early and packed the club before the opener began, included Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, Commanding General of the U.S. Forces in the ETO; Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle and Maj. Gen. Leonard T. Giraud.

Craighead Wins Opener

Pfc Lynwood Craighead, of Roanoke, Va., one of the two Division lightweights entered, gave his team a 1-0 in the opener by taking a decision over Sgt. Al McNeil, of Boston.

Craighead jarred McNeil with two straight lefts to the mouth at the end of the first, then followed through with straight jabs in the second that soon bloodied McNeil's nose. At the end of the third, Craighead came through with a barrage of rights and lefts to the head that had McNeil on the ropes.

McNeil rallied, clinched and the bell saved him from a possible kayo.

The Division battlers took a 2-0 lead in the second bout when classy, hard-hitting Pvt. Charley Schnappauf, lightweight, from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., stooped Sgt. Tony Camerillo, of Los Angeles, in 1.32 on the first round. Schnappauf meant business from the start. He tumbled Camerillo out of the ring in the first minute with a smashing left hook to the jaw. Up at six, Camerillo again ran into a swarm of blows. The lights went out all over the world for Camerillo when Schnappauf's left dropped him in a corner.

Spontak Gets Decision

The Division boys made it three straight when Cpl. George Spontak, Pittsburgh welterweight, was awarded a decision over Cpl. Douglas Phillips, of Comelville, Ky., after one round. Spontak was ahead on points at the end of the round when a bad cut over his right eye forced Lt. Herbert Stribling to stop the fight. According to rules governing these bouts the man ahead on points, when the action is stopped because of an injury, is awarded the decision.

The All-Stars finally broke through in the fifth fight, but Pfc Paul Phaneuf, welterweight from Holyoke, Mass., had to pull one out of the fire to do it. In a grueling three-rounder Phaneuf out-pointed Pvt. Tony Pavone, Division welterweight champion from Lynn, Mass. Phaneuf piled up his advantage in the first two rounds, using jabs and sharp hooks to slow his opponent's whirlwind style. Pavone came back in the third, but he came back too late.

One-Round Knockout

However, their comeback lasted through just one minute and 23 seconds of the next fight, when division welterweight champ, Pfc James Grantham, of Paulaski, Va., dropped Cpl. Mitchell Lehan, of Toledo, Ohio, with a solid right to the jaw. Grantham feinted with a few lefts as the scrap opened, then pushed through the sleeper that dropped Lehan flat on his face. He had to be carried to his corner.

The next contest was a return match between Pvt. Bennie Droll, of Peoria, Ill., Division middleweight title-holder, and Cpl. William Eck, of Allentown, Pa. Three weeks ago Eck took a decision that brought boos from the fans. This time, however, Eck measured his punches and failed to be phased by Droll's bouncing, unorthodox style, and finally won on points, to give the All-Stars their second victory.

A right to the jaw put Droll on the ropes in the second, but he was unhurt. Throughout the third, Eck plastered Droll with straight jabs that forced the titleholder to clinch.

Battle to Draw

A light heavyweight scrap between Pvt. Chester Marcinkiewicz, of Kulpmont, Pa., and Pfc Kenneth Hepburn, of Boston, was called a draw after a bruising battle. Hepburn's right eye was cut in the opening round, but it didn't stop him from holding the Division champ on even terms.

Sgt. John Matter, of Port Arthur, Tex., gave the All-Stars their third victory when Referee Stribling stopped his fight with Sgt. William Dircks, of Cumberland, Md., runnerup in the Division heavyweight finals, in 1.14 on the first round. Dircks suffered a cut over the right eye from a sharp left hook, and Stribling called quits.

Harry Danning Inducted

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 13—Harry Danning, New York Giant catcher, who hit .279 in 199 games last season, has been inducted into the Army, ending a nine-year career with the Giants.

