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## Study Shows Vast Damage In Big Raids

### Lull Comes in the Air War After Thursday Attacks Costing 36 U.S. Heavies

Widespread destruction of German factories and aircraft installations whose importance to the enemy mounts as the day of invasion draws nearer was reported yesterday by USAAF headquarters in both Britain and Italy as information on the far-ranging attacks Thursday was correlated.

Dawn yesterday brought Germany and the occupied countries their first lull in aerial attacks since last Saturday. The air war which had cost the Germans at least 551 planes in six days apparently was confined to a night-time "Battle of the Capitals," in which British Mosquitoes attacked Berlin and a few Nazi raiders stabbed at London.

Up to late last night no major operations had been reported, either from Britain or Italy, but Ninth Air Force Thunderbolt fighter-bombers, darting down unexpectedly from a heavy cloud bank, bombed a German airfield in north-east France and destroyed about 20 of the 50 or more aircraft on the field, some of them taking off. These and other fighter-bombers over France returned without loss.

The Thursday attacks cost the Eighth Air Force 36 bombers and eight fighters. Fort and Lib gunners shot down 25 planes, and fighter pilots claimed 51, in addition to a large number on the ground.

#### Details of Damage

From Strategic Air Force officers in Britain and Italy, however, came the details of the great damage inflicted in the Thursday north-and-south offensive, when some 4,000 Allied planes blasted targets in nine enemy-dominated countries.

Photos taken during the Eighth's attacks on Schweinfurt, Oberpfaffenhofen, Lechfeld and Augsburg indicated good results at all targets.

At Schweinfurt, the large Kugelfischer ball-bearing plant was covered by a heavy and compact pattern of high explosives. A large new building, which escaped direct hits in previous attacks and which was believed to have been a self-contained bearings factory, was hit by at least five heavy bombs.

The main railway lines at Schweinfurt and a marshalling yard also were hit.

#### Augsburg Plane Plants Blasted

Destruction of at least three-fourths of the Messerschmitt works at Augsburg was claimed as a result of Thursday's operations, several buildings undamaged in previous raids having been struck.

At Oberpfaffenhofen, site of a Dornier assembly and repair works, damage was obscured by smoke, but an HE burst was noted on one assembly hangar, as well as incendiary strikes on other buildings. Three flight hangars and the barracks area at Lechfeld were hit.

Allied headquarters in Italy reported good results in the raids on Győr, Vecses, Tokol and Duna, in Hungary. Factories, hangars and oil tanks were fired at Győr by Fortresses, while Liberators successfully attacked the other targets. Other Allied planes winging over northern Italy spread damage among railway lines, highways, bridges and other communications lines, as well as airdromes.

Mosquitoes which attacked Berlin during the night were met by anti-aircraft fire from "almost all the ground defenses," Britain's Air Ministry said. Flak was intense and some 250 searchlights were brought into play, but none of the bombers failed to return.

The German planes dropped a few bombs in the London area, causing some casualties.

## The War Today

**Russia**—Germans' "Dunkirk" from last fifth of Crimea left to be smashed at the start; Russians strafe beaches and disorganize motorized columns, capture 25,000 Nazis; Red Army smashing German grip on last half of Tarnopol, mopping up on east bank of Dniester southwest of Odessa.

**Air War**—Lull follows six days of ceaseless hammering of German targets by Allied fleets; Berlin hit by Mosquitoes by night; London has small attack; summary of Thursday's giant assaults show great damage to German factories, aircraft facilities.

**Pacific**—One cargo ship sunk, nine fired as Allied bombers break up attempt to supply Hollandia, last main Japanese base in New Guinea.

## Bong Wins Majority, Title to Some Scotch

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Apr. 14—Capt. Richard (Bing) Bong, of Poplar, Wis., who shot down his 27th Japanese plane Apr. 12—topping Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's World War I record of 26—has been promoted to major, to rank from that date, it was announced today.

Bong's 27th kill also won him a case of Scotch whisky offered by Rickenbacker, when he visited the Southwest Pacific, to the first American pilot to break his record. Bong's only problem now is how to collect.

## Bombers Smash Move to Supply Jap Guinea Base

### One Cargo Ship Is Sunk, 9 Others Set Afire in Hollandia Area

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Apr. 14—A Japanese attempt to supply their last big base in New Guinea by sea was smashed as American bombers hit Hollandia at dawn yesterday, sinking one cargo ship and setting nine others on fire, while escorting fighters shot down ten of 20 defending enemy fighters.

For the last three days nearly 1,000 tons of bombs have been hurled on the tiny port's airfields, docks, army barracks and supply dumps in an effort to neutralize Hollandia as the supply point for the remainder of the Jap armies along the island's north-central coast.

Eight aircraft were damaged in low-level sweeps over the bomb-gutted airfields and fires were left burning visible for 80 miles.

A United Press dispatch said that the "whole weight" of Lt. Gen. George C. Kenny's Southwest Pacific air forces had been thrown in for the attacks.

In other air operations, small forces of medium bombers hit Hansa Bay and Madang, scoring hits on fuel dumps. Solomons-based mediums blasted two airfields at Rabaul without loss.

## Big Gains in Burma Reported by Tokyo

NEW DELHI, Apr. 14 (Reuter)—Tokyo claimed today that Japanese forces were advancing only ten miles south of Dimapur, Allied base 80 miles inside India and railroad of the Bengal-Assam line which supplies Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's Chinese-American troops in North Burma, and said all Allied remnants except 500 men in a hill position had been wiped out in the vicinity of Kohima, whose capture was claimed by the Japs more than a week ago. Dimapur is 50 miles northwest of Kohima.

However, today's communique from Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters reported no important fighting in the Kohima area and only patrol activity around Imphal, capital of the Indian border state of Manipur. Today's Japanese version of the Imphal position said the only Allied line of retreat was in imminent danger of being cut off by encirclement.

## GI Joes' Paper Is Hunting New Name for Its Buyers

FORT McCLELLAN, Ala., Apr. 14—The McClellan Cycle, weekly camp paper, is offering a \$100 War Bond for a name to replace "GI Joe." It is seeking a nickname best expressing "the guts and stamina and courage of the American infantryman."

## Stage Door Canteen—Hostesses And All—Planned for London

A "Stage Door Canteen," complete with movie-actress dancing partners, celebrity dish-washers, floor shows, doughnuts and cokes will be opened within a few weeks at 201 Piccadilly, London, for all Allied forces stationed in the United Kingdom.

The canteen will be patterned after similar organizations in Washington and New York, and will be financed through the same group—the American Theater Wing for War Service. It is the first tangible result of a long-term project that includes recreation centers wherever their need might arise on the continent.

Main function of the Canteen will be to offer Allied servicemen and women a center around which to build their leaves and passes.

Site of the new Canteen is a former restaurant which was slightly damaged in the 1941 blitz and has been used since as a food warehouse. All labor necessary

## German 'Dunkirk' From Crimea Smashed, 25,000 Nazis Seized; Reds Strafing Jammed Beaches

### 'I Want to See Eisenhower,' Pvt. Tells Sentry—and He Does

#### GI from General's Home Town Gets a Note To Prove It

Two soldiers from Abilene, Kan., now stationed in the ETO, held a reunion the other day at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force. They were Pvt. Walter J. Thorpe, 23-year-old Air Force mechanic, and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

It was a typical Kansas get-together. They discussed the Army, wheat and friends in Abilene.

Thorpe, on furlough from an air base in Northern Ireland, decided to say "hello" to the general, whom he had met while working on a Kansas farm owned by the commander's brother.

Before leaving Ireland, Thorpe told humates at his station of his intention "to drop in and see Gen. Eisenhower while I'm in England."

#### His Mates Are Skeptics

They were cynical and doubted whether he would succeed. "Yeah, and I owe Mr. Churchill a visit too," was the skeptical reply of a colleague.

But two days later Thorpe walked into Allied Headquarters.

"I'd like to see Gen. Eisenhower," he told the MP at the entrance.

"You'd like to do what?" gasped the guard.

"I'd like to see the general, if he's not too busy," Thorpe repeated.

The MP called the officer of the day, and after a hasty conference and inspection of Thorpe's papers, the former

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Stars and Stripes Photo  
Pvt. Walter J. Thorpe studies with satisfaction the note Gen. Eisenhower gave him to prove they'd met and chatted.

## Ickes Asks U.S.-Owned Plants Be Given Veterans After War

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 14 (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes suggested tonight that post-war ownership and control of presently government-owned war plants be turned over to men and women war veterans as a means of providing maximum employment.

"We must make sure," he said, "that ownership and control of these plants come to rest in the hands of those who are interested in their continued full operation."

"I know of no better way to accomplish this plan than to vest ownership and control of these plants in the men and women who have served in the armed forces. These are the people who will be interested in maximum employment."

"Giving each of them a share in the ownership and control of American industry would amount to giving them a stake in the future of the democratic economy of the America which they are fighting to preserve."

Ickes recommended world-wide political and economic stability based on the Atlantic Charter, liberal buying from foreign nations and elimination of private cartels.

American buying power must be maintained at a high level, he said, through full productive employment, supplemented when necessary by public works.

## 'Invasion' Story A German Hoax

Claims in a German short wave broadcast that "an invasion force headed by Canadians" was making a landing on the French coast south of Calais were denied officially yesterday by the War Office.

The broadcast, which was picked up solely by several Canadian stations, was believed a trick to induce French patriots into exposing themselves prematurely. An Ottawa spokesman asserted that any such announcement, if a landing had occurred, would have come from the United Kingdom.

## Effect of Labor Shortages On Output Falls—McNutt

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14—Labor shortages are causing less damage to war production now than at any time in the last 12 months, Chairman Paul V. McNutt, of the War Manpower Commission, said today.

He added that most production programs were on schedule or ahead, "notably the crucially important aircraft program."

## Prohibition Party Barred From Pennsylvania Ballot

HARRISBURG, Pa., Apr. 14—The State Elections Bureau has denied the Prohibition Party a place on the ballot on the ground that its nominating petitions failed to include affidavits from its presidential candidate, Claude A. Watson, of Los Angeles, and vice-presidential candidate, Andrew Johnson, of Wilmore, Ky.

#### Dietrich on Africa Tour

Marlene Dietrich has arrived in Algiers on an entertainment tour of service bases, a broadcast from Algiers quoted by Reuter said.

## Routed Foe Crushed Into Last Fifth Of Peninsula

With Soviet planes battering enemy shipping in the Crimea's southwest ports and the Red Fleet waiting beyond in the Black Sea, the Russians appeared last night to have smashed an attempted German "Dunkirk" in its opening stages and left thousands of Nazis with no choice except surrender or death.

All accounts agreed that with four-fifths of the peninsula in Russian hands, Red tanks within 30 miles of the Nazis' last big port at Sevastopol and nearly 25,000 German prisoners, the swift seven-day campaign was ending in the wholesale rout of the shattered remnants of a dozen German-Rumanian divisions—estimated at 30,000 to 50,000 men.

The Russians' unexpectedly speedy advance, with its promise that Gen. Feodor Tolbukhin's powerful Fourth Ukrainian Army group and Gen. Andrei Yeremenko's independent coastal operations army soon would be released for operations on the mainland, left the German propaganda machine badly at a loss.

In the face of Bucharest reports quoted by Algiers radio that the Germans were evacuating the Rumanian port and base of Constanza, the best that German News Agency's Martin Hallensleben could say last night was that the Nazi retreat in the Crimea had its good points because it "ties down considerable Soviet forces."

#### Moscow Claims Conceded

Col. Ernst von Hammer, the agency's military commentator, conceded practically all Moscow's claims except those describing the Germans' confused, shattered retreat. He insisted the Nazis were retiring "in complete order" and maintained that the Russians had "not achieved their main aim—the outflanking and annihilation of the German Army in the south."

While Tolbukhin's tanks in two columns rolled down the highways from Eupatoria and Simferopol to Sevastopol—coincident with Yeremenko's thrust west along the Marine drive from Feodosia toward the tiny port of Yalta, 30 miles east of Sevastopol—other Red Army forces on the mainland pressed across the lower Dniester and drove deeper into Tarnopol.

German radio said the Soviets used infantry, artillery and flame-throwers to burn their way into Tarnopol, the Odessa-Lwow trunk station 65 miles southeast of the Nazi base at Lwow. Half of the town was given up by the Germans several days ago and the enemy radio admitted yesterday that the Russians had breached defenses south of the remaining half and were advancing in furious fighting.

There were no reports of any kind about the situation in the Carpathian passes, where Russian and Czechoslovak forces reached the Czech border days ago.

#### Russians Shell Ferry

On the lower Dniester, Gen. Rodion Malinovsky's armies were reported to have completed mopping up the enemy remnants pinned against the river's east shore. They were said to be preparing for new crossings, shelling the ferry terminus of Akkerman at the western end of the Dniester estuary with heavy guns. Planes hammered traffic running westward from Akkerman into Rumania.

Soviet reporters in the Crimea gave a picture of air strafing on the beaches that Allied correspondents in Moscow called "at least equal to, if not far worse than,"

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## Shy Photog Berated By Tommy Denied The Naked Truth

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Apr. 14 (Reuter)—A complaint of prudery on the British home front which prevented a Tommy from having a pinup picture of his sweetheart, was published today by Union Jack, British Army newspaper.

"I like 'pinup girls' with few clothes on because they look better that way, but I would rather it were my own girl friend back home," the soldier wrote. "I asked her to be photographed the way pinup girls are, but when she started to take her frock off the photographer threatened to call the police and ordered her out of the shop. Is this the kind of narrow-mindedness we are fighting for?"

The Tommy signed himself "Disgusted."



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A Change of Viewpoint

A year ago German radio broadcasts were claiming that "The German front in the East, where German strategy has been able to take the laws of action into its own hands, has proved our greater ability to conduct military operations."

But now, a year later, even the Nazi propaganda line reflects a slight change of viewpoint. For example, General Dittmar in a pep talk to the home front reports that "the evacuation of Odessa must be absolutely welcomed because the preservation of the German military units operating in south Russia is far more important than the possession of a locality east of the Dniester."

The Russians, it would appear, are not impressed for they have forged ahead in the Crimea, and latest dispatches give the view of an overwhelming Soviet advance on all sectors, with Germans, and Rumanians too, in full flight towards the historic fields of Inkerman and Balaklava.

The rout appears to be a mad race for Sebastopol where Axis troops will face another Dunkirk. And as the Russians push them into the Sea we believe it will take more than Nazi ideological character to maintain their morale, for it was Nazi leadership that marched them into the mouth of the Crimean Hell and like the "noble six hundred" few will live to see the shores of their Fatherland.

A Great American

If Henry Morgenthau hasn't heard of Constantine L. Leonida, then the Treasury is losing out on a mighty good man, for Leonida, a Greek-American restaurant owner, is the bond-selling champion of the State of Kansas.

In the recent Fourth War Bond Drive, Gus sold more than four hundred thousand dollars' worth of War Bonds after which he promptly waded into another great effort—his Red Cross Day. Every cent taken in on that day—all \$905.65 of it—went to the Red Cross.

Leonida's patriotism is both spontaneous and original in its manifestations. He buys bonds himself, and he orders, wheedles and bribes others to do the same. He opened the War Bond drive by giving a free meal to everyone buying a War Bond. When the drive stopped he had passed the 400,000 mark.

Income tax collectors have tried in vain to get Leonida to take deductions for his Red Cross contributions and other gifts, but the Kansas patriot refuses. "Uncle Sam needs the money more than I do," is his stock answer, and he's not a man to be swayed.

The Greek American has one son—S/Sgt. Adrina Leonida—in the USAAF here in England. We salute them both—a great American and a worthy son.

Medical Discovery

Human blood plasma has been found to be highly effective in the treatment of second and third degree burns, notably in lessening the danger of infection and speeding the process of healing.

This important discovery was made through a number of successful experiments carried on over the past two years by two Navy doctors, who mixed the plasma with a thickening substance and a five per cent solution of sulfanilamide and applied it as a salve.

When placed directly on the surface of burns the new salve produced results that were better than those obtained by the use of any one of the other methods employed during the past two years. The formation of new skin was rapid when the plasma treatment was used and unburned skin adjacent to injured areas was not only unaffected, but retained its normal appearance. Applied to second degree burns the average time of healing was five days.

Medical science has made many gains during the past four years of battle, and these gains, paid for in human suffering, remain as permanent benefits, a strange but wonderful harvest collected from the rocky fields of war.

Hash Marks

Signs of the Times. This message is posted in an ETO mess operated by T/Sgt. George Close, "Eat Neat—What You Spill Leaves Stains on the Other Man's Sleeve."

A sergeant in the ETO was drilling his men with great vigor, but he was having trouble getting them to obey his com-



mand to "halt." Finally, in desperation he picked up some stones and shouted, "Now, stand still damnit, or I'll throw rocks at you!"

Some days ago The Stars and Stripes printed a prediction by a Georgia man that the war would end on Easter Sunday. A topkick chides us with this query, "April 9th is over—are we sweating out the six months now, or is the war still on?" Ask Hitler.

A new 20-mile speed limit has certainly slowed down some drivers at a certain ai: depot. Laments one sorrowful motor pool man, "I never thought I'd live to see the day when bicycles would pass me and my jeep."

Daffy Spring Poetry. Written for those who aren't particular about the kind of verse they read:

Love is like an onion, You taste it with delight; And when it's gone you wonder Just what made you bite.

An ingenious man is Lt. James W. Myers, Lib pilot. He was not baffled for long when a cigar shortage coincided with the birth of his first son. He immediately issued coupons good for one steak at his cattle ranch in Arizona after the war. He also prepared his friends for the event. All his new stationery was printed months ago, headed: James W. Myers Sr.

These British kids are not only smart—they have perseverance and they're learning all the angles fast. Some youngsters



surrounded an intelligence officer from a Lib station and began their chant, "Have you got any gum? Have you got any candy? Have you got any cigarettes?" When the harassed officer answered "NO" to each plea, they looked at him and bellowed in a disgusted tone, "Well—when do you get your rations?"

Have you heard of the bunch of stalwart paragraph troopers who call themselves the "Filing Tigers"?

J. C. W.

Buzzing Is an Aerial Art, And U.S. Has Its Masters

By Andrew A. Rooney Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

One of the funny things about the Air Forces is the way nice quiet boys who love their mothers are always scaring hell out of everyone.

Their medium is buzzing, a highly scientific development of the business of jumping out of a doorway and yelling "boo" at someone. Webster's says "to buzz is (1) to make a low continuous humming sound or (2) to empty to the last drop in drinking; as, to buzz a bottle."

To an Air Force man, "to buzz" means simply to dive in on any object from the air at high speed and to pull up before you hit the object—usually.

The buzz is the airman's international salute. For some inexplicable reason, cool, calm, normally sane pilots lose their coolness, calmness and sanity when they pile in full throttle on some little airfield. The field seems to shrink as the mad jockey swoops down apple-tree high—which isn't very high—and sucks dust from the runway and turns the wilting blades of grass literally pale before he lays back on the stick and screams his juggernaut into the air. He has a mad grin on his face.

They Start Early

Buzzing usually starts at flying school. A pilot finds he is master of his machine; finds out that buzzing is not only fun but against regulations, so sort of naturally he starts buzzing things. First he buzzes hedges and fields, then he buzzes little country homes and finally he moves into the big buzz league. He picks out some particularly unbuzzable spot where there are plenty of people and he buzzes that.

Although they don't say much about it officially, the Air Forces are filled with boys who washed out of cadet training for buzzing once too often, once too close. Those boys, good fliers most of them, but a little crazy like a good flier should be, went to Canada and learned to buzz in Canadian planes. They came to England with the RCAF. The USAAF came to England, and the washouts, with their former buzz records buried, transferred. That's how the USAAF got a lot of crack pilots and buzz boys.

In pre-war Air Forces days, civilian buzzers went for bridges. Bridge buzzers were considered masters of the art, post-graduates of the best buzz schools. One of the favorites was a turn-under the George Washington Bridge between Jersey and Manhattan. Anyone around New York who had pulled that off was well thought of as a buzzer.

One of the greatest buzzes of all time was accomplished by the anonymous pilot who flew under and between the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. He had inches to spare on the wingtips and feet to spare on the ground.

The coup d'etat, the masterpiece of all buzzes, was pulled off less than a year ago by a young B17 pilot by the name of Jack W. Watson, of Indianapolis, Ind. Watson dipped his four-engined bomber into the Yankee Stadium while the second game of the World Series was in full swing. Watson took the ship in and out of the bowl and gave Series fans their biggest thrill since Babe Ruth hit his three home runs in one game. That story wouldn't be funny enough yet to repeat in an Army journal had not Watson been sent to the Eighth Air Force

and completely acquitted himself in combat—even in the eyes of Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, who at first wanted to push a case against Watson.

At every airfield there are at least ten good buzz legends.

The average buzz story that ground personnel at airfields in England like to tell goes like this:

"It couldn't have happened on a worse day. We had these three brigadier generals on the field from headquarters and our CO was trying to make a good impression—you know, acting as if stuff was shined up like that every day.

"Well, Walt Tracy (we'll call him that, anyway) was trying out a new No. 3 engine. There wasn't a better damn pilot on the field than Walt, but boy, how he liked to buzz.

"The boss and all this brass were up on the control tower when all of a sudden they see this B17 heading for the field like it had no intention of stopping—ever. It was Tracy.

"He brings that wagon in at about 300 and doesn't miss the trees at the end of the field by more than five feet. Just about at the control tower he kicks the stick and leans back on it, and kee . . . rist, the kite goes screaming up past the CO and these three brigadiers like a sky-rocket.

"There wasn't one of them left on their feet, not even the CO. And when they came up they came up dripping. It had been raining that morning and the top of the tower was mud and puddles."

Some Have Tragic Endings

There have been sad buzzes. One ETO Fortress pilot with his complete crew finished operations and was sent home. He flew back and as he circled the field on which he was to set his wheels for the first time in more than a year, he asked for permission to buzz the field. Permission was granted. As he roared down on the field, another plane ran across the taxi strip for a take-off. They came together, crashed, and every man on board the bomber, all of whom had finished their missions over Europe, was killed.

There have been miraculous accidents. One B17 pilot here decided to try out a plane that was used for tow-target work on the field. With his navigator he pulled the red-hot medium bomber low against the field. As he passed the control tower a telephone pole jutting into the air ripped at the bottom of the ship and tore a gaping hole down its belly. Miraculously the ship was landed safely.

A Fortress buzzed too low, ripped out its ball turret, clipped its entire left tail plane off. With ten men aboard, the B17 crashed at full speed—and no one was hurt.

Mostly, though, whether the pilot is a student who sneaks off for a low turn around the Arlington race track near Chicago or an experienced Mustang pilot who buzzes a field with guns ablaze deep in Germany, and calls it strafing, the buzz game isn't very safe.

There are good reasons—obvious reasons—why buzzing is officially frowned upon, but there is about as much possibility that American boys will stop buzzing as there is they will stop flying. A good buzz is in their blood.

This Is The Army

THE ETO is just one big happy home (it says here in small print) for Cpl. Russell W. Boose, an MP from Twinsburg, Ohio. Sharing the Spam and sunshine with Russell are (1) a brother, (2) a brother-in-law, (3) an uncle, and (4), a cousin. The brother is a sailor, the brother-in-law is a Sea Bee, and the other three are in the Army.

Through the use of scrap material—and their brains—enlisted personnel at a general hospital in England have made improvements on X-ray equipment, some of which may remain as permanent fixtures after the war.

Improvements on one development, a sinus board which permits the taking of an X-ray for the sinus vertically instead of horizontally, are expected to become standard hospital equipment. The board enables an operator to take a picture showing the fluid level, which may indicate trouble in the sinus passage.

Sgt. Charles Symon, of Irvington, N.J., directed the work on the sinus board. Materials used—scrap wood, odd nuts and bolts and shelf supports—are valued at about 25 cents.

A Huge arrow, extending the entire width of a station hospital in England, is used by Mess Sgt. Oliver Fanning, of Tulsa, Okla., to drive home his point in a food-saving campaign. The arrow points to occupied France, and a sign below it reads: "—miles from this spot, fifty million Frenchmen are starving. Don't waste food."

THERE'S one MP unit in the ETO whose members can quote Shakespeare as well as the riot act when they pitch some wandering Yank. Half the "coppers" in the outfit boast an Army IQ rating of 110 or higher.

In the crew are two former lawyers, and a third gent, Cpl. John W. Barbee, is prepared to converse with you in seven languages.

Notes from the Air Force

LT. Gen. Carl Spaatz yesterday pinned a DSC on Lt. Chester W. Vitali, of East Dedham, Mass., for "aggressiveness and will to destroy the enemy and for extraordinary heroism."

Vitali, piloting one of the fighters escorting heavy bombers to northwest Germany Jan. 24, shot down one enemy plane, then, said the citation, "upon conclusion of this attack, although alone and at unfavorable altitude, Vitali without regard to enemy strength and combat hazards confronting him, unhesitatingly and without support of any kind engaged three enemy aircraft, two of which he destroyed and one of which he drove from an attack on a friendly fighter plane."

Brig. Gen. Donald R. Goodrich, of Marshall, Mich., commanding general of the Eighth Air Force Service Command, presented a cup to the Third Strategic Air Depot Tuesday. Col. Robert M. Batterson Jr. accepted it for his command, which had the best airport record for the month of March.

A Liberator squadron commanded by Capt. Heber H. Thompson, of Pottsville, Pa., has been cited by Brig. Gen. James P. Hodges, commanding general of a Liberator division, for completing 25 aerial combat missions against the enemy without the loss of an aircraft or crew.

A majority of the targets were in Germany and were accomplished in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire and formidable opposition from enemy fighters. On several occasions the squadron led the formation in the Group commanded by Col. Gerry L. Mason, of Philadelphia.

If there were an overtime bonus in the Eighth Air Force the crew of the Liberator Dumbo would rate a sizeable chunk after doing six major missions in seven days, travelling about 7200 miles to drop 31000 pounds of bombs. Their targets included Berlin, Osnabruck, an airfield south of Bordeaux and the invasion coast. From four of the missions the ship returned with flak damage, but night-working ground crews patched it up in time for the next day's work.

GIs in Foxholes Find Tanks Rumble Harmlessly Overhead

A U.S. INFANTRY DIVISION HQ, Apr. 14.—Did you ever crouch in a homemade foxhole and have a 30-ton tank go roaring over you?

That's one of the phases of training the men of this outfit have been going through in their baptism for battle.

The hole is deep enough so you won't get hurt. You make sure of that when you dig it. But you can't avoid the feeling that one of the treads might slip and nick the top of your helmet. And 30 tons is 30 tons, chum.

It's all part of a schedule to get the men accustomed to whatever contingencies might occur when they go into combat. They may find themselves on battlefields where enemy tanks are roaming, and they must know how deep a proper foxhole should be and how to curl up in it.

When an outfit goes out to the tank course, the CO calls them together for last-minute instructions.

You are told to dig a hole with a two-foot margin of safety.

"You have plenty of time to dig it," says the CO. "If you don't think two feet is enough, dig yourself more clearance. We take no responsibility for any mistakes you might make."

The ground is pretty hard. Such a site was purposely chosen so there would be no danger of the heavy tank pressing down the edges of your foxhole. In soft earth even two feet would be dangerous.

Once you have dug your hole, you jump into it and try it out for size. If it's OK you signal to the tank pilot. He waves back and a moment later the roaring monster comes twisting and bouncing along. You crouch down in your hole and wait. Two feet seems like damn little clearance all of a sudden.

Suddenly the light is cut off and there is a roar directly overhead. Dirt and rocks come raining down your neck. Actually it's no more than a couple of seconds and the tank passes on.

"OK," shouts the officer who has been standing near your hole.

You gingerly straighten up and look around. The tank, which doesn't look nearly so menacing now, is rumbling toward another foxhole.

You brush the dirt off your fatigues and jump out.

"Well, that's how it feels to have a tank run over you, feller," says the officer, giving you a slap on the back. "It wasn't so bad, was it?" "It really wasn't."



"That makes three destroyed and two probables, sergeant!"



# Canadiens Edge Hawks, 5-4, to Annex Stanley Cup



**BROOKLYN, Apr. 14**—The Dodgers and Phillies outfumbled each other through nine innings, the Dodgers finally winning, 13-11, here yesterday before 13,000 fans who paid the Red Cross more than \$14,000 to see the game and hear "Swooner" Frank Sinatra warble. The Dodgers scored six runs in the sixth and six more in the eighth. Manager Freddie Fitzsimmons, Wilbur Reeser, Charlie Schanz and Jack Donohue twirled for the Phils, while Whit Wyatt, Rube Melton, Dick Weaver and Tommy Warren shared the Dodger pitching assignment. After the game, the Phils announced they had purchased First Baseman Ulisses Lupien from the Boston Red Sox.

**ST. LOUIS, Apr. 14**—The Cardinals gained a 3-1 advantage in their pre-season city series with the Browns by edging the American Leaguers, 5-4, here yesterday. Stan Musial's single, Walker Cooper's walk and singles by Ray Sanders and Whitey Kurowski gave the Cards two runs in the first innings. They added one in the fourth, then Danny Litwhiler's triple, Martin Marion's double and Johnny Hopp's single provided two more in the sixth. Don Gutteridge homered for the Browns in the eighth.

**CHICAGO, Apr. 14**—The White Sox clustered four straight singles in the tenth inning off John Burrows to take a pitchers' duel from the Cubs, 2-0, here yesterday before 5,500 fans at Wrigley Field.



Thornton Lee, pitching five frames, and Bill Dietrich, finishing, checked the Cubs with three hits, while the Sox got only two hits off Eddie Hanyzewski in seven innings and one off Burrows until the extra inning when Hal Trosky, former Cleveland star, Myril Hoag, recently honorably discharged from the AAF, and Rookies Grey Clarke and LeRoy Schald singled successively with one out, Schald driving home the two runs.

**NEW YORK, Apr. 14**—The Yankees trounced the Giants, 11-4, at the Polo Grounds yesterday before 9,677 customers who gave \$15,000 to the Red Cross. Stage, screen and radio stars performed for an hour before the game. The Yanks clubbed Lefty Cliff Melton for eight hits in the first six innings and Lou Polli, who started the seventh, walked four Bombers before retiring the side.

**RICHMOND, Ind., Apr. 14**—The Cleveland Indians suffered their fifth setback in six starts against National League clubs, falling before the Cincinnati Reds, 8-4, here yesterday as the Reds rallied for three runs in the sixth and five in the seventh. Al Smith handcuffed the Reds with one hit in five frames, but tired in the sixth, and Mel Harder was victim of the Cincinnati outburst. Bucky Walters and Joe Beggs hurled for the Reds.

**FREEMAN FIELD, Ind., Apr. 14**—The Detroit Tigers registered four runs in the tenth inning to trounce the Freeman Fliers, 9-5, here yesterday. Sgt. Al Albright stopped the Bengals with one run in six innings, but they jumped on Sgt. Jim Higgins for three runs in the eighth and one in the ninth to tie the score.

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**Cameras Wanted**  
WANTED, Reflex, single or twin lens, prefer precision make, such as Primaflex, Microflex, Antomatic Roliflex, etc. Pfc Robert Gelfox, 43088512.  
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**Lost**  
BILFOLD, black leather, en route from Ash church to Birmingham, Mar. 29. Finder may keep money. T/3 Kenneth Schlauder, 36654126.  
WALLET, brown, containing papers and \$23, between Victory Club and Liverpool St. Station. Finder may keep money. S/Sgt. W. London, 6928497.  
WILL the person who took my wallet while I was showering at the Norwich Red Cross Arm. I please return the pictures and other personal belongings? He may keep the money and the wallet.—Pfc Mike F. Spellizza, 37405769.

## GIs, Italian Prisoners See A's Slap Bisons

**FT. MEADE, Md., Apr. 14**—Italian war prisoners were treated to a look at baseball here yesterday as the Philadelphia Athletics whipped Buffalo, 9-5, with a 15-hit assault on two Bison pitchers. Jojo White and Woody Wheaton led the hitters with two singles and a double each. The Ities raked the field before the game, then sat along the sidelines with 10,000 GIs and enjoyed the contest.

## Haegg May Tour U.S. in Summer

**Arne Andersson Expected To Accompany Him, Ferris Reveals**

**NEW YORK, Apr. 14**—Gunder Haegg and Arne Andersson, fast-moving Swedish track stars, may return to the United States for another series of races this summer, Dan Ferris, secretary of the AAU, disclosed today. Ferris said he has been corresponding with Swedish athletic authorities in an effort to lure the record breaking runners back to the States in time for the outdoor season. Last year Haegg gave American track meets a financial shot in the arm as he dominated the summer competition. The Swedish officials have asked for a reciprocal visit by American athletes, Ferris said. The AAU replied it was in favor of the idea providing transport could be arranged with reasonable safety, which leaves the matter dangling in mid-air.

If Haegg and Andersson are permitted to travel to the States, their first appearance is likely to be in the National AAU track and field championships June 17-18 at Randall's Island Stadium, New York. Half of the proceeds of this affair will be given to the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation. Last year's event, held at the same place and with Haegg among the entrants, netted \$105,000 for the AAF.

During his '43 tour, Haegg ran eight races and lost only one, a two-mile grind in which Bob Berger, New York high school youth, capitalized on a 200-yard handicap to outlast the Flying Swede. His best effort for the mile distance was 4:05.3.

While Haegg was absent, Andersson began burning up the tracks in Sweden. First he reduced Haegg's mile figure to 4:02.6; then he lowered his 1,500-meter record to 3:45.

## Zurita Will Defend Title Against Jack In Mexico May 5

**MEXICO CITY, Apr. 14**—Juan Zurita, NBA lightweight champ, will defend his bauble against Beau Jack, the Georgia shoeshine boy who thumped Zurita in a non-title tiff last month, here May 5, George Parnassus, the Mexican's manager, has announced.

The fight will be held either in a bull ring which seats 28,000 fans or in the National Stadium, which accommodates 40,000.

The Beau took a unanimous ten-round decision in their last meeting, Mar. 31 at Madison Square Garden. Jack twice held the New York State version of the lightweight crown, while Zurita wrestled the NBA title from Sammy Angott recently in Hollywood.

## Minor League Results

**Pacific Coast League**

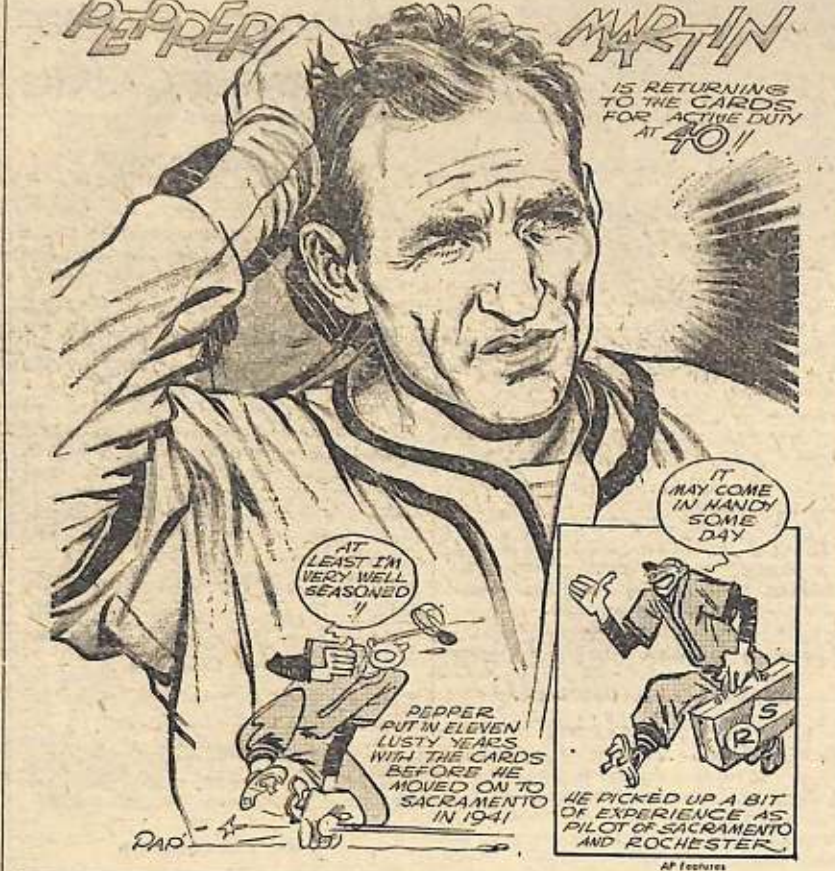
San Francisco 5, Portland 3	Hollywood 1, Seattle 0 (ten innings)	San Diego 7, Oakland 6	Los Angeles 2, Sacramento 0
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Los Angeles 4 0 1.000	San Francisco 2 2 3.400	Hollywood 4 2 .667	Oakland 2 4 .333
San Diego 4 2 .667	Seattle 2 4 .333	Portland 3 2 .600	Sacramento 0 4 .000

**Wilbur Moore Joins Marines**  
MINNEAPOLIS, Apr. 14—Wilbur Moore, Minnesota and Washington Redskins grid ace, has joined the Marines.

## Li'l Abner



## A Dash of Pepper



## Clark Shaughnessy Plumping For Use of 'T' by Prep Elevens

**PITTSBURGH, Apr. 14**—Clark Shaughnessy, University of Pittsburgh football grid coach and widely traveled exponent of the "T" formation, has opened a campaign to wean high school coaches away from the "Pop" Warner system of power football in favor of the "T."

Shag, who revitalized the T-spread at Stanford to carry the Indians into the Rose Bowl after they had finished at the bottom of the conference the year before, pointed out that many players who couldn't make the fifth team under any other style "fit into the 'T' like a glove."

"Frankie Albert, a great quarterback, is an example of that," Clark said. "He was an outstanding field general, quick thinker and great passer. But he couldn't block and wasn't much on running. He would be useless in any other system."

While not taking all the credit for the Chicago Bears' remarkable success with "his" formation, Shag pointed out that as another testimonial to the "T". "Of course," he said, "I'm not claiming the Bears would be lost in the shuffle if they didn't use the 'T,' but with Sid Luckman as quarterback they have a perfect field general for the system."

Much of Shag's campaign will depend on the success he has at Pitt this fall because his squad is expected to contain more than its share of gridders who "couldn't make the fifth team under other styles," as he put it.

## Clowns to Tackle U.S. One

The formidable U.S. One softball team, which won 24 games in 28 tries last season, will open its season in Hyde Park, London, tomorrow, facing the HQ Clowns on diamond No. 2 at 5:15 P.M. Sgt. Grady Foreman, of Crowley, La., will hurl for U.S. One, opposed by Sgt. H. W. Dougherty, of Dallas, Texas.

## Foxx Trying Comeback Behind Plate

**CHICAGO, Apr. 14**—Among the many old-timers returning to baseball this year is a 36-year-old youngster with a fancy 4-F draft card and a reputation for murdering American League pitching during his 17 seasons with the Athletics and Red Sox.

The slugger, inactive last year, is Jimmy Foxx, who played with the Cubs in '42 and has stepped out of retirement for another fling with the Chicago National Leaguers, this time as a catcher. It's true that he gained most of his fame as a hard-hitting first baseman, but he has had a shot at third base and catching, too.

Jimmy is glad to be back any place on the ball field and probably will play in a great many spots before the season is out. At present, however, he is a catcher.

"I am going to try him out as a catcher," Manager Jimmy Wilson said, "because we need some hitting back there." Then Wilson added with a grin, "Besides, I think he can get in shape a little faster that way. You don't stay fat back there long unless you're Shanty Hogan."

Foxx is, in his own estimation, 12 pounds overweight at 212, and now he has double chins along with his double X's. But he isn't worried about his weight or age as much as he is about the year of inactivity.

"Being idle last season will hurt the most," Jimmy asserted, "especially in my hitting. It may take time to get the eyes back in focus."

Sold by the Red Sox to the Cubs in June, 1942, Jimmy was considered washed up by almost everybody. He hit .270 for Boston in 30 games and slumped to .205 in 70 with the Cubs.

For 17 years before that with the A's and Red Sox, Foxx averaged .329 and knocked in over 100 runs per year 13 straight times. His RBI mark fell off to 33 in 1942, and that's when observers decided Jimmy was through.

Probably the steepest comeback climb in the business is before James Emory Foxx this summer. But if he can get in shape and get his eye on the ball, rival National League pitchers had better watch out. The ol' boy isn't so old.

## Montreal Wins In Extra Stanza On Blake's Tally

**Canucks Rack Up 3 Goals In Third Period To Knot Count**

**MONTREAL, Apr. 14**—Les Canadiens, of Montreal, concluded one of the most successful campaigns in the annals of National Hockey League history by adding the Stanley Cup title to their loop

## Stanley Cup Playoffs

**First Bracket**  
(Best four out of seven)  
Toronto 3, Montreal 1  
Montreal 5, Toronto 1  
Montreal 2, Toronto 1  
Montreal 4, Toronto 1  
Montreal 11, Toronto 0  
(Montreal won, four games to one)

**Second Bracket**  
(Best four out of seven)  
Chicago 2, Detroit 1  
Detroit 4, Chicago 1  
Chicago 2, Detroit 0  
Chicago 7, Detroit 1  
Chicago 5, Detroit 2  
(Chicago won, four games to one)

**Finals**  
(Best four out of seven)  
Montreal 5, Chicago 1  
Montreal 3, Chicago 1  
Montreal 3, Chicago 2  
Montreal 5, Chicago 4  
(Montreal wins, 4-0)

championship with a 5-4 overtime victory over the Chicago Black Hawks here last night for their fourth straight win in the best-of-seven playoff finals.

Toe Blake had the honor of sinking the final goal of the 1943-44 season and clinched the Cup for his team when he scored on a pass from Butch Bouchard at 9:12 of the 20-minute sudden-death overtime period. Blake also was credited with assists on the four earlier Canuck tallies.

The rafter-clinging crowd of 14,000 hometown partisans had their fill of anxious moments before Blake beat Mike Karakas, Hawk goalie, with his slippery shot. In fact, it appeared the Chicagoans would notch their first triumph of the series, until the third period, when the high-powered Canadiens rang the bell with three rapid fire goals.

Each team scored once in the opening frame, George Allen putting the Hawks ahead at 5:12 on a pass from Cully Dahlstrom, and Elmer Lach tying the score on Blake's pass three minutes later.

In the second period, the Chicagoans flashed their best form of the series, gaining a 4-1 lead midway through the session. Johnny Harms scored at 7:30 assisted by Allen and Dahlstrom; Allen netted a shot at 9:12 with the help of Doug Bentley and Clint Smith, and Bentley tallied at 10:09 on Smith's pass.

The Canadiens opened with a rush in the third stanza. Lach scored on Blake's pass at 10:02, and Maurice Richard knotted the count with two quick counters at 16:05 and 17:20, Blake assisting each time and Bouchard helping with the second.

The Hawks fought desperately to salvage at least one victory, but couldn't get past the Canuck defense in the overtime, while Blake's goal clinched the series for Montreal and ended hockey for the season.

## Montgomery Passes Physical

**PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 14**—Bob Montgomery, recognized as lightweight champion here and in New York and New Jersey, has passed his Army physical and expects to be inducted in three weeks.

## By Al Capp





# House Insisting Post-War Fleet Be Kept Intact

## Decrease Overwhelmingly Opposed; Naval Supply Bill Has Easy Time

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (AP)—A wave of sentiment against post-war scrapping of any of the Navy—now the world's largest—swept through the House today as it met for the formality of passing and sending to the Senate the record \$32,647,000,000 naval supply bill for the next fiscal year.

No dissenting vote was expected. In fact, the bill could have been sent to the Senate yesterday by a unanimous standing vote, had not Rep. Wright Patman (D., Tex.) insisted that members "go on record" on a matter of such importance.

The debate centered mainly on insistence that the U.S. keep the Navy virtually intact in post-war years.

Democratic Leader John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts, won an ovation with a statement expressing the hope that "this great Navy of ours will not be sunk" after the war.

The size of the Navy, as well as the strength of the standing Army, are matters to be considered soon by a special House committee on post-war military policy.

# Mabel the Big Pinup Dazzles 'Em With 20 Gallons of Rouge

NEW YORK, Apr. 14—The world's biggest pinup—a Varga girl named Mabel, 124 feet tall—reclines across the front of the second story of the Winter Garden theater on Broadway between 50th and 51st streets these days to advertise Mike Todd's new musical comedy, "Mexican Hayride."

Twenty gallons of paint were needed to create Mabel in Chicago. She was shipped to New York in sections and put together like a jigsaw puzzle.

# Nazis Shell Allied Bridge Across Garigliano in Italy

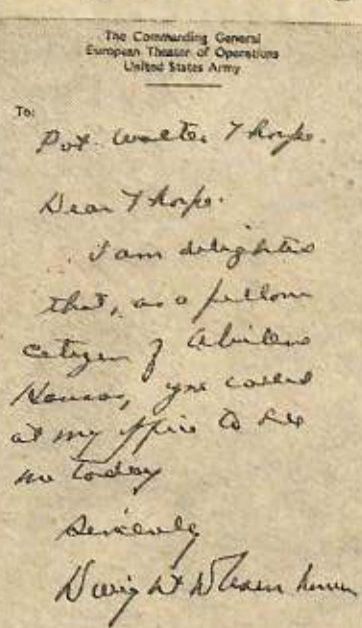
Heavy German artillery fire was laid down in the last 24 hours on an Allied bridge across the Garigliano River, in Italy, United Press reported yesterday. Allied dispatches Thursday said the enemy had mined the river.

# Arts and Hobbies Show To Open in Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Apr. 14—The American Forces leisure-time Arts and Hobbies exhibition, which has been on display in London and Northern Ireland, will open Monday at the Temple Art Gallery, Temple Row, here for the rest of the month. It will be open to the public the first day from 4 to 9 P.M., and daily thereafter from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.

U.S. soldiers stationed in the Birmingham area have been invited to send in art or hobby entries to Harold Bowler, at the Birmingham ARC club, for a special local talent display.

# Proof in Writing



This is the note Gen. Eisenhower penned so Walter Thorpe could convince his buddies he'd actually seen the Allied supreme commander.

# GI from General's Home Town Invades HQ To See Him

(Continued from page 1) Abilene farmer was ushered into a waiting-room. A WAC officer took his name, learned he was from the general's home town, and went into another office.

Ten minutes passed, and Thorpe was thinking he just better forget about the whole thing and go out for a couple of quick ones, when the office door opened, and Gen. Eisenhower was standing there. He said, "So you're from Abilene? Come on in."

Thorpe explained to his impressed fellow-GIs: "The general asked me how I liked the Army and how long I'd been stationed in Northern Ireland. He noticed I wasn't wearing any stripes and asked me how many months I'd been in the Army. I told him two years, and explained that I missed out on a T/O back in the States.

# They Talked About Wheat

"We talked quite a bit about Kansas wheat, and the farm folks we knew back in Abilene. Twenty minutes later I figured I'd taken up about enough time—the general probably had a few other things to do—so I got up and got ready to leave.

"Then I thought about those guys in my hut, and I asked the general whether he would write me out something to prove that I actually had seen the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces.

"He got a piece of memorandum paper from his desk and wrote me a note. Just as I was leaving he told me: 'I'm glad you came to see me, and if you are here again sometime drop in—you're always welcome.'

"Then he shook my hand, and I walked out of his office like I was a pretty important Joe."

Thorpe, no amateur at farming himself, believes the general knows plenty about crops. "He's as friendly as he was back in Abilene. I'm going to stop in again one of these days," he said.

# Hectic Dotage

CLEVELAND, Apr. 14—A 1903 Ford and 1908 Overland were damaged here when a passing auto smashed into the showroom where the old cars were on display.

# NEWS FROM HOME U.S. Rejects Single World Police Force

## Foreign-Policy Experts Are Planning for Separate National Groups

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (AP)—Plans for a single international police force to guard peace in the post-war world have been studied extensively by State Department foreign policy experts, it was learned today, but have been discarded as impractical.

Instead, the experts are planning now in terms of separate national forces—armies, navies and air groups. A dozen or more powers would maintain strong national forces and would, it is hoped, join to suppress or put down international disturbances threatening general war.

Plans along this line will be among those submitted by Secretary of State Cordell Hull to a bipartisan Senate committee which he has asked Chairman Tom Connally (D.-Tex.), of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to appoint, to advise the State Department on post-war policy.

Once the committee has considered the plans they will be put into shape for submission to other nations.

The idea of using force to maintain peace is considered by American foreign-policy officials to be the core of the whole problem of building a peaceful world.

# Fire Prevention

WICHITA, Kan., Apr. 14—Stanley Bargel, 60, who defied police for an hour last week by barricading himself in his tailor shop, is dead of wounds self-inflicted after tear gas ended the siege. He was charged with fatally shooting Fire Capt. Gail S. Braden when the latter arrived at the shop with an order to remove fire hazards.

# Aircraft Cost Cut

DETROIT, Apr. 14—The cost of airplanes, tanks and guns was cut in 1943 by the use of automotive tooling methods, the Automotive Council for War Production announced. Liberator bombers, which sold for \$238,000 two years ago, now sell for \$137,000, and .50 cal. machine-guns, which sold for \$510, are now priced at \$200.

# Hunted for Cruelty to Dog

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 14—When a terrier puppy was found with two inches of his tongue cut off, apparently to keep him from barking, enraged citizens throughout the state contributed a total of \$1,600 as a reward for the capture of the offender.

# Number, Please

MINNEAPOLIS, Apr. 14—A telephone operator wanted to connect Minnie Kraemer with the police department when Minnie said her home had been burglarized. "I don't want the police, I want a telephone man," Miss Kraemer said. "All the thieves took was the telephone."

# Numbers King Dies a Pauper

NEW YORK, Apr. 14—The late Caspar Holstein, one-time millionaire king of the Harlem numbers racket, was saved from a pauper's grave by last-minute intervention of friends. Holstein once owned property valued at \$500,000.

# New I-Engine Fighter Put Into Action by Nazis

NINTH AIR FORCE HQ, Apr. 14—A new-type German fighter plane, described as an improved single-engine Messerschmitt or Focke-Wulf, was reported in action over Germany yesterday by Mustang pilots.

Capt. Charles W. Lasko, of Nema-colin, Pa., who destroyed two of the new models, said they were faster, more streamlined and more maneuverable than other Mes and FWs. German pilots, he said, appeared to be more aggressive and to have more confidence in the new ships. After shooting down his first victim, Lasko got his second without firing a shot when he followed it in a 20,000-foot power dive and watched it crash.

# Gentile Walked Away from Crashed Plane



Capt. Don S. Gentile, Eighth fighter ace, credited with 23 enemy planes destroyed in the air and seven on the ground, walked away from his wrecked Mustang, Shangri-La, Thursday after returning from an escort mission to Schweinfurt. Narrowly missing a building at his base, he lifted the ship at low altitude and landed in a field. Gentile had hoped to bring the plane back to America.

# American Volunteer Ambulance Drivers Ready for Invasion Speaking of Secrets, This Is a Hot One About a Cold One

The American Field Service, composed of some 1,700 volunteer ambulance drivers and financed entirely by voluntary subscriptions (\$1,600,000 in the last four years), has arranged to operate in Europe with the invasion forces, Stephen Gallati, director general of the organization, said Thursday after reviewing its history and explaining its functions at a London press conference. Already one unit of 20 men has completed preparations for action on the continent. Gallati arrived recently en route to Italy.

The AFS served with the British in Egypt, Libya and Tunisia. About 500 volunteers now are in Italy, 200 more in Burma. The men pay for their own equipment, get \$20 a month. Most of the present personnel are unfit for combat duty; five have wooden legs, many have been discharged from the armed services. Nevertheless, their work carries them into danger zones.

The AFS was organized in 1914 and was attached to the French armies until the U.S. entered World War I. Likewise in this war, units served with the French until France capitulated.

# Lisbon Expects Stettinius To Arrive There Soon

LISBON, Apr. 14 (Reuter) — U.S. Undersecretary of State Edward J. Stettinius Jr., who has been conferring in London with British officials, is expected to arrive here shortly by air.

(Stettinius has been in London since Apr. 7 and has seen Prime Minister Churchill, Foreign Minister Anthony Eden and Sir Alexander Cadogan, permanent head of the Foreign Office. He arrived with no set agenda and discussions have covered a wide field.)

# Stage Door - - -

(Continued from page 1) stars and dance sessions to the music of a permanent dance orchestra, alternating with the best service orchestra of all Allied nations when available.

The offer for the necessary funds was brought to this country by Lt. Col. Warren Munsell of the USAAF, who is associated with the New York Canteen. Stage Door Canteen, Ltd., was organized with Col. E. C. Heath of the British Army as its general secretary and through Commander Herbert Agar, special assistant to the American Ambassador. Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, ETO Deputy Commander, is permitting volunteer work by American servicemen to aid in the preliminary cleaning and repair of the building. The British Admiralty, War Office and Air Ministry are co-operating.

# His Tommy-Gun Is Fighter's First Love in Burma's Jungles

WITH ALLIED FORCES IN NORTHERN BURMA, Apr. 14 (UP)—"Queen of the jungle"—that's Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill's nom de guerre for the Tommy-gun.

"Tommy-gunners have killed hundreds of Japanese the last six weeks," said the infantry commander. "These guns are highly effective in close-quarter fighting. Everyone wants one."

Merrill praised the work of Col. Charles Hunter, who led a force to cut the main road through the Mogaung Valley behind Japanese lines Mar. 25. To reach the objective, Hunter's men crossed 58 streams in eight miles. They made 16 charges against the Japs and, with Tommy-guns

spraying lead, inflicted 300 casualties for the loss of only two men killed and ten wounded.

Merrill related other vignettes in the history of the jungle soldier's favorite weapon.

One GI squeezed the trigger of his Tommy-gun just as a Jap with raised sword was charging his foxhole. The Jap fell dead, his sword shot in two.

Allied scouts inspecting a small stream came upon a Jap perched on an elephant. A sergeant aimed his Tommy-gun and blasted the rider as if he were a bottle hanging from a wall. Then two more Japs crouching behind the elephant were picked off.

By Milton Caniff

# Terry and the Pirates



# American Forces Network

- Saturday, Apr. 15**
- 1100—Spotlight on Tommy Dorsey.
  - 1115—Personal Album with Phil Regan.
  - 1130—Yanks Radio Weekly.
  - 1200—Noon Edition.
  - 1205—Barracks Bag.
  - 1300—World News (BBC).
  - 1310—Melody Roundup.
  - 1330—Crosby Music Hall.
  - 1400—News Headlines and Downbeat.
  - 1430—Hello India.
  - 1500—Music While You Work.
  - 1530—Off the Record.
  - 1630—NBC Symphony and Program Resume.
  - 1730—Waltz Time.
  - 1800—World News (BBC).
  - 1810—Harry James.
  - 1830—Atlantic Spotlight.
  - 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
  - 1905—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
  - 1930—Dinah Shore Program.
  - 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
  - 2010—Take the Air.
  - 2030—GI Journal.
  - 2100—World News (BBC).
  - 2115—All Time Hit Parade.
  - 2145—WAC's Museum.
  - 2200—Xavier Cugat.
  - 2230—One Night Stand with Freddie Martin.
  - 2255—Final Edition.
  - 2300—Sign off until 0800 hours Sunday, Apr. 16.

- 1530—Sammy Kaye's Sunday Serenade.
- 1600—News Flashes.
- 1605—Radio Changel with Chaplain John Weaver.
- 1625—Marching Together.
- 1630—Andre Kostelanetz.
- 1700—Information Please with Clifton Fadiman.
- 1730—Hello Central.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1815—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports—Presented by The Stars and Stripes.
- 1905—Jack Benny's Program—with Mary Livingstone, Dennis Day, Rochester, Phil Harris and his Orchestra.
- 1930—California Melodies.
- 2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A. with Cpl. Ford Kennedy.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2020—Fanny Brice.
- 2045—Into Battle (BBC).
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2115—Great Music—Walter Houston introduces the Classics.
- 2130—Jubilee.
- 2200—Your Radio Theater.
- 2255—Final Edition.
- 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Monday, Apr. 17.

- Sunday, Apr. 16**
- 0800—Sign on—Hymns from Home—Program Resume.
  - 0815—Sunday Serenade.
  - 0900—World News (BBC).
  - 0910—Bandwagon.
  - 0930—Major Bowes.
  - 1000—Morming Varieties.
  - 1030—Mormon Tabernacle Choir.
  - 1100—Your Town—Radio News-Letter from three American Towns.
  - 1115—Sad Sackers Trio.
  - 1130—Hour of Charm.
  - 1200—Noon Edition.
  - 1210—Barracks Bag and Program Resume.
  - 1300—World News (BBC).
  - 1310—Melody Roundup.
  - 1325—GI Tommy.
  - 1335—Bob Crosby Show.
  - 1400—News Headlines—National Barn Dance.
  - 1430—John Charles Thomas—Metropolitan Baritone sings popular favorites.
  - 1500—Take Your Choice.