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Allies Gain in North, Trap Closing on Foe

More Planes Assured for MacArthur

Japs Maintain Big Combat Fleet in Truk Area, Report Says

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15—Following grim invasion warnings from Australia, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson today assured Gen. Douglas MacArthur a constantly increasing flow of aircraft and other military supplies for the Southwest Pacific theater of war.

At the same time, spokesmen at MacArthur's headquarters revealed that a great Japanese combat fleet is constantly being maintained in the Truk Island area, within less than three days' sailing distance of New Guinea.

Meanwhile the Allied air forces yesterday dealt the fourth heavy air blow to the Japs within the past week during a daylight dogfight over Milne Bay—big Allied base on the Southeastern tip of New Guinea.

30 Planes Lost

Twenty-two Jap bombers and eight fighters were shot out of action, the official communique said.

The force was comprised of about 100 planes—mostly medium and dive-bombers. Allied fighter losses were moderate.

Australian Prime Minister added his voice to the warnings about the danger of an invasion of Australia today stressing the paramount need of Allied air superiority to resist any full scale Jap onslaught.

He emphasized the great building up of Jap air strength along the northern perimeter in the last two months and pointed out that powerful Jap air attacks must be expected.

Lt. Gen. George Kenney, U.S. Air Force chief in the Southwest Pacific, speaking for the first time since he returned from his U.S. mission, stated today that "I'll be pleased when we have the Jap planes outnumbered five to one."

Slow Plane Replacements

"There is no indication at present that the Jap wants to pick up his bags and go back to Japan," he said. "In daily combat we are doing pretty well, but the Jap has too many airplanes around to suit me. I don't like to be outnumbered. When we shoot down a plane the Jap replaces it in a few days. When he shoots down one of ours the replacement has to come a long way and it takes time," General Kenney stated.

Heavy Allied bombers have scored three direct hits on a 6,000-ton Japanese cargo ship in Hansa Bay—the only ship that was left out of a convoy which had been previously attacked.

As the planes left the target the ship was observed to be burning and sinking.

One-Man Brooklyn Plant Gets Army and Navy 'E'

NEW YORK, pr. 15—An Army and Navy "E"—for excellence—pennant will be mailed to Howard L. White, of Brooklyn, for his continued outstanding contributions to the nation's war effort.

Owner and sole employee of the Howard L. White Co., White manufactures a rifling head of his own design used in cutting the highly accurate grooves in rifle and machine-gun barrels. He invented the tool prior to the last war and received his first "E" in Dec., 1941. A second "E" was awarded White in June, 1942. The present award places the 66-year-old mechanic as the equal of any of the huge war-plants as a contributor to the nation's arms-building industry.

No Axis Plane Surpasses Its Allied Opposite—Martin

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 15—The enemy has not a single plane in any class which is not surpassed by an equivalent model produced by one or more of the United Nations, Glenn Martin, president of the newly formed National Aircraft War Production Council, said here.

He heads a group of plane manufacturers, producing 90 per cent of America's aircraft, formed for the exchange of ideas, information and facilities to speed war-plane production.

Doolittle Heads Strategic Force



Maj. Gen. J. H. (Jimmy) Doolittle, who was named yesterday as chief of Allied strategic air force in Tunisia, is shown with other USAAF men in Africa. One year ago Sunday Doolittle made his famous raid on Tokyo (story on page 4).

Air Forces in Mediterranean Reorganized in Three Sections

American and British air forces in the Mediterranean have been reorganized into three divisions, the Air Ministry in London announced yesterday. The three divisions are the Middle East Command, the North West African Air Forces and the RAF Malta unit.

The commander of each zone is directly responsible to Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's aide for air operations in the North West African theater.

The Air Ministry said the Northwest African forces under Maj. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz are comprised of U.S., British and French units and included three operational formations.

The three formations are the tactical air force under Acting Air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham; the strategic air force under Brig. Gen. J. H. (Jimmy) Doolittle, and the coastal air force under Air Vice-Marshal Sir Hugh P. Lloyd.

The tactical force operating in close support with ground forces comprised the western desert force supporting the Eighth Army and the 12th U.S. Air Support Command under Brig. Gen. P. L. Williams and another group supporting the First Army.

The strategic air force, composed of U.S. heavy and medium units and RAF medium bombers, are assigned to long-range attacks on Axis bases in Tunisia, Sicily, Sardinia, Southern Italy, Axis communications and shipping.

The coastal air force of British and U.S. reconnaissance wings and fighter squadrons had the job of defending bases and ports, attacking shipping and making anti-submarine patrols.

The Air Ministry said the Middle East Command, under Air Marshal Sholto Douglas, comprised air forces between the frontier of India, Tunisia and as far south as Madagascar. This command's present operations included attacks on targets in Tunisia, Sardinia, Sicily, Southern Italy, Crete, Greece and protection of central and eastern Mediterranean shipping, anti-submarine patrols and protection of territory from Axis air raids.

Mass Output Cuts Arms Cost as Much as 66%

CHICAGO, Apr. 15—So vast has become the flow of mass-produced armaments from U.S. war factories that costs have been reduced as much as 66 per cent, War Production Chief Donald Nelson said here.

A saving of 27 per cent has been made on tanks, 46 per cent on the Browning .50 caliber machine-gun, and 66 per cent on the Thompson sub-machine-gun.

Reviewing the nation's increase in war production, Nelson said the U.S. spent \$4,000,000,000 on munitions and war construction in 1940, \$17,000,000,000 in 1941, \$48,000,000,000 in 1942. This year, he said, U.S. production will exceed \$80,000,000,000.

Report Schmeling a Prisoner

Max Schmeling is a prisoner in Russian hands, according to a Paris radio report heard by the London Daily Sketch. He was reported to be seriously wounded. Schmeling, who announced last Sept. 8 that he was retiring from the boxing ring, last was reported in dispatches from a war front on May 30, 1941, when he was said to have been wounded in Crete.

1st Army Advances, 8th Takes Positions For Final Assault

M7s Played Big Role In El Alamein Victory

AN EASTERN AMERICAN CITY APR. 15—A British officer, who commanded troops in Africa, in a speech here credited the M7 tank-destroyer with having contributed greatly to the Eighth Army's victory at El Alamein, which started the drive toward Tunisia.

Col. A. G. Cole, former Eighth Army regimental commander, visiting a locomotive company where tanks and other heavy equipment are manufactured, said the first regiment using the M7s was the Honorable Artillery Company, with a history dating back to the 16th century. Now, said Col. Cole, they are proud to be equipped with M7s.

Allies in North Take Heidous, 6 Miles From Medjez

Allied troops on the northern Tunisia front pushed forward yesterday to occupy Heidous, a town six miles north of Medjez El Bab, as the Eighth Army brought up men and equipment with which to launch the final drive to knock the Axis out of Africa.

Along the coast Eighth Army patrols were in contact with enemy defenses, which occupied a line running almost due west from the coast just south of Enfidaville to the range of hills extending northeast and southwest about 35 miles from the coast.

Gradually the Allied armies were drawing a ring tightly around the Axis positions, as the Eighth Army advanced slowly and steadily northward along the coast, the Anglo-American First Army pushed westward in the north, and French, American and British forces pushed north from the region of Kairouan.

Meanwhile, the intense Allied aerial offensive which has been aimed at Axis transport, troop concentrations, supply lines and communications went on, with raids on bases both in Tunisia and in Sardinia, Sicily and southern Italy—the bases from which any evacuation of the enemy from North Africa must begin.

Axis forces still number between 175,000 and 200,000 veterans, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said in Washington yesterday. He said there was no evidence that the enemy had tried to effect an evacuation of its forces in Tunisia.

U.S. Attack Orders

Mr. Stimson revealed that the American troops on Rommel's flank in Tunisia were specifically ordered not to advance beyond a certain line.

In the Tunisian battle plan, which had been devised by Gen. Alexander, the Eighth Army was the piston head, and the American, French and First Army troops were the cylinder walls, he said.

His remarks were in reply to comment from some newspapers that the Americans had not cut through to the coast and bottled up Rommel's forces in the south before they could retreat.

"The plan of campaign," he added, "allotted the main effort to the Eighth Army, which was composed of a large number of seasoned divisions. The American forces and the French and British First Army were to make holding attacks intended to hold their positions and contain as large a proportion of the Axis troops as possible."

British commandos landed behind the German lines in Tunisia Wednesday night, said Berlin radio last night. Berlin claimed that the landing, which took place in the Cap Serrat area in Northern Tunisia, was repulsed.

Now 30,000 Prisoners

French and British infantry successfully stormed two important hills on the Axis south and west fronts, capturing 600 prisoners and raising the total Allied bag since the first Allied attacks to 30,000.

Attacking Djebel Sefsof, the French rounded up 400 German troops and took possession of the vital hill position on the western end of Rommel's Enfidaville line in the south had been anchored. Djebel Sefsof lies 30 miles due west of Enfidaville, 50 miles southwest of Tunis, and seven miles northeast of the village of Bir Kararhoun.

British infantry, in fierce fighting, captured Jebel Ang, eight miles northwest (Continued on page 4)

Spellman Due in Cairo

CAIRO, Apr. 15 (AP)—Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, of New York, was expected in Cairo this afternoon by air from Tripoli. He was to be a guest of the Apostolic delegate, Father Hughes, during his stay in Cairo, and was planning to spend Easter in Jerusalem. Archbishop Spellman has visited U.S. army establishments in North Africa and the British Isles since his visit to the Pope last month at the Vatican in Rome.

Boston Club Owner Sentenced

BOSTON, Apr. 15 (AP)—Barnett Welansky, owner of the Cocoanut Grove night club, where 490 people met their death in a fire Nov. 28, was sentenced in Superior Court today to 12 to 15 years in the State prison for manslaughter.

German Planes Strike Back At Russian Lines

Fierce Air Fights On Ukraine, Smolensk, Finnish Fronts

MOSCOW, Apr. 15 (UP)—Stung by Soviet air raids on the fortress city of Koenigsberg, Nazi aircraft lashed at Russian positions along the whole Eastern front today. Troop centers and communication lines felt the weight of the Nazi attack.

Fierce air battles developed on the Ukraine, Central (Smolensk), Leningrad and Finnish fronts.

On the Finnish front the Germans are trying unsuccessfully to cripple important Russian bases. Small-scale land attacks by the Nazis have been resumed in the Severny-Donetz elbow, south of Izyum, on the Volkhov front and southeast of Leningrad, but Russian defenses on all these sectors are standing firm.

No Leningrad Trap

The Germans have apparently given up the idea—for the time being at least—of encircling Leningrad again, and their attacks have now dropped to purely local proportions. They have resumed small attacks in the Severny-Donetz elbow. Defenses on all these sectors are standing firm.

Ice in the middle Volga is rapidly breaking up and it is expected that the river will soon be open to all shipping, according to despatches reaching Moscow.

The river is already open to some local traffic, but masses of ice floes—and mines laid by the Germans—still have to be cleared from the stretch between Stalingrad and Astrakhan.

Last night's Russian communique reported only one small German attack on a sector of the Volkhov front, only 72 miles southwest of Leningrad itself. The attack was beaten off, and rive, machine-

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Soldiers May Get Eight-Ounce Packages Without Approval

Sealed parcels not exceeding eight ounces in weight, on which postage at the first-class rate is prepaid, may be sent from the U.S. to soldiers in the ETO without an approved request, Lt. Col. E. E. Schroeder, Theater Postal Officer, announced yesterday, quoting instructions from the War Department.

This modification of the original restrictions has been made to facilitate the sending of small essential articles, such as eyeglasses, watches and insignia.

Individual copies of so-called "House Organs," employee publications, church bulletins and similar publications, also may be sent under similar conditions as to weight and postage.

But parcels weighing more than eight ounces cannot be sent without the soldier's specific request and his battalion or similar unit commander's approval.

With the exception of medical books for doctors at army hospitals and uniforms and military accessories ordered by officers, no parcel may be sent exceeding five pounds in weight, 15 inches in length, or 36 inches in length and girth combined.

Letter mail always is given the best despatch available, but there is no assurance that all air-mail will be carried by air.

V-mail has first priority and always is carried by air.

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Axis Re-Education

The U.S. Commissioner of Education has proposed the immediate formation of a United Nations Education Commission to formulate plans for educating the aggressor nations populations out of the ways of totalitarianism and into the ways of democracy after the war. The formation of such a commission would be the logical way in which to carry out the proposals voiced recently by the U.S. Vice-President, Henry A. Wallace, which called for the post-war re-education of Germany, Italy and Japan.

Educational officials of America do not believe this educational plan should be compulsory, for there can be no flat formula that will work perfectly in each situation. Educational leaders also believe that no one country should come to the peace table with a formula of education which it wants "imposed" on conquered countries. A United Nations Education Commission, formed now, could study the post-war educational problem and lay down a program agreeable to all Allied nations. This post-war educational program would then be available for the peace makers when they gather at the peace table.

A United Nations Education Commission would of necessity need to include representatives from Great Britain, France, Russia, China, the Netherlands and all other United Nations to insure the acceptance of any plan formulated. These educators representing the United Nations, and working on the theory that "as the tree is bent so shall it grow," might well effect a program of education in Axis countries that would assist materially the future peace of the world.

Such a goal is a worthy one.

Post-War Collaboration

The New York Times comments with approval on Senator Claud Pepper's announcement that he will introduce in the Senate in Washington a resolution calling for post-war collaboration by the United States. The Times says:

"The resolution has the advantage of being framed in general terms. It avoids the controversial features that have encumbered the more specific Ball-Hatch-Burton-Hill resolution.

"Certainly some such resolution should be passed. It would constitute a solemn pledge of American collaboration after the war. This would still leave the American government and Congress free to determine whether the form of the United Nations that finally does emerge is 'acceptable' or not; yet, without tying America down to accepting future settlements sight unseen, would go far toward dispelling prevalent doubts of other nations regarding America's course after the war.

"The emphasis it puts on 'implementing the Atlantic Charter' should be both a chart and a reassurance to other nations, large and small, as to the kind of settlement America would accept."

Senator Pepper's resolution calls on the President to inform the Allies that the United States will enter into a pledge to join an "acceptable form of the United Nations" within six months after the war to implement the Atlantic Charter, safeguard its own place and promote its welfare through cooperation with other countries. Passed by the Senate, it will be an important step towards insuring the future peace of the world for many years to come.

Lenten Message

PHILIPPIANS 4: 8-13—"He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit."

Our inner life is something the rest of the world cannot see, and it cannot easily be put on display. It is what we are when no one is looking. Just because of that it can easily be neglected. Many of us do not think it matters what we are at heart because we alone know what that is; but such reasoning is fatal. The inner life of any decent person is his best possession, for it makes him what he really is when the test comes. Others may think what they please about you, for that does no harm if you are a "genuine person."

Hush Marks

We see by the papers that the British film "Desert Victory" is playing to standing room only in Moscow. Berlin theaters, we understand, still prefer to show "The Invasion of Poland."

This happened somewhere back in the States—where rookies are really rookies and their mothers hang service flags in



the window. A two-star general returning to camp one evening couldn't produce his identification. The rookie sentry, unimpressed, refused to let him through the gates. Finally the exasperated general bent forward, pointed to the stars on his shoulder and belted, "Do you know what THESE mean?" "Sure," said the rookie, "you've got two sons in the service."

Casual observation: A girl doesn't have to be poor to have a wolf at the door.

Two GI Joes were returning sadly to camp after a furlough which had thrown them into the clutches of the Military Police. Grumbled one Joe, "Why the hell did you have to get stiff in the first place?" Said his pal, meekly, "Remember, I didn't—it was the last place."

Here's our nomination for the cleverest ad ever inserted in the classified columns of a daily newspaper. It created quite a sensation in one of the big cities back home recently. "Lost: One lead pencil. By blonde; blue eyes, height 5 feet, weight 112, age 20; very good dancer. Reward if returned. Dial 45893."

Shades of Brooklyn bridge! After a few rounds of ginger beer, two Pfc's were drifting happily through a London park.



Coming upon a barrage balloon, they stopped to admire the beauty and majesty of the heavenly object. They became completely fascinated with the bobbing balloon and expressed in loud voices a desire to own it, telling each other over and over again how nice it would look floating over their hut. An obliging civilian came over, explained that he had a priority on barrage balloons and could easily arrange the transaction. There was an exchange of notes and the happy GIs gazed admiringly at their purchase. But they came back to earth a few minutes later when members of the ground crew proved reluctant to give up their balloon despite violent waving of a receipt showing the balloon was now "GI property." The lads returned to camp empty-handed but not discouraged—next week they plan to take an option on Albert Hall.

J. C. W.

25 Times He Belted the Germans

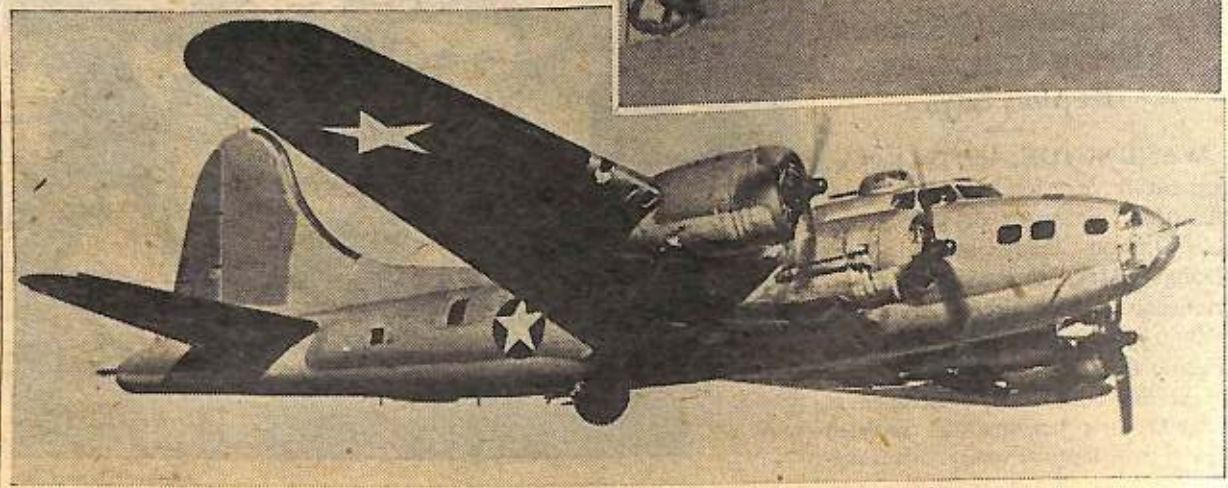
ETO's Champion Air Gunner Winds up 25 Missions 'Cool as a Tomale'

By Andrew A. Rooney
 Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Roscovich is not an average guy. An average guy does not cut bald eagled colonels' ties off just below the knot. Average guys don't even drop bricks over German-occupied France with "Vive la France" scribbled on them. Roscovich does.

Roscovich is the first man in the USAAF to complete 25 missions over Europe—T/Sgt. Michael Roscovich, 20, of Fayette City, Pa., radio man and gunner extraordinary.

Everyone sweated out his 25th. When the group returned from Antwerp, a crowd turned out to wel-



T/Sgt. Michael Roscovich, of Fayette City, Pa. (above), is the first man in the Eighth Air Force to complete 25 missions over Europe. Roscovich is a radio man-gunner in a Flying Fortress.

come "Rosky" home. "The Mad Russian" planned to bail out over the field but a high wind "and other military considerations" stopped him.

When the ship he was in stopped rolling the navigator and bombardier went for "Rosky" and while the rest of the crew held him they tore his clothes off. When he was stripped to his shorts someone got a can of paint and in large block letters they printed "25 MISSIONS" on his back.

Roscovich isn't the man to let a show die on its feet. Instead of getting the crew chief to take the paint off with gas and a rag, "Rosky" grabbed the nearest bike and rode around the camp in his underwear with the handwriting still wet on his back wall.

Natural Showman

A natural showman, Roscovich attracted newsmen; but he got tired of the publicity. After one raid, the public relations officer pointed out "Rosky" to a correspondent. The newspaper man cornered him.

"I hear you are Roscovich," he said as an introduction to what he hoped would be a paragraph of good quotes.

"Roscovich? I'm Harris. This was my first raid—we didn't get over the channel."

That was enough for the correspondent. He left "Harris" to drink his coffee. Roscovich wouldn't mind going some-

where else now. "I've done this," he says. "I'd like to go to the Pacific or somewhere and go on some more raids."

Of course, right now Roscovich is on a private little eight-day raid of his own. He has hit Bedford, Chester and London with little resistance from the opposition.

One of "Rosky's" best weeks was the one following the raid on Vegesack, near Bremen. He took along a 100-pound practice bomb on that raid, smuggled it into his radio compartment, and heaved it out the bomb bay after the goods had been dropped and while the doors were still open.

All during the following week "Rosky" sat smiling like an anarchist with a time bomb in the mails, thinking about the squads of German "suicide" demolition experts handling the sand-filled dud with ersatz kid gloves.

Screams While Firing

The boys in his crew report that he is cool as a Mexican tomale on a raid.

"Roscovich? Oh, he is very cool. He jumps on top of his radio table, twists his gun in circles and screams to himself while he fires. Very cool."

The story they tell at the photographic section at "Rosky's" station is that they had to take the camera they used to give him on raids away from him because he would balance the camera in one hand and the caliber .50 in the other and try to catch the FWs that came in with both of them.

Roscovich has flown as radio gunner, waist, tail and top turret. He prefers the top turret spot.

"You get more shots from up there," he explains.

Twenty of his 25 missions have been in one ship with Capt. Purvis E. Youree, an

Oklahoma pilot, who, according to "Rosky," is the "best damn pilot on the field."

"I flew 20 missions in that ship," he says, "and five other missions in five other ships."

He hasn't been over here any longer than any of the old-timers, but he took every chance he could to go on a raid.

"A couple of times when it was our turn to go on pass I was broke and stayed in camp, while the rest of the crew went to town. Twice that way I got a ride on other planes that needed a man."

'The Mad Russian'

Sometimes the boys at the field call him "The Mad Russian," but usually it is just "Rosky." Referring to the tab "Mad Russian," he says that both his father and mother were born in Austria. His grandfather lived in Russia, though.

His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Roscovich, have eight other kids to think about, so "Rosky" doesn't worry them with such details as the news that he has completed 25 raids over Europe. "I'll tell them about it when I get home," he says.

His youngest sister is ten, and he just got a postcard from one of his three older sisters. She joined the WAACs and is training down in Florida now.

His oldest brother is a police warden in Arnold City, about 30 miles outside Pittsburgh, and another 27-year-old brother is a private in the Quartermaster Corps up in Alaska.

Although Capt. Youree usually has been "Rosky's" pilot, there are often changes in the crews of the ships, and one of the things he insists on is cutting the ties off all the officers who fly in his plane. He has caught everyone from colonels to second lieutenants, and if Gen. Eaker ever decides to ride in a plane "Rosky" is in he will probably come out a foot short of tie.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Ever wish you could fly without any plane?"



We've Made Our Bed . . .

There is no rest for anyone in war:
 Men think it, smell it, hear its thunders
 And toss through fitful nights, as from
 Resounds the loathsome conflict's pagan
 Those drear, subconscious wells
 Are oft the anxious vigils men must
 Distressing are such moments to endure—
 Dull fragmentary voids till hapless dawn;
 While phantoms move, no other wraiths
 One recollection fresh from mem'ry torn:
 We lie as helpless as some prostrate brave
 Bound to his torture-stake—his peace
 The grave!
 There seems so much to do—now here,
 As ev'rywhere in vain we seek to be:

There speed our inmost thoughts with
 studied care,
 Fatiguing brain with stark reality.
 Soon, see how swiftly fires of battle
 burn,
 As fancies to our vision spring in turn.
 Then, slow the shaping of the armored
 hosts
 To panoply the swift machines of youth:
 Through endless wakeful nights we
 peer at ghosts
 That whisper eerily of faith and truth.
 The enemy we'd halt with tempered steel
 Departs with daylight and the promised
 weal.
 Still must we feel the weight of surging
 woes,
 The hurt and bitterness war holds in
 thrall,
 As visions bring their pageant to a close
 And youth, enduring, yields to fate its all:
 We failed them then, now not a man
 must fail
 Lest evermore men strive to no avail.
 "Sperky."

Stars and Stripes Fights at Cheltenham Tonight

Billy Bradshaw Heads Card at Red Cross Club

Mattar, Tuesday Winner At Rainbow Corner, Also to Fight

CHELtenham, Apr. 15—Five bouts already have been scheduled for the opening Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee fight show at the Cheltenham American Red Cross club tomorrow night and three more are expected to be lined up before the opening bell at 7.30 PM.

Cpl. Billy Bradshaw, bouncing light heavyweight from Fredricksburg, Va., will be the star attraction of the card. Bradshaw has made three appearances at Stars and Stripes fights at the Rainbow Corner, London, and has yet to be stopped. His opponent will be Pvt. Carl Dalio, of Houston, Tex.

Two other past performers at the Rainbow Corner will put on the heavyweight show of the evening. Pvt. Al Lucas, of New Orleans, drew with Pvt. Billy McHale in his lone Corner appearance two months ago, while his opponent, Sgt. John Mattar, of Port Arthur, Texas, defeated Sgt. William Dircks. — Division heavyweight finalist at the Rainbow Corner Tuesday night. It was Mattar's first scrap at the Corner.

Rounding out the program will be: Cpl. Douglas Phillip, Campbellville, Ky., 145, vs. Sgt. Louis McNeil, Boston, 142; Pvt. Paul Moses, Roman, Mon., 150, vs. Pvt. Ted Leight, Philadelphia, 147; Pvt. Bob McCormick, Pittsburgh, Pa., 135, vs. Pvt. M. Jackson, 135.

Most Holdouts Have Signed

NEW YORK, Apr. 15—The vast majority of major league baseball players have signed quickly and quietly this year, but a few top performers still are holdouts, including Pitcher Johnny Allen, of the Phils, Catcher Ernie Lombardi of the Braves and Chicago Cub Outfielder Lou Novikoff.

The longer Novikoff holds out the less Manager Jimmy Wilson misses the "Mad Russian." Wilson says, "Dom Dallessandro is handling left field nicely this Spring. Novikoff is far from being a star and it is stretching the truth to say that we miss him. Dallessandro has made ten hits in 25 appearances at the plate during exhibition games while staking a strong claim to a regular outfield berth. In Dom's own words, "I've got my chance and I'm grabbing it."

NEWS FROM HOME

One U.S. Submarine Credited With Sinking Japanese Convoy

DETROIT, Apr. 15—The American submarine Wahoo—called the one-sub wolf pack—wiped out an entire Japanese convoy in the South Pacific, and then attacked another after running out of torpedoes, Rear Adm. W. H. P. Blandy disclosed in a speech here today.

Speaking at a meeting of the Detroit Economic Club, Adm. Blandy said the Wahoo was on patrol when she spotted a convoy of four Jap ships. Closing in, the Wahoo fired torpedo after torpedo until the entire convoy had been destroyed.

The following day the Wahoo spotted another convoy and, although she was without torpedoes, started an attack with her deck gun. One of the enemy, it then developed, was a destroyer. The submarine submerged, and, despite gunfire and depth charges, was able to return to her base, uninjured.

U.S. Leads War Production

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15—In less than a year and a half the United States has geared its industry to war needs so well that the country is now producing more war equipment than all the Axis nations combined, Eric Johnston, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, said here. Added to American production is that of Great Britain and other of the United Nations. Food and supplies are going to the fighting fronts in ever increasing quantities, Johnston said, in vivid proof of the economic strength of the United States.

Lawyers In Plane Plants

A WEST COAST CITY, Apr. 15—A number of West Coast lawyers took their places on the assembly line of an airplane factory here in the first working out of a plan whereby white collar workers will work "split shifts" in war plants.

Some Food Shortage Predicted

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15—There will be "more or less continuous shortages" in foods of military value, the Office of Price Administration forecast here today. Items particularly liable to be unavailable for civilian consumption were listed as: canned fruits and vegetables, dried eggs

Vote for Most Popular Boxer at 'Derry Base

LONDONDERRY, Apr. 15—Sailors and Marines are now busy casting votes for the most popular fighter who appeared in the ring at the recent smoker held here.

The boxer who leads the poll will have his name inscribed on a brass mitt, an exact replica of a genuine glove, which stands in the trophy case at the recreation hall.

Candidates for the honor are Pvt. Joseph Domiter, Bethlehem, Pa.; Cpl. Frank Lenardi, Boston; Pvt. John Buhel, Elmont, N.Y.; SF3c Irving Arnold, Baltimore; S2c Harry Herron, Milwaukee, Wis.; S1c Howard Vincent, Branch Co., Mich.; Pvt. Cloyd Hamm, Washington; CM3c Francis Loucka, Cleveland; TM3c John Vukovich, Columbus, Ohio; Pvt. Herbert Arnold, Union City, N.J.

Yanks Get Nod In Pennant Poll

Browns, Cleveland Seen As Runner-Ups in Flag Race

NEW YORK, Apr. 15—The Brooklyn Dodgers and a dismal exhibition season notwithstanding, the Associated Press' poll of 74 baseball writers shows that 56 pick the New York Yankees to come through with the 1943 American League pennant for the third straight year.

The scribes also discounted the fact that the Bronx Bombers have been hit badly by the draft. Only Joe Gordon, second baseman, remains from last season's crack infield while Outfielders Joe DiMaggio and Tommy Henrich are gone from the outfield pastures. None of the writers figured the Yanks to finish outside the first division. They picked the Browns to finish second, Cleveland third and the Boston Red Sox fourth.

With eight points given for first place, seven for second and so on, here is how the scribes placed the teams with their total points:

New York ..	569	Detroit ..	331
St. Louis ..	437	Chicago ..	221
Cleveland ..	418	Washington ..	197
Boston ..	401	Philadelphia ..	90

Medics Wallop MPs, 18-3

—GENERAL HOSPITAL, Apr. 15—This unit's baseball team walloped the — MPs, 18-3, behind the one-hit pitching of Lefty Wasilewski, former semi-pro from Scranton, Pa.

and milk and meat products. It was pointed out that these foods are especially adapted to Army and Navy use and to shipment overseas.

Sell Billion In Bonds

NEW YORK, Apr. 15—The first 26 hours of the three-week bond sale drive, now under way here, resulted in the sale of one billion 365 million dollars worth of Government securities, it was announced here. The largest single purchase, the Treasury Department announced, was made by the Prudential Insurance Co., which took \$400,000,000 worth.

Urge World School Board

NEW YORK, Apr. 15—Twenty leading American and European educators have recommended after a conference that the United Nations form a joint educational advisory board, similar to international labor organizations, for the exchange of information on educational subjects and instructional material.

Civil Aid For War Dept

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (AP)—The War Department has created a Civil Affairs Division, in the office of the Chief of Staff, which will be charged with advising the department on all but military matters in areas occupied by the Army. No director has been named for the new bureau.

Tommy Harmon Missing



Lt. Tommy Harmon, U.S. gridiron hero, has been reported missing by the War Department during a flight over Central American territory a week ago. Harmon, who galloped to All-American fame on the Michigan grid team in 1940 and '41, became a bomber pilot recently, after enlisting in the USAAF in March, 1942. Here he is shown beside his bomber at an airdrome in the Caribbean.

Spring Fever—Dodgers Beat Yanks and Giant on Same Day

NEW YORK, Apr. 15—A Brooklynite's dream came true yesterday when, on the same day, their beloved Bums, the Dodgers, whipped the Yankees, 6-1, in the first game and then they blanked the Giants, 1-0, in the nightcap. The three-team benefit doubleheader was played before 35,000 fans at the Yankee Stadium and netted the New York City Civilian Defense Voluntary Organization over \$75,000.

Haegg Doubtful Over U.S. Trip

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 15—Modest Gunder Haegg, is getting in condition for a trip to the United States, but he doubts he will get the chance to match long distance prowess against America's best.

The Swedish world record holder at various distances from a mile to 5,000 meters has never been to America and wants to go, but he said here during an interview that his personal opinion is "that there will be no trip to America for me. I've heard nothing about arrangements and I'm beginning to doubt that a trip is even probable. I will be able to go in May or even in June, however."

Haegg expects to be in prime condition late in June. Swedish experts believe he will run a fabulous four-minute mile when he meets Greg Rice or another top notch performer.

If Haegg is unable to make the trip, then an attempt will be made to bring Rice to Sweden.

Fighter Station Organizes Two Softball Leagues

FIGHTER STATION, Apr. 15—This station has gone all-out for softball. Two leagues—American and National—comprised of eight teams each, have been formed. Each team has been given the name of a professional ball club. The special service office has drawn up a schedule of two games each day for a month. At the end of the month the two leading teams will play a "World Series."

In the openers, the Browns (—th Armament) defeated the Athletics (Ha., —rd Service Group), 10-5. The Braves (—th Service Squadron), handed the Phillies (—th Supply) a 7-2 setback.

Ott Throws Wide

The second game was a tight pitching duel. Max Macon and Ed Head, Dodger moundmen, allowed two singles while the Giants' Johnny Wittig and Ken Trinkle permitted three safeties. Four double plays helped the Dodger cause. Brooklyn Manager Leo Durocher removed the team which vanquished the Yanks and sent in an entire new team except the battery at the end of the second inning.

The Dodgers scored their run in the sixth inning when French Bordagaray, center fielder, walked, Shortstop Pat Ankenmann forced Frenchy. Then Outfielder Roberto Ortiz singled to right and when Mel Ott threw wide returning the ball to the infield, Ankenmann went to third and Ortiz to second. First Baseman Johnny Graham drew an intentional walk. Dee Moore, normally a catcher, but playing third, beat a slow roller down the third base line for a hit as Ankenmann tallied.

Security Company Wins, 14-0

In their first scheduled game of the softball league, the Security Company, ETO, won easily from the Signal Service Bn. by the score of 14-0. Sgt. Harold B. Foreman pitched for the Security Company, allowing not hits and no runs, while he sent 13 men to the dugout by the strikeout route. Sgt. Charles W. Nicholson, shortstop of the Security Company, was the outstanding hitter of the afternoon, getting three hits in four trips to the plate—two homers and a single.

Division Finals Come Off Today In Four Events

Softball, Football, Soccer Competition on Program

By Charles F. Kiley
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

—TH DIVISION BASE, England, Apr. 15—Division champions in four sports will be crowned tomorrow when finalists in softball, soccer, touch football and volleyball meet on the spacious athletic field here.

Softball finalists are Anti-Tank Co., —th Infantry and the Division Headquarters Co. team. The antistankmen defeated Co. F, —th Infantry, 2-0, this afternoon behind the two-hit pitching of Pvt. Leonard Bartoszek, of Buffalo, N.Y., in the semi-finals. Division Headquarters gained the final by eliminating C Battery, —th Field Artillery, 2-1. The winners broke a 1-1 tie in the sixth when T/5 Arthur Hirth, of Bristol, Conn., drove in the winning run with a double to right field. Winning hurler was Sgt. Maurice Jacobs, of Baltimore, Md.

Medics in Soccer Final

The football semi-final produced a thrill when a 65-yard touchdown gallop with an intercepted pass by Pfc William Jones, of Saxton, Pa., gave Co. C, —th Infantry, a 6-0 victory over Co. D, of another Infantry unit, in the third sudden-death overtime period.

In the other grid semi-final, Co. D, of —th Infantry, easily subdued B Battery, —th Field Artillery, 26-0.

The —th Medical Bn. gained the soccer final with a 1-0 victory over Co. A, —th Infantry. The lone goal was scored in the first period by Pfc Charles Herd, of Philadelphia. The Medics will meet Third Bn., Headquarters, —th Infantry for the title. The latter survived today's semi-final play by eliminating C Battery, —th Field Artillery, 3-2. The deciding goal in this game was registered by Pvt. Melvin Wentworth, of Baltimore, with ten minutes to play.

The volleyball championships will be decided between the division QM team, which beat the —th Field Artillery in straight games, 22-20 and 21-4 in the semi-finals, and Company C, —th Infantry, which vanquished Company L, of another Infantry unit, 17-21, 22-20 and 21-13.

Division Sports Field Day Apr. 21

DIVISION BASE, Apr. 15—The biggest sports program yet in the ETO will be held at this base next Wednesday evening, April 21, when picked athletes from this division will compete against a group of Canadian All-Stars.

Going on at the same time will be basketball games, boxing matches, a softball and soccer contest.

The boxing program probably will be the outstanding attraction of the evening with 12 champions of the division going up against the Canadians. The American scrappers are the same boys who have taken two team matches at The Stars and Stripes bouts at the Rainbow Corner.

In the basketball tilts, the Canadians will be opposed by the Greys, division team which went to the finals of The Stars and Stripes ETO tourney at Albert Hall, and the Blues who also were entered in the championship contests and went through to the quarterfinals.

The Americans will be represented on the soccer field by the division All-Star soccer team which was entered in the Inter-Allied Cup competition.

On the softball field, the division will field a group of All-Stars picked from the teams now competing for the division championship. The Canadians also will field an All-Star aggregation.

Heath in Indian Fold

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Apr. 15—A few days ago the Cleveland Indians had just two outfielders in camp—Roy Cullenbine and Rookie Hank Edwards. Now Jeff Heath is returning to the fold after a long holdout and Oris Hockett is returning to camp after jumping the team. He said he was anxious to play ball. It was formerly reported he was quitting baseball for good.



Allies Advance In North, Close Trap on Axis

Take Town Near Medjez As British Move Up For Final Blow

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of Medjez El Bab and 30 miles west of Tunis. Two hundred German mountain soldiers fell into British hands.

Premature reports of the Allied capture of Jebel Mansour, which is 38 miles to the west, were denied by Allied force headquarters. Algiers radio reported the entire plain from Sousse to Enfidaville, between the dorsal and the sea, had been cleared of the enemy.

Flying Fortresses again paced the Allied air onslaught with heavy assaults on Axis landing grounds at El Aouina, near Tunis, and El Mas and Monserrato, in Sardinia. Nineteen intercepting Axis fighters were destroyed or damaged on the ground.

Wheeling over El Mas airdrome Fortresses plastered it with fragmentation bombs. Fires broke out in the hangars, and bombs were seen to burst among ten to 15 seaplanes in the harbor.

Between 25 and 30 Axis fighters attacked an American formation, which shot down four Italian planes, five ME109s and one FW190.

Forts Hit Airport

A second formation of Fortresses struck at nearby Monserrato airdrome, covering the field hangars with an even greater load of fragmentation bombs. Axis fires sprang up. These Fortress gunners shot down one Macchi 202 and one Re 2001 of the 25 to 30 Axis planes which tried to intercept them.

The third Fortress attack, launched against El Aouina airdrome one side of Tunis, was met with heavy flak and swarms of Axis fighters during the bombing run. American gunners destroyed seven ME109s of the 15 to 20 ME109s and Focke-Wulfs which attacked.

Concentrating on Axis airfields in an effort to neutralize the Luftwaffe for the remainder of the Tunisian campaign, the Allied air forces sent waves of RAF Bisleys and French bombers against El Sehal, about six miles from Tunis, on Tuesday night. Fires were seen all over the field.

Promote Nurse To Lt. Colonel

The promotion of Capt. Margaret E. Aaron, of the Army Nurses' Corps, to the rank of lieutenant colonel, the second highest rank held by any woman in the United States Army, was announced yesterday at Headquarters, ETOUSA. Lt. Col. Aaron is Superintendent of Nurses, ETOUSA.

Lt. Col. Aaron enlisted in Sept., 1918, after completing her nurse's training at Reading, Pa., and was assigned to duty at a U.S. Army General Hospital in New Jersey.

Since then she has been stationed at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, and at Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Meade, Md., Fort Eustis, Va., and in the Philippines. Her home is at 133 North Madison, Allentown, Pa.

The only member of the Nurses' Corps who ranks Lt. Col. Aaron is Col. Julia Plikke, Superintendent of Nurses for the entire Army.

Lockheed Technicians May Sponsor 17th Child

A USAAF DEPOT, N.I., Apr. 15—A 17th war orphan may be sponsored by technicians of the Lockheed Overseas Corp. as small donations continue to be received, Chaplain Norman E. Nygaard, of Minneapolis, Minn., reports.

Only \$32 more is needed for the extra child.

A month ago the technicians contributed \$1,632 to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund and became "foster uncles" of 16 Irish children.

American Private to Lead Choir at HQ, NID, Service

HQ, NID, Apr. 15—At church services here Sunday afternoon, hymn-singing by the choir and congregation will be recorded by BBC for broadcast to the States. Commentary will be handled by Pvt. John Vrotsos, of Dubuque, Iowa, Northern Ireland Stars and Stripes radio reporter.

The choir will be led by Pvt. Lester Hebbard, of Rockaway, Long Island.

Feature Technician Tenor On Belfast Song Program

BELFAST, Apr. 15—Eddie Lear, of Hollywood, Cal., American operatic tenor, was featured on an Irish program at Grosvenor Hall here. Lear is a technician with Lockheed Overseas Corp. He is the nephew of Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, commander of the U.S. Second Army, who retires from service May 31.

Hospital Bingo Winner Gets Radio For Week

A U.S. HOSPITAL, N.I., Apr. 15—The big prize in the Monday night Bingo games at this hospital is the right to take the hospital radio into the lucky winner's ward for that week.

Other prizes are cigarettes, candy and gum.

All ties are played off under the supervision of Miss Armonde Spaulding, a Red Cross recreational worker, so that there are no disputed games.

17 Ulster Kids Aided by Yanks

Officials Applaud Report As Tie of Bonds; Sports Praised

By Paul Lange

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BELFAST, Apr. 15—The Duchess of Abercorn, wife of the Governor of Northern Ireland, and the chiefs of the Army, Navy and Royal Air Force in Ulster, loudly applauded the annual report which told of the help received here from The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund, at the annual meeting of the British servicemen's charity, the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association.

The report brought out that 17 Ulster children were being given aid as the result of contributions by technicians of Lockheed Overseas Corp., and SOS units of NID, WBS.

'Relief from Generosity'

The report added:

"This gesture on the part of the American soldiers has brought security and hope into many homes where there has been irretrievable loss and despair aggravated by constant financial anxiety. We only wish the donors could see for themselves the relief brought about by their thoughtful generosity. Their sympathetic understanding for those who have suffered bereavement has increased and strengthened the bonds which already unite our nations."

The report also lauded American troops for two benefit sports events, a baseball game and a football match, which resulted in combined proceeds of £1,000 being turned over to the association.

Schedule Florida Night At Mostyn Next Monday

Florida men will meet at the American Red Cross Mostyn Club Monday night for a State get-together—another in the club's series of State Nights. Kansas men met last night.

Wednesday night Connecticut residents held their meeting with the largest delegation claiming New Haven as home.

They were: Pfc Edward Nolan and Cpls. Salvatore Addatello, George Schneitman, George Crisculo, Frank Spangenberg, and Norris Andrews.

Other towns represented were Bridgeport, by S/Sgt. Leo La Breaque and Sgt. John Haray; New Britain by Cpl. Henry Stein; West Haven by Pvt. Warren Whitcomb; Bristol by T/Sgt. Francis Fink; East Hartford by Pvt. Anthony Nazzadra; Stonington by T/Sgt. James Louis; South Norwalk by Sgt. Jim Sechheimer; Branberry by Cpl. Harris Odell; New London by Pfc Ray Dondero; Taftville by Pfc Roger Racetti, and Handen by Pfc Ralph Rosson.

Air Force Service Command Sponsors Course for Unit GIs

By Henry Andrews

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

EIGHTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND HQ, Apr. 15—A three-day course for all unit intelligence officers of the Eighth Air Force Service Command opened here today under the direction of Lt. Col. N. R. Rogers, of Cleveland, Ohio, chief of the intelligence section of this command.

Brig. Gen. John M. Clark, chief of the Maintenance and Repair division of this command, spoke at the opening classes on the mission of the Eighth Air Force Service Command.

New Job for 'Body and Fender' Man



Stars and Stripes Photo

Pfc Clarence Theiss, of Spring, Tex., will tell you he is a body and fender repair man at heart, but here he is in England taking bicycles apart and putting them together again at an Eighth Air Force airfield. At U.S. air stations in England an average of 500 bikes have been leased-lent along with the other installations. Most Eighth Air Force combat crews have bikes, and before a mission the top-heavy, sheep lined forms of men can be seen pedalling down the cement roadways to their combat locker room.

It's Tough Job to Tell What Japs' Battle Tactics Will Be

By Frank Bartholomew

United Press Special Correspondent

NEW YORK, Apr. 15 (UP)—The more you study at first hand the Japanese soldier's battle psychology the more you are driven to the conclusion that you know nothing about it.

After completing a 20,000-mile tour of the South Pacific, I find that the military leaders in the Pacific have just about abandoned trying to decide what the Japanese will do in any given circumstances.

They sometimes keep on fighting when they are hopelessly cornered and at other times they quit without apparent reason. As an example, Gen. Herring, the Australian commander of an Allied force in New Guinea, told me:

"We had the Japanese force solidly contained between our two lines in the Buna area. We had him cut off from supplies and we were lasting him out. He had more automatic fire power than we figured, and the job of wiping him out was progressing slowly. He was impeding our general advance, so I ordered our lines to come together to meet him at 6 AM the following day.

"But just before six the Japanese began taking down their shelters and packing field kits, including cooking utensils. Just before we started to move in they started to move out—mind you, not to fight his way out but simply to try and march through our lines with a staggering load of field equipment and cooking pots on each man's back.

"They didn't offer to fight—they apparently expected us to step aside and open a pathway for them. They didn't offer to surrender, so we killed every Jap there."

Many things you have heard about the Jap soldier are not born out of first-hand observation in New Guinea. You have heard what their packs are. On the contrary, their equipment is much heavier than the American and Australian. It is awkward and cumbersome, but the Japanese soldier carries it with him wherever he goes.

Medicine takes up much space, but it is not first aid equipment. It is medicine designed to keep the soldier healthy—vitamin pills, salt tablets and quinine. Such things as gauze, the sulfa drugs and disinfectants are missing, because Japanese officers lose interest in a man once he has been wounded or becomes too ill to fight. He is then regarded as a liability and crossed off the list and forgotten.

Jewish Services in Ireland

BELFAST, Apr. 15—U.S. troops of Jewish faith in Northern Ireland will observe Passover services Apr. 19, 20 and 21 at the Synagogue and Institute here.

Hospital Dance at Belfast

A U.S. HOSPITAL, N.I., Apr. 15—Personnel here will hold their monthly dance at Belfast Apr. 27 according to present plans.

18 Who Went On Tokyo Raid Still Fight Japs

Sunday First Anniversary Of Doolittle's Trip Over Jap Capital

NEW DELHI, Apr. 15 (AP)—Eighteen young American airmen who helped bomb Tokyo will round out one year's service in the Far East Sunday, the first anniversary of the spectacular raid on the Japanese capital.

Thirty-two others who participated in the greatest American aerial exploit of the war have returned to the United States during the last year.

Gen. J. H. (Jimmy) Doolittle, now head of the strategic air force in North Africa, was in command of the Tokyo raid, which took place Apr. 18, 1942. The place from which the bombers took off was and still is a secret. President Roosevelt said it was Shrangri-La, which was the mystery region in James Hilton's novel "Last Horizon."

B25s Did Job

Much has been written about this great adventure, which began when the Americans took off in heavily-loaded B25 bombers and ended when they came down in China many hours later, after successfully plastering Hirohita's so-called impregnable city. But the full story even yet has not been told.

A small sample, however, of the thrills the boys went through before they got back to civilization is contained in the story T/Sgt. Adam Williams, of Morganton, N.C., told just before he went home five weeks ago. Williams and four other members of his crew were forced to bail out over China. They landed on a mountain-top and spent 18 gruesome days plodding through the jungles and across the mountains before they finally reached the city where they were supposed to go.

List Raid Crews

The 18 airmen still here, most of whom still are engaged in tormenting the Japs from the air, are:

Maj. Everett W. Holstrom, Tacoma, Wash.; Capt. Edgar D. McElroy, Ennis, Tex.; Clayton Campbell, Orofino, Ida.; Horace E. Crouch, Columbia, S.C.; Richard A. Knoblock, Fort Sheridan, Ill.; J. Royden Stork, San Diego, Cal.; and Richard E. Cole, Dayton, Ohio; 1/Lt. Thaddeus H. Blanton, Gainesville, Tex.; Carl E. Wildner, Amherst, Mass.; Lucian Youngblood, Waco, Tex.; William Fitzhugh, Galveston, Tex.; Jacob F. March, Staunton, Va.; M/Sgt. Robert C. Bourgeois, New Orleans; S/Sgt. Aden E. Jones, Pasadena, Cal.; Bert M. Jordan, Covington, Okla.; Edwin W. Horton Jr. (home town not given), and Fred A. Braemer, Seattle; and Sgt. Robert J. Stephens, Hobart, Okla.

Besides the 32 American fliers who have returned to the United States, several others are known to have been killed in action, missing, interned in Siberia and captured by the Japanese.

CIO Men Swap Wrenches For MIs in 3 Days' Drill

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind., Apr. 15—More than 200 members of the CIO United Automobile Workers, representing over 60,000 defense plant employees, have just completed three days' recruit training as buck privates in an infantry division here.

The project was arranged by the War Department and the union to give the men who make the machines a better understanding of the Army's needs and problems—and to let the men in the ranks know what kind of fellows are backing them up at the bench.

Walter Reuther, vice-president of the union, said the three-day training project proved that the United States had an invincible combination, "men with guts and intelligence in the Army, men with guts and mechanical skill in the war plants."

"The Army's fighting men," he said, "may feel certain that the men from the shops will never let them down."

Sailors, Marines Queue For Dancing Instruction

U.S. NAVAL BASE, N.I., Apr. 15—So popular are dancing classes conducted by EM 2c J. E. Fera, of Troy, N.Y., at the Red Cross club in Londonderry, that sailors and marines literally have to "queue up" for instruction.

Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday nights. Only 15 men can be instructed at one time because of the size of the hall. The tyros attend classes every other week. Those who fail to get in classes this month will be given preference next month.

Russia - - -

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gun and trench mortar fire forced the Germans to retreat to their initial positions.

When the German troops approached the Russian lines, they were allowed to advance to point-blank range. Then the Red Army gunners opened fire, wiping out many of the attacking troops and forcing the remainder to retreat to their original lines.

On a sector of the Kuban front, Russian detachments crossed a river barrier and surprised the German troops, forcing them to flee from their trenches and pillboxes. Heavy guns, rifles, grenades and ammunition were among the booty.

Blondie

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

by Chic Young

