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Marines Enter Okinawa Capital

Battle Stars Go to Some Rear Troops

Battle participation credits awarded to units which have served on, or over, the Continent also will apply to rear echelon troops of those units on duty status who never have left the U.K., HQ, ETOUSA announced yesterday.

Simultaneously, G-1, ETOUSA, declared that men who have higher than critical scores and who volunteer to stay in the Army may choose initially whether they stay in the Army of Occupation or go to the Pacific.

However, men with the critical score or higher who elect to remain in the Army of Occupation could be shifted out of the ETO to the Pacific in case of military necessity, ETOUSA officers stated.

Redeployment chiefs also said that men who have the required number of points may be discharged over here, if they wish.

In a letter defining battle credits ETOUSA informed all unit commanders that an individual was entitled to the

15,000 Will Leave ETO On Point Score by June 1

SHAFF, Paris, May 16 (Reuter)—Fifteen thousand U.S. soldiers, the first group of veterans with a service score of more than 85 points, will leave for home by June 1. Officers constitute fewer than two per cent of the total.

The return of service men has been restricted this month because of transportation shortages, but next month's quota is to be substantially increased.

By June 30 all U.S. enlisted men over 42 will have been sent home for discharge, it was stated.

credits as long as he was present for duty with a unit credited with combat activity "EVEN THOUGH HE WAS NOT HIMSELF PHYSICALLY IN THE COMBAT ZONE."

The letter then cited as examples: 1—Non-flying personnel of an air force group stationed in England;

2—Rear echelons of units which receive battle participation credit. (The latter group, it later was learned, includes several organizations which are a part of HQ Command, ETOUSA, and have been in Europe since D-Day, or shortly afterward.)

The announcement, however, specified that to be eligible for a battle star—which is worth five points toward discharge—a man must have been on duty status when his unit engaged in the battle activity.

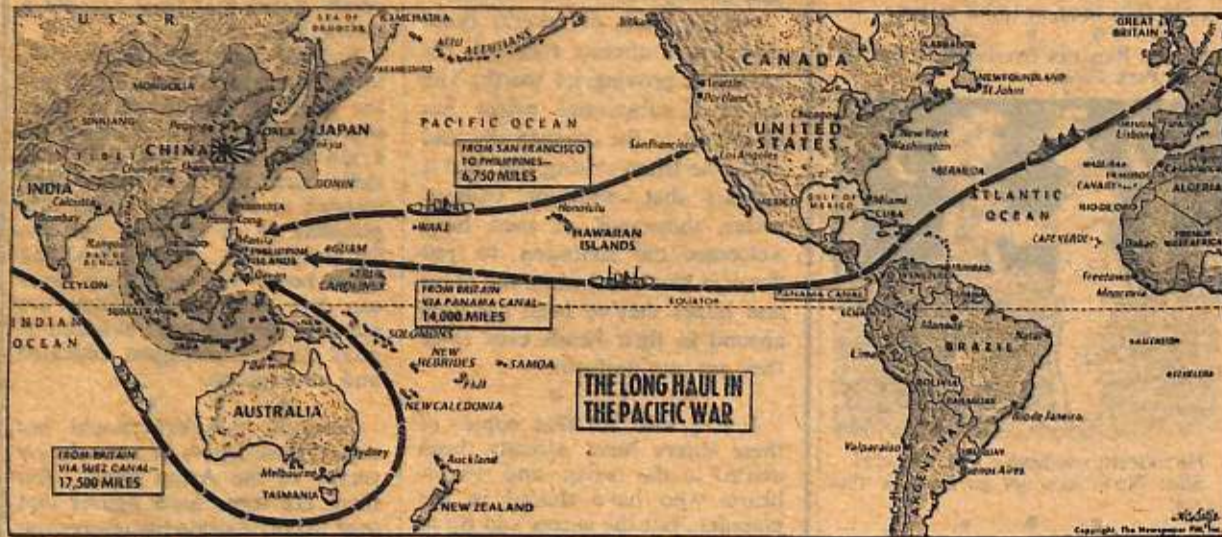
Personnel sick in quarters, in arrest, or in confinement would be excluded from such credits.

Specified also was the fact that the mere presence of an advance detachment, squad or group of individuals formed together for a mission, but NOT OPERATING under an approved T/O in a combat zone, would not entitle the rest of its organization to credit.

Those participating in the action would be accorded credit individually, if qualified, officials said.

To be discharged in the ETO, an individual's application must first be approved by the War Department and then cleared

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WHAT MAKES IT ROUGH: This map speaks for itself when it comes to the job the Allies face in supplying the war in the Pacific. Any way the Allies go, it's long.

Occupation 'Long, Firm, Realistic,' Clay Declares

American occupation forces will probably be in Germany for a long time and will carry out a "firm and realistic policy" which will make the Germans aware that they are being ruled by the military, Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, Deputy Military Governor

Himmler Told Tale of Woe

STOCKHOLM, May 16 (AP)—A prominent Swedish Jew, representing the World Jewish Congress, said here that he met Heinrich Himmler near Oranienburg, north of Berlin, three weeks ago and that Himmler tried to make himself out as a much misunderstood man.

The Swede was Robert Masur, who said he flew to Berlin under "safe conduct," met Himmler on Apr. 20, and talked with him for two and one-half hours.

During the talks, Masur said, Himmler explained that the burned bodies in concentration camps were the results of Allied artillery, defended Germany's Jewish policy, and claimed he tried to find a solution of the Jewish question by allowing them to emigrate.

BOLSANO, Italy, May 16 (AP)—Heinrich Himmler's wife and daughter claim they haven't heard of the ex-Gestapo chief since April and have believed him dead for the last few weeks—a fate they said would be best for all Nazi leaders now.

Capt. Erich Schuitzler, one of Himmler's former aides, led U.S. troops of the 88th Division to the mountain chalet where the two prisoners were taken.

Truman's News Policy Is to Tell All He Can

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP)—The White House said today that President Truman had given full approval to a news policy calling for a complete flow of all possible information to the press and radio.

Charles G. Ross, the President's new press secretary, told newspaper correspondents that he planned to answer all questions he could and would say so when he did not have information or could not disclose it.

Task Force Downs 357 Jap Planes

U.S. Marines, after stemming the bloodiest counter-attack of the entire Okinawa campaign, last night were reported fighting in the streets of Naha, the island capital, as Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Naval commander in the Pacific, announced that carrier planes of Adm. Raymond A. Spruance's fast task force had destroyed or damaged 357 Jap planes and 22 small craft in week-end attacks against the southern Japanese home islands.

Reports carried by New York Radio said that Naha had been captured but no official announcement confirmed the dispatch.

The Japs launched their counter-attack with a terrific artillery barrage in an effort to drive the Marines out of the Naha sector, and the 22nd Division was shoved back 200 yards before they rallied and threw back what was the most determined attack of the island campaign. At least 400 Jap dead were counted and a senior officer said that before the battle was over one American company had only two men left.

Bitter fighting was reported along the four-mile line across southern Okinawa from Naha to Tonabaru airfield, seized on Monday by the Americans.

The series of blistering air attacks against 18 airfields on the Jap islands of Kyushu and Shikoku, in which approximately 1,500 planes took part, according to Tokyo Radio, took place Saturday night, Sunday and Monday, Nimitz said in a communique.

Eighty-three Jap planes, Nimitz said, were shot down, 93 destroyed on the ground, 108 listed as destroyed or damaged on the ground and 73 brought under fire with unobserved results.

The attacks were aimed at fields from which Japanese suicide planes have been flying against U.S. fleet units and it was the largest number of fields hit in a steady pounding of southern Japan.

Preliminary reports indicated that the sweeps cost Spruance's fleet about ten planes.

The force also destroyed an oil train, four locomotives, a chemical plant and a barrage balloon—the first indication that balloons were being used for defense by the Japs.

Most of Mindanao Cleared

Gen. MacArthur, meanwhile, announced that American troops had liberated 90 per cent of Mindanao and were fighting hand-to-hand battles with the Japs west of Davao. The northern 40th Division was driving south to link up with the 31st.

Fighting on Luzon was slowed by heavy torrential rains although a bitter struggle raged for the Ipo Dam, major source of Manila's water supply.

On Tarakan Island, Australian and Dutch forces attacked the Japanese entrenched near the Pamoesian oil fields and Allied aircraft bivouac and supply areas.

Naval units and planes supported Australian troops on New Guinea, Rabaul and Bougainville.

The Japs still were resisting in the streets of Foochow on the east China coast. Farther north in Hunan province, the Chinese recaptured three important villages and two heights, 50 miles west of the Jap base of Paoching.

Nazi Diplomats Kept Running

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH 7TH ARMY, May 16—When Dr. Paul Schmidt, chief of the press department of the German Foreign Office, was scooped up by the 20th Armd. Div. in Salzburg, he was carrying a brief case and wallet stuffed with more than 85,000 marks and 1,000 kroner.

Picked up along with minor officials of the Foreign Office, Schmidt said the Foreign Office had been on the run since Apr. 14 because of the Red Army threat to Berlin. He was directed to open diplomatic shop in Munich and Salzburg, and for ultimate emergency in Fuschel and Bad Gastein.

Former Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Kiel, Schmidt joined the Foreign Office in 1938. As a member of the diplomatic corps he wasn't permitted to marry any but a German woman. He asked for a transfer to the Wehrmacht when he fell in love with a Swede, but Himmler turned him down.

He is now married to a German woman and has three children. They moved to Kebra after bombings chased them from Berlin and he hasn't heard from them in five weeks.

French Now Occupy 12-Mi. Zone in Italy

PARIS, May 16 (UP)—The French are preparing for a long-term occupation of a zone 12 miles deep across the Italian border which they have taken over, according to reliable sources in Paris. French troops who have occupied the zone broke into western Italy only a few weeks before the final capitulation. The French are moving Italian-speaking administrators and local government machinery into the area.

A responsible French source admitted that there is "perhaps only a hair-splitting difference between this and annexation, even though we do not like to use the word annexation."

But the French Foreign Office denies any intentions of the French government to annex Italian territory.

U.S. Subs Add to Total

WASHINGTON, May 16 (Reuter)—Since Pearl Harbor U.S. submarines have sunk or damaged 1,284 Japanese ships, the Navy Department announced today.

A detailed list of different kinds of ships sunk, probably sunk and damaged gave these details: Sunk, 1,128; probably sunk, 37; damaged, 119.



WAR AND PEACE: Impassive, weary doughboys of the 77th Division, still battling the Japanese on Okinawa, stand in a drizzling rain listening to a VE-Day broadcast from the U.S. Photo was radioed from the Pacific.

DeGaulle Proclaims Birth Of Fourth French Republic

By Dick Lewis
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS, May 16—France's fourth Republic in 150 years of wars and revolution was proclaimed yesterday by Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

The head of the French Provisional Government made the proclamation at a victory meeting of the French Consultative Assembly before the nation's legislative body and diplomatic representatives of the Allied world.

Victory in Europe, de Gaulle said, would go down in the history of France as the point of departure for the Fourth Republic. The third Republic fell in 1940 and was succeeded by the Nazi-dominated administration of Paris.



GEN. DE GAULLE

checked the announcement and the entire assembly, which filled the Luxembourg Palace, sang the "Marseillaise."

"This has been a total war and total victory has been gained," de Gaulle said. "France gambled her very existence in this war. . . . We did not wait to be attacked and invaded before accepting the greatest risk in history."

"We did it without illusions of conquest or passion for revenge. We did it in reply to the eternal law which has placed us in the vanguard of a civilization founded on the rights of peoples and respect for humanity."

The General paid tribute to the nation's Allies and said France had remained united until the day "when her generals, together with their British, American and Russian comrades, accepted Germany's unconditional surrender."

"When war came," the General said, "France knew the odds were temporarily against her. Yet she did not hesitate. On Sept. 3, 1939, we drew our sword, alone with Britain."

There Oughta Be 1 Buck Left—For the Memory

WASHINGTON, May 16 (ANS)—Rep. John Rankin (D.-Miss.) urged the War Department today to give demobilized buck privates the rank of privates first class before their discharge.

Rankin told the House that he hoped buck privates would not become "forgotten men of this war," and said that he could see nothing wrong in giving them a stripe "to show that this government appreciates their services."

Whether members of Germany's General Staff would be tried and punished as war criminals will be decided by four Allied prosecuting attorneys, it was announced at Washington by Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross, who said that, under the terms of the Yalta agreement, the four powers principally concerned—the U.S., Britain, Russia and France—would name the prosecutors. These four will "break up for all time the German General Staff that has repeatedly contrived the resurgence of German militarism," Ross said.

Also present at the SHAFF conference in Paris was Robert D. Murphy, Gen. Eisenhower's diplomatic and political advisor, who said that Doenitz was not considered the head of any German government, since no governmental organization is recognized in Germany. Doenitz represents only the German High Command under his "assumption of" (Continued on back page)

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THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

NOTE: B-Bag is receiving many unsigned letters. We require your signature as evidence of good faith only. Your identity will not be revealed if you inform us you want your name withheld.—ED.

Photo Censorship May 11, 1945

To the B-Bag: Upon entering this hospital, I immediately notified my correspondents of my new address. In one of the letters I enclosed a small snapshot that I had taken in the Paris ARC. Four days later the letter and picture were returned because the picture had to be censored. Why should a personal photo have to be censored? Such petty regulations make a combat soldier's life even more miserable.—Pvt. W. T. Harris, Hosp. Plant 4123.

The Right to Strike May 7, 1945

To the B-Bag: What the hell right have the miners to strike when their sons and brothers need the coal more than ever now with a war against Japan to finish? They complain that the government was "slow" in handling negotiations. With all the government has to do to win the war they talk about it being slow. How about some of the strikers volunteering to take my place?—Pvt. Robert E. Carlson, Hosp. Plant 4159.

WACs to Germany May 14, 1945

To the B-Bag: Anyone who has any ideas of sending WACs to Germany should have their heads examined. I am an ex-PW. I've taken a beating from SS troops which put me into a hospital for two months. I'm only 19 but I look like 30. I'm not bragging. It hurts me personally to hear cracks about sending American girls to Germany which is like signing their death warrants. Those girls wouldn't be safe on German streets. The jokers should smarten up. Those WACs have a home like you and they want to get there as fast as you.—Pvt. J. E. M., Det. of Patients, 4108 Hosp. Plant.

Krauts Fight Nips? May 12, 1945

To the B-Bag: Why not form an Army of volunteer democratic Germans under the leadership of U.S. officers to fight against the Japs? With so many of the Wehrmacht pleading they were never Nazis in the first place, that they hated Hitler, here would be their chance to prove it—on the battlefield.—The Boys of the 2nd Platoon, Co. E., 1302 Eng. Reg.

U.S. Responsibility for Nazism May 10, 1945

To the B-Bag: I am a recently liberated PW. At present I'm in a hospital recovering from ailments resulting from imprisonment. I've been reading the various stories about PW and concentration camps in Germany. And I have noted the incredulity, the sending of committees, the indignation and the rising wrath of our folks. I am led to wonder what these outraged people were thinking of in 1934-35 when stories of Dachau, Gestapo activities, burning of books, persecution of men like Mann, Einstein and Walter were published daily throughout the land. Let us spend less time in devising punishment for the Germans and more in examining our blindness and callousness and assessing our own responsibility for Nazism's excesses.—Sgt. Harry L. Goldstein, Co. G, 39th Inf. Reg.

Sgt. Wells's Story May 10, 1945

To the B-Bag: We read the account of ex-PW Sgt. William Wells as told to Bebe Daniels. Although we agree for the most part with his story we don't accept some details. To say that if it weren't for the Red Cross parcels we would have starved is an exaggeration. The Kraut food was lousy but it wasn't exactly a starvation diet. At the Stalag tents were used only when the barracks were full. Remember the ten barracks in each compound, Sgt.? That pass incident. It was later found that two of our fellows had burned a guard's entrance and exit pass. All the rest of the story is true enough, especially the description of "Big Stoop." We're not trying to put Jerry in a good light, but things were bad enough without adding things that just ain't so. And a lot of the story hasn't yet been told.—One who was there, Hosp. Plant 4123.

The Unholy Three May 13, 1945

To the B-Bag: Mussolini is there, Hitler is there. Come, Hirohito, watcha waitin' for?—T/5 B. H., Sig. Corps.

Hash Marks

Could it happen here? "Men," said the chaplain, "the subject of my sermon today is liars. How many in this chapel have read the 69th Chapter of Matthew? Nearly every hand went up. 'You're just the people I want to preach to,' he said, 'there is no such chapter.'"

T/5 Charles Busch sez the re-deployment reminds him of Paul Revere. All we have to do is wait and see whether it's one if by land, or two if by sea.

Snappy Repartee Overheard by our spy on the Park Front.



He: Gosh, you have a lovely figure! She: Now, let's not go all over that again.

Appropriate Names Department. The unit sign painter stepped up to the prime mover operator and asked, "Everybody else around here has a name for their vehicle. What do you want to call that thing?" "Well, I dunno," replied the operator, "maybe we'd better just call it 'Epsom Salts.'"

Daffynition of the Week. Marriage is a mutual partnership, with the husband as the mute.

Another unsigned verse left in our typewriter: Early to bed and early to rise And you'll never show red in The whites of your eyes.

Add Daffynitions. Surrealism: Proof that things can be as bad as they are pictured.

One of life's sadder dramas. The soldier on leave in the States pulled his car into a country lane and the motor stopped. "Out of gas," he commented laconically. The girl beside him opened her purse and pulled out a flask. "Wow," said the guy, "what is it—bourbon?" "Gasoline," replied the gal, calmly.

Our office cynic sez a pessimist is one who thinks that all women are immoral. An optimist is one who merely hopes so.

Worst pun of the week. And then there's the one about the bashful girl who worked all her crossword puzzles vertically so she wouldn't have to come across.

As the skunk said when the wind



changed—It all comes back to me now.

Afterthought. When girls look good in bathing suits, men look good too. J. C. W.

PRIVATE BREGER



"C'mon, guys! Dave's established a bridgehead!"

An Editorial

Confidence in the Future

WHEN The Stars and Stripes undertook the sponsorship of a war bond contest built around letters on the subject, "My Savings and Post-War Plans," the editors were confident the contest would provoke serious, thoughtful discussion among men in this theater. On the basis of several thousand letters already received, the contest is proving its worth. The award of substantial prizes has given zest to the competition and made the letter-writing fun. But it appears that, with or without prizes, thousands of men have welcomed the invitation to put down in black and white the plans and hopes they've been carrying around in their heads ever since they got into uniform.

It is a safe bet that copies of these letters have already been mailed to the wives and sweethearts who have shared in the planning, but the letters add up to a message for all the folks at home which reads something like this: "Don't worry about what the men overseas are going to be like when they return home. Don't worry about their becoming mal-adjusted personalities dependent on government and relatives. You'll find them ready to produce a good day's work, to found new businesses, to grow better crops, to

build comfortable homes, to rear healthy and happy children."

The letters received so far do not, of course, represent a scientific Gallup poll of soldier opinion. It may be too early for them to be a good cross-section of the contest itself. But there are themes so persistently recurring and so sincerely stated that they become a conviction:

Enlisted men and officers want to get back to civilian life. They are planning to complete their education. They are planning on a job that will utilize their old skills and the new ones they learned in the Army. They are planning for a farm or business for themselves. They are saving for a home they and their wives can call their own. They are planning to rear their children as good citizens, intelligent, educated and courageous.

Scientific samplers would not regard these letters as a conclusive survey of the Army mind. But there are some hard figures that tend to corroborate the impression they make. Eighty-three per cent of the money paid men in this theater is going home in family allotments, insurance, war bonds and other savings. That's more than four-fifths of the Army payroll. It indicates that men are not only hopeful but are confident of their futures, and are banking on their convictions.

Cupboard Is Bare

Nazis' Wholesale Rape of Norway Will Require 25 Years to Rectify

By Charles Arnot United Press Correspondent

OSLO, May 16—It will take at least 25 years before Norway recovers from wholesale German plundering.

To see what the Germans did one has but to step inside any home or shop. Norway's cupboard is bare—and has been for five years. Liberation came just in the nick of time. The hardy Norwegians had taken their belts in to the last notch.

Fish—dried fish—saved the Norwegians from starvation. The Germans took all the fresh meat and fish, although they did ship some grain into the country.

About three times a year Norwegians could get horse meat. Eggs were a non-existent. On the ration cards the people were entitled to three pounds of black bread a week and a pound and a half of sugar every two weeks. But there was no sugar to be bought.

Each person was entitled to just over half a pint of milk every two days—if he could get it.

There was a little Danish meat available between Christmas and Easter—but no butter.

Expectant mothers were allowed some white bread and had first place in queues. Essential workers had special ration cards which allowed them enough meat for two meals a week.

Throughout the occupation coffee was made from rye. There was a ration of one cigarette a day.

The first two years were the worst. But the people learned how to hoard and

conditions improved as German shipments out of Norway broke down.

The prices of food and clothing were, officially, very low. But many essential products were only purchasable on the flourishing black market, where butter was sold at \$8.00 per pound and cigarettes were just over \$4.00 a packet.

Even today you cannot buy soap, and in hotels you sleep between paper sheets.

Films especially selected by the Germans provided Oslo's entertainments during the occupation. Public dances were forbidden and the National Opera House was closed to all but Quislings and Germans.

The Germans also took Norway's wealth away. According to best estimates—the final figure will doubtless be higher—the Germans since April, 1941, stole on the average of \$1,500 from each man, woman and child in the country with its 3,000,000 inhabitants.

The war also cost Norway 10,000 lives, including those who died fighting with the Allies. Another 1,000 died in prison camps.

But it was the loss of personal freedom the Norwegians felt most. For five years they lived like chattels, going to work in the morning and coming home in the evening. They had no civil rights. They did not dare gather in the streets or public listening places for fear that a Quisling or a plain clothes Gestapo might be listening.

Quislings were considered more dangerous than Germans. That was the way the Nazis planned it.

Battle Stars - - - -

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by the U.S. State Department and the government of the country in which he seeks the discharge.

Meanwhile, personnel officers reported that the compilation of individual discharge cards was well along in most organizations.

They again stressed that the USAAF would have a different critical score than either the Ground or Service Forces and these scores would not be released for at least five weeks. The USAAF score likely would be higher, they said, presumably because of the military necessity for retaining a higher proportion of Air Force personnel and because of a different system of giving military awards.

The officials said that men declared surplus in the ETO and sent home under the War Department's current interim score of 85 could well be re-classified as essential when they reached the States. This, they said, might well be the case with the 85-point-and-up airmen returning to the U.S. during the interim period.

Questions and Answers

Q—"I was at Pearl Harbor when the Japs struck. Do I get five points for that?"

A—You do. You're entitled to wear a star on your pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon and that star means five points in your favor.

Q—"I enlisted in England. How much overseas time do I get credit for?"

A—Every minute after enlistment is overseas time, unless you have seen some U.S. service.

SHAEF Gives Damage Data On Nazi Ports

SHAEF, May 15—Supreme HQ today reported the following as the conditions of ports and towns previously under German control:

BREMEN—Harbor works badly damaged but berths for eight Liberty ships available.

BREMENHAVEN and WESER-MUNDE—Dock facilities not as severely damaged as was expected and berths for approximately 20 Liberty ships available. Steamship Bremen found a total loss and the Europa in relatively fair condition.

CUXHAVEN—All port installations and ships in harbor found intact, including two destroyers and 84 smaller craft.

HAMBURG—Damage in dock area not as severe as expected and a number of deep-water berths are clear despite the sinking of 50 large and medium merchantmen and many smaller vessels.

KIEL—Condition of port worse than anticipated and all shippyards devastated. German cruiser Hipper found sabotaged in dock and cruiser Emden found stranded and burnt out.

LUBECK—Harbor conditions not as bad as was expected but lack of coal prevents use of installations. Harbor entrance is impeded by sunken blockships.

WILHELMSHAVEN—Port installations and dockyard found in good condition except for bomb damage.



YOUTH SERVED: At 34, Brig. Gen. Frank S. Besson Jr. is among the youngest generals in the Army. He was charged with moving vital supplies through the Persian Corridor to Soviet armies. Brig. Gen. D. P. Booth, of the now defunct Persian Gulf Command, is shown pinning on Besson's silver star.

Ike Has 140-185 Discharge Points

By Charles Kiley Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Just for the record, Gen. Eisenhower has a solid comeback for anyone who asks: "How many points do you have, sir?"

The Supreme Commander has at least 140, discounting a hatful of foreign decorations which, if approved by the War Department, give him a maximum of 185.

The General has 56 months in service since Sept., 1940; 34 months overseas since June, 1942, when he arrived in London to assume duties as Commanding General, ETOUSA; five points each for two American decorations, the Legion of Merit and a cluster to his DSM, and five points each for the following seven campaigns:

Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Normandy, Southern France and Northern France.

He has been awarded nine foreign decorations since Sept., 1940, each of which gives him five points if they are approved by the War Department.

They are the Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath (Britain), Grand Cordon of the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre with Palm (France), Grand Cordon of the Nisham Iftiker (Bey of Tunis), Grand Cordon of the Ouissam Ala Ouite (Sultan of Morocco), Order of Suvorov, First Degree (Russia), Star of Abdon Calderon, First Class (Ecuador), Virtuti Militari and Polonia Restituta (Poland).

AFN Radio Program

News Every Hour on the Hour

Thursday, May 17

- 1300-World News 1810-GI Supper Club
1310-American Sports News 1900-Sports News
1315-Melody Roundup 1905-RCAF Show
1330-Cham. Mus. Soc. 1945-Yank Bandstand
of Lower Basin St. 2000-Bing Crosby
1400-The Great Gilder-sleeve 2030-Burns and Allen
2100-World News
1430-Hour of Charm 2105-Your War Today
1500-World News 2115-Mystery Playhouse
1510-AEF Extra 2145-Johnny Mercer
1530-On the Record 2200-U.S. Home News
1630-Strike up the Band 2205-Frank Morgan
1700-Amos 'n' Andy 2235-Reminiscing
1730-Canada Swing Show 2300-World News
1755-Mark up the Map 2305-Merely Music
1800-World News 000-World News

Friday, May 18

- 0800-Combat Diary 0925-AEF Ranch House
0815-Personal Album 1000-Bing Crosby
0830-Modern Music 1030-Strike up the Band
0900-World News 1100-U.S. Home News
0910-Spotlight Band 1106-Duffie Band

Off the Global Wire

Seal Frontier To Keep Nazis From Fleeing

LUXEMBURG, May 16 (Reuter)—A chain of frontier command posts has been established to prevent the flight of war criminals and other wanted persons from Germany into Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France, Luxembourg Radio said last night.

Chiefs of Staff Study French Part in Pacific

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP)—The Combined Chiefs of Staff are studying France's potential participation in the war against Japan and upon their decision will hinge a possible realignment of Lend-Lease supplies to France.

Chinese Release Koreans

CHUNGKING, May 16 (AP)—The China National Military Council today ordered the release of all Korean prisoners of war, and said they may, if they wish, join the Korean independence army—a handful of Korean patriots being trained in Free China.

Reds Turn to Peace Production

MOSCOW, May 16 (Reuter)—Sections of Soviet industry, which for nearly four years have been pouring out munitions for the front, have begun the switchover to peace-time production.

Nazi PWs to Work in Italy

ROME, May 16 (AP)—The Allies have placed German prisoners in Italy at the disposal of the Italian government for reconstruction work while they are being detained, an Italian communique announced yesterday.

Berlin Japs on Way Home

NEW YORK, May 16 (AP)—Domei, Japan's official news agency, reported today that 16 members of the Japanese Embassy in Berlin have arrived at Manchouli, Manchuria, by train from Moscow via Siberia.

Flying Fish—Greecewards

CAIRO, May 16 (Reuter)—As part of an UNRRA plan to re-stock Greek lakes which were virtually emptied of fish by the Germans, RAF pilots have flown 100,000 grey mullet—a fish rich in protein—to Greece.

Volkssturm for Farm Work

WITH 3RD ARMY, May 16 (AP)—Thousands of Volkssturm troops are being released from prisoner of war camps in the 3rd Army occupation zone to work on farms.

Rebuilding Dnieper Dam

MOSCOW, May 16 (Reuter)—Russian engineers are already engaged in rebuilding the Dnieprostroi dam—the biggest in Europe—which they blew up in the course of their scorched-earth policy at the time of the German advance in 1941.

Justice Jackson Names Aide

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP)—Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, chief of the Office of Strategic Services, will help prosecute war criminals, Associate Justice Robert H. Jackson, U.S. chief war crimes prosecutor, announced today.

Bums Down Bucs, 6-3, for Tenth Straight

Cochrane in Non-Title Tiff



"RED RETURNS" by PAP

NEW YORK, May 16—Welterweight Champion Freddie "Red" Cochrane will show fans just how much a long hitch in the Navy has affected the legs that carried him to the world title when he takes on Pete Lello, of Gary, Ind., in a non-title ten-rounder at Jacksonville, Fla., June 1.

Cochrane's last official appearance before the boxing public was on the night of Sept. 10, '42, when he lost a non-title ten-rounder to Veteran Fritz Zivic. Since then the Elizabeth, N.J., dancing

master has been in contact with the mitt game as a Navy physical instructor, but the boys along Jacobs Beach are saying, "That ain't like being in there under the lights."

In case Lello doesn't prove tough enough, Cochrane, recently discharged, is sure to find out how much he has slipped when he tangles with the winner of the Bummy Davis-Rocky Graziano battle, which is taking place May 25. This second comeback bout of Cochrane's also will be a non-title affair and will be offered to New York fans June 29.

Giants Retain Margin With 5-4 Nod Over Cubs

NEW YORK, May 16—Brooklyn's always surprising (in one way or another) Dodgers stretched their sensational victory streak to ten games here last night by defeating the Pirates, 6-3, before 29,687, but in winning they only succeeded in sticking two games off the pace of the league-leading Giants, who again knocked off the Cubs, 5-4.

Young Vic Lombardi southpawed the Flock to victory, limiting the Bucs to only five hits as he hung up his third triumph of the season—and the Dodgers equalled their longest previous streak under Leo Durocher's management.



VIC LOMBARDI

Brooklyn picked up single tallies in the sixth and seventh while Lombardi eased up in the final innings to allow the Frischmen two counters in the eighth and one in the ninth.

Phil Weintraub's sixth homer of the year gave the Giants their nod over the Cubs, with Van Lingle Mungo racking up his third decision although he had to be rescued by Ace Adams in the eighth. The Cubs took a 2-0 lead in the second on two hits and Don Johnson's infield out and three singles accounted for another in the fourth, but the Otmen kayoed Paul Derringer in the fifth, scoring four times on two walks, three singles and Buddy Kerr's double, and Weintraub's circuit clout in the sixth clinched matters. Two passes, an error and a pair of forceouts accounted for the Bruins' final pair in the seventh.

Buster Adams' three-run homer with none out in the eighth enabled the Cardinals to down the Braves, 8-7, in the opening game of their series at Boston, with Jack Creel, third of four Card hurlers, getting the nod over Al Schacker, last of three Braves flingers. St. Louis was trailing, 8-7, when the eighth opened, but Augie Bergamo drew a walk, Johnny Hopp connected with one of Schacker's offerings for a single and then Adams lotted the ball over the left field fence. Phil Masi opened Boston's ninth with a triple, but Blix Donnelly took the mound for the Redbirds and left him stranded. Tommy Holmes had a perfect day at bat for the losers with three doubles and two singles to take over the National League batting lead with a mark of .435.

Don't look now, but the Phils did it again last night, handing the Reds six unearned runs in the first two innings and a 7-3 victory. Ancient Jimmy Foxx muffed a pop fly after two were out in the first inning to give Bill McKechnie's pupils three unearned markers and Double X repeated the ceremony after two were gone in the second by letting go with a wild heave to allow three more Redlegs to come home. Steve Mesner led the Red batting attack with a double and two singles as Frank Dasso got the win over Charlie Schanz.

All American League games were postponed. IOWA STAR FLANKS OUT IOWA CITY, Iowa, May 16—Jack Spencer, co-captain of Iowa's Big Ten basketball champions, has been dismissed from the university because of scholastic deficiency. Spencer also was a catcher on the Hawkeye baseball team. Paul Fagerling, who captured the javelin throw at the Drake Relays, was placed on probation for the same reason.



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Minor League Results

Table with 3 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Minor League results across various leagues.

Ruth Named to Coach East In Annual Boys' All-Star Tilt

CHICAGO, May 16—George Herman Ruth and Tyrus Raymond Cobb, two of the greatest and most colorful performers in the history of baseball, will match their managerial talent when East meets West in the All-American Boys' Game sponsored by Esquire Magazine at the Polo Grounds in New York Aug. 28, it was announced today.

James C. Cosset, director of the game, said that the Sultan of Swat, now 50 and retired from the game he loves since '35, will coach the eastern boys during their entire training period.

Cobb, still the choice of millions as the "greatest ball player who ever lived," was named some time ago to handle the western aggregation and has been reported "very enthused."

The two teams will be comprised of



BABE RUTH TY COBB the nation's best boy diamond performers as selected by newspapers in 32 cities, and there seems little doubt but what they are enthused about the men who will be wagging their orders.

Behind the Sports Headlines

BALTIMORE—Larry MacPhail, 55-year-old president of the New York Yankees, yesterday married Miss Jean Bennett Wanamaker. MacPhail was divorced last week by his second wife while Miss Wanamaker has previously been married and divorced.

CHICAGO—In their last 18 games White Sox pitchers have gone the distance 18 times while Yankee starters have hung on all the way in 12 of their 20 games.

CHICAGO—Capt. Hal Van Every, former Minnesota and Green Bay Packer halfback, has been liberated from a Nazi prison camp. Hal had been in German hands since May of '44 when his bomber was shot down.

PITTSBURGH—Frankie Frisch is boasting that his Pirates have more pre-war Yankees than Joe McCarthy. From left

Part-Time Pitcher Hurls Perfect Game

HARTFORD, Conn., May 16—Pete Naktens, who gave up "serious" baseball three years ago after brief whirls with the Athletics and Reds to take a job in a war plant, attained the desire of all pitchers here last night when he pitched a no-hit, no-run game for the Hartford Laurels of the Eastern League.

The 30-year-old right-hander blanked Binghamton, 6-0, but had trouble negotiating the no-run feat as his mates erred three times behind him. Because of his job as production manager in a local war plant Naktens only participates in home games.

to right they are Jack Saltzgeber, Babe Dahlgren, Al Gerheuser, Xavier Rescigno, Nick Strincevich and Ken Gables. CHICAGO—Bill Nagel, White Sox first baseman, was rejected at the local induction center because of an arthritic left foot.

LAKELAND, Fla.—A golf match launching the Seventh War Loan Drive here brings together Bobby Jones and Sammy Sneed, teamed respectively with Earl Christianson, Miami policeman, and Bobby Walker, stationed with the Army Air Forces here.

Dick Tracy



Li'l Abner



By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



By Courtesy of United Features



By Chester Gould



By Al Capp



Around the 48 Yesterday

Superforts Rolling Out, More Than 200 a Month

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The U.S. already has turned out more than 2,000 Superforts and new ones are coming off assembly lines at a rate topping 200 a month, Chairman J. A. Krug of the War Production Board told a press conference.

Krug said that because cancellations of munitions contracts were "slightly lower than expected," the mass turnout of heavy consumer goods would be delayed at least until after September.

This meant, he said, that although there would be substantial production of small appliances soon, the WPB would retain its prohibitions limiting the manufacture of autos, radios, refrigerators, stoves and metal furniture.

Krug denied reports from Detroit that the auto industry had obtained permission to reconvert on July 1. He said that no date had been fixed yet.

Meanwhile, in Dayton, General Motors announced it would halt production of .50 cal. machine-guns by July 1 and immediately reconvert to civilian goods. Few of the plant's 7,000 workers would lose their jobs in the switchover, officials said.

Veterans' Unit Overhaul

WASHINGTON, May 16 (ANS)—President Truman declared that overhauling of the U.S. Veterans' Administration was just as necessary as its creation. The Administration must be modernized and expanded to provide facilities for the care of large numbers of men wounded in this war, he added.

While the Chief Executive warned that his remarks should not be misinterpreted as meaning that anyone connected with the Administration was about to be discharged, the House Veterans' Committee opened its probe of conditions in veterans' hospitals and heard a demand from Rep. Philip J. Philbin (D.-Mass.), that the agency be thoroughly overhauled.

Elsewhere in the Capital: The Senate Agriculture Committee

approved a sub-committee report recommending a single "supreme administrator" for food and at the same time criticizing OPA's failure to enforce price and ration control.

Calls GI Bill of Rights a Fraud

CHICAGO (ANS)—Capt. Cicero Hogan, assistant national adjutant of the Disabled War Veterans, called the GI Bill of Rights the "biggest fraud ever thrust upon the American public and the American veteran."

He said that the Veterans' Administration had helped to write into the bill a list of qualifications which so emasculated it that he was yet to see, or hear, of a veteran who had been successful in obtaining a loan on his farm or home under the Bill.

Cut GI Smokes in U.S.

NEW YORK (ANS)—Military personnel in the U.S. who have been able to obtain virtually as much tobacco as they desired in their PXs will be rationed to six packs of cigarettes, 24 cigars or four ounces of tobacco after June 3, according to a War Department directive received by the 2nd Service Command. The order said that the tobacco ration for Italian service unit members would not exceed one-half that for military personnel. Prisoners of war will not be permitted to buy cigarettes or cigars. The Navy also announced a similar ration program.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va.—A mine foremen's walkout which threatened to spread throughout northern West Virginia brought a complete standstill in bituminous mining operations in Monongalia County. Eighteen mines were reported shut with a loss of 41,050 tons daily. . . . ALTOONA, Pa.—The city was without trolley-bus service following a work stoppage growing out of a breakdown in a new wage contract proceedings.

DETROIT—President R. J. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) disclosed that he had urged Henry J. Kaiser, the ship magnate, to consider purchasing the Ford Willow Run bomber plant for automobile production. Ford officials said last week they had no future plans for the factory after it turned out its last B29 around August.

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (ANS)—The first C82, Army plane which can carry up to nine tons of military cargo, rolled off the production line at the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp. The ship has a twin-boom tail and a tricycle landing gear. It has a range of 4,000 miles and a cruising speed of more than 200 mph.

Gabreski's Gal Is Waiting

PRAIRIE DUCHIEN, Wis. (ANS)—Kay Cochran unfolded her wedding gown after learning that her daily prayers for the safety of Lt. Col. Francis Gabreski, 8th Air Force fighter ace, had been answered. Gabreski was flown back to England Tuesday from Germany where he had been held in a Nazi prison camp.

The couple had been mapping plans to be married in Holland, Mich., last Aug. 1. However, Gabreski was forced to bail out over Germany on his last mission. He has a record of shooting down 28 Nazi planes and destroying three others on the ground.

NEW YORK (ANS)—Three Gold Star mothers met three Marines, and the scene called up memories that caused onlookers to fall silent and avert their eyes.

The mothers were those whose three sons were killed after participating in the famous flag-raising scene on Iwo Jima. The Marines were the three survivors of the six in that episode.

The mothers and the Marines were participating in a special rally in connection with the Seventh War Loan Drive.

United Artists Quits Hays

HOLLYWOOD (ANS)—United Artists Corp. announced it would resign from the Motion Pictures and Distributors of America—better known as the Hays office—effective Sept. 21, thus becoming the second major film company to make such a move. Warner Brothers pulled out last November. United Artists explained its action saying that "practically all producers using our facilities for distribution have joined the Society of Independent Motion Picture Producers."

DENVER—A post-season cold spell accompanied by snow, rain and frost nipped the Rocky Mountain States and the plains country directly eastward. . . . MILLEVILLE, N.J.—More than 2,300 acres of woodland were burned over in a seven-hour blaze.

LOS ANGELES—An escaped Nazi PW gave himself up after walking the streets of Los Angeles and Hollywood for three days. He was in uniform, but no one noticed him. . . . FORT SHERIDAN, Ill.—Magaretta Hajdu became the first reported WAC to be discharged from the service on points. She had 51 for 27 months' service, 24 overseas.

NEW YORK—Laurent Brackx, a former Navy Reserve lieutenant, was convicted in Federal Court on charges of engaging in war-time espionage and violating censorshipship. He was accused of conspiring with Axis agents in Italy to get information about radar and airplane construction when he returned to this country in 1941.

Italy Scores Yugoslavia's Trieste Move

ROME, May 16—Italy's stand on the Yugoslav occupation of the Adriatic port of Trieste was expressed last night by Prime Minister Ivanoe Bonomi, who condemned "aggressive nationalism" and called for an Italian-Yugoslav review of the situation "when the passions of war are spent."

Yugoslav troops last month occupied Trieste which, together with Fiume and neighboring areas at the northern end of the Adriatic Sea, was added to Italy after the last war, despite the strenuous objections of Yugoslavia.

Marshal Tito's government claims the disputed region on economic and political grounds and, according to a Belgrade broadcast, believes the Italian population majority in Trieste would not object to Yugoslav rule.

Another Yugoslav statement declared that the "Yugoslav Army cannot be denied the right to organize military occupation and authority, in order to assure law and order, until the problems of fixing frontiers are solved by direct agreement between Italy and Yugoslavia."

Italy has requested the establishment of an interim Allied military government in the disputed areas. However, a Reuter dispatch from Washington said there was no authoritative confirmation of a report that an Allied note urging the Yugoslav forces to quit Trieste had been dispatched.

Allied Naval Command at Rome today issued a statement saying that Allied naval units were operating in the Trieste area "in the course of their normal duties." The statement followed the publication of reports that Allied ships had arrived at the port and that a tense situation had arisen, Associated Press reported.

A part of the Trieste port area is under British control, but Yugoslav authorities are running the rest of the city, according to a delayed United Press dispatch from Trieste.

KLAGENFURT, Austria, May 16 (AP)—Yugoslav partisans yesterday posted a proclamation announcing that they had entered the area of Carinthia "to cleanse the land once and for all of Nazi criminals and to guarantee true popular democracy, freedom and prosperity for the new, greater Yugoslavia."

The proclamation was signed by the military governor of the Yugoslav-occupied sector of southern Austria, an area which apparently is destined to be the centerpiece in some extremely delicate international negotiations.

Congress Group Asks Horror Camp Action

WASHINGTON, May 16—A call for "swift, certain and adequate punishment" was made to the Senate and the House yesterday in a report of six Senators and six Representatives who recently visited Germany's notorious concentration camps.

The report, read simultaneously in the two chambers by Sen. Alvin Barkley (D.-Ky.) and Rep. Ewing Thomson (D.-Tex.), bitterly charged the German government with mass murder, and it did not spare the German public or the German Army. It stated that it was inconceivable that the German General Staff did not know about the savage practices of the SS and Gestapo.

The committee reported that it didn't feel at liberty to recommend the creation of an additional agency for the investigation of these war crimes or for their ultimate disposition but felt that the agencies now dealing with the problem are responsible and competent.

Nazis Betrayed by a Virgin

Rape Racket Won't Work

By Kenneth Dixon Associated Press Correspondent

IN GERMANY, May 16 (AP)—Early as it is in the occupation of Germany, the American Army already appears to have won one major battle against an evil which might have seriously undermined its authority. It was the battle of the fake rape cases.

As yet few officials are certain whether it was an organized campaign of subtle sex sabotage or merely a sort of individual feminine guerrilla campaign. Whatever its origin, it has pretty definitely failed.

For both moral and disciplinary reasons, the Army views rape as civilian courts view murder. American soldiers have been hanged for rape in several European communities where this war has been fought.

Although there has been strong official tendency to cloak such cases behind cen-

sorship or semi-secret courts martial, still there was an equally strong inclination among Army men themselves to learn the fate of the rapists. Thus word of the U.S. Army's penalty for rape filtered into Germany.

Then military police began to be approached by numbers of women crying "Rape." Arrests were made immediately, but investigations prior to courts martial began to unearth many discrepancies.

Out of three such complaints, one division's medical investigation revealed two of the girls were virginal and the third a known prostitute. All three finally admitted they had been prompted by the departing Germans to try the rape racket as a means of harassing the American troops.

More than once it developed that frauleins who said they had been raped did not even know what the English word rape meant, they merely had been instructed briefly on how to say it.

These Faces Made News



Keystone Photo Minus his polished helmet, riding boots and ivory-handled six-shooter, Gen. George S. Patton, commander of the 3rd Army, came to London yesterday. Here he is outside Claridges Hotel.



U.S. Army Air Force Photo Col. Hubert Zemke, 31-year-old U.S. fighter ace and former commander of 56th Thunderbolt Group, shown as he directed evacuation from Barth PW camp. Zemke and an RAF group captain administered camp after its liberation.



U.S. Army Air Force Photo Col. James M. Stewart, former movie star now chief of staff for the 8th AF 2nd Combat Wing, gets Croix de Guerre with palm from Lt. Gen. Martial Valin, French AF chief of staff, as France honored several 8th airmen for part in liberating France.



Planet Photo "Mary of Arnhem," whose silky radio voice tried to dissuade Allied soldiers from fighting Nazis until her audience put her in a wire cage, tries a winning smile while being interviewed following her capture.

Major Powers At Conference Gain Strength

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16 (AP)—As the United Nations Conference began its fourth week today the major powers appeared to be gaining control of the projected world peace organization as the small nations lost three significant test votes in committee sessions.

The Big Five triumphed in these key decisions:

1—A Mexican proposal to lift the general assembly to the level of the proposed security council in approving action on military or economic sanctions was soundly defeated.

2—A New Zealand amendment to require a concurring vote or review by the assembly, except in extreme urgency, in instances in which the council would apply force, was also rejected.

3—Also turned down was the question whether the assembly should be able on its own initiative to make recommendations on any matter relating to the maintenance of peace being dealt with by the council.

Meanwhile, the delegates maneuvered for what seemed to be the biggest remaining argument of the parley, whether the world organization will be allowed to select and reallocate strategic defense areas and non-strategic trusteeships, as first demanded by the Soviet Union. Britain, the U.S. and France have agreed on a trusteeship plan that omits these proposals.

China originally sided with the Soviet Union in its demand for reallocation of trusteeships and mandates. Continuation of this split would throw the dispute open to all nations at the conference. One delegate expressed the view that the trusteeship question might never be settled here, leaving it for discussion at the peace table.

Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister and head of his country's delegation, went into a huddle with Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. before leaving for Paris by way of Washington. At the same time, it was announced that Paris has cabled asking the early return of all her ministers.

The Argentine delegation arrived yesterday, headed by Miguel Angel Carcano, Ambassador to Britain.

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power in Germany," Murphy said, adding: "The government at Flensburg was a de facto situation," meaning that it was dealt with only because it happened to be the sole effective means of carrying out instructions in accordance with the unconditional surrender.

SHAEF had previously announced that Doenitz and other selected German officers—all of them under control of SHAEF—were being used temporarily to carry out duties in connection with feeding, disarmament and control of the German armed forces.

Doenitz represents the German High Command, which will be dissolved once the German armed forces are demobilized and disarmed, Murphy said.

Flensburg Radio, which continued to put out propaganda for Germany until Allied troops entered the city, on the Danish-German border, has now been stopped, Murphy said.

At 21st Army Group HQ it was announced that "iron rations" had been decreed by the British military government for German civilians under its control, who will receive just enough food to keep them above starvation level.

SHAEF also disclosed that special ten-man teams from the War Crimes Branch of the European Judge Advocate Section were carrying out widespread investigations of war crimes committed against Allied military personnel as well as civilians.

At his press conference Clay outlined three principal aims: smashing what is left of Germany's war potential; eradicating the vestiges of Nazism; and catching and punishing war criminals.

German civilian machinery will be re-established only on a low level to keep essential functions going, particularly those needed for Allied military use, Clay said.

Some American civilians will be employed, but otherwise the American military government will be run entirely through Army channels.

Swedes Lease Forts For Passenger Use

WASHINGTON, May 16 (ANS)—Swedish Airlines have leased a number of interned 8th Air Force Flying Forts for passenger-mail service, Surplus Property Board officials said today. Declaring that it cost the Swedes \$100,000 each to convert the bombers into 14-seat passenger transports, as compared with the 46-seat capacity of regular Douglas four-engined transports, a spokesman said:

"It should be emphasized that the use of converted Forts is just a temporary measure by Swedish Airlines, since the conversion of such planes for passenger transport is very expensive and highly impractical." Sweden has few transports of her own, the spokesman said.

Jap Dead High in Burma

ALLIED HQ, SEAC, May 16 (AP)—From Feb. 1, 1944, to May 14 this year, 105,328 Japanese bodies have been officially counted by British Empire troops in the Burma fighting.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff

