

Have a Chelsea, Mate!



Keystone Telephoto

S/Sgt. Patrick Donaldeo, of Pittsburgh, Pa., offers a cigarette to Pvt. Leslie Miller, of Lancashire, England, as they share responsibility of guarding bombed sheds in Sfax, strategically important Tunisian harbor recently taken from the Axis.

Allies Advancing Toward Coast Now in Sight of Tunis, Bizerta As Foe's Resistance Heightens

P38s Flown Straight To North Africa Battle Lines

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30—Lockheed P38 fighter planes, equipped with auxiliary gas tanks, are now being flown straight from fields in the United States to North Africa and other combat zones, the War Department announced today. Dozens of Lightnings have made the 8,000-mile flight from California to Africa, via England, the announcement said.

By the use of the new tanks, fighters have joined the procession of bombers and cargo planes across the high seas to combat theaters all over the world. The tanks are made of a plastic material and can be dropped when empty.

The announcement explained that the long-range flights by single-seater fighting planes had been made possible by hanging two light laminated plastic gasoline tanks from special fittings under the wings. Since the first trans-Atlantic ferry flight by fighter aircraft, in which a formation of Lightnings crossed in mass flight over a secret route, a regular ferry service for that type of plane had been established, it was said.

One Lost on First Flight

The first mass flight involved a number of planes running into three figures, the War Department said. Only one was lost at sea. Six were damaged in bad weather landings.

One of the planes made the last 300 miles of the ocean crossing on only one engine.

In addition to the P38s, which have made the African flight via England, others have gone to the same front over a South Atlantic route involving even greater mileage.

As equipped for the long ocean flights, the fighters carry special oxygen apparatus.

The navigating is done by bomber "mother planes," which also carry factory mechanics for service and maintenance work at halts.

The gas tanks are one of the most interesting parts of the special equipment. Each weighs only 90 pounds when empty but can hold 165 gallons of gas. When they take off on the long flights the two extra tanks add approximately 2,000 pounds to the weight of the plane.

Two U.S. Fighters Lost In Two Days of Sweeps

Allied planes struck at Nazi sea and rail transportation along the English Channel yesterday, the Air Ministry announced. Spitfires left a 1,000-ton German trawler sinking off Ushant, while long-range Mosquito fighters shot up coal trains in Holland.

It was the second straight day of sweeps aimed at Nazi channel and rail transport. Late Thursday Beaufighters torpedoed two large supply ships off the Dutch coast and set a minesweeper afire for the loss of one plane.

Earlier, Eighth Air Force fighters and other Allied planes carried out sweeps over Northern France, Holland and Belgium. Two U.S. fighter pilots were reported missing.

U.S. Fliers, Interned In Turkey, Released

ANKARA, Turkey, Apr. 30 (UP)—Singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "It's a Long Way Home," seven British and 23 United States internees, all air force men, left Ankara today after nearly one year of internment in Turkey.

Kissing their guards and Turkish officer friends good-bye in the Turkish fashion, the men left from a station platform crowded with American, English and Turkish friends who came to bid them farewell. While groups of them stood saying good-bye to girl friends, others were drinking the health of Russian airmen, who also had been released but were leaving by another train on Saturday.

Of 27 interned U.S. airmen, only four are to remain, but they will leave shortly after winding up their current business affairs.

U.S., British, French Now Control All Key Points

Allied troops were reported last night to be within sight of Tunis and Bizerta in their drive on the northern Tunisian front. In spite of a general counter-offensive mounted by the Germans along the whole front in an effort to stop the Allied progress, American, British and French troops not only held control of all key points but advanced on some parts of the front.

Sidi Abdallah, the hill from which British infantry were forced to withdraw on Tuesday, is now back in Allied hands. Sidi Salem, from which British troops were again forced, is also back in British hands for the third time.

The strength of the enemy's counter-attacks was heavy, but they were proving costly in the bloody fighting which was raging. Attacks on the Axis supply lines have resulted in the sinking of two more vessels in the Gulf of Tunis and the Sicilian Straits from air attacks, and direct hits were scored on another.

Other Allied planes kept up their attacks on enemy airdromes in Tunisia and on the enemy front lines and concentrations.

Savage Counter-Attacks

Axis defensive activity reached counter-offensive proportions, as tanks and infantry were flung with savage abandon against the recently captured American and French positions all along the boiling Tunisian front.

The British were slowed but not halted by the very fierce Axis counter-attacks in the Medjed El Bab area, and Americans to the north made slight gains, though forced to fight off enemy attacks throughout the day.

Fighting reached a higher intensity of grim fierceness than at any time since the First and Eighth Armies and the American and French corps began their all-front drive to push the Axis into the sea.

Although the first impetus of the Allied offensive appeared somewhat slowed, attacks continued, and with only minor exceptions all captured ground was held against the Axis counter-drives.

Northeast of Beja there was heavy fighting along the southern sector of the American front, where the Germans launched a number of counter-attacks trying to block the continuing Yankee advance. Nazi air raiders were active overnight in an attempt to bomb forward troops and break their morale.

U.S. Artillery Hits Roads

Ten miles south of Mateur American artillery opened up on an enemy road network 12 miles from Ferryville on Lake Bizerta.

French forces, in possession of all heights dominating Pont Du Fahs, are still threatening the town, Algiers radio reported.

American forces launched an attack four miles east of Sidi Ensir, on the Mateur road, against Hill 609, which dominates stretches of valley extending toward Mateur. They met with strong Axis resistance, however, and failed to reach the summit.

A mile south of the scene of the American attack Axis troops launched a number of small counter-attacks, and at dusk a large one. All were repulsed.

In sweeps over enemy positions Allied Warhawks, escorted by Spitfires, yesterday were intercepted by 15 enemy fighters. In the ensuing dogfight American fighters bagged three Me109s, one Macchi 202, and one Macchi 200. The Spitfires shot down two others, making a total bag of seven for the engagement.

Bostons, Baltimore and Mitchell bombers made a number of attacks on enemy forward areas, and in a coastal sector the railway station and main roads were attacked.

Landing Barges Pass Gib Straits, Berlin Says

Berlin radio said yesterday 150 landing barges, escorted by destroyers and accompanied by an aircraft-carrier, had passed through the Straits of Gibraltar in an easterly direction.

For some days now, the radio said, there has been heavy traffic through the straits. On Thursday, 23 merchant ships and oil-tankers left Gibraltar, escorted by destroyers and patrol vessels. Some time Renown and the aircraft-carriers Furious, Illustrious and Argus set out from Gibraltar harbor with four cruisers and eight destroyers.

Libs Smash Jap Bases In War's Longest Raid

Distant Islands in Pacific Get Taste of Attacks Awaiting Japan

In the longest aerial task force mission of the war, American Liberators last week struck twice within 36 hours at the important phosphate works and airdrome areas in Japan's outlying Pacific bases of Naura and Tarawa, dispatches from the Pacific revealed yesterday.

The raids, first of which took place on Apr. 23, were described by a correspondent with the task force as a "fore-taste of the industrial destruction awaiting Japan."

Where the planes came from and the length of the mission was not disclosed.

Naura, a phosphate rich coral atoll 750 miles northeast of Guadalcanal, shattered and exploded during a noon-hour raid. Tarawa, about 300 miles northeast of Naura, in the northern Gilbert Islands, was plastered in a pre-dawn attack.

Both missions were led personally by Maj. Gen. Hale, commander of the Seventh U.S. Air Force, who described the operation as "extremely successful, but only a sample of things to come."

Fighter Opposition

The official communique from Washington said: "Extensive damage to enemy installations was indicated. Enemy fighter opposition and ack-ack fire was encountered, but all the U.S. planes returned."

The Navy Department announced yesterday that American troops on Guadalcanal had killed a Japanese officer and eight men attempting to escape in the vicinity of Beaufort Bay on the west coast of the island.

Flying Fortresses yesterday attacked Kahili, in the Shortland Islands. The same day Avenger torpedo-bombers and Dauntless dive-bombers, escorted by Lightnings and Corsair fighters, destroyed the Jap pier and ack-ack positions at Gatere, on the southwestern coast of Kolombangara Island, in the central Solomons. A formation of Avengers and Dauntlesses, supported by Wildcats, scored hits on an airport installation at Munda, in the Solomons.

Liberators, from bases under the command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, attacked the Jap seaplane base, Kalong, in the Amboina, causing explosions and fires among the barracks and hangars. Fifteen enemy fighters attempted interception and two were probably destroyed, another damaged. All Allied bombers returned.

Nazis Fear Hollanders Will Aid an Invasion

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 30 (UP)—Nazi fears of how the Dutch would act in the event of an Allied invasion have prompted the reimprisonment of some 800,000 Dutchmen who were members of the Dutch armed forces at the time of Holland's capitulation, it is admitted by Nazi circles in Berlin, according to press reports reaching Stockholm.

The Nazi decision to reimprison the Dutch soldiers was announced last night in a decree issued by Gen. Christiansen, German commander-in-chief in Holland.

Christiansen justified the move by stating that at the time of Holland's capitulation prisoners of war were freed on the understanding that they would not act against Germany.

Anderson Gives War Play to Troops

By Russell Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

"The Eve of St. Mark," Maxwell Anderson's drama of American soldiers fighting in the Philippines, has been released by the author to the American forces in ETO.

The entire script of the play was given to Col. Theodore Arter, of Baltimore, chief of special Service, ETO, yesterday, together with a special five-scene, one act version especially prepared for production by soldiers. The complete play will be produced by a Special Service group, while the shorter version will be given to all base sections. The Special Service group will tour the theater with the complete play.

"The Eve of St. Mark" takes a group of typical Americans from the time they leave their homes, through basic training at an Army camp, through the farewell as they leave the United States and, finally, into the actual battle scene on a small island in the Philippines. It is Anderson's second war play; the first was the tremendously successful "What Price Glory?" story of the last war.



Stars and Stripes Photo

Maxwell Anderson

"The Eve of St. Mark" is, at present, the most popular play in the United States. It is dedicated to Anderson's nephew,

S/Sgt. Lee Chambers, who was killed while on duty with the Air Force. Two of Anderson's three sons are in the service. T/Sgt. Allen Anderson is stage manager of "This is the Army," and Cpl. Terrence Anderson is serving with the Air Force.

Anderson came to this theater at the request of the OWI to tour Army camps and installations in search of background material for another play, but after talking to some of the men, he said, "The trouble is that every man has an epic story! I have talked to men on bomber stations and survivors. Every one of them has the material for a play in him."

He expressed amazement at the amount of lend-lease that has come to Britain—not how much, but how little.

"Reading the papers back home you get the idea that almost everything the British have comes from the States. Actually we have done little so far. And that is the encouraging thing. When the whole weight of our war effort gets to work the enemy is going to feel very, very hurt."

Anderson hopes that he will be able to go to the North African theater before returning to the United States.

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France Combattante

It is gratifying to read of the part that General Jacques Leclerc and his band of Fighting Frenchmen are playing on the Tunisian battlefields. After a 1,500-mile trek across desert from Equatorial Africa, the fighting men of France have taken their place alongside of their British and American allies and are proving to the world that although France itself is Axis-ridden, there are still many Frenchmen who want France for the French.

With the Allied attack on North Africa, France showed the first signs of resurrection. And no matter what political squabbles follow we may be certain of the cooperation and determination of most Frenchmen to willingly fight to the death for the freedom of France.

Now that France has started her rise to renewed world esteem, and has demonstrated her willingness and desire to fight for her rightful place in the sun, it seems certain her opposition to the Axis will gain impetus as her men become better equipped with allied arms and munitions.

After this war is over France will once again be able to point with pride to her page in the history of this bloody struggle, proud of the battles she has fought and won. Once more she will demonstrate to the world that "Liberté, Egalité and Fraternité" have never really died in France, no matter what false moves some quisling leaders made.

Another Myth Dies

One by one the bogey men built by the Axis powers to scare the world have been destroyed. Raymond Laval, Argentine journalist and until recently Consular Attache in Tokyo, has now ripped the veil from the cringing form of the biggest Japanese bogey of them all... invincibility.

Said Laval in a recent radio broadcast: "I've seen Japanese confidence reduced to Japanese fear. I saw Japanese people tremble when Tokyo was bombed a year ago, and Japs still run to their windows at the sound of a plane to see if the American bombers have come back, for they have been told American pilots in Texas practise bombing on reproductions of Japanese cities."

A Westerner would say "so what" to this report; but such conduct in Japan is almost unbelievable. The Japs from childhood have been taught to believe what they are told, but what they have seen and heard has destroyed their faith in their own future.

When the Japanese heard that Tokyo was bombed it was like reporting an attack on Heaven to the people in America. This news and rumors to follow all played a part in a mass job of mental blitzkrieg. Pre-war Japanese, usually polite and honest among themselves, changed almost overnight and the Government found it necessary to conduct "kindness campaigns."

Of course American victories in the South Pacific have never been reported to the Japanese public and the Japs are in the dark as to the real situation; but that did not solve the problem.

The government announced the first American landings in the Solomons by saying only a handful of American Marines were holding one of the smallest of the Solomon Islands. Reporting the second battle, they said Americans would soon be wiped out. They were preparing, and actually went so far as to announce to the Japanese people that they would hear of a great victory at any moment. Their intention was to retake the Solomons and attack Australia in order to celebrate the first anniversary of the war with America by an announcement of this success. But Japan has had no success to announce. The people waited, then began to fear, and no fear is so bad on morale as fear of the unknown. The myth of Japanese invincibility, blindly believed in by all Japanese, has been killed by fear, and another Axis bogey sleeps in its new grave.

Hash Marks

It is reported that after an attempted bombing of Hitler in the Munich brawlhous where he first rose to infamy, the following notices appeared in the windows of butcher shops in Prague: "There will be no lard or pork for sale—the swine wasn't killed yesterday."

A bandit entered a Salt Lake City lunch room brandishing a pistol. A customer refused to move, saying he didn't believe



the gun was loaded. The bandit calmly shot a cigarette out of the customer's mouth—and finished up his business without further heckling.

Back in the States they are singing this little jingle: To market, to market to buy a rib roast. Home again, home again, beans on toast!

A big, burly bulldog sauntered into a New Jersey grocery store, made a beeline for the meat counter, snatched a four-pound round steak and scrambled a lot faster than he entered. A cop at the door gave futile chase, sighed dejectedly, "That's more meat than I've had in weeks."

Youth will have its fling! An Indiana school kid had a nude dame tattooed on his arm and was the king-pin of the campus while it lasted. Frantic school officials sent the youngster back to the tattoo expert and had the dame properly clothed.

Who said this? "I speak no evil; I see no evil; I hear no evil—Boy, am I a sissy!"

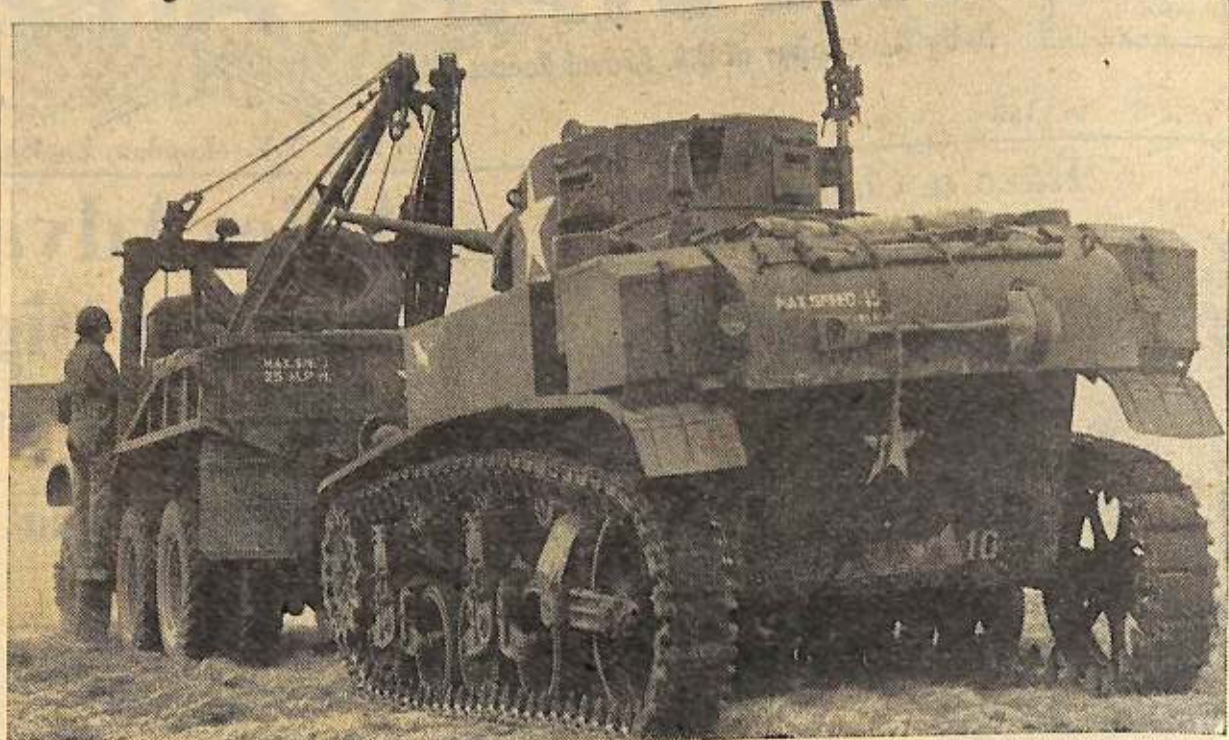
The news these days is often stranger than fiction. As Exhibit A we offer this item: "A soldier told police that he was



drinking at a bar with a girl and when he pulled out a \$100 note to pay the check she picked up the bill, rolled it up and swallowed it. Question 1—who ever heard of a gal "swallowing" a GI's dough? Question 2—who ever heard of a GI with a \$100 bill?

Overheard in Hyde Park: "Sure, Bill's broadminded—that's all he thinks about!" J. C. W.

They Rob Jerry of His 'Prizes'



Keystone Photo

A damaged General Stuart tank is hauled away by a U.S. vehicle repair truck to behind the lines, where repair crews make rapid repairs and send it back into combat—typical of how U.S. men are saving thousands of dollars by saving wrecked equipment.

Crews Sneak Out at Night to Rescue Busted Tanks

By Harold V. Boyle

Associated Press War Correspondent

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN TUNISIA, Apr. 30—A \$50,000 piece of junk lay between two conflicting armies. Only a few hours before it had been a General Sherman medium tank operating with an American armored column. A direct hit by a German 88mm. shell had put it out of commission, and now it lay in no-man's land, of no present use, but a potential prize to the Germans.

But the next day an American recovery crew reached the scene ahead of the Germans. The damaged tank was quickly hauled back behind our lines.

"The shell had gone right through the left final drive and broke the track, knocking off both sprockets," reported Lt. George P. Carter, 25, of Louisa, Ky., commander of a maintenance platoon.

"We cut a piece of metal from an old final drive and welded it over the hole, fixed the track and made the tank as good as new. When we recovered it, it was just a \$50,000 junk pile. It couldn't budge. But within a day it was back in combat making junk out of German tanks."

That is typical of how the American Army's maintenance men are saving dollars and lives by recovering and putting damaged vehicles back into action.

A tank knocked out and taken by the enemy is a double loss, for it adds to his strength in equal measure as it subtracts from your own, and the Germans are perhaps the most adept soldiers in the world at seizing and adapting enemy equipment to their own use.

"In one battle we got back and repaired two half tracks captured from us by the Germans in a previous fight," said Lt. Carter. "They had been re-marked with the German Cross and division sign. We knocked them out, captured them and fixed them up and now they're back on our side."

The damaged vehicles are located during the day and after sundown the job gets under way.

Fight Way Back

A few of the patrol, well armed against the possibility of meeting German patrols, form a protective screen for some distance around the vehicles to be salvaged and almost simultaneously the repair crews rush up with wreckers.

In addition to the danger of being killed or captured, there is the ever-present possibility of maintenance men having to fight their way back to their lines. The men also face the menace of booby-traps.

"When the vehicle has been hooked on to the wrecker and we have checked the possibility of road mines and booby traps, we go out at a given signal with

the security patrol—each man armed with a tommy gun—to protect our rear," said Lt. Carter.

Particularly thrilling was the experience of two technicians, Joseph Valley, 26-year-old dreeker driver, of Broughton, Pa., and Warrant Officer John Colley, of Grayson, Ky., who has been in the Army more than 15 years. They brought back through German territory a jeep full of exploding ammunition which lit up the battlefield like a giant Roman candle.

Salvaged Blazing Jeep

They had hooked the damaged jeep to a wrecker and had recovered the body of a dead American lieutenant when their patrols ran in, shouting: "The Germans are coming from both sides. Get out of here!"

As the big wrecker trundled off, a short circuit in the jeep's wiring set the little vehicle on fire and the spreading flames ignited boxes of ammunition still piled inside it.

"With that stuff whizzing all around our ears, Colley stood on the running board directing me where to drive," said Valley. "We didn't lose any time pulling out either. Before we could stop to put out the fire we had to drive through German patrolled territory."

"We finally got to a safe place and smothered the flames with a couple of fire extinguishers. While we were crossing that battlefield those exploding tracers, grenades and rifle bullets made flames 15 feet high which were visible for miles."

Saboteurs Making Foe's Life Miserable British Agents and Patriots Play Havoc in Occupied Lands

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 30 (UP)—Highly trained secret agents, operating in constant danger of capture and execution, are being landed regularly in German-

occupied territory by the Allies to obtain information, organize underground movements and carry out sabotage, according to reports reaching Stockholm. The agents are said to be both British subjects and nationals of the country in which they work.

In recent days there have been many reports of the work they have been doing, particularly in Norway. British parachute saboteurs and Norwegian patriots have been placing bombs in rivers and lakes flowing toward power plants, where the current carries them into the turbines.

In Oslo Harbor four German ships, much needed for transport of troops and materials, were blown up by saboteurs, according to reports reaching here yesterday. One of the ships was the 3,000-ton Ortelburg, another the 5,500-ton Tugla.

The activities of these men are shrouded with greater secrecy than any other phase of the war, but it is possible to get a broad picture of their activities in Denmark and Norway which are presumably typical of other occupied countries.

Allied agents undoubtedly have been landed in the wild, sparsely settled Hardangavidor area of northern Norway. Recent Swedish press reports that the Nazis had closed the area because it encompassed a highly co-ordinated army of 5,000 agents awaiting the signal to strike are completely incorrect, however. The number of agents can be counted in tens, not thousands.

People familiar with the terrain say the Germans will have the utmost difficulty in locating them. This is substantiated by the absence of any German claims of success in their search, and reports that the jittery Nazis have bombed houses suspected of harboring them and then found the houses empty.

Here is roughly how the agents operate: Most of the agents are nationals of conquered countries with Britons directing their work.

Each agent is given thorough training to meet any situation. He is supplied with every paper and permit which it is known might be required in the area. He is provided with ration cards, clothed properly and familiarized with the latest

German regulations governing daily life in the occupied country so that he will not give himself away by some careless mistake. He is informed who to contact, what passwords to use, and he has a plan of action completely worked out in advance.

From the minute an agent parachutes to ground or steps on to the shore of an occupied country he lives in danger of execution. Periodically agents are caught.

Just as the Axis concentrates on ferreting out the agents, the Allies constantly devise new methods of evasion. One, known to the Axis, is to land an agent in Norway wearing the uniform of the quisling group.

The agents use radio transmitters mainly for communicating their information back to Britain. Where geography permits they leave the country after their work is done or use a courier to send back their information.



Your Home

It may be a tent on the desert, Where the white dunes twist and play, And the grey dust flies through the vacant skies

In the heat of an April day.

It may be a hut in the Arctics, Where the wild winds howl in mirth, And the cold drafts blow through the walls, and snow Falls deep on the frozen earth.

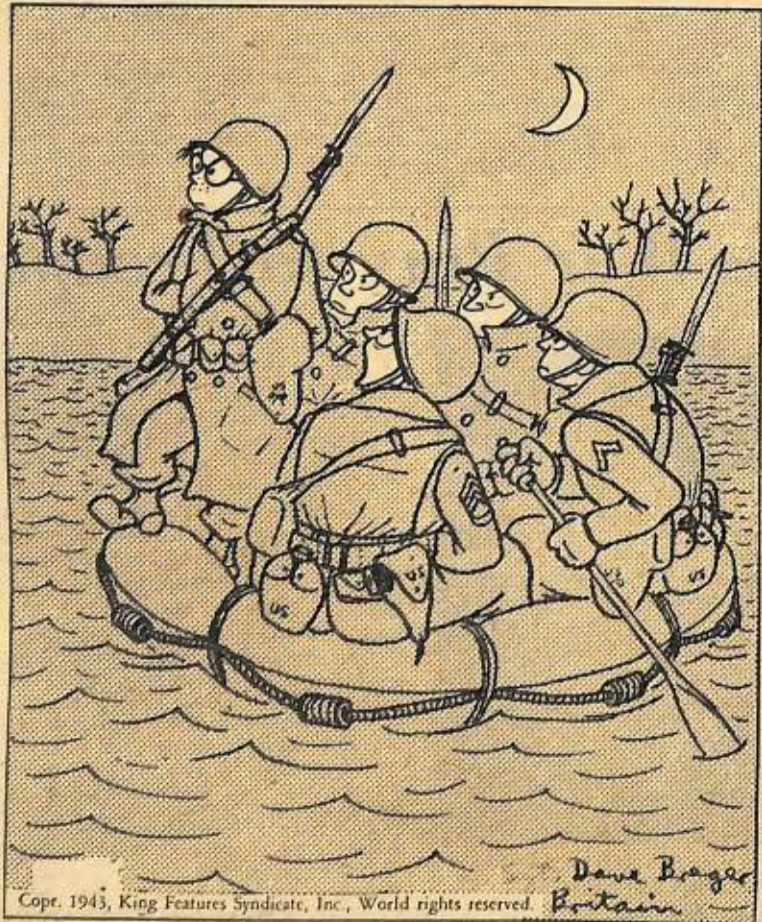
It matters not where the land is— In the States or across the seas, In a barracks white with unveiled light, Or a blacked-out hut in the trees.

No, it matters not what the duty, What the rank, or the time, or the task;

'Til the end of the show, it is well to know, Your home's where you hang your mask.

S/Sgt. Gene E. Bluhm.

PRIVATE BREGER



"I don't care HOW Washington crossed the Delaware! Sit down!"

Dave Breger

Baseball Asks No Exemptions, Landis States

Explains Those Playing At Present Are Not Favored

By Dave Walsh

International News Service Sports Writer
CHICAGO, Apr. 30—Old prints of Patrick Henry haranguing a group of listeners and Blackstone, the barrister, in grim repose, were among the exhibits glowering down from the walls of baseball czar Kenesaw Mountain Landis' hotel suite. But none were quite as arresting as the gaze with which Landis impaled his visitor as Landis asked what he wanted him to talk about. We said the manpower situation as it related to major league baseball.

Leaning forward and thumping us on the thigh so urgently that we wound up with a charleyhorse, Landis said, "That is one thing we can't talk about." Then he did, leaving little doubt how baseball stood on the question. Baseball does not expect help from official Washington in conserving player personnel.

Better to Close for Years

Landis said, "Our position is like any other, unessential business. We are abiding by the law of the land. If the war wants every man now in baseball uniform, it shall have them. We're not unusual in this. We're just like everybody else in America and this is everybody's war."

"I'll ask you a question. If you had one or more sons doing combat duty with the armed forces—and I'll tell you now that such a parent does not lose thought of this during his waking hours—would you want to see 18 men eligible for the draft out on the field playing baseball for a living? Any such performance, in my measured and considered opinion, would be the worst possible thing that could happen to baseball. We'd do better if we closed the parks not only for months, but for years.

"Sure we'll go as far as we can with the men who are exempted because such a nonsensical reason that they are playing baseball; men who are awaiting the call just like other Americans of their age. Afterward—"

Spartans Lead Churchill Loop

By M. M. Robins

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent
SOS HEADQUARTERS, Apr. 30—In the two games played in the Special Service Unit softball leagues, the Gophers remained undefeated by beating the MRUs, 11-6, and the Spartans also kept their record clean by stopping the Wolves, 12-7. By virtue of their win, the Gophers now have a firm hold on first place in the Roosevelt League; there is a five team tie for second place. Like the Gophers, the Spartans now have a record of three wins and no losses to head the Churchill League. The Rebels are in second place with two games won and none lost.

The Spartans opened the game by scoring two runs in the first innings against Hooker of the Wolves. That was followed by another in the second, three in the fourth, one in the fifth, and five more in the sixth. The Wolves touched Foley for eight hits and three runs in six innings and garnered five hits and four runs off Duffy, Foley's relief hurler, in the last frame. Hooker pitched all the way for the losers and allowed 15 hits, only two more than his mates collected. But the Spartans' blows were bunched at the right time.

MRU Rallies Ineffective

Cherico, Lutsch, Viel, and Cunningham were the big guns for the winners, Cherico getting three hits and the others two apiece. In the field, the Spartans were sloppier than their opponents, committing five miscues to the Wolves' three.

For the Wolves, Pvt. Clyde McQuinn, of Greenwood, Miss., was outstanding at bat. He hit two triples, scored two runs, and drove in the first run for his team. Crippler, of the Wolves, also played outstanding ball with his work in the field.

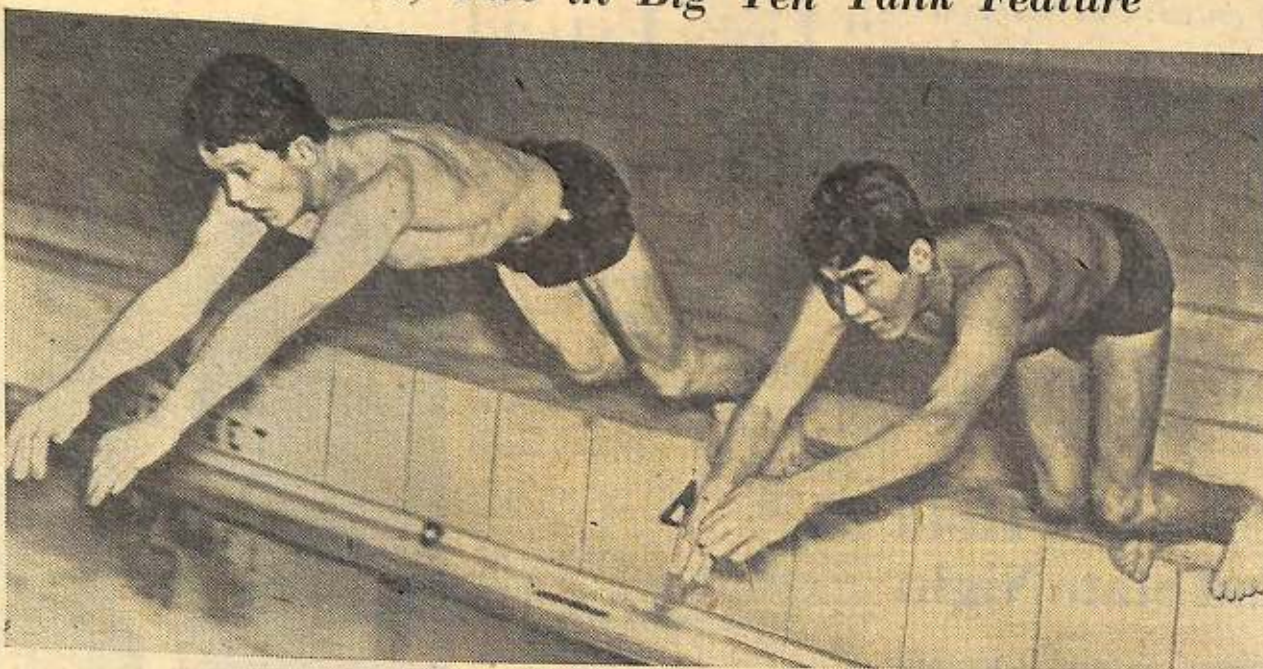
The MRUs tumbled from the ranks of the undefeated when the Gophers took their measure, 11-6. It was the second win for Pfc Norman E. Parker, of Ridge-wood, N.J.

The MRUs tallied three runs in the first, but the Gophers matched that with three runs of their own to knot the game. In the top half of the third, the MRUs pushed across another run to lead, 4-3. But again their rivals countered even more, powerfully in their half to forge ahead, 6-4. The MRUs sneaked close by getting a run in the fifth; however, the Gophers had too much on the ball and Gophers had too much in the seventh, innings. Scoring again in the seventh, the MRUs went down finally, 11-6.

Officers Lose, 11-3

WING HEADQUARTERS STATION, Apr. 30—The officers of this headquarters ran into trouble in a challenge softball game with the enlisted men of the Headquarters Squadron, losing the scrap, 11-3. S/Sgt. John Kruchok whaled out the only home run of the day, scoring a man ahead of him. Kruchok also had a fine day on the mound, allowing the officers only two hits, while Lt. Colin Copeland, hurling for the officers, gave up a total 16.

Finish One, Two in Big Ten Tank Feature



Keo Nakama (right), Hawaiian-born star of the Ohio State swimming team, and his mate, Jack Ryan, take off together at the start of the 440-yard free-style feature of the Big Ten meet at Northwestern. Nakama and Ryan finished one, two in the event, with Nakama shattering a five-year-old mark with the time of 4:47.4. Ohio State won the meet with 66 points.

Ocean Wave Only Derby Starter Likely to Beat Count Fleet

By Lester Scott

New York World Telegram Sports Writer
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Apr. 30—A thoroughbred finishing second in the Kentucky Derby is like the best man at a wedding. Nobody pays any attention to him. They don't even take a picture of the runner-up shaking hands with the winner. Instead, he's wrapped in his blanket and hustled back to his stall where he broods over the injustice of it all while nudging some carrots.

Some mighty fine pieces of sirloin ran second in the Derby—Alsab last year, Bimelich in '40, Chaledon in '39, Brevity in '36 and Discovery (who spent most of his career admiring Cavalcade's hips) in '34. The Derby winner is not always the best horse in the race, but he's the one they pay off on.

Bet on Ben Jones

There's a chance that something may happen to prevent Count Fleet from winning the classic—he's quoted at 3-5 and 1-3—but the high-headed son of Reigh Count looks like a hand embroidered cinch. He should leave the field up the track wondering what it was that zipped by when Johnny Longden turns him loose.

But something's got to run second and who'll it be? Ocean Wave, Blue Swords, Burnt Cork, No Wrinkles, Amber Light or Gold Shower? The consolation prize is worth \$8,000, which buys a lot of hay. You hear many Derby-minded people saying "I'm going to bet on Ben Jones." Ben Jones isn't running in the Derby—it's just the folks' way of complimenting the training skill of plain Ben. Ben is a husky, affable Missourian with a cowboy hat who will saddle Ocean Wave tomorrow.

Ben gets racehorses to do things when the blue chips are involved. He patched up sore-going Lawrin and won the '38 Derby. In '41 he repeated with the mighty Whirlaway after Whirly had exhibited such a bad case of "slows" in the winter



Count Fleet

competition that Jockey Eddie Arcaro considered riding another entrant. Ocean Wave, like Whirlaway, is the son of English Derby winner Blenheim II, but the Wave does not appear half the runner of his illustrious stablemate, although Ben says the Wave is "a mighty fine colt."

In his two important winter engagements, Ocean Wave finished behind Sweethearts in the Arkansas Derby and Amber Light in the Louisiana Derby, but in the Blue Grass Stakes last week and the Derby trials this week the Wave ran away from the other two.

The chances are even that Jones has not found the magic formula whereby Ocean Wave will lead the Count home tomorrow, but he'll have a run at the Hertz firebrand anyway.

Bomb Wing Softball Loop Starts Play Tomorrow

BOMB GROUP STATION, Apr. 30—The softball season here has opened up with a two-league tournament. Teams will use American League and National League names.

Play starts Sunday. Each team will play three times a week in a round robin with the leading four teams of each league. Percentages will be kept on teams and batting averages on players. Championship teams and players will be awarded prizes at the end of the playing season on Aug. 31.

The lineup of the National League is: New York Giants, — Service Group; Brooklyn Dodgers, — Engineers; St. Louis Cardinals, — Bomb Squadron; Chicago Cubs, — Bomb Squadron; Philadelphia Phillies, — Ordnance Co.; Boston Braves, — Ordnance Co.; Cincinnati Reds, — Bomb Squadron; Pittsburgh Pirates, — Chemical Warfare.

Opposing teams in the American League have not been assigned as yet.

Snelling Gets Navy Commission

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 30—Ken Snelling, '42 UCLA fullback, has been commissioned an ensign in the Navy.

Stirnweiss, Yank Infielder, Rejected by Army Doctors

HARTFORD, Conn., Apr. 30—Army doctors have rejected George Stirnweiss, Yankees' hard-hitting rookie shortstop, as unfit for military service because of stomach ulcers. Stirnweiss, 24-year-old resident of Kent, Conn., was rejected for the same reason last winter when he tried to enlist as an aviation cadet.

Stirnweiss is recognized as a vital cog in the Yanks' plans to repeat as American League champions this year. He has hit safely in the five games he has played so far this season and has a batting average of .455.

Ray Pauley Downs Eidex To Annex Handball Title

BELFAST, Apr. 30—Playing a slow, deliberate game, Ray Pauley, technician, of Madison, Wis., defeated Cpl. Aaron Eidex, of Birmingham, Ala., to win the handball championship of the Red Cross club here.

Pauley, although slated a favorite to win the title, had a difficult bracket to wade through, confronting three top-notch performers in Cpl. Jacob Miller, of Minneapolis, Minn., Cpl. David Bach, of St. Paul, Minn., and Eidex, before capturing the championship.

HOW THEY STAND.

American League							
Thursday's Games							
New York	3	Boston	3	(12 innings)			
Detroit	3	Browns	2				
Washington	5	Philadelphia	1				
Cleveland	vs.	Chicago	postponed.				
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
New York	5	1	.833	Pittsburgh	2	3	.400
Cleveland	5	2	.714	Philadelphia	3	6	.333
Washington	5	3	.625	Boston	2	5	.286
Detroit	4	3	.571	Chicago	1	4	.200

Yesterday's Schedule					
St. Louis	at	Chicago			
Cleveland	at	Detroit			
Philadelphia	at	Boston			
New York	at	Washington			

National League							
Thursday's Games							
Cincinnati	6	Pittsburgh	1				
Boston	5	New York	0				
Brooklyn	4	Philadelphia	3				
St. Louis	4	Chicago	3	(12 innings)			
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Brooklyn	5	1	.833	Pittsburgh	3	4	.429
Boston	3	2	.600	Chicago	3	4	.429
St. Louis	4	3	.571	New York	2	4	.333
Cincinnati	4	3	.571	Philadelphia	1	4	.200

Yesterday's Schedule					
Boston	at	Philadelphia			
Brooklyn	at	New York			

Minor Leagues

International League							
Thursday's Games							
Toronto	8	Newark	1				
Montreal	7	Jersey City	2				
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Toronto	4	1	.800	Buffalo	3	3	.500
Montreal	4	2	.667	Rochester	4	5	.444
Syracuse	2	1	.667	Jersey City	3	5	.375
Newark	4	4	.500	Baltimore	2	5	.286

Southern Association							
Thursday's Games							
Knoxville	2	Atlanta	1				
Nashville	7	Chattanooga	3				
Little Rock	13	New Orleans	2				
Birmingham	16	Memphis	7				
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Birmingham	5	1	.833	Nashville	3	3	.500
Little Rock	4	1	.800	Knoxville	2	2	.500
Chattanooga	2	2	.500	Memphis	1	4	.200
Atlanta	3	3	.500	N. Orleans	1	5	.167

American Association

Thursday's Games					
Columbus	5	Louisville	3		
Other opening day games postponed.					

Pacific Coast League

Thursday's Games							
Los Angeles	16	Hollywood	1				
Oakland	4	San Francisco	2				
Sacramento	1	Seattle	0				
San Diego	1	Portland	0				
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
San Diego	8	3	.727	Hollywood	4	7	.364
Los Angeles	8	3	.727	Sacramento	3	6	.333
Portland	7	4	.636	Oakland	3	7	.300
San Francisco	6	4	.600	Seattle	2	7	.222

LBC Faces Glasgow Nine At Harringay Tomorrow

Four baseball games highlight Sunday's sports program for American servicemen. At Harringay Stadium there will be two games, the first starting at 1 PM with the De Havilland Comets meeting an American Headquarters nine, while London Base Command plays an All-Star team from Glasgow.

Cpl. Ed Rupe, of Oklahoma City, Okla., will start on the mound for Headquarters, while LBC will have Sgt. Myron Scow, of Arcadia, Wis., for the hurling chores. Another doubleheader will be held at Richmond Park with two London Baseball League games scheduled.

Jackie Wilson Rejected

LEECHBURG, Pa., Apr. 30—Jackie Wilson, former NBA featherweight champion, has been rejected by the Army because of a perforated cardium.

Murphy Saves Yanks as Bosox Lose Again, 7-3

Reds Blast Pirates, 6-1, As VanderMeer Hurls Second Victory

By Collie Small

United Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK, Apr. 30—Fireman Johnny Murphy took a long walk from the bullpen and ultimately gave the New York Yankees a 7-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox in 12 innings at Boston yesterday.

"Old Reliable" Murphy was credited with his second victory in two games, in which he toiled a total of only four and two-thirds innings. A four-run explosion in the 12th lifted the Yankees from a 3-3 deadlock after Spud Chandler, Bomber starting pitcher, had tired in the eighth, permitting the Sox to tie the game. Chandler and Murphy gave up nine hits, while Yank Terry and Mace Brown yielded a dozen for the Sox.

Nats Clip A's, 5-1

At Detroit Rookie Detroit Outfielder Dick Wakefield broke up a classic pitcher's battle in the sixth inning with a looping Texas Leaguer to short center field, scoring the run which gave the Tigers a 3-2 win over the St. Louis Browns. Virgil Trucks allowed four hits, gaining his second victory, while Al Hollingsworth saw a masterful three-hit job turned into a defeat.

The Washington Senators climaxed a three-game home stand against the Philadelphia Athletics, taking the rubber game, 5-1. A four-run blast in the seventh with the score 1-1 blew the Athletics' Roger Wolf into his first defeat of the year and carried Milt Heafner to his first win. Washington was out-hit, 9-5.

Johnny VanderMeer won his second game as the Cincinnati Reds took the Pittsburgh Pirates, 6-1, at Pittsburgh. The ace left-hander allowed six hits and had a shutout entering the ninth, but three Pirate hits scored a run. The Reds hammered ten hits off three Pittsburgh hurlers—Gornicki, Hallet and Butcher.

Cards Subdue Cubs, 4-3

At Philadelphia the Brooklyn Dodgers defeated the Phillies, 4-3, for a clean sweep of their three-game series. Newt Kimball, who replaced Kirbe Higbe in the third, won the victory, while Rookie Jack Kraus was charged with the loss. The two teams divided a total of 16 hits evenly.

At New York the Boston Braves hooked up three singles, a sacrifice and Eddie Joost's steal to get off to a 2-0 lead which gradually swelled to a 5-0 triumph over the Giants. Charley Barrett pitched his first victory in Boston uniform while ancient fireballer Van Lingle Mungo took the loss. The Braves had 13 hits, the Giants six.

At St. Louis the Cardinals did the job the hard way, going 12 innings before subduing the Chicago Cubs, 4-3. A two-run Cardinal rally in the last half of the ninth tied the score at 3-3. Ray Sanders singled Lou Klein home from second in the 12th for the winning run. St. Louis banged out 12 hits off Hanyzewski, Mooty and Gumbert.

Bulldog Squad Trips Ordnance

FIGHTER STATION, Apr. 30—The Bulldog fighter pilots edged out the Ordnance team, 6-5, in a bitterly contested extra inning game to open the second round of the softball tournament at this base before a crowd of fellow fliers, mechanics and groundcrew men.

Trailing, 5-3, the pilots scored two runs in the seventh inning on successive singles by Lt. Jim Jones, Columbia, La., Capt. Walter Cook, Cincinnati, Ohio, Lt. Mike Mason, Pompton, Cal., and Lt. John Coryell, Williamsport, Pa., to knot the count, 5-5.

In the ninth, Jones reached first on an error, stole second and scored the winning run on a long fly by Mason.

In the two other outstanding games of the day, the Commandos beat Station Finance, 8-2. Lt. Tex Dahl, of San Jose, Cal., led the winners at the plate and starred afield, getting three for three and figuring in two double plays. In the other fray, the enlisted men of the Fighter Squadron trimmed the Hounds, 5-1. Star of the game Hurler Kenny Hall, of Los Angeles, who struck out 15 men.

Other scores of the second round: —Signal 7, Cooks 3; —Pilots 18, —Qm. 5; Armament 17, Headquarters Sq., Bombers 4.

Stimson Says There'll Be No Louis-Conn Fight

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30—Secretary of War Stimson said here that there will be no heavyweight fight between Sgt. Joe Louis and Cpl. Billy Conn this summer. When asked at a press conference concerning reports that the War Department was making arrangements for a fight with war bond purchases as an admission price, Stimson replied, "I think I can assure you that the War Department won't sponsor or approve a Louis-Conn fight this summer."

This statement would tend to discredit rumors that a plan to bring Conn and Louis to London for a heavyweight title match had War Department approval.

Blondie

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



by Chic Young

Planes Carrying Troops Lauded By Gen. Arnold

Work in African Campaign Is Cited on Carrier Command Birthday

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30—Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commanding general of the army air forces, sent congratulations tonight to the officers and men of the Troop Carrier Command throughout the world, on the command's first birthday. His message, made public by the war department, said:

"During the last few months I have been to every front on which our planes are flying—from New Guinea back around the world again to China. And on every front, at the most advanced bases, I have seen the ships of the Troop Carrier Command.

"What a record they have piled up! I remember so well those first hurried weeks in North Africa, when they flew night and day, without rest, to fields within sight of the enemy, armed with nothing more deadly than a crate of tangerines. Every ounce of weight was given to supplies and men. But that has been true everywhere.

"It seems incredible that such a far-flung, efficient organization could come into being in one short priority-ridden year. But that has been the necessary history of our army air forces. We have had no time for cautious expansion. Logistics and heroism have had to advance hand in hand.

Freight Service as Well

"Let me illustrate: Some months ago we were in possession of a small advanced field which we wanted as a base for Flying Fortresses. The motor roads to it were impossible, mere tracks. Planes were the only way in or out. Yet the runways were far too short for heavy bombers.

"The Troop Carrier Command was called upon. Flying at night—daylight was too hazardous because of enemy patrols—they flew in the equipment of our airborne engineers, the tractors, scrapers, bulldozers, rollers and graders. They hauled in the personnel and their supplies, food, tents and so on, as well as all fuel. The field was put in such shape that a B17 landed four days later. The Troop Carrier Command had paved the way for the bombers.

"That is only one of 1,000 stories of the daring and determination of this command.

"So tonight I want to send to the officers and men of the Troop Carrier Command, wherever you are, all over the world, the congratulations of your brothers in the other commands and forces, and to remind you publicly of the esteem in which you are held."

Composite Command MPs Inspected by Gen. Key

A USAAF DEPOT, N. Ireland, Apr. 30—Military Police attached to Eighth Air Force Composite Command here were inspected by Maj. Gen. William S. Key, Provost Marshal General, ETO. The unit was highly complimented by Gen. Key.

1/Lt. Robert S. Whiteaker, of Fort Worth, Texas, is commanding officer of the unit, assisted by Lts. Roger B. Handberg, of Falls Rapids, Minn., and H. G. Sklar, of New York.

Gen. Key was accompanied on the inspection by Brig. Gen. Edmund W. Hill, commanding U.S. Forces in Northern Ireland, and Lt. Col. Joseph Brewer, provost marshal for American troops in Ulster.

Funeral For U.S. Seaman In Scottish Town Today

GLASGOW, Apr. 30—Funeral services will be held at a town in southeast Scotland tomorrow for Lewis H. Carpenter, of Caro, Mich., an American merchant seaman, who was among those killed when a plane crashed on to a bus filled with passengers. Representatives of the American War Shipping Administration and United Seamen's Service as well as merchant sailors from the USS club here will attend.

GIs Give Volunteers Party

Volunteer workers at the Mostyn club who have worked a total of more than 150 hours at the club were guests at a dinner served there by soldiers Wednesday night, and were presented with gold pins by Mrs. R. Sloane Colt, of Tuxedo Park, N.Y., director of American Red Cross staff welfare.

Wanted: One Summer Uniform For ARC Gal

This isn't for GIs—or at least we don't think that any of you have a summer-weight uniform, size 18 to 20, for an American Red Cross girl.

That's the latest request received by The Stars and Stripes Help Wanted Dept.

Summer is on its way—it has been ever since we have been in the British Isles—and the Red Cross gal wants to know if anyone has an extra uniform to sell. You may get in touch through the Help Wanted Dept., The Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, E.C.4.

Texans to Hold 2nd State Night

Nebraskans and Dakotans Stage Joint Meeting At Mostyn Club

The second reunion of Texas service men in the series of State Night meetings at the American Red Cross club, London, will be held Tuesday. Plans for the second meeting were made when the group met for the first time on Mar. 29.

Monday night will be West Virginia night at the club, while Wednesday will be devoted to soldiers, sailors and marines from Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona. Thursday is Missouri night, with Friday set aside for service men from the city of Chicago.

Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota men held a joint meeting at the club on Thursday.

Present from Nebraska were: T/4 Paul Kinsey, Pfc John Brown and Dorothy Zimmerman, of the Red Cross, all from Omaha; M/Sgt. Gene Schleicher and Pvt. David Whitman from Scotts Bluff; T/4 Melvin Sarchet, Superior; T/Sgt. Townsend Rubottom, Gering; Pfc Vern Clabaugh, Hurlburt; T/Sgt. Albert A. Roussele, Hallam; Pfc Dale Johnson, St. Paul; S/Sgt. Leland Johnson, Sutton; S/Sgt. J. Archie Matson, Kimball; T/5 Carl W. Cole, North Platte; T/Sgt. True Fagan, Amelia; T/3 George Fox, Lincoln; S/Sgt. Chris Christensen, Creighton; T/Sgt. Ivan Schneider, Venango; S/Sgt. Paul R. Confer, Culbertson; Pfc Paul Maier, Spalding; Pfc Marvin Gläsdorf, Humphrey; 2/Lt. Robert J. Kelly, Nebraska City; and Jim Morrison, Red Cross, Wayne.

North Dakota: S/Sgt. Earl Orchard and Sic Francis St. Marie, from Grand Forks; T/Sgt. Reuben H. Zeller, Carson; Cpl. Walter R. Reed, Devil's Lake; Sgt. Arnold Hagen, Minot; and 2/Lt. Arlie Hedges, Fargo.

South Dakota: Pfc Arval Williams, Pfc Leroy Danburg and T/4 Ronald Freimark, all from Miller; T/Sgt. Neal Shearer and T/5 Ralph Brown, from Armour; Pvt. Elmer M. Lucas, Sioux Falls; Pfc Erill D. Cox, Warner; Pvt. Herman Bickman, Gary; T/4 Edwin W. Seppala, Buffalo; Pvt. Robert Raabe, Tyndall; Pvt. William L. Miatke, Webster; T/5 Keith Lentz, Hamill; and Miss Esther Hentrichsen, Red Cross, Pierre.

'Battle Flag' Ceremony At Reception Here Today

Mrs. Norman Cardwell, representing the Yorkshire women who made it, will present a replica of John Paul Jones' battle flag to Adm. Harold R. Stark, commanding U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, at a ceremony at Claridges restaurant at 3.30 PM today. The flag will be sent back to the United States where it will be given a place in the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

U.S. Forces Will Parade In Belfast Victory Week

BELFAST, Apr. 30—U.S. troops in Northern Ireland are scheduled to parade here Saturday, along with the Home Guard, Civil Defense and junior forces, a feature of the opening ceremonies of the city's "Wings For Victory" week.

The ceremonies will also feature the release of 1,000 pigeons from the city hall, carrying messages to all parts of Ulster.

Liberator Sets Trans-Atlantic Record of 6 Hours 20 Minutes

An American-built Consolidated Liberator, with a maximum load of 56,000lb., has lowered the record for trans-Atlantic crossings to six hours and 20 minutes, the Air Ministry announced yesterday.

Piloted by Capt. W. S. May, of the British Overseas Airways Corp., the big ship left Newfoundland and, 320 minutes and 2,200 miles to the east, crossed the British shore. Time from take-off to landing was seven hours and 40 minutes, 21 minutes better than the record set by a

NEWS FROM HOME 2 Laws Extend Veterans' Aid To Present War

Set Up Rehabilitation And Pension Procedure

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30—Veterans of this war are entitled to be hospitalized or domiciled in Veterans Administration facilities on the same basis as veterans of World War I, under two recently adopted Federal laws.

That means that any man now in the armed services will be able to get treatment whether or not the disability from which he suffers is a result of his service.

In addition, the laws provide for the vocational rehabilitation of men disabled in the service during this conflict. Each man will be given training to overcome whatever handicap results from his war wounds or other injuries, and will get a pension running from \$10 to \$100 per month. Special benefits, in excess of those pensions, exist for serious disabilities. They run as high as \$250 per month in addition to the pension.

Shortages For Whole War

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Apr. 30—Warning that "we will never have enough of anything until the war ends," H. G. Bachelier, director of the War Production Board's steel division, told steel makers here that the present supply of steel is considerably less than the demand. He said all the agencies seeking priorities on steel will have to limit their demands to the bare minimum. Even at that, there won't be enough to go around, Bachelier said.

Urges Foreign Policy Pact

NEW YORK, Apr. 30—H. Alexander Smith, chairman of the New Jersey State Republican Committee and national committeeman from that state, suggested in a speech yesterday that American foreign policy be eliminated from the 1944 presidential campaign by an agreement between the two principal parties. "Certainly what place the United States should hold in the post-war world should not be a partisan matter," Smith declared. "The question must never become a political football."

Kuhn Loses Citizenship

NEW YORK, Apr. 30 (UP)—Fritz Kuhn, former leader of the pro-Nazi German-American Bund, and ten of his followers, have had their American citizenship revoked by order of a Federal Court here. Judge John Bright, who heard the cases, said he felt "entirely justified in finding the aims and purposes of the Bund to be un-American and subversive."

Two Awards Still Waiting For 'Monk' Prize Winners

Two initialed cigarette-cases await collection by their new owners—winners in the "ETO" monkey name competition at the London Red Cross Hans Crescent club, Knightsbridge, SW1.

Of the four contest winners, letters have been received from Cpl. Michael Toleno and Cpl. Walter Ploski, but the addresses of the remaining two, Sgt. H. L. Gleason and Pfc John W. Kraper, are unknown.

They are asked to communicate with Miss Eunice Landau, program director.

New Jersey Dinner Today

BRISTOL, Apr. 30—Servicemen from New Jersey have been invited to a "Garden State dinner" at the American Red Cross club here tomorrow at 6.30 PM.

RAAF officer flying a Lockheed Hudson. Although the pilots ferrying planes from the United States to Britain and Africa have been forbidden to try for new records, the times for all crossings have been lowered considerably since the beginning of the war, a Ministry spokesman said. The time for the Montreal-Great Britain flight has been cut to 11 hours and 50 minutes.

The East-West record of 13 hours and 50 minutes, set in 1941 in a flight from Lancashire to St. Hubert, Quebec, still stands.

USO Clipper Crash Survivor in London



Grace Drysdale, USO entertainer and survivor of the Clipper crash at Lisbon, is greeted by Sgt. J. R. Kagel, of South Bend, Ind., and T/5 P. Miller, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, on her arrival in London.

Second Lisbon Crash Survivor Opens Show for Forces Monday

By Arthur W. White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Grace Drysdale, second survivor of the Lisbon Clipper crash to entertain troops in the ETO, hits the road Monday with a new USO-Camp Show Unit—"Swing Time." The unit will tour the Bedford area next week.

Miss Drysdale yesterday told in London about a "clash" with the Nazi Gestapo while she was in Lisbon recuperating from injuries received when the Clipper crashed killing 24 persons, among them two USO entertainers. (One other USO star, Yvette, already is touring the ETO with a troupe.)

At dinner one day in Lisbon's best hotel, Miss Drysdale said, she found herself sitting at the table next to the one occupied by the head of the Gestapo agents in Portugal.

"It seemed strange for Americans to be sitting so politely in such close proximity with Nazis," she said, "but there was nothing we could do about it."

"I didn't enjoy my dinner a bit."

In the Clipper crash the attractive brunette entertainer received a broken left ankle (which is still bandaged), internal injuries, and a deep cut below her right eye. Twenty-four persons, including two members of the USO party of seven heading for London, were killed. Yvette, a USO entertainer, already here, was another survivor.

Although Miss Drysdale's other injuries were more serious, she said she was most concerned to discover she also had two beautiful black eyes.

Outwardly gay now, she has nevertheless had a tough time, and only her determination to get to England and entertain the boys enabled her to leave the hospital and travel so soon, USO officials said.

Like the other survivors of the crash she lost her wardrobe, and while hospitalized designed a new uniform with USO-Camp Show emblems on the cap and lapel.

Iceland Pilots Get Medals
REYKJAVIK, Apr. 30 (AP)—Two American fighter pilots, 1/Lt. James M. McNulty Jr., of Milford, Me., and 2/Lt. Harry R. Sengle, of Perryville, Pa., received Silver Star medals today for shooting down a German plane over southwestern Iceland Apr. 24. Observers said the Germans had established an "Iceland Squadron," stationed in Norway, for increased reconnaissance in this area.

Polish-Americans Invited
U.S. soldiers of Polish descent have been invited to attend a celebration Sunday commemorating the 152nd anniversary of the proclamation of the Polish constitution. The celebration will begin at 3 PM at the Coliseum theater, followed at 6.30 PM by a service in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Rainbow Corner Lists GI Varieties Tomorrow
"Chili Con Conny," the all-GI variety show made up of personnel from the Replacement Depot, will be presented at London's Rainbow Corner Red Cross club, Shaftesbury Ave., at 3 PM tomorrow instead of the regular movies. Servicemen may bring their dates.

The Rainbow Room at the club will be reopened today with a dance between 3 and 6 PM.

Marines Raise U.S. Flag Over First British Base
A U.S. MARINE STATION, N.I., Apr. 30—For the first time in U.S. Marine Corps history an American flag is waving over a British Isles base staffed entirely by feathernecks.

Maj. J. M. Bathum, of Chicago, featured a flag-raising ceremony here with a short address. Four bells were rung, ships time, signifying 10 AM, followed by blowing of attention and morning colors by Pfc Ernest Carroll, of West Warwick, R.I., bugler. The flag was hoisted to the top of the pole by Capt. George O. Ludcke Jr., of Minneapolis, Minn., commanding officer of the unit; Cpl. Robert E. Brathuhn, of Baltimore, Md., and Pvt. John Kurzycki, of Passaic, N.J., while the rest of the company stood at present arms.

Marines during the last war did not stay in the British Isles long enough to obtain a flagpole on which to fly the colors, but Gyrenes this time are not passing up the opportunity.

Strike - - -
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of providing justice and equity to all parties."

The controversy hinges on a miners' demand for an increase of \$2 on the basic rate of \$7 per day. They say the increase is necessary because prices have advanced sharply while their wages have been frozen for a year under the contract, which expires this midnight.

Unless they negotiate a new contract it is the miners' position that they will be unable to work.

Miners in the Pittsburgh area were practically unanimous in their agreement with the President that a stoppage should be avoided at all costs, but were equally certain that some adjustment in the wage scale was necessary if they were to continue to contribute their best efforts to the war effort.

A soft-coal stoppage would seriously hamper munitions production, particularly steel making.

