

Yanks Advance 12 Miles to El Guettar

Biggest Raid Leaves Nazi Yards Ruins

Heaviest Load of Bombs Dropped by Libs, Forts; Fighter Toll Over 25

Intelligence reports yesterday showed that American bombers struck their heaviest blow of the war at Germany in Thursday's daylight raid on the Nazi naval yards at Vegesack, near Bremen in the northwestern Reich.

The largest force of U.S. four-engined bombers yet to go against the German mainland carried the heaviest U.S. bomb tonnage in the deepest yet penetration of Germany, an official announcement by Headquarters, ETOUSA, stated.

The vital submarine building yards at Vegesack, from which new U-boats slip down the Weser river to the North Sea, were hit hard, photographs showed, with at least 19 buildings of the yard totally destroyed or heavily damaged. The power house, key pin point target, was damaged, if not destroyed, according to the photographs.

But the toll claimed by the Fortresses and Liberators went beyond bomb damage, heavy as it was.

Intelligence officers still were checking the tally of German fighters shot down last night, but preliminary reports indicated that it was easily the biggest score this year. The previous high of Luftwaffe fighters destroyed by U.S. bombers over Europe was 25, on the Feb. 4 raid to northwestern Germany, when five American bombers were lost.

Two-Hour Battle

The Forts and the Libs stood off German fighters in aerial battles lasting more than two hours, to and from the target. The Luftwaffe sent up virtually every operational type of fighter it is known to have, including Messerschmitts and Junkers 88s painted in the silver and black of the night fighters. American gunners reported continual attacks, but claimed that may be a phenomenal score of fighters shot down.

Flak, too, was intense, the airmen reported. Opposition to the "biggest yet" American mission began when the formations still were over the North Sea on their way to the target. Fighters went out to meet them, and from the Frisian islands which fringe the coastline flak batteries hurled thousands of shells into the air.

The American bombers were unescorted by fighter planes, yet at the loss of two planes reaped a harvest of fighters, which was at least 15 to one, and may go higher.

Vegesack, some 15 miles northwest of Bremen, is one of the largest U-boat manufacturing and repair centers in the Reich. Many 500-ton submarines—used in the "wolf packs"—are built there.

Clear Weather For Bombing

Good weather and the ability of the bomber formations to hold off the German fighters gave bombardiers a clear shot at the target, and an official announcement said that bombing was "particularly effective."

Congratulations on the success of "the very fine operation" Thursday were conveyed to the Eighth Air Force by Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal of the RAF in a letter to Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker.

"Please allow me to offer you heartiest congratulations of the RAF on the success of the very fine operation of the Eighth Air Force yesterday," the message said.

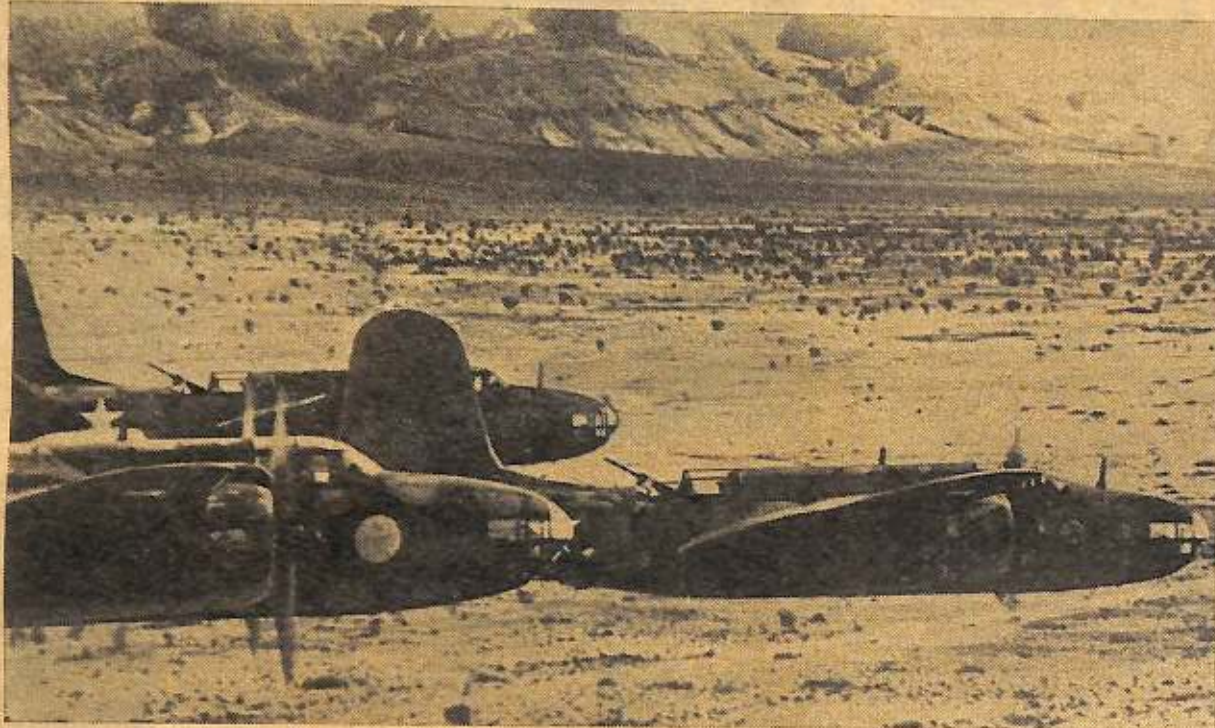
The Vegesack raid was the fourth American mission to Germany proper, and the 75 to 100 fighter planes which went up to meet the bombers comprised the largest enemy force yet encountered. The last U.S. raid on Europe was last Saturday, when Forts hit the railways at Abbeville and Amiens.

Vegesack had been raided four times before in this war by the RAF.

Wallace in Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Mar. 19—Vice-President Henry A. Wallace arrived here yesterday on his tour of Central and South America. Previously he had stopped briefly at Havana and Balboa, Panama Canal Zone. Wallace and his party of government officials left Miami by plane Wednesday morning.

Hugging Tunisia Desert on Bombing Mission



LNA Photo

Winging over a Tunisia desert battlefield at 200 feet, U.S. medium bombers race in close formation for Axis objectives. Yesterday, low-flying American bombers, operating in the same fashion, opened the way for the capture of Gafsa, in central Tunisia, by bombing Axis ground defenses and clearing the skies of weak fighter opposition. Absence of the Luftwaffe on Tunisia fronts has been surprising in the last few days.

Now Within 100 Miles of Eighth Army

1st, 34th, 1st Armored Divisions Revealed As in Action

United States forces which swept into Gafsa in a surprise attack Wednesday morning have occupied El Guettar, about 12 miles to the east, it was announced at Allied Force Headquarters in North Africa last night. The town is about 55 miles from the port of Gabes and less than 100 miles from the positions now held by the British Eighth Army in the east.

Other American forces advancing from Gafsa are moving to the north along the road to Sened, Algiers radio said. Sened lies on the railway to Sfax, about 32 miles northeast of Gafsa.

Among the U.S. units in action in Tunisia were the First Armored Division and the First and 34th Infantry Divisions, Allied headquarters disclosed last night.

Little activity was reported on the Mareth Line front, where German radio admitted the "all-out offensive" of the Eighth Army had turned out to be no more than strong patrol activity. It was obvious, however, that Rommel's forces were feeling more and more the squeeze put on them by the Americans to the west and the British to the east.

No Sign of Luftwaffe

The mysterious absence of the Luftwaffe from the Tunisian battle scene was apparent again yesterday as American air forces and the RAF romped almost unchallenged, except by the weather, over both the northern and southern sectors.

Maj. Gen. George C. Patton, who was appointed by Gen. Eisenhower on Wednesday to command all American ground forces in Tunisia, has yet to face a real test of strength with Rommel, who relinquished Gafsa without a fight under heavy artillery and aerial bombardment Wednesday.

But panzer reserves were known to be at Rommel's disposal to throw against either Gen. Patton's forces or the Eighth Army, depending on which attack was the heavier.

Until now Rommel has been able to switch his armor from one sector to another, with the Allied armies still separated. Any success by Gen. Patton's forces in the direction of Gabes probably would compel the enemy to abandon the Mareth stronghold or face encirclement.

Rain and Floods

Like Gafsa, El Guettar had been completely evacuated by the Axis forces when the American units entered it. The advance from Gafsa, although unopposed, was made under very bad weather conditions with rains turning the ground into mud and the dry river beds into raging torrents.

Advance of the American troops restored the Tunisian front in the south to the rough approximation of two months ago, before Rommel made his desperate stab for "elbow room" in which to withdraw his forces retreating before the Eighth Army.

The American advance was made in torrential rain and flood conditions. Troops at times were wading through water and gullies.

On the northern front the Anglo-American First Army withdrew from Tamera Wednesday night in the face of furious German tank and infantry attacks, and took up positions three miles away, where they repulsed three German infantry attacks, Allied Headquarters said. Despite bad weather, RAF Hurricane

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WAACs May Join Army, But Probably Won't Fight

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19—The House Military Affairs Committee has approved legislation which would make the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (the WAACs) part of the U.S. Army and change the name to the Women's Army Corps.

Only provision in the bill making the women's status different from the men's is an amendment excluding the women from dependency allowances while in service, but extending the same death and disability benefits to dependents.

The bill did not include a provision barring women from combat, but it is expected that Army regulations will forbid their handling firearms or entering battle.

Germans Penetrate Kharkov Line

Red Counter Attacks Retake Villages, Cross River

MOSCOW, Mar. 19 (UP)—Heavy German tank attacks in the Kharkov area are presenting a new threat to some of the most important gains the Red Army made in its winter offensive.

German attacks in the Chuguyev area, 28 miles southeast of Kharkov, have penetrated the Russian lines, and the Nazis are throwing in fresh forces in a desperate attempt to widen the gap.

The Russians, however, held the Germans in all their other attacks along the Severnoy-Donetz, where the battle is swaying back and forth. The Nazis are fighting savagely to establish bridgeheads on the eastern bank of the river.

Russian reports do not mention the fighting in the area northeast of Kharkov, where the Germans claim to have captured the vital railway junction of Byelgorod.

The Severnoy-Donetz is still frozen, but the surface is covered with water, and heavy tanks are unable to cross it. The Germans are making desperate efforts to bridge the river. One tank battalion threw a bridge across, but was wiped out.

Small Russian forces are crossing the river to harass the Germans, and on one sector entrenched themselves on an important height.

Reports reaching Moscow say that southeast of Kharkov the Germans lost 40 to 60 tanks and large numbers of infantry in violent attacks. Fresh reserves were brought up but the attacks petered out.

On the central front the Russians continued their drive towards Smolensk after capturing Izdeshkovo, 22 miles west of Vyazma. Izdeshkovo fell on Thursday after three days of heavy fighting, in which the Germans brought up motorized troops and large artillery forces.

South of Lake Imen, according to the latest reports, Marshal Timoshenko's forces closing in on Staraya Russa have pierced strong defenses at several points and are pursuing the routed enemy.

Nazis Say They Shifted Men East from France

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 19 (AP)—German war reporters revealed today that the High Command recently had rushed reserves from western Europe to the eastern front to bolster the crumbling Nazi lines.

Among them was the SS Panzer Grenadier Division, named after Hitler, which was credited with recapturing Kharkov. It had been stationed in France, the reporters said.

Gen. Andrews Visits 'Dromes

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Mar. 19—Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commanding general of the ETO, landed Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker's plane at this field today, made a 90-minute inspection and then took off for another field. It was Gen. Andrews' first visit to USAAF bomber bases since he took over command of the European Theater of Operations.

He was accompanied by Gen. Eaker, commanding the Eighth Air Force, and Brig. Generals Newton Longfellow and Hayward S. Hansell, of the Eighth Air Force.

Gen. Andrews said the field was "alert and businesslike. It looks as if the boys here do the job for which they are over here," he declared.

American Gives RAF £20,000

Allan Miller, a U.S. citizen, who has lived in England since 1931, has given £20,000 to the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, it was disclosed yesterday. Miller volunteered as a pilot with the Royal Flying Corps in the last war.

Boogie Woogie Bugler Calms 6AM Beefs, Swings First Call

Pfc Clarence Zylman's version of First Call draws the last thing anyone would expect from a 6 AM audience—applause.

The men in Zylman's company aren't crazy either, they just appreciate the hot licks he puts into his rendition of the traditional soldier's eye-opener.

It happened this way: Back before he came into the Army, Zylman, of Muskegon, Mich., was a trumpeter in Tommy Tucker's dance orchestra. Instead of winding up as a cook or a medic—as old soldiers know he should have done—Zylman was made bugler.

He wasn't used to being yelled at when he was doing his stuff, and he soon decided that it was the tune that was wrong, not the way he played it. Any solid sender worth his stuff knows how to improvise, and Zylman figured that First Call needed a little rewriting.

He doped out a swing version that rolled sleepy soldiers out smiling and had 'em climbing into their clothes with speed, willingness and a hot cha cha.

Now the boogie-woogie bugler is on tour with a Special Service Unit.

Vichy Distrusts Its Own Guards

Confine Thonon Force Fearing They'll Join Cartier's Rebels

"Unreliable" units of the Vichy-controlled French Mobile Guards were reported from the Swiss Border yesterday to have been confined to their barracks at Thonon for fear they would join rebellious youths entrenched in the mountains near the Lake of Geneva.

An armed truce appeared to be in effect as Vichy sought some means of ending the situation created by Gen. Armand Cartier and the 5,000 to 7,000 men who joined him in defying the German-inspired labor conscription order.

Swiss sources said no pitched battle had as yet developed. Apparently Vichy had gained German consent to efforts to end the situation without open conflict, although the Mobile Guards, on which Pierre Laval's Government is forced to rely, were proving unwilling to fire on other Frenchmen.

Nazis Patrol Lake

One report, carried by the Journal of Lausanne, Switzerland, said German motorboats were patrolling the lake to block that way of escape for the surrounded rebels.

The Germans are reported to have told Vichy something must be done soon to end the rebellion or they would move in for a frontal assault.

Repercussions of the Haute Savoie incident occurred throughout France. At Nimes, historic town in the Gard Department (State) of Southern France, six German soldiers were killed by a lone French guerrilla, who tossed a hand grenade into a crowded cafe.

Farther north, in the Vosges Mountains where American troops fought in 1917 and 1918, another band of guerrillas was reported to have established the same kind of hilltop refuge for labor conscription revolvers as that on the Swiss frontier.

Paris radio, controlled by the Germans, said that 1,080 French prisoners of war had arrived at Compiègne, in exchange for French workers who had "volunteered" for jobs in Germany.

Liberators Again Attack Naples

CAIRO, Mar. 19 (AP)—Liberators of the Ninth U.S. Air Force attacked Naples during daylight yesterday and again last night, the headquarters communique announced today. Results of both attacks were unobserved due to solid cloud cover over the target.

Arnold Nominated Full General

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (AP)—President Roosevelt today nominated Lt. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commander of the U.S. Army Air Forces, to the rank of full general.

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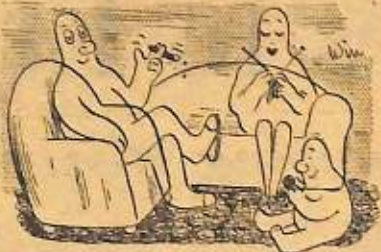
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Hush Marks

Lt. James H. Blake, of a fighter command, spotted this sign on "double-feature night" at his nearest movie: "The Man Who Wouldn't Die" - "Between Us Girls."

A Rochester, N.Y., landlord and the local rent board are in the market for



a pair of ghost-breakers. It's the popular belief around town that the landlord's untenanted house is haunted. The board has to put a certain price ceiling on vacant houses, but the ghost story is preventing the landlord from getting his full rent. Meanwhile, the spooks are having a swell time—thumping their noses at the rent board, and the landlord, too.

Leo "Lippy" Durocher, rejected by the Army, will play shortstop for the Brooklyn Dodgers this season. Says the ailing, aging Lippy, "I'll stop all balls coming my way, but I'll be damned if I know who is going to throw them."

Overheard in the blackout: "Boy, talking about blind dates. Some faces stop clocks, her's stops calendars."

A 19-year-old truckman's assistant about to be inducted into the army felt such a surge of brotherly love that he carried a keg of beer to Times Square and offered free beer to allcomers. He told objecting cops that he wanted to celebrate and show how much he liked his fellow-man. But the cops arrested him on an intoxication charge and told the judge that he might have started a riot. Said the cop, "Give away something free in that section and you can't tell what will happen." Said the judge, "Charge dismissed. What a commando this guy will make!"

Cpl. Howard I. Budrow, of Plattsburg, N.Y., now with an MP company over here, claims to be the only American soldier to have come overseas as a stowaway in a bomber. Budrow, then a T/4, met some ferry pilot friends while on furlough in Montreal, and they brought him to Scotland. He came to London, saw the sights for a few days, turned himself in, was juggled for nine days, reduced to Cpl. and assigned to the MPs.

Hollywood stripper Ann Corio says that she has at last found happiness—she



received a fan letter from a college professor.

Our Broadway spy tells us that Jimmy Durante (he of the big schnoz) is now starring at the Copacabana night club—the club has been rechristened by patrons, "Durante's Inferno."

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Folks Back Home Feel the Pinch



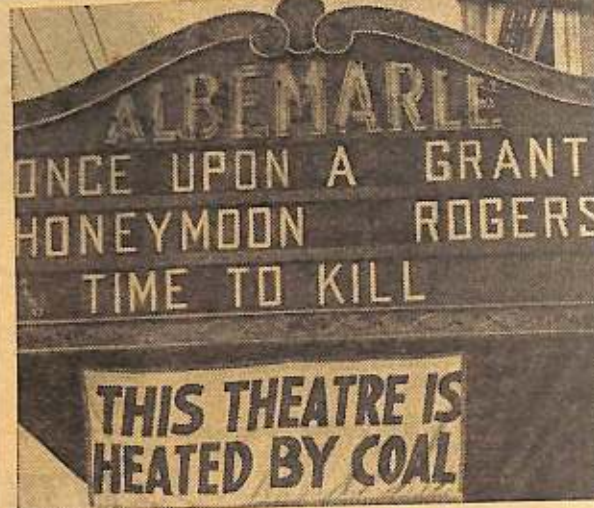
But It's the Inconveniences, Not Many Hardships, That Are Making War Felt

"Dear Joe: Everything is swell at home. . . ." Mom and the rest of the folks usually say something like that in their letters nowadays as reassurance that things are going pretty smoothly at home . . . plenty to eat . . . no shortages . . . just like back in '41. "But," says Joe, "I read in The Stars and Stripes that canned goods are on points now and that meat'll be rationed soon, too. And I hear there isn't any gasoline any more. Wonder how things really are back in the States. . . ."

Well, here's the picture, compiled at the suggestion of a lot of guys who haven't seen Broadway's lights or Frisco's Golden Gate or Mulberry Street in Sioux City for nine months or a year now. This is how things are.

America is at war—and if she didn't realize it before, she does now. Food is curtailed—not dangerously and not unhealthily, but enough to cause a lot of people who haven't sons or brothers in the services to beef about it. . . . Gas is available for the war effort and for essential services, and that's all. . . . Trains, planes,

more and better meat than the family over here has been able to get for a considerable time. Ma is learning how to buy on points today, since most foods will be rationed that way after Mar. 28. She has two ration books for each member of the family now—No. 1 containing sugar and coffee coupons, and No. 2 containing blue stamps for canned and preserved foods, which went on points Mar. 1, and red coupons for meats, cheese, butter and other items to be rationed in another ten days. Poultry, eggs, fresh fish, bread, fresh fruits and vegetables aren't rationed, and probably won't be. Each person gets per month one pound of coffee, about enough for a cup a day; two and a half pounds of sugar, enough to satisfy most people's tastes, and 48 points' worth of canned and preserved items. There are about 200 items on the latter list, but if she is an average housewife Ma only uses about 18. A 1 pound 4 ounce can of peas will cost her 16 points; a 1 pound 2 ounce can of spinach 11 points; a 1 pound 14 ounce can of pineapple 21 points, and a 1 pound 4 ounce can of grapefruit 10 points, which gives a fair idea of how much she can buy. 2 1/2 Pounds of Meat When meat rationing starts, the Agriculture Department figures she will be able to get about two and a half pounds of meat weekly for each person, but this will vary with the cuts purchased. Spare ribs, for instance, will have a much lower points value than steak. As Brown pointed out, "The heavy cheese-eater can spend as many points as he has for that product and the heavy meat-eater can do likewise. . . . of course, all who do so will thus be reducing the amounts of other products they can buy." Practically all types of meat—either fresh, frozen, smoked, cured or canned—will be rationed. If the family goes out to dinner, restaurants still can serve anything from chow mein to caviar, almost any type of liquor, and enough beer to refloat the cafes, however. Rationing will soon hit the meat department order would limit the meat served to each customer, restrict him to two vegetables, give him a choice of soup, cocktail or dessert, and a choice of coffee, tea or milk. Naturally, restaurant meals cost more today—perhaps \$1 to \$2.50 for what once cost 75 cents to \$1.50. Prices generally are up, but the people in America today have more money in their pockets than before the war, not only because wages are higher but also because there are fewer things to buy.



Planet (top left, middle)—Keystone (top right, bottom)

Shoe stores did a gold-rush business (top left) the day before American footwear became an item on the ration system. Women are beginning to replace men in many jobs at home—messenger girls (top center) wear WAAC-type uniforms during working hours at a New Jersey oil refinery. Brakewoman Elizabeth Jones (top right) gives "all aboard" call for a local leaving Penn station. Eastern theaters today are bragging about how they can heat their theaters with coal.

Trawlers

Small tribute has been paid to a group of men who day in and day out struggle to keep sea lanes open to Allied shipping. These are the men who man the trawlers and occupy themselves with the never-ending task of sweeping death out of every harbor.

When a battleship or cruiser is sunk by enemy action members of the crew still have a pretty fair chance to live and tell how they escaped? When a trawler goes down brave men go down with it, and few ever return to tell the tale.

Manned by bearded, pipe-smoking crews who would stare in wonder if they were called heroes, the trawler fleet goes about its essential business of protecting seaborne commerce. What it lacks in glamor it makes up for in valiant service.

As a result of storms, mines and enemy action during this war, 156 of the tiny ships will never make port, but their sacrifice has played an important part in saving human liberty.

Let's Cheer

A few weeks ago American troops in the Gafsa area of Southern Tunisia were taking a severe mauling supplied by Rommel's troops. Outnumbered on the ground and short of air protection, our GIs proved once again they could "dish it out" even when the odds were against them.

Today our troops have re-entered Gafsa and smashed 15 miles beyond in a drive towards Gabes and the sea. This time Axis forces have fallen back as our infantry and armored troops moved forward in a thrust that threatens to outflank Rommel's veterans who now hold the Mareth Line against the British Eighth Army.

Torrential rains are impeding the movement of our troops; yet despite the inclement weather Rommel is finding his supply corridor is daily growing smaller.

Once the weather clears, Rommel will face not only the full fury of American ground forces but also the full impact of an Allied Air Force strong enough to ensure mastery of the air.

This is a more pleasant picture than the one we watched develop originally, for there is no longer any denying the fact that GIs have proved they can beat the famous Afrika Korps when the odds are even, and that's good going in any "Military League."

Careless Reporting

In recent months, newspapers in both America and Great Britain have been careless in their reporting. This carelessness has resulted in some needless public misunderstanding.

After Dieppe, for example, reports on that raid published in the States gave the false impression that American participation was on a much larger scale than the facts justified; so in any discussion of "careless reporting" it must be conceded that American news stories have not always been of the highest or fairest type.

The greatest injustices, however, have not been committed against either America or Great Britain. It is the smaller nations that compose the Allied group who have most often been ignored. News reports that carelessly refer to the splendid job being done by "our Allies" deserve correction. Norway, Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Greece, France, Holland, the British Commonwealth of Nations and our South American friends all deserve full credit for their individual contributions to the war effort.

Recently, after a magnificent raid on Essen, stories were widely released covering this operation by the RAF. Surely no apology needs to be made by the RAF for its contribution to the war effort. History will record to its everlasting glory the many brilliant victories it has won. The raid on Essen, however, was heavily participated in by the Royal Canadian Air Force, for Canadian personnel of the RCAF Bomber Group, with the help of RAF squadrons, turned several square miles of Essen into a solid mass of flame.

The RCAF is often carelessly referred to by our own press as the RAF. This is as disappointing to our Canadian friends as is the careless use of the word "Allies" when applied to the American Army and Navy.

Men who are fighting and dying do not seek "publicity" as a reward for the splendid job they are doing. But their victories bring joy to their homelands and each contribution to the common cause should be fully and fairly acknowledged.

Give credit where credit is due will be our own reportorial motto, as we urge an end to "careless reporting."



"Actually honey, I'm getting jolly well used to England."

Ulster Quintets Stage Playoffs For Tourney

SOS, Air Force, Navy To Send Teams from North Ireland

BELFAST, Mar. 19—Two new basketball eliminations are under way at the Red Cross club here to determine Northern Ireland's representatives to the ETO basketball tournament which starts in London on Mar. 30.

The Eighth Air Force has allotted one of its berths to the Composite Command here, thus giving another Army team a chance to make the trip. Five Air Corps teams and five SOS teams are competing here for berths. The Navy and Marines will send a third team.

The Thunderbolts and the Playboys have advanced to the semi-finals of the Air Force tournament. The Thunderbolts defeated the Country Clubbers, 11-6, and the Playboys won by default from the Bombers. Leading scorers were Cpl. Paul Letticer, of Norman, Okla., for the Thunderbolts, and Pfc Elmar Conrad, of Danforth, Ill., for the Country Clubbers.

In the SOS tournament, the Redbirds tripped the Wonders, 20-17. T/4 Harold Huey, of Washington, Ind., paced the Redbirds; while Cpl. Willard Wiederberg, of Chicago, led the Wonders.

Canadiens Gain Cup Playoffs

MONTREAL, Mar. 19—Ten thousand hockey fans cheered themselves hoarse here last night watching the Montreal Canadiens overpower the New York Rangers, 6-3, at the same time watching the score board, which showed that the Detroit Red Wings were beating the Chicago Black Hawks, 6-5—a conjunction of events which enabled the Canadiens to miraculously gain the Stanley Cup playoffs.

The Canadiens' playoff berth, however, wasn't clinched until the last seconds of the Detroit-Chicago game. The Hawks entered the game with a one-point advantage over the fifth-place Canadiens. They had to lose while the Canadiens won to enable the Canadiens to get a clear title to fourth place.

Bentley Wins Scoring Title

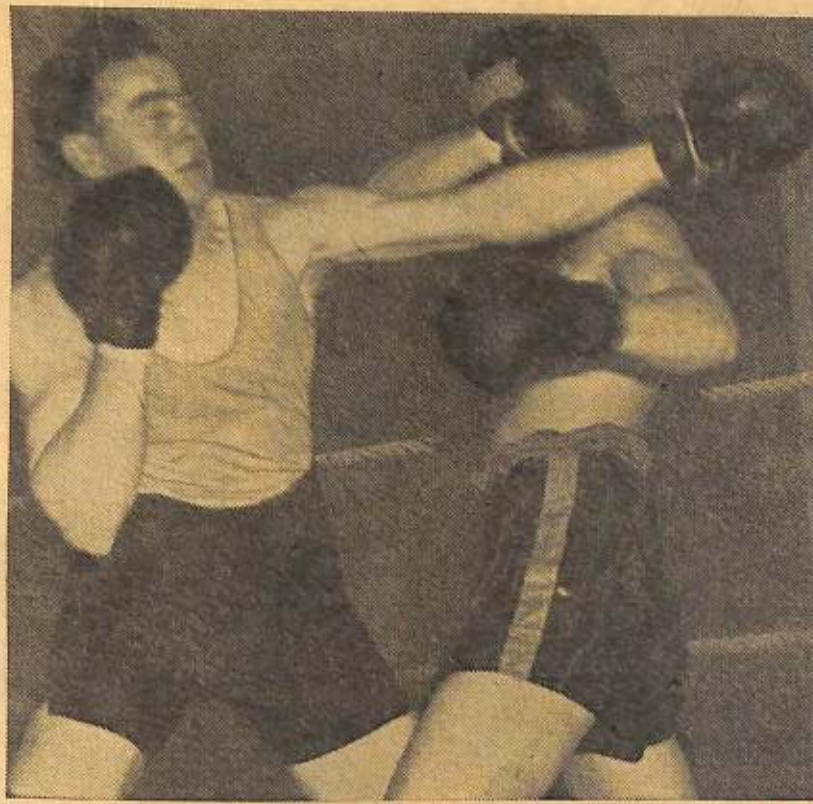
Doug Bentley's goal in the second gave him the National League scoring title over the Bruins' Bill Cowley with 73 to 72 points. Bentley also tied the League record set in the '29-30 season by the Bruins' Cooney Weiland.

Thus the Canadiens, who since the second week of the season were never better than fifth place in the League standings, have catapulted into fourth on the season's final day and join Toronto, Boston and Detroit in the playoffs.

Here are the final standings:

	W	L	T	For	Agst.	Pts.
Detroit ..	25	14	11	170	124	61
Boston ..	24	17	9	195	176	57
Toronto ..	22	19	9	198	159	53
Montreal ..	19	19	12	181	191	50
Chicago ..	17	18	15	179	181	49
New York ..	11	31	8	161	253	30

How Not to Land A Left



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
Pvt. John Robinson, of Kansas City, Kan. (right), dodges a left just before he lands a left to the chin of Warrant Officer Vegerrio, RAF. Robinson won on points.

Army Rejects Mauriello Because of Bad Ankles

NEW YORK, Mar. 19—Tami Mauriello, popular Bronx heavyweight, has been rejected by the Army after an induction examination disclosed that he had crushed bones and tendons in his ankle and heel. The injury has always hindered Tami from moving backwards agilely in the ring.

Beaten soundly by Jimmy Bivins in a Garden heavyweight bout last week, Tami says he's going into the woods for a month for some tough conditioning before he fights again.

Army Boxers Top RAF, 8-2

Fetters Scores Knockout In First Round; Robinson Wins

AN ARTILLERY STATION, Mar. 19—A combined boxing team from this station and an adjacent Engineer unit took eight out of ten bouts from an RAF squad here last night. There were two knockouts and one TKO.

The fastest finish came in the fourth scrap when two 150-pounders went at it. Pfc Lewis Fetters, of Bellefonte, Pa., threw one punch at the start of the fight to send A/C Foster, of the RAF, down and out for the count.

Pvt. Jack Robinson, of Kansas City, Kan., although not a knockout winner, almost added a fourth kayo victim to the list. Robinson, who has won twice at The Stars and Stripes bouts at the Rainbow Corner, had W/O Vegerrio groggy and nearly out in the second round, but Vegerrio's aggressiveness saved him during the third.

Here are the summaries:
125-pound class—A/C Murphy outpointed Cpl. Andrew McGinty, Cleveland, Art.

135-pound class—Pvt. Komlo Switzer, Ironwood, Mich., Eng., lost to A/C Dupree on points; S/Sgt. George Patrick, Philadelphia, Art., outpointed L/A/C East; Pvt. Ernest Passamoni, Iron River, Mich., Eng., outpointed A/C Seaman.

145-pound class—Pvt. John Robinson, Kansas City, Kan., Art., outpointed W/O Vegerrio; Pfc Lewis Fetters, Bellefonte, Pa., knocked out A/C Foster, first round.

155-pound class—Pfc Sam Gualandi, Wilmington, Ill., Art., knocked out A/C Sellick; Cpl. William Eck, Allentown, Pa., Art., scored a TKO over A/C Nash when Nash was unable to come out for the second round.

165-pound class—Pvt. Glen Carpenter, Hooda, Pa., Art., outpointed A/C Smeddon.

175-pound class—Pvt. Eugene Newman, Sunbury, Pa., outpointed A/C Mansfield.

Bobby Doerr, of Red Sox, Gets Holdout Complex

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 19—Evidently observing that war industry employment works wonders as a threatened alternative to ball playing as a means of eliciting contract increases from reluctant club owners, Bobby Doerr, Boston Red Sox star second baseman, said here yesterday that he might give up the game for a war job for the duration.

"I've a wife and an eight-month-old son," said Doerr, "and I'm giving serious consideration to a war job." Doerr recently mailed back his Red Sox contract unsigned.

7th Straight for Bombers

A BOMBER STATION, Mar. 19—The Bomb Wing five, led by Cpl. Robert Goslin, of Brooklyn, N.Y., trounced the Bomb Group hoopsters, 31-11, for their seventh straight victory. Goslin tallied ten points, while Pfc Eugene Hulak, of South Bend, Ind., was top man for the losers with six points.

Dixie Walker Agrees To Play for Dodgers

NEW YORK, Mar. 19—Dixie Walker, popular Brooklyn outfielder, has agreed to play for the Dodgers this season, thus bearing out President Branch Rickey's prediction that when first baseman Dolph Camilli returned, the other Dodgers would follow.

Like Camilli and Vaughan, Walker had emphatically insisted last winter that he was through with baseball for the duration. Walker, 30 years old, was the hitting spark of the '41 pennant drive and the bleacherites' hero.

Heavy Hitters Absent From Chisox Lineup

Loss of Outfielders Forces Dykes to Rely on Mound Staff

By Howard Roberts

CHICAGO, Mar. 19—The Chicago White Sox—with over 30 players in the services or war work, of which 18 were regular squad members—are regarding the coming baseball season with foreboding.

The only rays of optimism spring from a strong pitching staff and a conviction that the offensive potency of the rest of the league will be rationed to a point where the Sox pitching may create another team of "Hitless Wonders" like the famous 1906 club. Certainly the '43 Sox aren't going to do much hitting.

The only serious losses to the mound corps are Johnny Rigney and Ted Lyons. Lyons, 40 last year, had the lowest earned-run average in the American League. Rookies Len Perme, Doyle Lade, Stan Goletz, Walter Navie and Ralph Hamner also have departed, but the club still has a wealth of mound talent.

Big Group of Rookie Hurlers

For instance, Thornton Lee, giant left-hander, reports that his ailing arm has completely recovered. If that is true, it means the Chisox have an ace southpaw—a man who was the American League's leading pitcher in '41. Edgar Smith, one of the League's really good southpaws, ran into enough bad luck for a lifetime last season and should be able to shake the black cat this year. Johnny Humphries, Joe Haynes, Jake Wade, Buck Ross, Orval Grove and Ed Weiland all improved steadily last season. Bill Dietrich can be a whale of a pitcher when he is injury-free. Bill Swift, National League veteran, came up by way of the baseball draft.

There's also a sizable group of rookie hurlers who'll go under the wing of Coach Muddy Ruel: Floyd Speers, Gordon Mattzberger, formerly of Shreveport, Jack Teagan, Gerald Raffenburg, Don Spzyker and Emil Bormet, up from Waterloo.

Counterbalancing the pitching strength is the outfield weakness. If Wally Moses continues to refuse to play in '43 the Sox will begin the season without a single '42 gardener. Taft Wright, Sam West, Myril Hoag, Dave Philley, Bill Mueller and Val Mein all are in the services.

Solters Returns

Julius "Moose" Solters is returning after a year out of baseball, but it is doubtful whether he can regain top form. Mel Mazzura, former Brownie purchased from the Coast League, has given up baseball. This leaves Rookies Thurman Tucker, highly recommended by Rogers Hornsby, Cecil Trant, Guy Curtwright, formerly at Shreveport, Harry Skethley, up from Waterloo, Frank Kalin, Hollywood, and Ralph Hodgin, from San Francisco.

There's nothing wrong with the Sox infield fielding strength with Joe Kuhel on first, Don Kolloway at second, Luke Appling at short, and Dario Lodigiani at third. Jimmy Grant, who looked great last Fall, will be returning to battle Lody for third. Kuhel reports he's in top shape after an operation for hernia, but if he fails to regain form Kolloway probably will move to first base and veteran Jimmy "Skeeter" Webb will win regular employment at second base.

The infield rookies are Dick Culler, of St. Paul, and Mike Lazorchack, of Waterloo.

Mike Tresh and Tom Turner will return to handle the catching. Tommy Jordan, also up from Shreveport, will help out, replacing "Skeets" Dickey, who is in the Navy.

Thus Manager Jimmy Dykes confronts the season without seven famous gall stones, which he lost under the surgeon's knife this Winter, and without an outfield. But he still has a pitching staff and a rare knack for inspirational leadership which has made the Sox a surprise team in other seasons.

Squadron C Ahead, 27-1

A BOMBER STATION, Mar. 19—Squadron C spanked Squadron B, 27-1, in the first round of an abbreviated basketball league race here. Squadron D nicked Squadron E, 11-10, and Headquarters stopped Service Squadron II, 13-6. A small floor was responsible for the tight scoring.

W and J Upset Bluejays, 43-42

First-Seeded Creighton Topples in Tourney's First Match

NEW YORK, Mar. 19—Although apparently destined for a quick exit as they trailed 11 points midway through the final period, eighth-seeded Washington and Jefferson spectacularly upset first-seeded Creighton, 43-42, in the first match of the annual National Invitation basketball tournament at Madison Square Garden here last night.

Few closing minutes of any game have been packed with such dramatic moments. As four Creighton first stringers and two Washington Jeffs were banished for too many personal fouls, the Presidents gradually whittled the Bluejays' 34-23 lead until Guard Paul Konyha dropped a long set shot tying the score at 41—all with three minutes remaining. Then, with two minutes left, Forward Mishtal converted a rebound, giving the Jeffs their winning lead. They froze the ball thereafter, declining five foul tries.

No Integrated Attack

The game's start, however, bore no resemblance to the conclusion or even to basketball. The Jeffs had the worst case of jitters seen in the Garden in several years. If Creighton did not have the jitters—to put it kindly—they were way off form. During the first half the teams pushed, pulled and collided with no sign of coordinated offense or defense. How the score could mount as high as 28-19 in the favor of Creighton at the intermission remains a mystery.

Washington and Jefferson took six minutes to score the first basket. Meanwhile Creighton scored only six points. Thereafter the scoring was more frequent, but there was never a sign of an integrated attack by either team. Both were lethargic. The Presidents solved the Bluejay defense well enough to keep a forward parked under the Bluejay basket, but the shots he missed would have been enough to win half a dozen games.

17 Points on Fouls

The tempo of the game increased markedly at the start of the second half, reaching a wild allegro in the final minutes. In the middle of the half the pace slackened momentarily when four Bluejays and two Presidents had three personal fouls and tried to take it easy to avoid ejection. But once they were all thumbed out the fouls came fast again. Seventeen of the Jeffs' total points were free throws, as were ten of the Bluejays'.

Mears and Konyha were high scorers for the Presidents with 12 points each. Big Ed Beisser, the Bluejays' touted center, only got eight, with Forwards Langer and Loisel getting seven each.

Toledo whipped Manhattan, 54-47, in the nightcap, and will meet the Jeffs in the semi-finals a week from Saturday.

Washington Bears Take Pro Basketball Crown

CHICAGO, Mar. 19—The Washington Bears, Negro hoopsters, won the world professional basketball title here by licking the Oshkosh (Wis.) All-Stars, 43-31.

The Bears took the lead after three minutes and were never headed thereafter. Johnny Isaacs, with five field goals, was high man for the Bears. The game was rough and tough in the final minutes, with three players on each side ejected with four personals.

No Conference Grid Games

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 19—West Coast athletic directors report that Pacific Coast Conference football is out for the duration. Instead, the four California members will schedule home-and-home games.

NEWS FROM HOME

President Plans Conferences For After-War Settlements

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (AP)—President Roosevelt said today that perhaps half a dozen United Nations conferences might be called on post-war problems.

The President, who made the announcement at his press conference, said consideration was being given to various phases of post-war problems.

Plans were already under way for a conference on food production and distribution for all the populations of the world, following the close of the conflict, he declared.

Meanwhile, the plea by Anthony Eden that the United States, Britain, Russia and China should mould their war-time unity into a framework for a lasting peace encouraged congressional advocates of collective security to new efforts.

The British Foreign Minister left a sparkling vision of post-war serenity with members of the Senate and House Foreign Relations Committees at the precedent-breaking conference yesterday. Some legislators seized this opportunity to advance their contention that action should be taken now.

While sponsors of a resolution calling upon the United States to take the lead in organizing the united nations behind a program of collective economic and political security were encouraged by Eden's statements, critics of the proposal said he had cautioned against attempting to fill in details at present. Eden was reported to have insisted that details of boundaries and other political questions could be settled only as developments and experience indicated.

Revoke Kuhn's Citizenship

NEW YORK, Mar. 19—The American citizenship of former German-American Bund leader Fritz Kuhn, and ten other members of the now-outlawed organization, was revoked in Federal Court here. The Bund and a twin organization, the Friends of New Germany, the Court commented, were "formed for German

purposes and were controlled in thought and in a large part in action by Germany. There is no doubt in my mind," the presiding judge added, "that the Nazi Party actually existed in this country."

It was expected that Kuhn, who recently finished a penitentiary sentence, and the others, would be interned for the duration of the war.

Built 5,500 Planes in Feb.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19—American airplane factories turned out 5,500 planes of all classes during February, Under Secretary of War Patterson told the Senate Military Affairs Committee yesterday. "We should have produced at least another 500 planes," he added.

40,000,000 Ack-Ack Shells

NEW YORK, Mar. 19—Forty million 20mm. anti-aircraft shells were produced in American war plants during March, Under Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal said in a broadcast here. They're being turned out at the rate of 1,000 per minute, he asserted.

PAGES FROM A NATIONAL BEAUTY MAGAZINE—

TOP MODELS—EACH HAS ONE PERFECT FEATURE

MOST BEAUTIFUL EYES: Catherine Cameron of Boston

MOST BEAUTIFUL HAIR: Jayne Hazard of California

MOST BEAUTIFUL LEGS: Carol King of Florida

MOST BEAUTIFUL HANDS: Nina Luce of Texas

MOST BEAUTIFUL MOUTH: Catherine Cotter of Somerville

On the next page is an artist's conception of what an imaginary girl would look like, if she possessed all of these perfect features.

IF THIS imaginary girl actually existed, she could earn a fortune as a model—but it's only an artist's pipe dream.

ROARING ON TO NEW YORK—

WE GOT HER!! WE IS GONNA BE RICH!!

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Dying Airman's Bombs Shatter Nazi Sub Base

American Crews Describe Bitter Battles With Enemy Fighters

"Bombs away!" That simple phrase died on the lips of a bombardier in a B17 over the U-boat installations at Vegesack.

As he crouched over the Norden bomb-sight near the target, an anti-aircraft shell burst at the nose of the ship. The bombardier, whose name cannot be released until his family is notified, was thrown to the back of the nose compartment.

Hit in the back and chest, the bombardier struggled back to the sight, made last-minute adjustments and sent his bombs away.

Over the inter-com the pilot heard a feeble voice start to report the completion of the job.

Died as He Spoke

"Bombs . . ."

The voice faded as the wounded bombardier fell dead over his sight even before the bombs he had released had hit their objective.

The bombardier was flying in The Duchess, piloted by Capt. Harold Stouse, of Spokane, Wash., who said later that the flak shell burst just under the nose and fragments tore through and hit the bombardier.

The navigator in The Duchess was 1/Lt. Jesse Elliott, of Tallahassee, Fla., who was an eye-witness to the heroic action of the bombardier.

The bombardier in the Eight Ball, 2/Lt. Paul M. Thomas, saw the bombs fall from The Duchess and reported that they split the target.

Plane's Only Casualty

"We were flying off Capt. Stouse's wing," Lt. Thomas said. "I didn't have any idea that anything was wrong with (the bombardier), because I saw his bombs get away and fall straight for the target."

Although The Duchess was hit by more flak, no one else on the crew was hurt, and Capt. Stouse had no trouble bringing the ship home.

Many of the crews said that it was the stiffest opposition they had met yet. Many declared that flak was heavier and more accurate than over St. Nazaire, which they have dubbed "Flak City."

Men at the Liberator stations were happy about the results of the raid.

1/Lt. C. L. Phillips, of Greenville, Tex., pilot of the B24 "Little Beaver," described the raid.

"It was one of our best raids. We plastered the target. Visibility was good and we could see our bombs hitting the submarine slips."

Saw Bombs Hit Sub

Crews of the bombers reported that they could see partially completed submarines in the shipyards. One crew reported a direct hit on an uncompleted U-Boat.

One Lib crew claimed three planes shot down from their ship. Sgt. Edward Phillips, of Fort Worth, Tex., said he got an FW190.

2/Lt. T. E. Tartness, of Houston, Tex., and Sgt. Phillips made a joint claim of an Me110. Lt. Tartness was at one of the nose guns in the Liberator.

Capt. William H. Brandon, of Nashville, Tenn., pilot of the Liberator "Avenge," said, "The battle with the Nazi fighters was the toughest I have ever been in; it was also the heaviest concentration of flak, worse than St. Nazaire."

Brandon saw an Me110 "coming right at us with his whole wing ablaze. I turned the nose of the ship down in time to get out of his path. He shot right over us and was on fire from our tracers. I think the pilot must have been dead."

"Like Shooting Skeet"

1/Lt. R. I. Brown, of Inglewood, Cal., pilot of the "Suzy Q," said, "The fight against the Me110s was just like shooting skeet." His engineer, S/Sgt. Gilbert Wamdtke, Manawa, Wis., sat on the cat walk over the bomb bays as the bombs were released.

He remarked, "Everything in the target area was smashed up so badly by preceding formations that I had to look hard to identify it."

He also said that he saw "three enemy aircraft hit the water so close together I first thought they were bombs being dropped from another plane."

Several of the ships which returned were damaged by the heavy flak barrage thrown up. 1/Lt. Carl Morales, of Leavenworth, Kan., landed his Fort with the number one and two engines battered by flak. The left wheel tire also was flattened.

The important position of bombardier on the lead B24 was held by Capt. Claude A. Culpepper, of Poplarville, Miss., who said:

"The hits were beautiful. They were on dead center over pens and sheds." Pilots gave much of the credit for the loss of only two ships (despite heavy flak and fighter opposition) to Lt. Col. George L. Robinson, of Los Angeles, who led the bombers for the 12th time.

Col. Robinson, in the lead ship, resorted to elaborate evasive action to throw off enemy ground fire and upset attacking fighters.

Turret Gunner Almost Joins Fort's Bombs

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Mar. 19—S/Sgt. Albert Carroll, of Marshall, Tex., ball-turret gunner in one of the bombers which raided Vegesack on Thursday, almost landed on the target himself.

The door of his turret dropped open, accidentally, in the midst of the bombing, and Carroll slipped feet-first through the opening. He managed to grab hold and then pulled himself back in time to get off another burst at a German fighter.

FDR Wants No Labor Draft Yet

President Says It Might 'Complicate Machinery In Lots of Ways'

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (AP)—President Roosevelt told a Press conference today that he wants to avoid national service legislation just as long as he possibly could.

No decision has been reached on the question of the drafting of workers for war industries, President Roosevelt said, and he added that it might be unnecessary to have it, or that eventually it might have to be put into effect.

Questioned as to why he wanted to avoid such legislation, he said that he thought it would create a lot more complicated machinery in a lot of ways, and people would complain of regimentation. He remarked, "Of course you can win the war without regimentation."

Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, declaring that many American industries were still operating on a share-the-work depression basis, pointed out that the nation had more manpower than it needs "if properly utilized."

Testifying before the Senate Military Committee, which is inquiring into the Bill to draft civilians into war production jobs, Capt. Rickenbacker said, "It is not a case of manpower problems, but of production problems." He added that about 5,500,000 men could be saved from the present war industry by the adoption in all factories of an incentive or piece-work plan.

California Night At Mostyn Club

California men will find things all their own way at the Mostyn Club, Monday night, when they will be special guests in the next of the series of "State Nights" organized by the American Red Cross club.

Last Thursday Pennsylvania men had their innings.

Among the Keystone States present were two brothers from Wilkes-Barre, Michael and Royal Breakstone, who discovered they were seated across the table from each other. They are in different outfits and hadn't many previous chances to get together.

Others present were:

Cpls. Stephen Homel, Richard Yeager and Mesrop Kesdekian, all Philadelphia; Pvt. Louis B. Mansmann, Cpl. Arnold M. Green, Sgt. Thomas E. Loughran, Pfc Nicholas Astarb, Cpl. Eli Thomas and Sgt. Allen R. Smith, all of Pittsburgh; Sgt. Herman Miller and Pfc George High, both of Reading; Cpl. Al Black and Sgt. Arthur Bond, Erie; Pvt. Alex D. Ross, Drexel Hill; Pfc Bob Murray, Secane; Pvt. Joseph A. Durkin, Dunmore; Pfc Walter F. Hafstadt, Easton; M/Sgt. A. F. Sincosky, Whiteley; S/Sgt. Jack W. Billeit, Enola; T/Sgt. Frederick Greesen, Girardville; Cpl. Revor Aston, Wilkes-Barre; Pfc Edmund A. Hearn, Susquehanna; Sgt. Edward R. Smocha, McKees Rocks; Sgt. George Taleff, Steelton; Pvt. John G. Karzencky, Scranton; T/Sgt. Herbert Bodie, Williamsport; Cpl. J. C. Paskey, Greensburg; M/Sgt. Ray J. Haggerty, Bellevue; Red Cross personnel, Mrs. Louisa Elcock, Philadelphia; Miss Helen Page, Wayne.

Help Wanted Department

This department has requests for the APOs of the following service men; can anyone help?

Cpl. Jos. Sullivan, Fort McClellan; Cpl. Lester Sofield, Air Corps, Perthamboy, N.J.; Edner Smith, Hooker, Okla.; Basil Harvey, Sanderson, Fla.; Lt. Wm. A. Hinds Jr., Signal Corps; Pfc Wm. Buchanan, Red Bank, N.J.; Omer Gailardetz, Lowell, Mass.; Herman Seid, Cleveland; Pvt. Elbert Gabrielson, Pilsager, Minn.; Pvt. Kenneth C. Grubbs, Crandall, Tex.; Bernard A. Gergash, Air Force; M/Sgt. Donald Tuntland, Pfc Irving Kapner, Sgt. Nat Tarre, Lt. H. E. Miller, Ridgland, S.C., and Otto Kuhs, Air Corps.

Blondie



Pfc Gets Soldier's Medal for Bravery



A SOS HEADQUARTERS, Eng., Mar. 19—For heroism displayed while protecting the life of a fellow-soldier, Pfc Harry Kesselman received the Soldier's Medal from Col. Ewart G. Plant. Pfc Kesselman, "acting without regard of personal safety," his citation said, "disarmed an assailant armed with a knife and suffered a wound during the action."

Texan Attends Nile Boat Party, Finds His Old Girl, Marries Her

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Mar. 19 (UP)—2/Lt. Ernest W. Spradley, of Rockwall, Tex., walked into a RAF party aboard a Nile houseboat recently and discovered one of the guests was 2/Lt. Josephine Martin, of Tilden, Tex., an Army nurse whom he used to date back home and with whom he corresponded after joining the RCAF in 1940.

Today the couple are honeymooning in Alexandria, the first Americans in the services to be married in the Middle East. They were married Mar. 9 at Heliopolis by Chaplain Francis Early, of Philadelphia.

Catholic Soldiers Thanked For Prayers For Cardinal

American soldiers have been formally thanked for their prayers for Cardinal Hinsley, head of the Catholic church in England, who died Wednesday.

Just before the Cardinal's death it was learned yesterday, Msgr. Valentine Elwes, his secretary, acknowledged a telegram from Maj. John E. Foley, Catholic chaplain for the ETO, "His Eminence wants me to thank you for your kind message and especially for all prayers," Msgr. Elwes said.

British Regiment's Emblem Carried at Sea by Essex

Aboard the new Navy aircraft-carrier USS Essex, on active duty "somewhere at sea," is a silver replica of the eagle crest of Britain's famous 200-year-old Essex Regiment.

The emblem was presented to U.S. Naval representatives in London last month by Lieut. Gen. Sir Geoffrey W. Howard, commanding the regiment.

More Canadian Tankmen, Infantry Arrive in Isles

Another contingent of Canadians—the majority infantry and tankmen—has arrived in Britain, Canadian Military Headquarters announced yesterday.

Canadian Navy and RCAF airmen and ground crews also were in the convoy.

U.S. Officer to Wed Egyptian

CAIRO, Mar. 19 (AP)—The first marriage between an American officer and a civilian in the Middle East is scheduled to take place Sunday, when 1/Lt. Isaac Edward Whinnat, 22, of Leaksville, N.C., marries Miss Alice Theodoru, 20, of Heliopolis, an Egyptian-born girl whom he met six months ago.

Chaplain Lists Passover Plans

Two ways of celebrating the Passover Seders, on April 19 and 20, will be open to Jewish personnel in the ETO, Chaplain Judah Nadich announced yesterday.

Men who plan to observe the holidays were asked to write Chaplain Nadich, at APO 887, U.S. Army, giving their name, rank and APO address, and specify whether they would like to be invited into private Jewish homes, Orthodox or Reformed, for one or both of the dates.

Officers Forming Chapter Of Sojourners in London

Masons among officers of the American forces in the ETO meet at 7.30 PM Monday at 3, Grosvenor St., London.

This will be the third meeting of a group of Masons who have kept together and hope to form a Sojourners chapter in London. At the last meeting Maj. E. M. Rudolph, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was elected temporary chairman and Capt. Ward J. Walker, Special Services, of Seattle, Wash., temporary secretary, pending instructions from America to organize the new chapter.

French Guiana Joins Giraud

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP)—French Guiana has announced its intention of joining Gen. Giraud, the French Military Mission announced today. Located on the northeasternmost point of South America, bordering Brazil, it is the only French possession on the mainland of the western hemisphere and is therefore strategically important. Its swing to Giraud raised hopes in Washington that the French West Indies, Martinique and Guadeloupe also would join the fight against the Axis soon.

14 Jap Bases Hammered by Allied Bombers

Fires Seen for 60 Miles After Big Attack on New Guinea Base

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Mar. 19 (UP)—Allied aircraft carried out attacks on 14 Japanese bases and positions on the 2,000-mile Pacific front yesterday, the highlight of this offensive being an attack by heavy bombers on the Japanese base of Madang, in northeastern New Guinea.

The entire target area was hit by a total of 38 tons of bombs, and the town was engulfed in smoke and flames, and our airmen reported that the flames were visible for more than 60 miles.

Jap ground defenses put up strong opposition to the attacking planes, but we suffered no losses.

On their return from the attack on Madang, Allied long-range fighters strafed and fired the Jap headquarters at Alexishafen.

At Salamaua, the Allied planes came in as low as 50 feet, bombing and strafing buildings as well as supplies along the shore. This low-level attack was carried out despite heavy AA fire.

Returning from this raid our bombers raided targets on the coast at Kieta and Kahili.

Dutch Guinea Raided

Heavy Allied bombers carried out other raids on Gasmata and on Timika, in Dutch New Guinea, while an Allied medium unit raided the Penfoel airdrome at Koepang, on Timor.

Heavy reconnaissance units shot down six Jap fighters over Amboina, Ambon, when they were attacked by ten fighters. For the second night in succession Langgoer, in the Kai islands, was also raided.

Flying Fortresses carried out minor attacks against the Japanese positions at Kahili and Ballale in the Shortland Island area and at Vila in the Central Solomons. All U.S. planes returned.

Fighting Breaks Out Around Mayu, Burma

NEW DELHI, Mar. 19 (UP)—Fighting has again broken out on the Mayu peninsula, while eastwards across the Mayu river Japanese pressure has slackened, according to the latest dispatches released today.

Fighting is still going on in the area of Taangmaw, some 16 miles north of Rathedaung, where enemy has entrenched himself in the hills.

The British positions in the Thaugdara area of the Arakan hills is now described as difficult. The Japanese have closed in on the village from three sides.

The road to Htitzwe, just north of Thaugdara, is still open, although the Japanese are now closing in on this area as well.

So far British attempts to recapture a wooded hill west of Htitzwe have failed, and both sides have suffered casualties in the fighting.

Meanwhile RAF fighters and bombers are active over the whole battle area, and their targets yesterday included a Japanese headquarters in the Donbaik area.

25 Show Girls Will Greet Soldiers at Hans Crescent

Twenty-five chorus girls will be hostesses at a show at the Hans Crescent club tonight featuring Tommy Trinder, English comedian. The show starts at 10.45.

More girls appear at the club Sunday afternoon when an all-girl orchestra will play for the weekly tea dance. There is a quiz Sunday evening.

Tunisia - - -

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bombers attacked the enemy shortly after they entered Tamera, scoring direct hits on buildings and vehicles.

No actual contact with the enemy had been reported by the U.S. forces since they entered Gafsa on Wednesday at 12.30 PM. They took the oasis without losing a man. Allied headquarters said, after Axis infantry and artillery had been driven out by a terrific barrage by 105s and 155s and bombardment by Allied planes.

American Mitchells, Spitfires and Airacobras continued to provide an air cover for the ground forces with virtually no resistance from the Luftwaffe.

Unseasonable night-long rains over most of the American sectors of the Tunisian front held activity to a minimum. The rain in some localities ranged upwards of two inches in a land where the average annual rainfall is only four times that amount.

At the other prong of the Allied pincers in the south Gen. Montgomery's men also were reported to be waiting for an improvement in the weather. All that has been reported in ground operations was normal patrol activity on land and a continuation of the heavy air attack against Axis positions and troop and vehicle concentrations from the air.

The village of Mareth was hit, representing an attack on Rommel's positions behind his front area. Axis forces have done nothing to interfere with rearrangements of the Eighth Army's front line in the Mareth area, it was reported.