

Yanks in Sened, Mareth Line Pounded

More Air Power for Invasion—Eaker

America's initial air striking force in the European Theater of Operations—which has settled once and for all the practicability of precision daylight bombing, and already has badly battered Germany's continental power in doing so—will be "multiplied many times before the year is finished if present plans materialize," Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commanding the Eighth Air Force, declared yesterday.

The U.S. air strength being built up on bases in Britain will be employed to support the land and sea forces in landing and establishing bases when the Allies open the second front, and will be utilized as well to help beat down enemy fighter forces as the invasion progresses, the chief of America's air forces in the ETO added.

In discussions of the part American war planes are playing—and are going to play—in the war, Gen. Eaker revealed that losses to date in air battles over Europe have been within economical bounds, with little difference from the ratio suffered by the RAF in night missions, and that it was expected that when the expected flow of additional planes builds up bomber strength far greater, the losses will drop proportionately.

Gen. Eaker's discussions of the growing power and the future tasks of the American air forces here came only three days after an official RAF spokesman had appealed for more American bombers to help soften up the Nazis in preparation for invasion.

Even with the approach of invasion, American targets will not be confined to France, the Low Countries and nearest Germany, it was indicated. American heavy bombers will press as far into Germany as possible.

Gen. Eaker declared that "the great mass of our American Air Force which will be employed this year will be Liberators and Fortresses. New bombers, better bombers, are coming on. They will be put into the combat as fast as they arrive. They will, being later, obviously be better because they will carry bigger cargoes of destruction and be better armed and equipped to defend themselves."

The Forts and Libs, however, have proved "highly satisfactory" against the enemy to date, he added.

The round-the-clock air offensive which through February and into this month has left Germany and the occupied countries with few sound nights of sleep will increase in intensity as a prelude to the actual invasion and occupation of the German-held lands, the Eighth Air Force chief indicated. The vital preliminary phases are increasing in proportion and intensity every day, he said.

Discussing the projected mass bombings by the RAF at night and USAAF in daylight, Gen. Eaker revealed, however, that American air crews would be prepared to fly operationally at night. While the large part of the U.S. job from British bases would be by daylight, this

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Big Push by Allies To Crush Rommel Starts, Berlin Says

Squeeze Play



As Allied forces squeeze tighter on Rommel's forces, U.S. troops take Sened (central front), Allied planes pound Axis Mareth Line positions (south) and Berlin reports outflanking move by Eighth Army southwest of the line around Khar Rhilane (bottom of map).

U.S. Forces Meeting Little Resistance Beyond Gafsa

The Allied "big push" in Tunisia appeared imminent last night as American troops recaptured Sened Station, 20 miles northeast of Gafsa in their advance towards Maknassi and heavily reinforced Allied formations battered the Luftwaffe in both the northern sector and on the Mareth Line.

German radio reported last night that forces of the Eighth Army and parts of the First American Armored Division began movements Saturday night which "can be taken as a large-scale attempt to lift the firm positions of Rommel's forces off their hinges."

Strong American troop concentrations were observed in the region of Gafsa, advancing eastward, while farther south the Eighth Army had begun an outflanking move around the western end of the Mareth Line, Berlin said. In the Ksar Rhilane area, where Rommel made his ill-fated attack earlier this month, 50 Allied tanks and 2,000 motor vehicles had begun to move northeastward, the radio added.

Mareth Not Tank-proof

Earlier Berlin radio had warned that heavy armored blows against its positions in the south were to be expected at any moment, and that the "Mareth Line is by no means tank-proof."

U.S. armored patrols advancing on the road from Gafsa to Sfax entered Sened Station at 7 o'clock yesterday morning in the face of light resistance from Italian troops, and advance elements immediately pushed on in the direction of Maknassi, Allied Headquarters announced.

Before the capture of the station, American tanks and infantry dislodged Italian troops from heights and a strategic pass guarding the approaches to Sened. U.S. forces evacuated Sened at the beginning of Rommel's thrust westward for elbow room last month.

Infantry and artillery attacked these heights around the Diebel Goussa on Saturday morning. They expected stiff resistance, but there was only light small arms fire.

Then a small party of Italians appeared, waving white handkerchiefs. A few hours later the heights and the pass were in American hands.

Planes Pound Mareth Line

Powerful formations of Allied aircraft struck heavy blows at German defense positions in the Mareth Line Friday night and Saturday, headquarters announced yesterday.

In the night attacks medium bombers struck between Mareth and Katena, and a violent explosion and large fire resulted. In daylight light medium bombers with fighter escort struck all along the line. Results of the damage were difficult to observe, but the damage was believed at headquarters to be considerable.

As in previous days, very few enemy fighters were encountered.

Enemy targets near Gabes, including tent concentrations and moving transport, also were struck by light medium bombers and fighter-bombers in numerous daylight raids. Allied fighters shot down at least one Fw190 and probably destroyed several Me109s, it was announced.

Heavy rains and flood conditions still hampered activity by both sides in Tunisia. The rain was generally regarded

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Axis Bomb Own Prisoners On Way to Exchange Port

MERSIN, Turkey, Mar. 21—The exchange of 787 British prisoners for an equal number of Italians and Germans was begun here this morning, and by noon over 400 of the men had been transferred from the 13,000-ton Italian ship Gradisca on which they had been brought from the port of Bari, in the war's first large exchange of able-bodied prisoners of war.

On Friday, 780 Italian and German prisoners, aboard the British ship Talma, had a narrow escape from death at the hands of an Italian bomber in the Mediterranean while en route for Port Mersin for a rendezvous with the Gradisca.

Nazis Increase Pressure In Donetz, But Reds Hold

Quit Frontal Attacks And Try Flanks, Tanks Mass

MOSCOW, Mar. 21 (UP)—The Germans are still throwing in more men and materials against the vital Donetz crossings, striking heavy blows at the junctions of the various Russian units holding this front. They have succeeded in penetrating the Russian flanks at a number of points.

In spite of this, the Red Army is still holding its main positions, although the Nazi attacks are increasing in ferocity, and further withdrawals have been reported from the Chuguyev front, 25 miles southeast of Kharkov.

The Germans are throwing in their forces on practically all sectors of this vital front. They have abandoned the costly frontal assaults, after heavy losses, but their flank attacks are no less dangerous.

Counter-attacks are now being met by the Red Army on the central front as well, where the Russian troops are still steadily forging ahead.

Reds Force Dneiper

Here the Russians have beaten back fierce opposition, and have forced the upper reaches of the Dneiper. The river is already thawing, and bridges had to be thrown across the ice, which is now covered with water.

Very heavy German fire was encountered and bloody fighting ensued, but the enemy was finally driven back from the immediate area of the river, and a number of villages were captured.

The German counter-attacks in this area are being made by recently reinforced units.

Focke-Wulf 190s, stated to be armed with four cannon and two machine-guns, are being used in some numbers on this front against the Red Air Force. They come over in formations of from ten to 25, but in spite of this are suffering heavy casualties from the Russian fighters.

One Red air force unit alone accounted for 17 of the Focke-Wulf's in two days' fighting, although only those aircraft seen to go down in flames were counted. German bombers only come over the Russian lines now when they have been told by reconnaissance planes that the sky is clear of Russian fighters.

There is little fresh news of the fighting on the Ilnen front, but the latest reports in Moscow state that the Germans have passed over to the counter-attack on a number of the sectors of this front also.

Yesterday First of Spring According to Calendar

Yesterday, Mar. 21, was the first day of spring.

Weather in the Straits of Dover (which is the only weather you may talk about here) was overcast and cool as spring came in.

Just before noon an American soldier walked into a West End pub in London and said, "Bock beer, please."

30,000 Berliners Lost Homes in Big RAF Raid

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 21 (UP)—At least 30,000 persons were left homeless after the last great RAF 45-minute attack on Berlin, March 1, according to authoritative neutral report reaching here from Berlin.

Although the Wilhelmstrasse escaped, the bomb which hit the German Air Ministry in the Leipzigerstrasse, an important east-west business artery, caused heavy damage.

The destruction throughout the city is estimated to be ten times as great as that caused by all the other Berlin raids put together, while the fires started burned continuously for three days.

Women to Man AA Guns—Hitler

Reserves Going to Front, Those at Home Must Handle Defenses

The surprising admission that hundreds of thousands of German women would soon be called upon to leave their homes and Nazi war factories to help man the AA defenses of the Reich was made by Hitler in a "Heroes' Day" speech broadcast from Berlin yesterday.

The Fuehrer's long-awaited address was rattled off in 15 minutes. Members of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Waffen S.S., plus 300 wounded soldiers, were present.

Hitler declared that Germany had lost only 542,000 dead since the war began—Moscow has claimed 3,000,000 Nazi dead in Russia alone—and he asserted flatly that the threat of the Russian offensive has been overcome.

Reserves Going to Front

Germany's increasing man-power problem was reflected in his speech. Hitler admitted that men from reserve forces, as well as wounded soldiers who had recovered, were now "streaming" to the front, and that the Reich's home defenses were now to be manned almost exclusively by older men, young boys and women.

"The winter of this year," he said, "has not only prevented the Germans from defeatism but has produced an even more gigantic mobilization of all its forces."

"Recovered soldiers of all age-groups and young boys will use the arms which the homeland provides. Thousands upon thousands of women and girls are supporting them. In this way the German

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Prime Minister Lauds U.S. Air Blow at Subs

America's heaviest air blow against Germany—the raid on U-boat yards at Vegesack—was praised yesterday by Prime Minister Churchill in messages to Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commanding American forces in the European Theater of Operations, and Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commanding the Eighth Air Force.

"All my compliments to you and your officers and men on your brilliant exploit, the effectiveness of which the photographs already reveal," the Prime Minister's message said.

"Officers and men of the U.S. forces in the British Isles appreciate and are deeply grateful for the interest and congratulations expressed in your message," Gen. Andrews said in his reply to the Prime Minister.

Gen. Eaker thanked Mr. Churchill on behalf of the Eighth Air Force.

"The message from you, congratulating our air forces on the Vegesack raid, was promptly transmitted to the combat crews," said Gen. Eaker. "It will give them a great lift to have this message from you. It has been of tremendous importance and value to our air forces in this theater to know of your keen interest in their work. They join with me in realizing the paramount importance to us of your militant leadership. We assure you we will repeat these efforts many times and on an ever-increasing scale."

From Wing Commander N. J. Baird-Smith, of the RAF Bombing Directorate, who has made 49 missions in British bombers over Europe and the Middle East, came a first hand account of the raid in which the largest force of U.S. four-engined bombers yet to attack the German mainland took part.

Taking part in an operation with an American crew for the first time, Wing Commander Baird-Smith went over in a B17 and came back with words of praise for the "efficiency, precision, courage of

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Battle of Atlantic Is Growing, Germans Claim 32-Ship Blow

The Battle of the Atlantic appeared yesterday to be approaching the peak which A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, warned in the British House of Commons it might reach in early spring.

As the USAAF and RAF continued to pound U-boat construction and repair yards and naval chiefs in Washington and London hastened into action the anti-submarine measures decided upon in conferences last week, Berlin put out the claim yesterday that German U-boat packs in the Atlantic had just scored their greatest single victory over Allied shipping.

In a series of battles with an Allied convoy, strongly escorted by destroyers, corvettes and planes, the U-boat packs destroyed 32 ships totaling 204,000 tons and a destroyer, Berlin said. Authorities in London never give either denial or confirmation of such German claims, and

previous figures of a similar nature have proven grossly exaggerated.

The figures sent Nazi claims of tonnage sunk by U-boats in March alone close to the three-quarter-million mark.

In Washington Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, said it was "true to some extent" that more Axis submarines had made attacks on convoys recently, and generally there had been more submarine activity.

It was known that both the U.S. and Britain were hurling every available warship—Britain alone has more than 500 destroyers, corvettes and other craft in her anti-U-boat fleet—into the Battle of the Atlantic, as well as many new weapons, such as the American "U-boat killers," fast boats carrying every known anti-submarine device, and the helicopters referred to in Commons here last week.

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Jap Bases Jolted As Big Bombing Attacks Go On

Two Big Ships Blasted; Supply Sub Sunk Near Lae

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Mar. 21 (UP)—Allied heavy and light bombers carried out widespread attacks over the weekend battering Jap airbases, shore installations, supply areas, cargo and warships in New Guinea, New Britain and other bases near Australia, according to the latest official communique issued here today.

A 10,000-ton Japanese merchant ship and another 6,000-ton Japanese vessel have both been attacked 25 miles east of Cape Van Den Bosch, New Guinea.

Gasmata was again attacked by Allied bombers from a low level, while the Penfoei airdrome at Koepang, on Timor, was again blasted in a night attack by medium bombers.

Jap Supply Sub Sunk

Mitchell bombers, raiding Lae on Friday evening, caught a Japanese cargo submarine unloading, and destroyed it with four direct hits.

The fact that the Japanese are using submarines to carry cargoes, a spokesman said, betrays the grave position of the Japanese in northern New Guinea. Submarines are generally used only as a last resort in view of the fact that they are only capable of carrying small loads.

Other Japanese targets attacked included an enemy merchant ship in Kaimana Bay, in the northwestern tip of Dutch New Guinea. After flying through extremely bad weather on Saturday morning, the ship and jetty were attacked with bombs and the ship was left on fire.

Libs Attack Barges

Barges, a coastal vessel and supply targets were strafed by Liberators in the Cape Gloucester area. The airdrome was also bombed once more.

Japanese bombers, escorted by fighters, made a heavy attack on the Allied base at Porlock Harbor on the north coast of New Guinea, near Tufi, on Friday. The wharf was damaged and 70 bombs were dropped.

Hudsons and Mitchells carried out two attacks on the Kai Islands, one on the town of Langgoer and the other on the Jap-occupied village of Faan. Meanwhile, Liberators attacked Ambon with 500-pound bombs, although the results of the attack were not observed.

Other attacks carried out by Allied aircraft include raids on Lorengau, in the Admiralty Islands, and Sermata Island, in the Banda Sea.

British Hold Japs On New Burma Line

WITH ALLIED FORCES, Western Burma, Mar. 21 (UP)—Following the evacuation of the Thaugdara and Bitiswe villages, east of the Mayu river in Burma, most of the British troops have now been successfully withdrawn to Taungmaw, 16 miles north of Rathedaung, where they are resisting persistent Jap attacks against their newly formed lines.

These attacks were carried out by enemy forces which had followed the retreating British forces along the jungle road, part of which was blown up by the Royal Engineers, and by other enemy forces which infiltrated westward through the hilly country.

On the western side of the Mayu river British troops are strengthening their positions after a 500-yard advance towards Donbaik, 20 miles north of Akyab.

The advance was made with the support of a heavy artillery barrage from ships of the Royal Indian navy and bombing and strafing attacks by the RAF. The British forces penetrated to within little more than a mile from Donbaik itself, but in order to accomplish this several Jap strategic points were by-passed because the Japs have dug themselves deeply into the jungles and along the Bay of Bengal.

U-Boats - - -

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The latter are planes which can be operated from the decks of merchant vessels.

The Navy Department admitted in Washington yesterday the loss of the liner City of Flint, torpedoed and sunk in mid-Atlantic. The City of Flint was seized and taken to Murmansk in October, 1939, by the Germans, who claimed more than 50 per cent of her cargo was contraband. Because of strong American resentment, the vessel was released and finally returned to the States.

Eight more cargo ships were admitted by the Allies to have been sunk in the western Atlantic last week. This raised to 624 the Associated Press tally of announced western Atlantic sinkings of allied and neutral ships since Pearl Harbor. Five of the eight were American, others British, Norwegian and Honduran. At the same time it was disclosed that

Lone Pilot Defended Fleet in Mediterranean

A single fighter pilot comprised the sole air defense for the entire British Eastern Mediterranean fleet at one time during the early part of war, the British Admiralty disclosed today.

From such humble beginnings grew a mighty fleet air arm which with a daring surprise night attack Nov. 11, 1940, knocked out half the Italian fleet as it lay at anchor in Taranto Harbor, in Italy.

Story told first time by Admiralty in booklet "East of Malta, West of Suez," which detailed work of Eastern Mediterranean fleet first 18 months of war.

Huge Insurance Total for Forces

U.S. Has Issued 8,000,000 Policies, Representing 45 Billion Dollars

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21—The Veterans' Administration announced today that 8,000,000 government policies, representing about 45 billion dollars' worth of insurance, have been written for men in the U.S. armed forces under the National Service Life Insurance Act.

That does not mean that 8,000,000 men have taken out policies, the administration said, because many men take out several, a small one of \$2,000 or \$3,000 when they first enter the service, and additional ones up to the \$10,000 limitation when they are about to be sent abroad.

The writing of applications for these policies is done by the War and Navy Departments. The keeping of records, collection of premiums, and payment of claims is attended to by the Veterans' Administration.

Premium payments are the same as in some private insurance companies. The difference is that these Government policies give complete coverage—including death in conflict with the enemy—whereas the others do not.

The Institute of Life Insurance in New York reported that approximately 3,350,000 persons in the armed forces hold policies issued by private companies.

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the crews and meticulous planning" of the raid.

"I was only a spectator with a grandstand view," he said. "It was a most impressive sight. The sky seemed to be full of Fortresses and Liberators. The whole operation went smoothly and never for a moment was there any hesitation on the part of any crew in the formations to do the right thing at the right time."

Intelligence officers are still checking the number of German fighters shot down, but the tally was believed to be the biggest score of this year. Photographs showed the vital U-boat yards on the Weser River in Northwest Germany to be badly wrecked.

It was revealed yesterday that the B17 bombardier who died over his bombsight after releasing his bombs was 1/Lt. Jack Mathis, of San Angelo, Tex.

Flak that tore through the transparent nose of the plane filled Mathis' right side with fragments and almost tore his right arm off as he was completing final adjustments to his sight. He crawled back to his post, got the bombs away, started his report to the pilot and then slumped to the floor.

His brother, Lt. Mark Mathis, also a bombardier at another bomber station, was waiting for him to come back so they could continue a reunion. Instead he had to notify his family of his brother's death.

Vichy Denies Cartier Revolt, Says All Quiet

House Searches Continue For Labor Objectors, Nazis Open Jails

The German-controlled Vichy Government of occupied France issued a strongly worded denial yesterday that anything out of the ordinary was happening in the mountains of the Haute Savoie.

It came more than a week after thousands of young Frenchmen defied the labor conscription, which would send them as virtual slaves to the war factories of Germany, and fled into the mountains under the leadership of Gen. Armand Cartier.

After the first few days of tenseness, when a frontal attack was expected at any moment, the situation has been allowed to simmer, more or less peacefully.

Searches Continue

Despite Vichy denials that more than a dozen men had taken to the hills, house-to-house searches in most French cities were evidence yesterday that opposition to the labor conscription was increasing.

In Belgium and the Netherlands, according to word reaching London last night, German military forces are emptying jails of short-term prisoners in an effort to raise factory labor.

There was no direct word of the situation of the Haute Savoie rebels. Landslides which their demolition squads were reported to have started several days ago have isolated the villages of La Cherverie and La Combe. A third village is reported to have been evacuated.

A dispatch from Zurich, Switzerland, said that new units of French mobile guards had been brought up in an effort to end the rebellion. Earlier units were reported to have been confined to their barracks because Vichy feared they might join the rebels.

14 Air Force Officers, 20 Men, Are Decorated

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Mar. 21—Fourteen officers and 20 enlisted men were decorated here today by Brig. Gen. James P. Hodges for acts of heroism made public by the USAAF on Feb. 17.

Col. Edward J. Kimberlake Jr., of San Antonio, Tex., assisted him.

The Distinguished Flying Cross went to 2/Lt. Anthony C. Yenlavage, of Kingston, Pa. Sgt. Raymond A. Clendenning, of Clover, Wis., got a Silver Star and the Purple Heart. In addition to the awards to Lt. Yenlavage and Sgt. Clendenning, 10 men were given Oak Leaf Clusters, 16 were given Air Medals and six received the Purple Heart.

Soldier Variety Show Opens Here Tomorrow

—TH REPLACEMENT DEPOT, England, Mar. 21—A variety show with a soldier cast of 20 men, coached by Chaplain Ralph Boyd, of Lowville, N.Y., will make its first appearance in London tomorrow.

After the premiere at 101 Piccadilly the show will go on the road in a tour sponsored by Special Services.

An eight-man boxing team, representing the post, will compete at Rainbow Corner on Tuesday, Apl. 6.

Five Dances, Basketball On Manchester Program

MANCHESTER, Mar. 21—Five dances feature this week's program at the Red Cross Club here. They will be held Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7.30 PM, and Sunday at 3 PM. Basketball is scheduled Monday and Tuesday at 7 PM, and a snooker contest at 7.30 PM Friday.

Desert Airbase Raided by Luftwaffe



Associated Press Photo

Shortly after U.S. paratroops captured the Axis airport at Souk el Arba, central Tunisia, the Luftwaffe returned and bombed the remaining supplies and planes. Smoke billows from the desert base as a U.S. gunner runs to a .50 caliber machine-gun.

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as having delayed the Allied thrust just as it had started.

The German claim that the Eighth Army had launched an outflanking move on the westward end of the Mareth Line received no confirmation at Allied headquarters. Algiers radio, however, said British infantry had captured at bayonet point an enemy position east of the line. The location was not given.

There was little news of the fighting in northern Tunisia, where von Arnim has renewed his attacks against First Army positions. Berlin claimed more than 2,000 prisoners had been taken in the drive, as well as numerous guns and heavy infantry weapons.

Replying yesterday to Gen. Eisenhower's recent Order of the Day, in which a quick victory over Axis forces in Tunisia was predicted, Lt. Gen. Bernard Montgomery, commander of the Eighth Army, sent this message to the Allied commander-in-chief:

"Thank you for your message, which I have communicated to my troops and which has been greatly appreciated by them.

"We all look forward to joining up with U.S.A. forces very shortly, and after that we'll finish off the business very quickly between us."

Hitler - - -

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army is transformed more and more into a fighting nation."

Disclosing for the first time that all leaves in the German army had been cancelled for some months to meet the gigantic Russian offensives, he said that furloughs would be restored now that the eastern front had been "stabilized and new operations had been begun which would guarantee victory."

Fear that Allied bombers would "gate-crash" Hitler's party as they did Goering's on Jan. 30, caused Berlin to withhold news of the speech until 50 minutes before he was due to go on the air.

Mosquitoes from Britain on the former occasion swept 1,300 round-trip miles to bomb the German capital in daylight, delaying Goering's speech more than an hour.

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would not mean "that we may not travel to our target at night for dawn attack or return from our target at night after dusk attack," he pointed out.

With the Nazis now forced to use three shifts to man their anti-aircraft defenses, such a plan encompassing the very real thrust of raids at any hour of the day will stretch and stretch the German defenses until they break, it was suggested.

After noting that our day bombing "holds a large force of German day fighters on the Western front to oppose us," Gen. Eaker declared that losses already have been less than were expected and would grow even less as the force mounted, with the overall figure much less than the Luftwaffe's losses.

"The German air force is being whittled down in decisive proportions," Gen. Eaker said.

"Whenever German fighters choose to engage our heavy bombers they suffer severe losses because of the great defensive armaments our heavy bombers carry. Our bombs are now raining on their factories which, if left undisturbed, would supply munitions to their armies and navies."

The Air Force commander in this theater added that American air crews have learned they can bomb pin point objectives despite heavy Nazi fighter opposition and can hit any target they can see.

He praised warmly the cooperation between the USAAF and the RAF and Air Ministry, and referred to the airfields, supply facilities and establishments, as well as key personnel which have been made available by the British.

British Ack-Ack Guns Lift Range 50 Per Cent.

New British anti-aircraft guns can bring concentrated fire on enemy planes from distances half as great again as could be done at the beginning of the war, Duncan Sandys, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Supply, revealed.

A mass-produced mechanical fuse for ack-ack shells, plus other mechanical improvements and better gunnery technique, have enabled gunners to bring down eight enemy planes with the same number of rounds it took to bring down one during the big blitz of 1940-41.

The new mechanical fuses possess the precision of a finely made clock, and are being made almost entirely by women with watchmaking machinery, Sandys said. AA guns now have twice the accuracy they had with the old type powder fuse.

Arnold a Full General

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21—The Senate has confirmed the promotion of Lt. Gen. H. H. Arnold, commanding the Army Air Corps, to the rank of full general. Only three other men on active duty in the U.S. Army hold the same rank, Generals Marshall, Eisenhower and MacArthur.

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design the precise machinery or take time to argue about frontiers, he said.

Mr. Churchill warned against optimism in the present critical period of the war. Declaring that many persons had been led by the favorable turn in Allied fortunes in the last six months to expect a quick end to the war, he said:

"I am not able to share these sanguine hopes, and my earnest advice to you is

Vegesack Blazes After Biggest U.S. Raid



Spellman to See Catholic Troops Here This Week

Archbishop Calls on Gen. Andrews; May Call on Prime Minister

Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, of New York, in London after a flying trip from North Africa, will visit Catholic chaplains with American forces in Britain this week.

The American prelate's stay in Britain will be brief, according to the office of the Apostolic Delegate here. As chief Catholic member of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps, Archbishop Spellman plans to spend Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with chaplains attached to American forces here. Later in the week he will go to Ireland, then return to North Africa, where he recently visited American troops.

In London officially for "the purpose of attending the funeral of Arthur Cardinal Hinsley on Tuesday," Archbishop Spellman has declined to make any statements concerning his travels, which included visits to Rome and Madrid.

Called on Gen. Andrews

Shortly after he reached London Archbishop Spellman called on Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commanding officer of American forces in the European Theater of Operations, and H. Freeman Matthews, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires.

The Archbishop was met at the station by Maj. John E. Foley, executive officer of ETOUSA chaplains, who will be his aide in Britain; Maj. John K. Cunningham, representing Gen. Andrews; Robert D. Coe, American Embassy secretary, representing Ambassador John G. Winant; Archbishop William Godfrey, Apostolic Delegate, and Bishop Edward Myers, auxiliary bishop of Westminster and ranking British prelate since the death of Cardinal Hinsley.

A member of Archbishop Spellman's party expressed belief he may see Prime Minister Churchill while he is in London.

The Archbishop was jolted but uninjured in a minor automobile accident as he left Paddington station, when the car in which he was riding collided with a parked automobile.

Mass for Cardinal

Yesterday morning he celebrated Mass in memory of Cardinal Hinsley at Westminster Cathedral. Tomorrow, Archbishop Spellman will participate in a solemn Pontifical Mass of requiem for the late British prelate. The ceremonies will be recorded by BBC and later sent out on a world-wide broadcast.

The Archbishop's arrival started speculation in the London press concerning his diplomatic activities.

The Star asked for "some clear statement about the purpose of his travels," describing the demand as "more urgent than ever" in view of his conferences with President Roosevelt, Pope Pius XII and Gen. Francisco Franco.

After leaving America six weeks ago, Archbishop Spellman flew to Rome, then to Madrid, Gibraltar and North Africa. He left for London from Algiers.

Flying is not new to the 52-year-old prelate. He learned to fly in Italy years ago and is credited with delivering a Papal announcement, which had been confiscated in Rome, to Paris for publication. He studied for the priesthood at the North American College in Rome and was the first American priest to hold the post of attaché to the Papal Secretary of State.

'Jive Bombers' Will Play At Belfast Cabaret Dance

BELFAST, Mar. 21—The enlisted men of a veteran U.S. hospital unit in Northern Ireland will hold a cabaret dance in the Carlton Hotel here Wednesday night.

Music will be furnished by the "Jive Bombers," American technician orchestra directed by Ray Palmer, of Washington.

M/Sgt. John N. Ruth, of Syracuse, N.Y., is chairman of the enlisted men's committee. 1/Sgt. Ray C. Benton, of Chidester, Ark., serves as advisor, and others on the committee include S/Sgt. Harry L. Pierce, Davenport, Iowa; S/Sgt. Clarence Lawson, Wilton Junction, Iowa; T/3 Marvin E. Farrell, Fort Dodge, Iowa; T/5 Claude Huddleston, Ottumwa, Iowa, and T/5 Wilbur Brees, Peterson, Iowa.

Legion Grants Charter To Technicians' Post

A USAAF DEPOT, N.I., Mar. 21—The Shamrock American Legion Post, its membership composed of technicians of the Lockheed Overseas Corporation who served in World War I, has received its charter.

The post is believed to be the only overseas chapter, since the Paris and Philippine posts no longer exist.

John J. Kelley, of Los Angeles, is post commander.

Help Wanted Department

A pair of 11 AAA-AAAA shoes is wanted by S/Sgt. William A. Morrison of a DEML detachment, HQ Services of Supply. The Sgt. has two pairs of 11A which he will surrender to get one of his size. If available, the shoes will be relayed by The Stars and Stripes Help Wanted Dept., Printing House Sq., London, E.C.A.

At 26 a Veteran of Five Armies

Fought Japs and Germans, Now He's Finally in U.S. Cavalry

—TH REPLACEMENT, DEPOT, England, Mar. 21—Six years a fighting man in Mexico, Spain, China and with the Canadian forces in this country, Richard Mitman at last is fighting under the flag of his own country.

Mitman has fought Japs and Germans; he can show the scars of a bayonet wound, nine machine-gun bullets and two knife cuts.

Now, a Pfc at 26, he has just been assigned from this depot to an American mechanized cavalry outfit.

Mitman left South Bend, Ind., in 1937 and drifted south. There he happened on a domestic argument between the Mexican government and some non-conformists, and found himself under fire for the first time.

When fighting died down, he took himself off to Spain with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. In 21 months and 17 days in that country he was in the front lines 19 months and seven days.

When the civil war ended with the collapse of republican resistance, Mitman bought a passage to Venezuela to enjoy the comparative peace of the life of an oil engineer.

17 Months Fighting Japs

But somebody said that there was a war in China. So Mitman wound up in the line against the Japs, where he spent 17 months. This expedition terminated with the closing of the Burma Road.

"There were 228 of us in Spain," he said, "and those that remained, almost without exception, volunteered for the Orient trip. We have stuck together the whole time."

"When we came out of China, we went back home, but by that time the present war had broken out. We went across the border and joined the Canadian forces. Out of that 228 there are 17 left, and all of us are now under the American flag once more."

"In all our fighting, we never forgot that we were Americans, and we always wore some distinguishing



Soldier of Fortune, Richard Mitman

USA. mark. I am the last of the 17 to transfer over, and I cannot tell you how much it means to me."

Mitman has great respect for both the yellow men and the Germans as scrappers.

"The German is much superior to the Jap in mechanized warfare, where he has worked every move down to chessboard logic, but the Jap is mighty clever in open infantry combat."

"Both of them are masters in the art of taking cover and of camouflage. They have unlimited patience and will wait and wait until the opponent gets jumpy enough to make the first move. That is the chance they look for, then they open up. Against green troops these tactics are deadly."

Photo Exhibit of American History Opens Here April 2

"America Marches With the United Nations," photographic exhibit showing American life from pioneer times, will open April 2 in London.

The show, at the Dorland Hall, is sponsored by the U.S. Office of War Information and the British Ministry of Information. Later it will tour Britain.

Assembled by the Museum of Modern Art in New York from its "Road to Victory" exhibition, the 140 photographic enlargements tell not only the story of America at war, but also of the character of America and its people.

Pictures chosen by Lt. Commander Edward Steichen come from the Farm Security Administration, Army Signal Corps, Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, press photo agencies, Time magazine and government agencies. They show farmers, workers, families of men in the services, against wall pictures of farms and factories which are pouring forth goods for the United Nations.

Carl Sandburg, U.S. poet and author of "Abraham Lincoln," wrote the exhibit's text. John G. Winant, American ambassador, inscribed a foreword to the illustrated program. The American embassy will be represented at the opening by H. Freeman Matthews, chargé d'affaires, and Lt. Commander Herbert Agar; the U.S. Office of War Information by Wallace Carroll, director, and Thomas Eliot, deputy. Brendan Bracken, British Minister of Information, will open the show at noon.

British airborne infantrymen, who left Southwest English fields three nights after the Americans, did not fly directly into action but were used to capture enemy airfields in the second phase of the Allied operation, the Ministry said.

The actual signal to take off was relayed straight from the commanding general's office over a series of telephones all plugged in on a single line.

Then, at the very last moment, Col. Edson D. Raff's paratroopers were told where they were going. One by one the planes took off and started the flight.

The paratroopers were over Oran just as dawn broke Nov. 8, landed near La Senia Airfield, captured it unaided and held it for 48 hours against "very stiff opposition," the Ministry reported.

Spanish Classes Planned

Spanish classes for servicemen at the American Red Cross Washington Club started yesterday from 4 to 6 PM, and will continue every Wednesday and Sunday until further notice. The Wednesday classes are from 10 PM to midnight.

Fred Allen Show On BBC April 4

Sixth American Program Will Hold Sunday Night Spot

American forces will be able to hear another of their favorite radio comedians beginning April 4 when Fred Allen and his show take a regular Sunday night spot on BBC.

Addition of the Allen show makes six popular American broadcasts carried by BBC: Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Command Performance, Mail Call and Transatlantic Call.

The style of American broadcasts has proven so popular that BBC has announced an all-star weekly show of its own, patterned after Command Performance. First of these shows, The Stage Presents, will be on May 2 on the Forces wavelength at 9.30 PM. Vic Oliver will be master of ceremonies.

A weekly program schedule based on requests from soldiers in ETO includes, Monday, Command Performance, 7.05 PM; Tuesday, the Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street, 9.35 PM; Thursday, Mail Call, 9.25 PM; Friday, Jack Benny, 9.20 PM; Saturday, Navy Mix-ture, 5 PM, and Music Hall, 8 PM; Sunday, Bob Hope, 12.35 and Transatlantic Call, 5 PM.

Technician Tenor Wins

BELFAST, Mar. 21—For the first time in Ulster history an American has won the celebrated senior vocal competition at the Belfast Music Festival. The U.S. contestant was Lloyd Pease, of Burbank, Cal., technician at Lockheed Overseas Corporation. Pease is a tenor.

California State Night Scheduled At Mostyn Club

Red Cross Clubs in ETO List Schedules of Entertainment

Dances, concerts, movies and variety shows feature the programs of American Red Cross clubs in the ETO this week. The Mostyn Club has some more State Nights scheduled and Rainbow Corner offers a fight card tomorrow night.

Mostyn: California Soldiers to Meet

"State Night" programs continue this week at the American Red Cross Mostyn Club, London, with Californians scheduled to meet tonight at 7.15.

Wednesday will be Michigan Night and Thursday Maryland and Delaware, both meetings starting at 7.15. Lectures, dancing and entertainment feature the programs.

Other Mostyn events: Dancing class, Harry Doughty, instructor, 9 PM; Tuesday, movie, 6.15 PM; Wednesday, glee club rehearsal, 7.30 PM; Thursday, square dancing, 8.30; Friday, ping-pong and bingo; Saturday, dance; Sunday, tea dance and concert.

Regular Saturday dances are from 8 to 11 PM, Sunday tea dances from 3.30 to 4 PM.

Mostyn chess experts will play the Washington Club (at Washington) Wednesday at 8 PM.

Rainbow Corner: 'Petticoat Fever'

"Petticoat Fever," the U.S. Army Special Services show, will open Wednesday at 8.45 PM in the Rainbow Corner Club.

The Stars and Stripes weekly boxing show will be held Tuesday, 7.30 PM.

Dances on this week's schedule will be: Monday, 7 PM, Stars in Battle Dress playing; Friday, 7 PM, Ben Oakley and his Pioneers; Sunday, 7.30 PM, Cpl. Bernard and his band.

Other features: Tuesday, 3 to 5.30 PM, open house; Wednesday, 8.15 PM, Quiz in Rainbow Hall; Thursday, 3 to 5.30 PM, open house; Saturday, 2.30 to 10 PM, continuous movies; 3 to 5.30 PM, open house.

Milestone: Concert Planned Wednesday

Concert music, movies and a club dance are planned at the Milestone Red Cross Club this week, it was announced. Ping-pong, cards and table games tonight, 8.30 to 10.30, will be followed by a recorded concert, 10.30 to 11.30.

The program tomorrow night lists entertainment in canteen, 11.30 to 12.30, followed by another concert Wednesday, 10.30 PM to 11.30 PM. Thursday night's movies start at 8, and Friday's dance at 7.30 PM.

Saturday's feature is "Milestone Varieties" in the canteen, from 11.30 PM to 12.30 AM.

Belfast: Headquarters Sponsors a Dance

A HEADQUARTERS UNIT, N.I., Mar. 21—Enlisted personnel and their Irish girl friends will attend a party and dance at the Belfast Red Cross club Wednesday night.

The general committee in charge comprises: M/Sgt. Ralph B. Portnov, Indianapolis, Ind.; T/Sgt. Charles Langshaw, Upper Darby, Pa.; 1st Sgt. Glenn Caywood, Topeka, Kan.; T/Sgt. Joseph Durkin, South Bend, Ind.; S/Sgt. Heyver Wright, Des Moines, Iowa.; Sgt. Charles Sullivan, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Sgt. George A. Barnes, Canton, Ohio, and T/4 Leonard Baer, Watertown, S.D.

Name E. J. Beinicke Deputy Commissioner

Edwin J. Beinicke, American industrial executive, has been appointed deputy commissioner for the American Red Cross in Great Britain, it is announced.

Mr. Beinicke has served as volunteer executive with the Red Cross zone organization at Cambridge. In his new post he will work under Commissioner Harvey Gibson as coordinator of Red Cross services to the armed forces.

Charles Club: Bridge Tournament Wednesday

The American Red Cross Charles club's weekly program features a dinner-dance, with Arthur Young's band, Thursday, 7 to 11 PM. Ivor Novello and Marie Elsner, British stage stars, will head the floor show. A classical concert is scheduled for 8.30 tonight. Movies will be shown tomorrow at 8 PM, with table tennis and bridge tournaments Wednesday.

Southport: Dancing Classes Twice a Week

SOUTHPORT, Mar. 21—Dancing classes at the Red Cross club here, conducted by Evelyn Haywood, an English girl, and two assistants, are scheduled for every Wednesday and Saturday from 6.30 to 8 PM.

Farewell Inspection for Capt. Kirkman



Capt. Van Leer Kirkman, accompanied by Capt. James A. Logan, inspect a Marine guard of honor in a farewell ceremony for Capt. Kirkman at the U.S. Naval repair base at Londonderry.

Sammy Angott Snaps Pep's Victory String at 62

Ex-Lightweight Titlist Decisions Featherweight

Angott Shows Up Well in First Battle Since His Layoff

NEW YORK, Mar. 21—The string of 62 victories of Willie Pep, recognized in New York as the world featherweight champion, was ended Friday in Madison Square Garden when he was outpunched in ten rounds by Sammy Angott, of Washington, Pa., former world lightweight titleholder.

The non-title contest, which marked Angott's successful return to the ring after a long layoff, drew a crowd of 18,000. Pep weighed 130½, Angott 134½. Billy Cavanagh was the referee and Joe Agnello and Bill Healy the judges.

From the outset, Angott rushed Pep, tossing both mitts to the body. The featherweight returned a left hook to the head, but absorbed a right to the body. They traded left hooks to the head before Angott shook Pep with two lefts to the jaw.

Pep Opens Cut

Angott waited for Pep to attack in the second and, as the Connecticut boy moved forward, Angott scored easily with sharp left hooks to the head and body. Pep's only effective blow in that round was a left hook to the head in the closing seconds.

Pep flashed a right to the head in the third, but Angott shot back with a left to the jaw and a right to the face. As Pep plowed in, the Pennsylvanian picked him off with fast lefts to the face.

Angott's jaw took a right early in the fourth, but he scored several long rights to the body, then shook Pep with a jaw-breaking right.

Angott shook him again in the fifth, driving a right uppercut to the chin. Pep flashed several lefts to the face, then sharply left-hooked Angott's head, opening a cut beside his right eye.

Decision Unanimous

Pep's speed and sharp punching earned him the sixth, when he beat Angott repeatedly with lefts to the face and also scored with both hands at close range. Pep held his own in the seventh and won the eighth with cleaner hitting, but slamming Sam, despite his 28 years, had the stamina and dynamic energy to slow up Pep completely in the ninth. He jack-knifed Pep with a left hook to the body followed by a left hook to the head, then barraged the youngster with more body hooks. Pep fought desperately in the tenth, but lost the final session by a slight margin.

It was a fast fight with the punches traveling in blurs. In the eighth, Angott slipped to the floor twice and Pep once, but it was a remarkably clean fight considering the vehemence and resounding body punching—Angott lifted Pep off the floor twice with tremendous hooks to his washboard stomach—and their intense dislike of each other.

The verdict was unanimous. Cavanagh gave Angott five rounds, Pep four and one even. Healy scored the same and Agnello voted Angott six and Pep four. Pep was surprised by the verdict, but didn't alibi. He said, "All I ask is a chance to meet him again." Angott, who began as a 3-1 underdog in the betting, seemed untroubled by the broken hands which laid him off, and his belligerence made the fight resemble the famous fray in "The Spoilers." It was one of the best battles in his nine-year career.

Red Wings Meet Leafs In Start of Cup Playoffs

MONTREAL, Mar. 21—Mervyn "Red" Dutton, acting president of the National Hockey League, announced here Friday that the Stanley Cups playoffs would begin at Detroit and Boston today.

The first-place Red Wings meet the third-place Toronto Maple Leafs at Detroit today and Tuesday, then the series switches to Toronto for games on Thursday and Saturday.

The Montreal Canadiens tackle the Bruins at Boston today and Tuesday, then the games shift to Montreal. The dates for the finals will be coming up after the semi-finals are over.

Harry Holiday Clips Mark For 200-Meter Swim

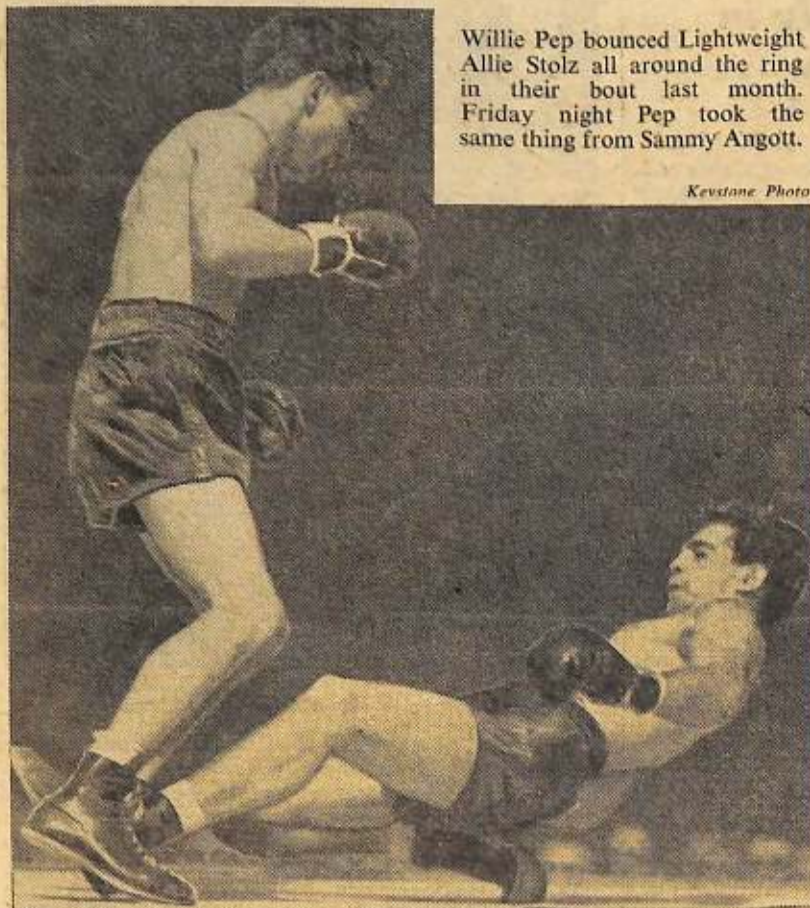
DETROIT, Mar. 21—Harry Holiday, University of Michigan sophomore, clipped a tenth of a second from the world record for the 200-meter backstroke here. His time in the Detroit AC trials was two minutes 22.9 seconds.

The world mark is held by Adolph Kiefer, formerly of Chicago and now in the Navy. Officials said that Holiday's time won't be entered for record until after the war.

Cleveland Subdues Providence

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Mar. 21—Cleveland beat Providence, 4-2, taking the second straight game and the series in the fifth-sixth place playoffs of the American Hockey League.

It Wasn't Like This Friday



Willie Pep bounced Lightweight Allie Stolz all around the ring in their bout last month. Friday night Pep took the same thing from Sammy Angott.

Kevstone Photo

National High School Rules To Be Used in ETO Playoffs

American soldier basketball teams participating in the ETO cage tourney which opens at Albert Hall Mar. 30 will play according to the 1943 rule book used by national high schools. The Stars and Stripes Athletic committee announced yesterday.

Deciding that most of the players will be more closely acquainted with high school rules than any others, the committee pointed out that in the long run it should be a distinct advantage.

Under high school rules, a quarter is eight minutes, while college teams play a full 20-minute half without a break except for times out.

Under the rules to be used in the ETO meet, there will be two-minute intermissions between the first and second quarters and between the third and fourth quarters,

besides a ten minute break between the halves.

Officials also may declare intermissions in the second and fourth quarters providing there has not been time out taken by either team during the first four minutes of those quarters.

Each team will be allowed ten minutes warmup time before the game.

The squads will be limited to 12 men, ten of whom must be players. After these names have been entered, no further changes in personnel will be allowed. All the teams will be allowed to enter one officer as a playing member.

Because of the inadequate supply of rules books on hand, it will be impossible to supply each team with a book. However, any questions concerning 1943 rules for National high school teams will be answered by The Stars and Stripes Sports Editor, Printing House Square, London, EC4.

Jake LaMotta Stops Reeves

DETROIT, Mar. 21—Jake LaMotta, "Hometown Boy" borrowed from New York's Bronx, kayced Jimmy Reeves, of Cleveland, in the sixth round of a grudge fight at Olympia Stadium Friday night. A crowd of about 10,000 saw the husky LaMotta avenge two previous defeats at the hands of the Cleveland Negro.

The sixth-round knockdown surprised the fans who watched the contestants battle evenly in the first five. The judges had given LaMotta the second and fifth, Reeves the third and fourth. The first was even.

The knockout came after two minutes and 20 seconds of the sixth round with a long blow to Reeves' chin. It followed a jab that sent Reeves to the canvas and apparently left him groggy and an easy victim for the finishing touch.

LaMotta weighed 159½, Reeves 159½.

Bobby Jones Now a Major

ATLANTA, Ga., Mar. 21—Bobby Jones, who won 13 major golf championships including the "grand slam" in 1930, has been promoted from an Army captain to a major. Commissioned a captain in the Army Air Force last June, Maj. Jones is connected with the First Fighter Command in New York.

Sammy Presti Missing at Sea

CHICAGO, Mar. 21—Sammy Lo Presti, former goalie of the Chicago Black Hawks' hockey team, is included in the Navy's list of the missing. Friends heard that Lo Presti commanded a merchant ship gun crew.

Phillips Oilers Take Cage Title

DENVER, Col., Mar. 21—The Phillips 66 Oilers from Bartlesville, Okla., won the National AAU basketball championship here yesterday by whipping the defending champions, the Denver Legions, 57-40.

The Legions reached the finals by toppling the tournament favorites, the Cowboys of Wyoming, 41-33, while the Oilers swamped the University of Denver. Yesterday Wyoming came off with third place in the tourney with a 58-45 victory over Denver.

Gruenig Stars for Losers

The Oilers, twice beaten in the regular season by Wyoming, had an easy time with the Legions. The latter hadn't played together until two weeks before the tournament. This year's team included only one man from last year's championship quintet—Ace Gruenig—and they entered the tournament only as a gesture to defend the title. But they breezed through until they wilted before the Oilers' dazzling speed last night.

Gruenig was mighty in defeat, scoring 21 points himself. The Oilers' scoring was evenly distributed. Former Oklahoma star Jimmy McNatt sparked the Oilers with 11 points, frequently dribbling through the entire Legion team. Fred Pralle, formerly of Kansas, lived up to his long shot reputation by netting 11 points, ten on long ones.

The losers showed their lack of practice for the first time in the tournament, allowing their defense to break on numerous occasions and failing to capitalize on setups.

Blondie

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



by Chic Young

Army Rejects Slapsie, He Has Two Bad Ears

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 21—Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom's apparently perfect right ear, not cauliflowered as the left one, is the reason for the boxer, actor and night club operator being rejected by the Army.

The Army medics said Maxie's ear drum is perforated and classified him 4-F. Maxie said he'd see if he could get it fixed, then try again. He wants to be an Army physical instructor.

RAF Drops All Stars, 6-2

Second Period Rally Not Enough to Overcome Margin

By Fred Patton

Stars and Stripes Special Correspondent

BOURNEMOUTH, Mar. 21—Meeting a superior and more experienced team, the — Division All-Star soccer team suffered its second defeat of the season before a British audience as the Royal Air Force soccer team scored a 6-2 triumph before 1,000 fans here yesterday.

Once again S/Sgt. Jules Bianconi, of Baltimore, thrilled the British spectators with his unorthodox style of playing, as he continually threw the ball 50 yards after making a save. Besides Bianconi, Cpl. John Moxley, of Bel Air, Md., and Pfc Wallace Fleming, of Kennett Square, Pa., were the outstanding players for the All-Stars.

Sgt. Frank Carnes, of Baltimore, playing at right fullback, was injured during the fracas and had to leave the contest with 20 minutes to play.

Gardiner Big Gun For RAF

The game opened with the Americans kicking off. The British team recovered and shot down the field with Pilot Officer Chalky White booting the ball home after three minutes had passed. The remainder of the period saw the All-Star eleven on the defensive. Just before half-time they brought the ball down the field in good fashion, but lacked the speed and maneuverability to boot it home for a score.

Warrant Officer Arthur Gardiner was the big gun for the British eleven as he scored five goals, four of them in the first period and the other in the second.

In the second half the All-Stars went more on the offensive and toward the end of the period they began to find themselves. Pfc Frank Warga, of Baltimore, opened the scoring with a penalty kick with two minutes left to play.

Two Games This Week

Spurred on, the All-Stars kept up a furious attack and maneuvered the ball down the field, Pfc Anthony Slobick, of Sturgeon, Pa., slipped a tally past the goalie on a pass from Fleming.

The All-Stars will meet a British MP team on the home field Tuesday before tackling the British Army eleven on Saturday.

All-Stars	P	RAF
Bianconi	G	Simpson
Carnes	RB	Wright
Dimmick	RB	J. Simpson
Moxley	LH	Curtis
Beacham	CH	Troke
Warga	LH	Rothers
Slobick	LF	Waring
Denski	LF	White
Fleming	CF	Gardiner
Kuomo	RF	Connell
Sienuta	RF	Lumb

Ott Giving Joe Oregno Chance at First Base Post

LAKEWOOD, N.J., Mar. 21—Manager Mel Ott has handed over the regular first base job of the New York Giants to Joe Oregno, former infielder for the Cards, "for keeps if he makes good."

It will be Oregno's biggest chance since he broke into the majors in 1939 and also may solve Ott's biggest infield headache—replacing regular first sacker Johnny Mize.

McNitt Reassures Golfers

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 21—Ed Dudley, president of the Professional Golfers' Association, says that he has been assured by War Manpower Commissioner Paul McNitt that the Government considers golfing and other recreational sports a good thing for physical fitness as long as the sportsmen are not absent from work and don't abuse the transportation facilities.

Cards, Dodgers Have Players To Take Flag

All-Around Strength Still Greater Than Other Clubs in Loop

By Grantland Rice

New York Sun Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Mar. 21—The temptation to start picking the pennant winners is too strong to resist with the March gusts drifting in from the barren lands. Considerable comment has been offered that in place of this being a two-club National League race, it will be a wide-open scramble due to the exigencies of war.

But the fact is increasingly apparent that the St. Louis Cardinals and the Brooklyn Dodgers are still the two most formidable teams in the National League. Unless there's a decided shift later on because of the draft, they still have too many good ball players.

The Cooper brothers battery alone is something to beat. In addition to this able pair, St. Louis has eight to ten good pitchers, a good infield and a pretty fair outfield. Good men have gone, but the majority have remained. Third Baseman Whitey Kurowski's rejection by the Army did not hurt the Cardinals a bit.

A Good Infield

The Dodgers also have their share of working talent. Mickey Owen is one of the game's best behind the bat. There is good pitching available, although a trifle venerable, and there's a first-class infield with Camilli, Herman, Durocher and Vaughn. This is not a kid infield, but it's a good one with a pretty fair punch.

No one is dead sure how long the leading people wearing Cardinal and Dodger colors will be hanging around, but most of them will be playing for some time through the Summer unless there's a swift change in the deferment plan for those with young dependents.

As the slightly chilly case now stands, the Dodgers and the Cardinals not only are the teams to beat, but they also have a chance to open up another extended gap.

Just what other National League club might move up and leave the monkey wrench in the direction of the clubs directed by Billy Southworth and Leo Durocher is still too vague a guess.

More Than Six Days For Phils

The Giants suffered a number of hard blows. The Reds show no improvement over their futile hitting of last year. Frankie Frisch will make a desperate effort to lift his Pittsburgh Pirates above their 1942 pace, but he still lacks the material that belongs to St. Louis and Brooklyn. The Cubs have not shown any improvement, but the Braves may pick up a few strides.

Rebuilding the Phillies will not be done in a single season. It may have taken six days to build the world, but the Phillies are a much rougher operation. They're sure to find improvement later under Ducky Harries, a resourceful manager, but just how far away happens to be something else again.

The Winter sports campaign in the East and West has shown that the crowds will be there. Boxing, basketball, hockey, indoor track—the turnstile count has baffled even the leading optimists. The vast crowd of fans, whatever the sport, apparently no longer demands big names. Sports followers carry a yearning to see good competition—and they see almost any game that has action.

New Board of Directors For Phillies Named

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 21—With the official transference of the ownership of the Philadelphia Phillies yesterday to a syndicate headed by New York lumberman Bill Cox, the board of directors of the club was revealed.

They are John Marshall Briley, New York attorney; John Potter, Philadelphia; Wister Randolph, Philadelphia; Stanley "Bucky" Harris, manager of the Phils; George Fletcher, Mount Vernon, N.Y., building contractor.

The board named Cox president, Fletcher secretary and treasurer. Cox says the vice-president and additional members of the syndicate will be named next week.

Hawk Coach Fined

MONTREAL, Mar. 21—Paul Thompson, coach of the Chicago Black Hawks, has been fined \$100 by Mervyn "Red" Dutton, acting president of the National Hockey League, for a fight with Referee Norman Lamport over a disputed goal. Thompson also was suspended indefinitely.

Tommy Thompson Inducted

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 21—Tommy Thompson, Philadelphia Eagles' ace forward passer and an outstanding star in the National Football League, has been inducted into the Army, although an eye condition resulted in his being classified for limited service.

Division Champions to Fight at Rainbow Corner

Phils' Chances Slim Even With Changes Made

New Owner, New Manager, What They Need is New Players

By Franklin Yeutter

Philadelphia Bulletin Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 21—Since last season when the last-place Phillies won only 41 games, they have had a grand slam overhauling—a new owner, new manager, new trainer, new coach and new hope. Now they only need new players.

William D. Fox, New York lumber man, heads the syndicate which bought the Phillies for an estimated \$200,000 from the National League which had secured the club from Gerald P. Nugent.

Bucky Harris, former Washington, Detroit and Boston Red Sox pilot, was named manager. It is his 20th successive year as a pilot since he led the Washington Senators to a World Series triumph in '24, his freshman year.

Harris opened training last Monday with 13 players—the smallest squad in major league history—at Hershey, Pa. His task is almost hopeless unless last minute deals bring good players, but he exhorted his players to "at least think like major leaguers and forget their defeatist attitude."

Not Much Left

The club lost 17 players to the services and sold two of their few first classers. Fireball Rube Melton, right hander, was traded to Brooklyn, Nick Ettan, potential slugging first baseman, was traded to the Yankees for Ed Levy, also a first sacker, and Pitcher Al Gettel. Albie Glossop, a fair shortstop, and Lloyd Waner, ancient outfielder, also went to Brooklyn for slick fielding, weak hitting first sacker Babe Dahlgren.

In the services are Lee Grissom, Frank Hoerst, Dale Jones, Joe Marty, Ike Pearson, Lou Behrends, John Peterman, Heinie Mueller, Sam Nahem, Bill Burich, Johnny Mulligan, Bill Frye, Hugh Mulcahy, Jim Mussial, Ed Hudke,* Tom Hughes and Jack Freed.

What Harris has left is not much. Two of the best are Dahlgren and Outfielder Danny Litwiler, who can both hit and field. Other fychasers are Earl Naylor, who's trying to learn to hit, and Ronald Northey, who can hit but doesn't, and Old Chuck Klein.

Cox Protesting to Landis

The pitchers are Johnny Podgawny, Si Johnson, Johnny Allen (temperamental veteran obtained from the Dodgers in the Melton sale), Gordon Flichtcraft, Andy Lapihuska, Walter Beck, Ed Hennessey and Al Gettel, who already has notified the club that he is remaining on his farm for the duration.

Behind the plate will be Bill Andskem, Philadelphia sandlotter, and vet Tom Livingstone. Ed Levy was going to be used at first base to allow Dahlgren to play third, but he has been reclassified I-A. Owner Cox is protesting to Commissioner Landis over the Ettan deal which produced duds Gettel and Levy. Danny Murtaugh is ticketed for second base, Bob Bragan, converted catcher, at short, and Merrill May at third.

Cox has predicted that the Phillies will finish at least sixth. It's possible, considering the war situation, but doubtful no matter what happens.

Service Baseball League To Start in Southwest

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Mar. 21—Down this way there's promise of some regular baseball sunshine and it isn't a weather report that will give aid and comfort to the enemy. It looked for awhile that the suspending of the Texas League and the Western Association would deprive the fans of their baseball fare, but they are going to have a very interesting substitute.

It is a six-team service league manned almost entirely by professionals including many former big leaguers. The circuit is sponsored by Ly. Charlie Gelbert who used to do a lot of short stopping for the St. Louis Cardinals and who will train and play with his naval training base team at Norman.

Other members starting the 60-game schedule on May 15 include the Enid Flying School, Purcell Naval Gunnery School, the Will Rogers Air Base and Tinker Field, all of which are here.

The two Norman teams have the only major league talent now, but the others are hopefully watching the draft boards.

Dickey Still a Holdout

ASBURY PARK, Mar. 21—Bill Dickey, only official Yankee holdout, can come to camp here or stay away as long as he likes. It's all the same to Manager Joe McCarthy, who has expressed utter indifference to the absence of his number one receiver who already has missed five days' practice. Joe said, "He hasn't signed a contract and I wouldn't let him work out here until he did, so he might as well stay in Arkansas."

No Record—But He Made One Later



Cornelius Warmerdam sails over the bar at the Madison Square Garden—at 15 feet 8 inches—but he missed, knocking off the bar with his hand on his way down. On Saturday, however, at Chicago, Warmerdam broke his own world's record with a jump of 15 feet, 8½ inches.

Weekly Sports Quiz

- 1—Who was the last batter to hit .400 in the major leagues?
- 2—What boxer was called the Nebraska Wildcat?
- 3—What fight drew the first million dollar gate?
- 4—What pitcher was sold for the most money?
- 5—How many American-born golfers have won the British Open?

New Vault Mark By Warmerdam

Sets Indoor and Outdoor World Record of 15 Ft. 8½ In.

CHICAGO, Mar. 21—Cornelius Warmerdam, of the Navy Preflight School at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, dazzled 14,000 Chicago Relay fans here by breaking his own world pole vault record with a leap of 15 feet eight and one-half inches. His former indoor record was 15 feet seven and one-quarter inches and his outdoor mark was 15 feet seven and three-quarters.

Corny cleared the bar on his first try at the record height after roaring down the 140-foot straightaway with a sprinter's speed. He nicked the bar with his elbow as he started to fall, but the bar shivered and stayed on. It was his 31st leap over 15 feet—a height no other mortal has ever cleared. Later he attempted the 16-foot mark, but failed three times.

Dodds First in Mile

Gil Dodds, Boston College divinity student, blurred the season's mile picture by winning the classic Bankers' Mile in four minutes eight and five-tenths seconds over his arch rivals, Earl Mitchell of Indiana and Frank Dixon of NYU. Dixon had beaten Dodds and Mitchell in three previous meetings and appeared unchallengeable as the mile king. However, Dodds' victory in the season's fastest time now leaves the question of supremacy unsettled. It appears that Dodds is best on his best days while Dixon is undoubtedly the most consistent. Three times this season Dodds has bettered Dixon's best time of four minutes nine and six-tenths seconds, but in the other major races he's been way behind.

Dodds followed his successful strategy of his other victory by setting a blistering pace in the first half, then stumbling home. However this time he seized the lead at the opening gun to insure a terrific first quarter in 59 seconds. His second quarter was 61 for history's first competitive mile in which the first half mile was run as fast as two minutes flat. At the half mile Dodds had a 20-yard margin on Dixon and Mitchell. They gave him chase as he slowed down, but did not have nearly enough sprint to catch him. He won by ten yards.

4 Glove Titles To Coast Guard

NEW YORK, Mar. 21—Eight civilians and servicemen were crowned champions at the finals of the Eastern Golden Gloves amateur boxing tournament at Madison Square Garden.

Here with the home towns are the civilian titlists:

- 112-pound class—Clifford Smith, Charlotte, N.C.
- 118-pound class—Billy Hernandez, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 126-pound class—Jackie Floyd, Philadelphia.
- 135-pound class—Max Gonzales, Puerto Rico.
- 147-pound class—Sandro Curubia, New York.
- 160-pound class—Dale Heersche, Newark, N.J.
- 175-pound class—Alfred Labreque, Philadelphia.
- Heavyweight—Eddie Irwin, New York.

The service divisions results were: 120-pound class—Pvt. Harvey Readwell kayoed Harold Powell, Coast Guard, in the second round. 127-pound class—John Gehlen, Coast Guard, outpointed W. D. Barrett, Navy. 135-pound class—Pvt. Roy Collier outpointed Andy Casha, Coast Guard. 145-pound class—Pfc John Wilson scored a TKO over Tino Rains, Coast Guard, third round. 155-pound class—Solomon Eaddy, Navy, outpointed Pvt. Charles Jones. 165-pound class—Herb Kroeten, Coast Guard, scored a TKO over Pvt. Thomas Branch, third round. 175-pound class—Nick Gallicchio, Coast Guard, scored a TKO over Pvt. George Bellinger, third round.

Heavyweight—Cornelius Young, Coast Guard, scored a TKO over Bob Phelan, Navy, first round.

Harry Boykoff, Levane On All-New York Quintet

NEW YORK, Mar. 21—St. John's aces, Center Harry Boykoff and Forward Fuzzy Levane, were the only unanimous choices for the All-Metropolitan basketball team chosen by New York City sports writers.

Guards Sam Mele, NYU, Bob Mullens, Fordham, and Forward Dick Murphy, Manhattan, won other first team spots. Larry Baxter, St. John's, made the second team composed of Forwards Fleischman, NYU, and Baxter, Center Johnny Mills, Hofstra, Guards Lewis, LIU, and Fenley, Manhattan.

Bisons Even Playoffs

HERSHEY, Pa.—The Buffalo Bisons evened the playoffs for the championship of the American Hockey league by defeating the Hershey Bears, 5—2.

Prospects Good For Grid Giants

Cox Protesting to Landis New Recruits Solving Draft Problem

NEW YORK, Mar. 21—President Jack Mara and Coach Steve Owen of the New York football Giants are almost jubilant these days over the prospects of their footballers. Six weeks ago Stout Steve wasn't even sure the National Football League should try to operate next Fall because of the apparent lack of playing talent which is necessary to hold up the circuits high standard. The status of the prospective Giant lineup hasn't since changed for the better (in fact, Owen doesn't know of more than half a dozen of last year's men who might be available), but, nevertheless, he and Mara are happy.

It all happened like this. After last Fall's playoff game between the Chicago Bears and the Washington Redskins, pro-football Commissioner Elmer Layden gave various League members the names of 1,000 college seniors, giving each club permission to write to all of them in order to get as much information as possible when the circuit holds its postponed draft in April.

Practise at Night

Mara says, "We wrote to everyone of them and you should see the letters we're receiving. I've never seen such a response from boys who want to play pro football. We must have over 500 letters and more coming in daily. We've heard from all types—seniors waiting to be called into service and those who have been deferred."

At the Chicago meeting in April the Giants plan to recommend the lowering of the present 33-player limit to 25. Owen points out that several teams finished last season with well under the limit and in the League's early days clubs operated with as few as 20 players and played on successive days.

Owen has a plan for the Giants to work out near defense industries, practising nights and playing weekends. "It worked for such a fine independent club as Patterson, (N.J.) last Fall. I don't see why we can't do it in the majors."

London Nine Workout Today

The London Base Command baseball team stages the second of four workouts today at 6 PM in Hyde Park. Over 20 candidates turned out for yesterday afternoon's practice session. Workouts have also been scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday.

Musial Wants More Cash

DONORA, Pa., Mar. 21—As far as Outfielder Stan Musial is concerned, the next move is up to the Cardinals' management in his salary dispute with the St. Louis club. Musial said that he had been offered a "slight raise, but far from enough."

Playboys Reach Ulster Finals

Air Force Five Will Face Thunderbolts for Playoff Berth

BELFAST, Mar. 21—The finals have been reached in the two basketball tournaments being staged at the Red Cross club here to determine the Northern Ireland representatives to the ETO championship tournament contests in London starting Mar. 30.

In the Eighth Air Force Composite Command eliminations, the Playboys trounced the Flying MPs, 23—8, and will meet the Thunderbolts for the Air Force championship. Sgt. Hugh Smith, of Shaw, Miss., scored ten points to lead the Playboys. Sgt. William Kempe, of Newport, R.I., tallied six of his team's eight points.

An upset featured one of the semi-final contests in the SOS tournament when the Pill Rollers dropped a heartbreaker to an inspired Redbird quintet, 18—16. It was 10—all at the half. T/4 Harold Huey, of Washington, Ind., and Pfc Robert Bell, of Cleveland, were the scoring mainstays for the Redbirds, while Sgt. Orley Fiscus, of Waterloo, Iowa, paced the Pill Rollers.

In the other semi-final, the GIs came through with a 41—35 victory over the Quartermaster Eight Balls. Scoring guns for the GIs were T/4 Owen Poucher, of Ridgeville, Ind., who collected 12 points, and Pvt. Quido Peluso, of Tacoma, Wash., who potted 16 points. The Eight Balls were led by Pfc James Bush, of Hazard, Ky., who registered eight field goals. The Redbirds and GIs will meet for the SOS title.

Rutgers Swimming Team Crowned Eastern Champs

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Mar. 21—Rutgers captured the Eastern Intercollegiate swimming championship meet, but it was a hollow triumph since the Yale team that would have won in a walkaway was not entered.

Ed Hall, of Massachusetts State, and Gene Rogers, Columbia freshman, each won two titles, Hall taking the 100-yard and the 50-yard free styles, Rogers the 220 and the 440-yard free styles.

Engineers Route Corps Hq.

AN ENGINEER STATION, Mar. 21—S/Sgt. Alex Zukowski, of Iron River, Mich., paced the all-regimental team of this station to a 30-23 victory over a five from Army Corps. Zukowski score 11 tallies on five field goals and one foul. The softball team dropped a Medics combination, 14—7. T/5 Lou Gambell hurled for three innings allowing no runs.

Seven Titlists Included On 12-Bout Card

Will Meet Combined Team Of Artillerymen and Engineers

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Seven champions of the — Division are among the 24 fighters who will appear on the first inter-team battle to be staged at the weekly Stars and Stripes bouts at the Rainbow Corner tomorrow night. They will be fighting a combined team of Artillerymen and Engineers.

The Artillery-Engineer team is the same aggregation of boxers which last Friday polished off an RAF squad, taking eight bouts out of ten. Most of them have appeared on the Stars and Stripes fight cards before.

Best known to the Corner fight fans of recent weeks is Pvt. Edward Whalen, of Brooklyn, N.Y. Two weeks ago Whalen toppled three-time winner Pvt. Johnny Venezia in a quick three-rounder and last week he knocked off Pfc Joe Defiglio with a second-round knockout.

Kayo Winners

Another Stars and Stripes standby who will be fighting for the combined team is Pvt. Frank Missella, of Cleveland. In five appearances he has taken all but one, the last a loss to Indiana Golden Glove champ Pvt. Jim Yonkers.

Four others on the team have been on the programs and all of them have kayo records. Cpl. Andrew McGinty, of Cleveland, scored a one-round knockout over Pvt. David Greenberg on Feb. 2. 1/Sgt. George Patrick, of Philadelphia, was a TKO winner on Feb. 16 over Pfc James Isbestor and Pvt. Ernest Passamoni, of Iron River, Mich., repeated on the same card over Pvt. Martin Forland. Pvt. John Robinson, of Kansas City, Kan., has been in the Corner twice and racked up victories on both occasions. He outpointed Cpl. Alvah Payne on Feb. 16 and then, four days later, polished off Sgt. Henry Hoff with a TKO in the third round in a preliminary during the Eighth Air Force tournament.

Fights To Be Filmed

The division team will be headed by the two boys who went to a draw in the finals for the lightweight crown. They are Cpl. George Spontak, of Pittsburgh, and Pvt. Charlie Schnappauf, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Only two of the team have appeared at the Corner before. They are Pfc Joe Abbound, of Omaha Neb., and Pvt. Chester Marcinkiewicz, of Culpmont, Pa. Abbound, a division semi-finalist, outpointed Sgt. Ellis LaGrange on Jan. 26 and Marcinkiewicz scored a technical kayo over Pfc Lewis Sharpe.

The other finalists in the division tourney who will compete tomorrow are: Pfc Don Webber, Roanoke, Va., winner in the 126-pound class; Pfc James Grantham, Pulaski, Va., 155-pound winner; Pvt. Benny Droll, Peoria, Ill., middleweight champion, and Pvt. Vincent Kozak, Hazelton, Pa., heavyweight champion. Runner-up to Kozak, Sgt. William Direks, of Cumberland, Md., also will be on the team.

The first movies to be taken of the Rainbow Corner fights will be filmed tomorrow when Army Signal Corps cameramen will record the event for distribution in the U.S.

Dodgers Switch Herman From Second to Third

NEW YORK, Mar. 21—Here is the latest dope on the comings and goings of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

From California, Dolph Camilli has announced that he will leave on April 2 with Arky Vaughn for the Dodgers' training camp at Bear Mountain, N.Y.

Rube Melton, right-hander, whom the Brooks bought from the Phillies for a reported \$30,000, has accepted terms for the coming season. He won nine and lost 20 for the Phils last season, but he is slated to start as a regular for the Dodgers.

Billy Herman has been switched from second to third by Manager Durocher, thus opening a two-man battle for the keystone spot between Alex Kampouris and Albie Glossop, former members of the Giants. Both broke into the majors with the Reds.

Browns Lack Players

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., Mar. 21—"Absenteeism" has caused Manager Luke Sewell of the Browns to draft outfielders for the infield and pitchers for the outfield. Sewell has only 18 men, and while he expects his entire squad to be filled out shortly, he's been forced to juggle the lineup daily.

Nat Hurlers Lack Experience COLLEGE PARK, Md., Mar. 21—Washington Senators' Manager Ossie Bluege has 16 pitchers working under Coach Clyde Milan, but six have had no professional experience. Jack Stewart, Washington sandlot hurler, is the latest to join the contingent.

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Hash Marks

Soldiers, sailors and marines didn't get to vote in this contest, but we don't think there will be many squawks about the taste of New York City exhibitors. At an international beauty show they picked Janet Blair as America's No. 1 blonde; Joy Hodges as No. 1 brunette and (for the second consecutive year) Rita Hayworth as No. 1 redhead.

U.S. citizen least worried by clothes rationing was Fandancer Sally Rand. She told her ration board that clothes made



little difference to her, but that she needed 50 pairs of shoes a year. She wears out a pair a week dancing, she says. Says the ration board, "you get three pairs a year." Is there a fan shortage? We hope, we hope.

Here's our idea of the "ultimate" in requests. A British hotel goes to all this trouble to say, "please go easy on the hot water." "Owing to the dislocation of transport caused by the severe weather there is difficulty in obtaining fuel, and it is hoped that our visitors will kindly cooperate by being as careful as possible in the use of hot water." Incidentally, there's a war on, too, you know.

We don't know what your particular dream girl is like, but a group of discerning male film stars voted that their dream woman should possess Hedy Lamarr's face, Irene Dunne's charm, Greer Garson's ability, Myrna Loy's personality, Judy Garland's waist, Claudette Colbert's eyes, Lana Turner's bust, Rita Hayworth's hair, Betty Grable's legs and Zorina's hands (and Doris Duke's bankroll?).

The tailors down in North Africa are really going after the business. In newspapers there they are running large advertisements, which are unique to say the least, because they list phrases that a prospective customer is likely to want to use. They list the phrase in French, then English, then spell it phonetically. We studied the last very carefully and found words such as "trousers," "collar," "vest," and full phrases like "the sleeves are too short," "the waist is too tight," but nowhere could we find the old standby, "Sam, you made the pants too long!"

A tugboat captain rubbed his eyes and blinked when he looked up and saw a horse swimming six miles off-shore.



Using his tug as a cow-pony, he "rounded-up" the horse, herded it on to a reef and hauled feed there for three days until he could get back with a barge and take the nag ashore.

PRIVATE BREGER



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"THERE'S your patient! My helper passed out!"

Where Veterans Do Rookie Drill



Transferees, Citizens Abroad Become U.S. Soldiers

By Philip Bucknell Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

—TH REPLACEMENT DEPOT, England, Mar. 21—The Americanization of Americans and giving basic training to veteran soldiers is the job of "F" Company at this camp.

The problem of transferring to American colors those soldiers who jumped the gun and got themselves into the war before Pearl Harbor has been solved at this field. A basic course on the lines of the rookie training back home is being run under Capt. Herman E. Riley, a veteran with 21 years' service, and 2/Lt. Roy D. Knapp, of Ripley, W. Va.

To this camp come men who have fought the retreat to Dunkirk, men who attacked the beaches of Dieppe—to learn to be American soldiers.

With them in the awkward squad are youngsters of 18 and 19 who left the States as children and have come into the Army with English accents and an enthusiasm for everything American.

Learn the Language

Enlisted in London by Lt. Winston K. Pendleton, of Virginia, they have plunged into a world of KPs, chow, hup-two-three-fours and pretty GI cusswords. The cusswords first strike visitors to the company. Bending over backwards to be doughboys, they acquire soldier language long before they get the accent, and the sound of "bastard" in accents ranging from cockney to Mayfair is a cherished memory.

But they're smart. S/Sgt. John Stadnik, of Williamstown, N.J., and Sgt. Ralph Layton, of Peasgrove, N.J., the instructors, are willing to stack 'em up against any other company in the camp. "Teaching these boys is a lot of fun," says Stadnik. "Whether they are men



Brushing up on the rifle position while at "present arms" is part of the day's work (top) at a Replacement depot in England, where Americans, who were already in somebody else's army when Pearl Harbor happened, are being taught their basic training. Pvt. Henry Wilgus, Chicago (below), gets rifle instruction from S/Sgt. John Stadnik, of Williamstown, N.J.

with years of army background—we have had one ex-sergeant from the Coldstream Guards—or just straight rookies, they are on the ball, all right."

One of the rookies, Pvt. Dennis Huston, was born in London of American parents. Now just turned 18, he has spent only four months in the States as a visitor, but he is an American soldier.

Pvt. Alexander F. Spooner, 25, was born in Detroit, but he came over here at the age of 13, had English schooling, and worked as a bell hop in some of the ritziest hotels in London.

"This is the life," he says. "Mind you, I never forgot I was American. I even ran a baseball team over here."

From the British Army came Pvt. Philip Manter, who was seven when he exchanged the hills of Oregon for one of the classiest colleges in England. But two years in the British ranks have helped to break down an incipient "Oxford accent."

Discipline Not So Strict

"The discipline in the U.S. Army certainly is not so strict as in the British, but from everything I have seen I am as keen as hell to get into the line with the Americans. They are grand soldiers."

Manter, incidentally, topped even the instructors' scores on the rifle range. For most rookies there was a voluptuous sprinkling of Maggie's drawers.

A lot has been said about Yanks who transferred from the Canadians, and some resentment might have been expected when the American Army told these boys that they were just raw recruits all over again. Not a bit of it.

"We realise we have a lot to learn," said S/Sgt. Marion Miller, of Steubenville, Ohio, who has two and a half years with the Canadians. "All we ask is that we can get action as soon as possible."

"Send us to Africa," is the plea of Pvt. Leland Wittler, of Humphrey, Neb.; Nabih Kotite, of New York (Kotite is of full-blooded Arabian descent), and Robert Elsey, of Stonewall, Ohio. For the record, be it noted these men actually want to go to the infantry.

The training at the camp is much the same as recruits went through at home. Up in the morning early, roll call and chow-lines. Dodging the black list and weekly inspections. Close formation,

callisthenics and manual of arms. Passes are sometimes known as "pahses," and there is talk of "mahss formation" when standing retreat, but basics here are the same as any place else. The same stick-ups on locker doors, the same beefs and the same barrack-room topics.

Sgt. Layton, the platoon sergeant, has a real affection for his men. "Of course, there is the usual proportion of gold-brickers," he admits, "but the stopping of a pass is usually enough to cure that. Every man is here because he wants to be. The soldiers come over from the Canadians have had to unlearn their high-kicking about faces and other fancy touches, and some of the youngsters have suffered under too many Hollywood illusions about army life, but it does not take any of them long to shake down. We are proud of them when they go out. They are real soldiers."

Pvt. Stanley Osborne, of Detroit, up to his arms in KP, has a summing up on this basic training in England. "I have lived in Europe now for eight years as a machine-tool demonstrator for an American firm, and I was in danger of becoming thoroughly Europeanized. I don't know what kind of a soldier they are making of me, but they are making me darned proud I'm American."

This from a guy up to his elbows in greasy dishes.

ARMY POETS

Prelude to Battle

Southward, and to the east somewhere, the sun Burns redly on the evening-tinted sand. A little smoke still drifts perhaps. A gun Still holds the heat of combat and command. And now, beyond horizons to the west, The moon regards a jungle-covered hill Where shadows stand in foxholes near the crest. The noises are the night's. The men are still.

But look, this dawn that rushes on the sky Is ours! Invincible as dawns ever were. We hold the right to yell our battle cry, To taste the fruits that victories confer, To launch assaults our own avenging way, And drive our salients through the blazing day. Sgt. Bruce Ford Stauderman.

Casualties

The Japanese in five and a half years of war with China have suffered more than two and a half million casualties in 27,344 engagements, according to statistics released by the Chinese National Military Council in Chungking.

Japanese casualties are computed by the Chinese Council as 642,657 killed, 1,287,802 wounded and 21,314 taken prisoner. In addition the Japanese suffered 590,000 casualties from various causes in rear areas.

An analysis of the character of the engagements fought between Japanese and Chinese forces shows there were 17 major battles, 844 battles, 14,806 minor engagements and 11,677 guerrilla combats.

Since 1937, continues the report, Japan has increased the strength of her forces in China from 26 divisions to 42 1/2 divisions in 1942. Despite the increase in the number of Japanese troops in China, all recent offensives launched by the Nipponese have been repulsed by Chinese forces.

These figures reflect the tremendous role China is playing in the present global war, for Japanese troops killed, wounded, captured, or tied down by Chinese armies cannot be used in operations against our own forces in the Pacific Theater.

War Department Slips

We knew it couldn't last. We arrived in England with a book in one hand that explained in detail just how to behave in a foreign land. Troops in North Africa, India, China and Australia were equally well equipped; but the War Department slipped. Spring has arrived, and although a Spring day in England is as unpredictable as a chorus girl's love affair we find ourselves hopelessly uninformed about local Spring customs. And this, we wish hurriedly to inform you, is not a matter to be treated lightly, as a few examples will prove, for on each and every one future luck and happiness depends.

In this study let us start in the field of economics. You must catch the first bumble bee you see this Spring and put it in your purse. The Scotch say you are sure not to run out of money till next Spring if you follow this advice; and who are we to question the Scotch on any matter of thrift?

For troops who are planning gardens it must be noted that bags of grain or other seed, when once put in the field for planting, should remain there until the sowing is over, whatever the weather may be, or ill-luck will result. Now you won't find this rule in Army Regulations or circular letters on troop gardens, and just think of the consequences—but for this timely warning.

For the romantic, the first time in Spring you hear the cuckoo's note the hearer must turn three times on the left heel, against the sun, then search in the hollow made by the heel and in it will be found a hair, the color of his future wife's tresses. No, we don't know what a cuckoo's note sounds like . . . that's up to you.

In Spring, farmers sprinkle horse, yoke and plow with salt water before they start plowing, and fishermen sprinkle themselves, all for good luck. As a great contribution to science we suggest jeeps and other military equipment should be given the same protection.

"Letting blood" is recommended as a Spring remedy. It should be let on the right side in the Spring, and if you face north the right side is the German side; so this seems like a sound idea. We pass it along free to the Eighth Bombardment Group, and we believe it will prove to be "good medicine" from our point of view.

Well, we hope by now everybody has the right idea . . . yep, it's Spring.

Clothing Factor

Newsweek points out the big unknown factor in the U.S. clothing situation at the present time is future Lend-Lease demands.

It's true that, on the basis of present indication, there's no need for any but voluntary rationing.

Despite the panic buying of all types of clothing (except men's furnishings) and the widespread hoarding of such items as linens and drapery and upholstery materials, manufacturers and distributors say stocks are adequate to meet demands for some time. But future military operations in Europe may alter the outlook. The invasion of North Africa carried in its wake considerable demand for textiles to supply the population there. Conditions in the occupied countries are so bad that no matter what area may be liberated by military action, the call for clothing of all types will be much heavier.

NEWS FROM HOME

U.S. Warships Better Armed Against Planes

100 Times More Ack-Ack Than At Pearl Harbor, Admiral Declares

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21 (AP)—U.S. Warships, the Chief of the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance declared in a week-end press conference here, are 100 times better armed against air attack now than they were at the time of Pearl Harbor.

Their defenses are "the best in the world," Rear-Adm. William Blandy asserted.

Illustrating the vast improvement that has taken place, he told of a recent engagement in the Pacific in which 30 to 40 Japanese planes attacked an American warship.

The ship's AA batteries threw up such a terrific barrage that between a third and a fourth of the Jap planes were shot down before they reached the bomb-release point. The rest turned tail and fled.

Adm. Blandy's statement accompanied one by Navy Secretary Frank Knox to the effect that present production figures indicated that 80 per cent more AA guns would be produced in 1943 than were turned out by American factories last year.

Maggie's Drawers

CHICAGO, Mar. 21—Edward (Spike) O'Donnell, prohibition-era beer baron, ducked death again yesterday when a gunman's bullet missed a vital spot to inflict a neck wound from which physicians said he would recover. It was the third time Spike has been on the spot—the third time he has escaped.

Coffin Makers On Strike

NEW YORK, Mar. 21—The Regional War Labor Board has announced that it had directed the employers of 700 striking coffin-makers not to deal with Local 1728 of the Casket Makers' Union while the strike is still in progress.

Steel Survey of British Powers

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21 (AP)—The WPB announced yesterday that a representative of the British Iron and Steel Control in conjunction with the WPB would make a survey of the steel situation in several British Dominions.

Try Grable Blackmail

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 21 (UP)—G-men were holding 18-year-old Russel Alexanderson on a blackmail charge today

War Costs \$253,400,000 Every Day, WPB Says

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21—The War Production Board brought in its eighth report yesterday, showing that the United States now was spending \$253,400,000 a day on the conduct of the war.

Where the money goes was shown in a production table which said the following increases had been chalked up in February, as compared with January: Total munitions, 8 per cent; aircraft, 10 per cent; ground ordnance, 11 per cent; Army and Navy vessels, 3 per cent; merchant vessels, 4 per cent; miscellaneous munitions, 6 per cent.

after he was trapped by a blonde extra girl who served as a stand-in for Betty Grable at a threatening letter rendezvous. She stood on a busy Hollywood street corner with a package of cut paper under her arm representing \$5,000. G-men grabbed Alexanderson when he approached the corner.

7 Dried Foods Go To Troops

Sec. Wickard Earmarks Vegetables For War Use

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21—With dehydrated foods becoming increasingly important in the diet of front line fighting forces, Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard today ordered that the entire production of seven major dehydrated vegetables be reserved to meet war needs.

Effective Mar. 21, all stocks and future production of dehydrated Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, cabbage, carrots, beets, onions and rutabagas are reserved, and others may be added later. Dehydrated soups are not reserved under the order.

While military needs will have priority on the supplies of these seven dehydrated products the order provides for the release of such quantities as may be found necessary for civilian consumers.

Civilian consumers are affected only indirectly by the order and not to a significant extent.

Italy Hinted at War in 1928, State Department Papers Reveal

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21 (AP)—The United States government was warned as long ago as 1928 of the "inevitable crisis" which would develop between 1935 and 1942 out of Italy's insistence on a "place in the sun," a State Department publication of documents revealed today.

Even then, the diplomatic documents said, Benito Mussolini foresaw that his policy of expansion would culminate in a crisis during the period which eventually opened with the Italian attack on Ethiopia and ended with the outbreak of the second World War.

On Feb. 10, 1929, the Italian Ambassador to the United States, Giacomo di Martini, called on William Castle, the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, to discuss the control from Italy of Fascist organizations in the United States, and said that the Italian population was growing so rapidly that it was necessary to

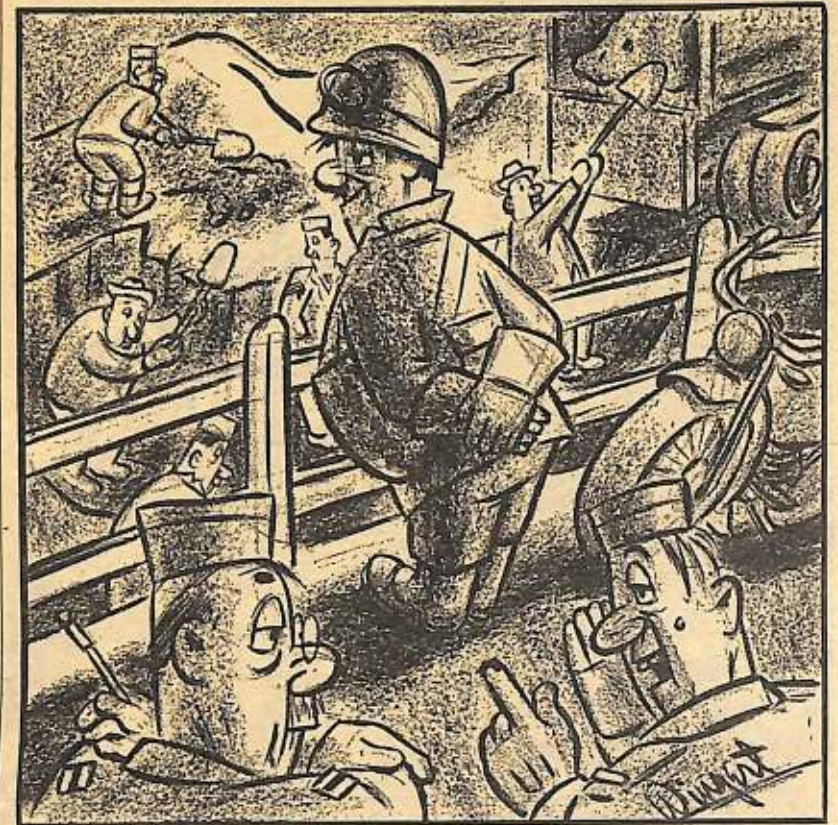
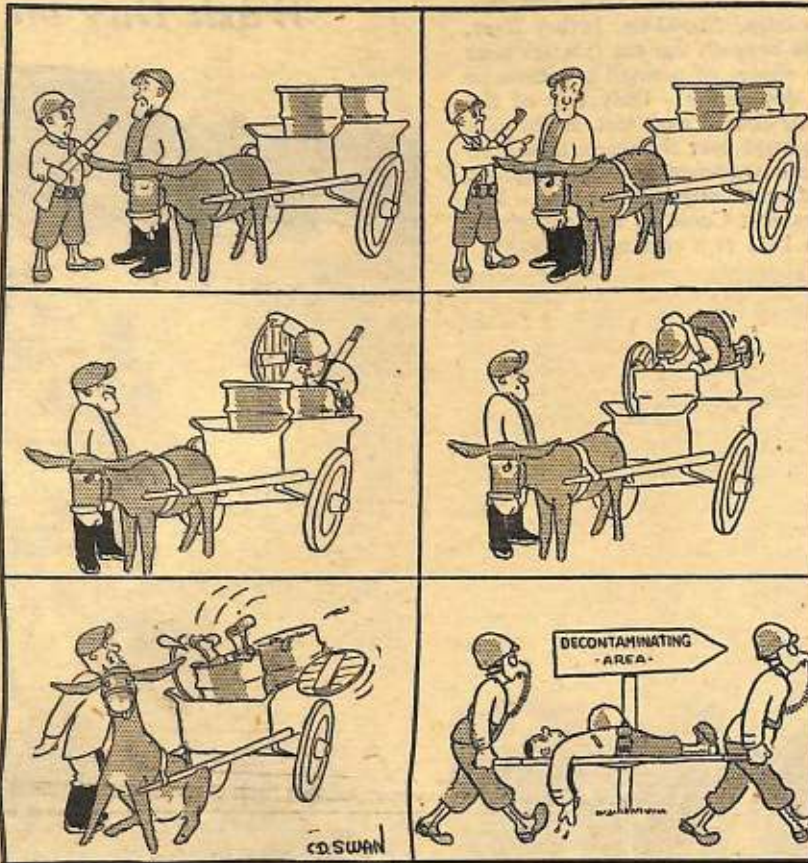
send some Italians "to Mediterranean countries."

That being the case, he said, it was inevitable that in from seven to 14 years "Italy would be facing a great crisis."

The documents indicated that even diplomats were not worrying about Hitler in 1928, or, if they were, they did not refer to it in writing. There are 82 pages of reports and documents concerning Germany, but they do not contain a single reference to Hitler or to the Nazi movement.

Coffee Squeeze in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Mar. 21—Approximately 20 Milwaukee coffee-lovers were crying in their beer today because their carefully thought-out plan for evading coffee rationing backfired on them. They ordered the beans direct from South American dealers. When the coffee arrived Customs Collector Henry V. Schwalbach phoned them to come and get it—and bring their ration cards.

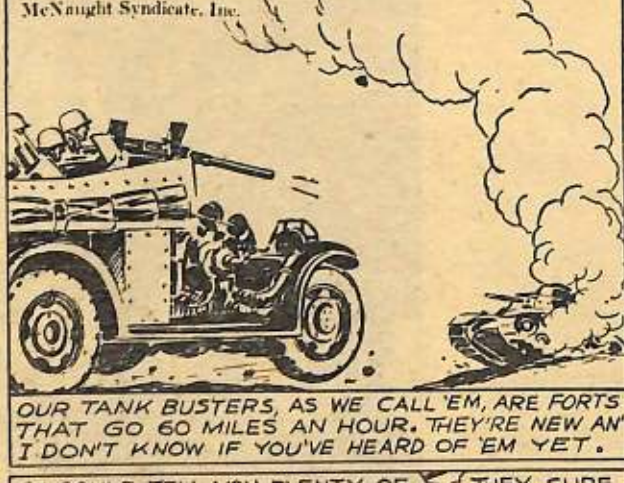


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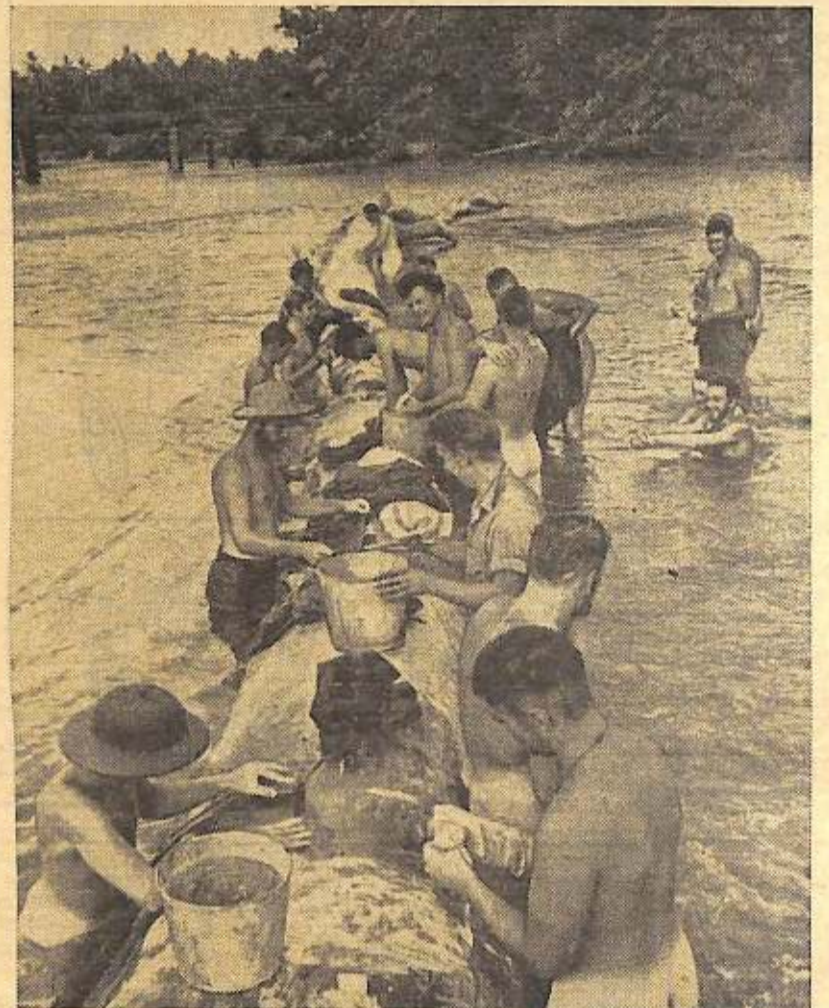
The Dying Moments of the U.S.S. President Coolidge



After striking a mine in the South Pacific, the U.S.S. President Coolidge, 22,000-ton luxury liner, slips beneath the sea (above) near the shores of a small isle close to its destination. Only five of the 4,000 aboard were lost, as the men swarmed over the sides, taking all of the equipment they could handle and swimming to the beach. The President Coolidge was completed in 1931 at a cost of \$8,000,000.



Wash Day on Guadalcanal



Associated Press Photo

The cool water of the Lunga river, Guadalcanal, serves a double use to American Army troops, who take a bath and wash their fatigue clothes at the same time.

She Was Never Lovelier



Swathed in this clinging lace number, Rita Hayworth, the most-talked-about actress in Hollywood and possibly the loveliest, wears this outfit in her new picture, "You Were Never Lovelier."

Planes Carry Anti-Tank Guns from Dakar to Battlefields



Sport and General Photo

Inside an American transport plane bound for Africa fronts, U.S. fliers check their cargo, which includes a U.S. anti-tank gun, at an American base in Dakar, French West Africa. Planes such as these are playing a big part in getting Allied equipment across the long supply lines in Africa.