

U.S. Troops Gain on New Front in North

Dawn Rites Highlight of ETO Easter

U.S. Servicemen Worship In Cathedrals, Camps; Parties for Orphans

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In bomb-scarred cathedrals and churches, at outdoor altars set up in city parks, and at their own camps and installations, American soldiers throughout Great Britain yesterday celebrated their second Easter of the war.

With music by their own military bands and with massed regimental flags as a colorful background members of the U.S. contingent in the British Isles joined with civilians and members of other Allied services in ceremonies commemorating the Resurrection of Christ.

Training activities were suspended for the day, but with pass and furlough restrictions in effect because of transportation problems the great majority of the troops attended services in their own camps.

Following the religious ceremonies, which began at sunrise, many of the camps continued a holiday practice inaugurated soon after the Americans arrived here. Evacuated and orphaned children were the soldiers' guests for the day, receiving gifts of candy, watching American movies and eating GI rations as a substitute for the traditional American Easter egg-rolling.

Hyde Park Sunrise Rites

Highlight of the day was the London Base Command sunrise service in Hyde Park, attended by Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, ETO Commanding General, and his chief of staff, Brig. Gen. Charles Henry Barth.

Soldiers and sailors on leave and a large contingent of the LBC which marched to the ceremony, led by the colors, made up a congregation of 2,000 worshippers.

British civilians and Allied servicemen and women were there at 6.45 AM to see how Americans celebrate the dawning of Easter Day.

From the bandstand, on which a simple altar had been erected, the Call to Worship and Invocation was given by Chaplain Chester R. McClelland, of Dallas.

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RAF Hammer Nazi Transport

Allied fighters and light bombers swept against Nazi targets in Belgium and France yesterday following a weekend of attacks against the overworked German transport and communications systems across the Channel.

Following Mosquito bomber raids against railway workshops and industrial targets in western Germany Saturday night, the Air Ministry revealed that the combined blows of American and RAF bombers and fighters are smashing up the Nazis' dwindling supply of locomotives at a rate of 150 a month.

American bombing raids on factories producing locomotives, plus Allied fighter sweeps against trains on tracks in France, Belgium and Holland, account for much of the damage.

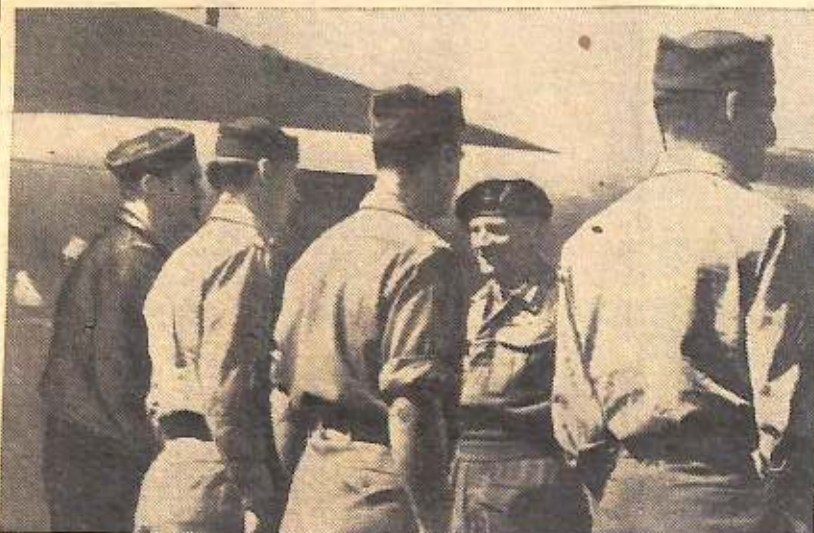
Seize Weapons In Hunt For Outlawed IRA Chief

BELFAST, Apr. 25—The Royal Ulster Constabulary seized a cache of arms and ammunition as they continued the house-to-house search here for Hugh McAteer, chief of staff of the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

Two Thompson sub-machine-guns, two rifles, 13 revolvers, three automatic pistols and a quantity of explosives were found in two houses in the Falls Road area, notoriously Nationalist and out of bounds to American and British troops.

Members of the IRA seized a theater last night and held the audience at gunpoint while McAteer read a proclamation warning the United States against the continued presence of American troops in Northern Ireland. The gesture was made on the eve of the anniversary of the Easter uprising of 1916.

Gen. Montgomery Meets His Crew



Gen. Bernard Montgomery meets the captain of an American Flying Fortress crew loaned to the Eighth Army commander by Gen. Dwight Eisenhower for use as long as he is in North Africa.

Fortress Bombardier Pledges 'Double Job' for Dead Hero

A Fortress bombardier who "inherited" his brother's bombsight after the latter was killed over a German target, broadcast to America yesterday his determination to do a "double job" to avenge his brother's death.

He was 2/Lt. Rhude M. Mathis, of San Angelo, Tex., who bombed Bremen Apr. 17 with the same sight his brother Jack used in the Vegesack bombing of Mar. 18, when he was killed.

200 Red Planes Hit Insterburg

Sixth Recent Assault On East Germany Batters Industrial City

MOSCOW, Apr. 25 (AP)—Stepping up its air pincer bombing of Germany from the east, as the RAF and USAAF are doing from the west, long-range Russian bombers smashed the manufacturing town of Insterburg, 45 miles from Koenigsberg, a special communique said last night.

Circling over the town for more than two hours Thursday night, the Red bombers left it enveloped in flames. It was the sixth recent big raid by the Russian air force on east German targets. Of the 200 planes participating only one failed to return, a Soviet communique announced.

The air offensive was the major development of a week-end in which German attacks in the Kuban were thrown back by determined Russian defenders. There was considerable artillery activity south of Voroshilovgrad and patrol activity and infantry clashes were reported from several sections of the vast Russian front.

Russian dispatches said Red troops had solved the threat of German tank attacks, massing artillery in the path of thrusts and blowing the armored vehicles to pieces with curtains of bursting shells.

Uniform May Be Worn 90 Days After Discharge

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25—Discharged soldiers will be allowed to wear their uniforms for three months after demobilization, a War Department ruling established today.

Providing a \$300 fine for improper use of the uniform after the war, the regulation said honorably discharged men could also wear their GI clothing after the three-month period for ceremonies of a military nature such as Memorial Day, Fourth of July or Victory Day exercises.

Nazi-Swedish Relations Critical Over Sea Action

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 25—Relations between Germany and Sweden were near the breaking point today after an exchange of notes between the two countries over the action of a German ship in firing on a Swedish submarine.

Sweden protested the attack and the laying of mines in Swedish waters in two notes to Berlin. Indicating how strong anti-German feeling has grown, 500 residents of Upsala nearly lynched a group of Swedish Nazis who tried to hold a meeting.

Moved from Guettar Yanks Near Mateur In Difficult Terrain

Second Corps Now 10 Miles from Key Town; British Take Most of Long Stop Hill; Air Offensive Reaches New High

American, British and French troops advanced steadily eastward against stubborn resistance on the northern and central fronts in Tunisia, while the Eighth Army prepared for its next move northward along the coast, according to dispatches reaching London last night.

The United States Second Corps, switched to the extreme northern front from El Guettar with a speed and secrecy which earned the praise of Gen. Alexander, were advancing toward Mateur and last night were reported only 10 miles from the important Axis stronghold.

A few miles to the south bitter fighting was going on for the eastern slopes of Longstop Hill (Hill 174), which was almost entirely retaken Saturday night by a few hundred British Tommies after a terrific artillery barrage.

Nearer the coast the British Eighth Army prepared for an assault on the enemy's Hailouf Line, north of Enfidaville—a line considered even stronger than the one at El Alamein, where the British crashed through in November to begin their advance across Libya to Tunisia.

1,500 Air Sorties

The Allied aerial offensive meanwhile reached a new peak as a total of 1,500 sorties were carried out by American, British and Allied air forces in one day.

It was also revealed that the Axis lost 31 instead of 21 of its biggest air transports—the Messerschmitt 323s—in the second big air battle of the Mediterranean Thursday.

This represented a much bigger loss to the Axis than the earlier battle in which 61 Ju52s were shot down, since the Me323s can carry as many as 130 men each to the Ju52's 20 men.

Axis air forces have been practically driven from the skies, while ton after ton of bombs have been hurled on vital positions by Allied planes.

Americans Advancing

American veterans of the El Guettar and Gafsa battles, transferred swiftly to the northern front to guard the flank of the First Army and move against Mateur, smashed nine or ten miles through tough mountain country. Their attack began at dawn Friday, headquarters disclosed.

Swarming forward in the first light of day, the now battle-seasoned Yanks took two strongly held wooded mountains on the northern side of the Sedjenane-Mateur road, where units of the Anglo-American First Army had battled grimly for so long. The Germans counter-attacked at once under a vicious artillery barrage, but failed to retake the positions.

By last night, according to Algiers radio, the Americans had advanced another five miles against stiff German opposition and repeated German counter-blows.

The advance placed the Americans at the farthest position yet reached in the Allied push in northern Tunisia. They

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Rommel to Head Defenses In Italy, Allies Report

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Apr. 25—There were strong indications today that Nazi Marshal Erwin Rommel had left North Africa on Mar. 19 and that the faltering German armies in Tunisia are no longer under his command.

Intelligence officers here have been studying a German Army order, dated Mar. 19, signed by the "General Officer Commander in Chief," but not with Rommel's name. Rumors from enemy Italy and neutral Spain both said Rommel has left the African front. Spanish stories say he is in Sicily, preparing to lead the defense of Italy against an expected Allied invasion.

12,000 Casualties in Africa

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (UP)—American casualties in North Africa from the initial invasion to the end of the Battle of El Guettar totalled 12,000, the War Department announced in Washington today. Of the total casualties, 1,500 were killed, the rest wounded and missing.

Jerry Downed in Iceland

REYKJAVIK, Apr. 25 (AP)—American fighters shot down a German reconnaissance plane over western Iceland yesterday, Army Headquarters announced. Reykjavik was under an air raid alert for 25 minutes.

Allied Bombers Fly 1,500 Miles In Raid on Japs

Drop 21 Tons of Bombs On Enemy Base In Celebes

ALLIED HQ, Australia, Apr. 25 (AP)—After accomplishing a flight of nearly 1,500 miles Allied heavy bombers dropped 21 tons of explosives and incendiaries on Kendari in the Celebes, today's official communique says.

Kendari is one of the main air supply assembly bases for the enemy in the Netherlands East Indies.

Explosives and incendiaries were dropped on the airfield workshop areas and among ground aircraft, destroying at least five twin-engine planes parked on the runway, and practically wiping out the workshop and repair hangars.

A large convoy of Japanese ships was attacked by Liberators northwest of Wewak, New Guinea, during which five Japanese Zeroes were shot down, the communique announced.

On Friday Allied planes struck at a Japanese convoy off Kavieng, New Ireland.

Liberators attacked, leaving one 8,000-ton ship sinking, and on fire.

Japanese raiders have appeared over Funafuti, the biggest of the Ellice Islands in the Pacific, which were re-occupied by American forces recently, but no action is reported from them.

Enemy positions near Salamaua were heavily strafed and ground patrols killed 20 Japs.

Five more attacks by U.S. planes from Guadalcanal have been made on Japanese positions in the Solomons.

Two of the five attacks were made on Munda, which is reported to be the biggest Japanese air base in the southwest Pacific.

Gets DFC from FDR

CAIRO, Apr. 25 (AP)—2/Lt. John A. Gilpin, of Portland, Ore., has been awarded the DFC by direction of President Roosevelt. Navigator on a B25, Gilpin was severely injured by ack-ack but concealed his injury until the bomber was on the way back to friendly territory.

Speed, Secrecy Marked Switch Of Big U.S. Force to New Front

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Apr. 25 (UP)—Transfer of the U.S. Second Corps from the Guettar front to the extreme north of Tunisia, where it is now only 15 miles from Mateur, was effected with remarkable speed and secrecy, according to an official statement issued by Gen. Alexander's headquarters.

"When the Guettar battle was finished it was decided to employ some of the U.S. Army troops on another sector of the front for the next step towards the final phase which would see the annihilation of the Afrika Korps, von Arnim's troops and their Italian allies.

"The terrain chosen was the northern area in which contact was first made with the enemy in this campaign and where some of the fiercest fighting had taken place.

"The decision involved the movement of large numbers of troops, great quantities of stores and equipment along the whole length of the front, and senior British officers have the fullest admiration for the excellent staff work, particularly for the speed and secrecy in which the move was carried out.

"They equally praise the excellent march discipline of the United States troops on roads crossing several mountain ranges, which, though constantly dissolving into seas of mud a few weeks ago, are now disintegrating into clouds of powdery dust which cover drivers and passengers alike with a grey floury coating.

"The roads were kept open by the incessant work of the engineers equipped with some of the most modern mechanical road-making equipment in the world."

Yanks Capture Important Hills On New Front

British Take Long Stop Hill in Fierce Fight With Bayonets

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 now threatened the northern road junction between Sedjenane and Mateur, a key point for any advance on Bizerta.
 The Second Corps now faced a task of extreme difficulty, for ahead of them are the German mountain defenses that have been under construction since last December.

South of the American positions, most of Long Stop Hill was taken in the light of a waning moon Saturday night by a few hundred British troops who charged in with fixed bayonets. A thunderous barrage preceded the assault, and not until 2.30 in the afternoon did the murderous rocky slopes come under British control. At nightfall two units of famous English and Scottish regiments were fighting savagely for the last slopes of the hill.

Fight For Every Yard

Along the entire 130-mile ring which the Allies are closing on the Axis from Cap Serrat in the north to the Enfidaville area in the south, there was evidence that German troops were to contest every yard of ground from now on.

The advancing Americans met one counter-attack after another. The British on Long Stop Hill had to fight bitterly to hold the ground they had gained. Prisoners taken by the Eighth Army north of Enfidaville—totaling now about 900—said they had been ordered to hold their positions regardless of cost and to fight until their ammunition was exhausted.

Allied gains were small, but German losses in men and material were described at headquarters as "extremely heavy."

Capture of Djebel Mansour in the southern sector was announced by the French last night, according to Algiers radio. Further east, the communiqué said, the advance continued in the mountains dominating the access to Pont du Fahs, where the French were working in liaison with the Eighth Army.

Lehman Visits His Pilot Son

Here For Relief Talks, He Broadcasts Home After Visit

Herbert H. Lehman, former New York Governor and now head of the Office of Relief and Rehabilitation Operations, visited his adopted son Peter, a flying officer of the USAAF, Saturday at the field where the younger Lehman is stationed.

It was the first time they had met since Peter transferred from the RCAF.

The former governor has been in England several weeks, conferring with officials of Axis-occupied and Allied nations on plans for feeding Europe after hostilities cease.

Peter invited his father for a ride in a light plane, but the elder Lehman refused.

After the visit Lehman broadcast to the United States, outlining the problems his office would have to face, and reminding America that "Peter and the other young men of America and the Allied countries will have to do their work first."

Peter joined in the broadcast, asking for more planes, more pilots and more crewmen for the USAAF.

Allied Officials on Tour Of USAAF in Ireland

A USAAF DEPOT, N. Ireland, Apr. 25—Brig. Gen. Edmund W. Hill, commanding U.S. Forces in Northern Ireland, was host to two groups of high ranking British and American naval, Army and RAF officers and civilian dignitaries here at a tour of the base.

Guests included Capt. James A. Logan, commanding U.S. Naval Base at Londonderry; Col. I. S. Dierking, commanding SOS units in NID; Cmdr. Thomas J. Keane, USNR; Maj. James S. Shaw, Lt. Gen. Sir Donald E. Franklyn, Rear Admiral C. H. Knox-Little, RN; Maj. Gen. V. H. B. Majendie.

Among the civilians were Northern Ireland's Prime Minister J. M. Andrews and his ministers of agriculture, finance, commerce, home affairs and public security; W. Parker Buhman, U.S. consul; The Marquess of Londonderry, and Henry H. Ogden, general manager of Lockheed Overseas Corp.

Celane Strikers Told by FDR to Return to Work

PATERSON, N.J., Apr. 25—Strikers at a New Jersey celane factory have been ordered by President Roosevelt to go back to their jobs by noon tomorrow or face government action.

The strikers are members of a union led by John L. Lewis, who is engaged in a fight with the War Labor Board over his demands for wage increases for half a million members of the United Mine Workers, of which he is president.

AFL and CIO unions are pledged not to strike, but Lewis' miners and a few allied independents have not made any such war promise.

Marine Pilot Downs 7 Jap Planes in Day

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25—1/Lt. James E. Swett, USMC, was officially credited today with downing seven Japanese dive-bombers during the 100-plane attack on Allied shipping off Guadalcanal on Apr. 7.

Lt. Swett closed in on his eighth, but after a short burst his ammunition ran out and he made an emergency landing. His ship was wrecked and he was injured, but rescue crews picked him up safely.

Troops at Front 'Most Religious'

Bishop Leonard Praises Morale of Eighth Air Force

American soldiers in operational theaters are more religious than troops at home, according to Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, chairman of the General Commission of U.S. Army and Navy chaplains, who is visiting U.S. forces in England on a world tour of war fronts.

"If there are no atheists in the foxholes of the Solomons and in the combat zones of Tunisia, it is equally true that there are no atheists in the Eighth Air Force. These boys who face the enemy in the air in this theater face reality," Bishop Leonard said.

Accompanied by Chaplain Robert H. Humphrey, of Lynchburg, Va., the Bishop completed "a very interesting tour" of Camp Griffiss and other installations of the Eighth Air Force Saturday. He conferred with Chaplain Maurice W. Reynolds, senior chaplain of the Eighth Air Force, of Roanoke, Va. Other Air Force chaplains present included Forman E. Jordan, of Solma, Ala., and Merlin W. McGladrey, of Minneapolis.

The Bishop next conferred with Maj. Gen. H. J. F. Miller, Commanding General, Eighth Air Force Service Command; Brig. Gen. C. C. Chauncy, chief of staff, Eighth Air Force, and Col. Neal Crighton, commanding officer of Camp Griffiss.

Bishop Leonard inspected an ingenious folding blackboard-altar in the camp's combination schoolroom-chapel, invention of the camp utilities officer, Capt. C. S. Barrows, of Rochester, N.Y.

Visiting the kitchens and bake shops, the Bishop talked with the cooks and bakers and sampled their products. Here he met Sgt. Harold Scott, Freemont, Mich.; Cpl. Robert Heil, Cincinnati; S/Sgt. Gerald Franks, Indianapolis; Sgt. Frank Splichal, Rosenberg, Tex., and Pvt. Jack Friedman, Chicago.

Sunrise Service For 'Air Circus'

By Carroll W. Stewart

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

A US BOMBER STATION, England, Apr. 25—Ted's Travelling Circus took time out today to observe Easter Sunday in a full dress formation at a sunrise service.

The B24 bombardment group, commanded by Col. Edward J. Timberlake, of San Antonio, Tex., paid memorial tribute to their comrades missing in action in the three theaters in which they have operated since they were activated a year ago in Louisiana.

In an address to his men, Col. Timberlake said: "It is good to recall all we have done since we were activated a year ago. We should do so not only for the sake of our own pride and our own satisfaction in a job well done, but also in the memory of the men we have lost, and to whose glory it is that they have gone for their country, and to the greatest of causes—the freedom of mankind."

Chaplain James A. Burris, of Cassville, Mo., gave the Easter sermon. In the crowd of officers and men who attended the service was Brig. Gen. James Hodges.

Blimps Thwarting Subs Off U.S. East Coast

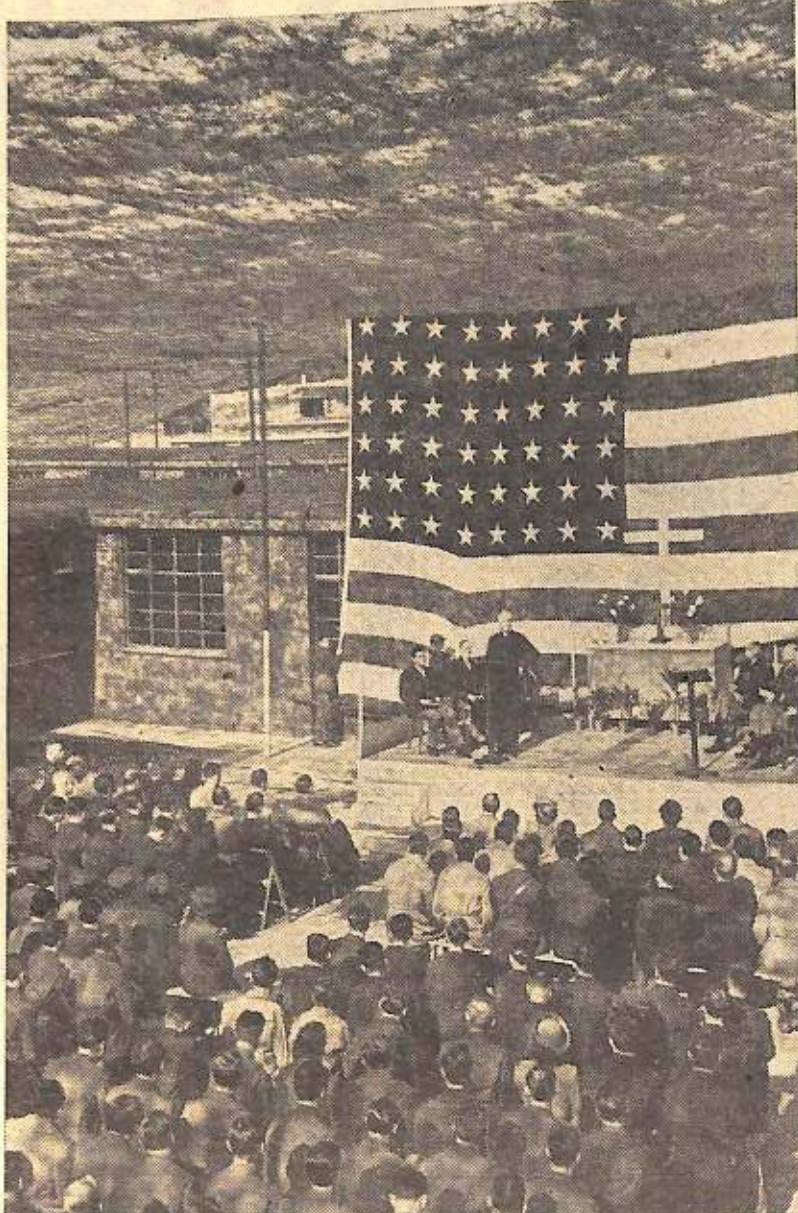
WASHINGTON, Apr. 25—The first of a fleet of 200 blimps, armed with depth charges and guns, are now guarding more than 1,000 ships a month against submarine action in the Atlantic, the Navy Department announced yesterday. Only one ship in their care has been lost.

With a cruising speed of 80 miles an hour, blimps are nearly four times as fast as the fastest Axis submarine. Lighter than air, they can hover practically motionless over their target and bomb it as accurately as dropping stones down a well.

DFCs for Two in Ninth AF

CAIRO, Apr. 25 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton has conferred the DFC on Col. Edward N. Backus, of Brownsville, Tex., commander of a heavy bombardment group of the Ninth U.S. Air Force, for having "given vitally needed support to British army operations." He also awarded the DFC to Lt. James F. Keshan, of Oklahoma City, Okla., pilot of Backus' group, for skill and personal courage when his bomber was shot down Mar. 31.

Worship Under Camouflage Netting



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo by Bacon

Under a camouflage netting at an Eighth Air Force Station, Bishop Adna Leonard, chairman of the General Commission of Army and Navy Chaplains, gives an Easter sermon to a gathering of USAAF officers and men and RAF and WAAF personnel.

American Servicemen Observe Second Easter in British Isles

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Tex. The hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," was sung by the LBC Chorus, with an American Army Band providing music.

Brig. Gen. Pleas B. Rogers, commanding general LBC, read the scripture lesson, and Chaplain McClelland read the Morning Prayer. After "The Holy City," Chaplain James L. Blakeney, theater chaplain, gave the Easter message. He made no mention of war, but reminded worshippers that the story of Easter is "the promise of better things to come."

The Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, chairman of the General Commission of Army and Navy Chaplains, just as the rays of the sun broke through the trees, and then servicemen and women of the Allied nations stood at the salute as the band played the national anthem.

At Camp Criffiss, Bishop Leonard addressed 400 men of the Eighth Air Force at a ceremony held under a huge camouflage net. With a large American garrison flag as a backdrop for the raised stage, the Bishop spoke of the importance of the Resurrection to the soldier.

Chaplain Frank L. Miller, of Washington, Bishop Leonard's military aide, was also on the program. Chaplain Maurice W. Reynolds, of Roanoke, Va., gave the invocation. Chaplain Furman E. Jordan, of Berlin, Ala., led the responsive reading.

70 Drivers, Mechanics At NID Motor School

AN ORDNANCE DEPOT, N. Ireland, Apr. 25—Seventy drivers and mechanics of SOS and attached units in NID attended a one-day motor maintenance school here conducted by 1/Lt. Henry D. Martin, of Union Grove, Wis., depot commander.

Other instructors at the school were 1/Lt. Donald L. Robbins, of Crawfordsville, Ind.; S/Sgt. Gordon R. Jenkins, of Columbus, Ohio, and T/4 Ernest R. Dorrance, of Mingo Junction, Ohio.

The purpose of the school was to point out and demonstrate the necessary steps to be taken in first and second echelon movements for motor vehicles. The drivers and mechanics were told that a "deadlined" vehicle is a boost for the enemy and were then warned that spot checks would be made to see if they were "on the alert."

Bournemouth Schedules Variety Show on Friday

BOURNEMOUTH, Apr. 25—A variety show by Special Services is listed for Friday evening.

There are 8-11 dances on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. A movie show, starting at 9 PM, is provided for Wednesday, and Sunday has the usual 11 AM till-dusk sports program; the softball pick-up side will try for revenge against the RCAF side in the afternoon.

Soldiers Hear Spellman Say Mass in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Apr. 25—In the hallowed birthplace of Christianity, an American priest—Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York—celebrated mass this Easter Sunday before a congregation garbed in the uniforms of the United Nations, the black of the diplomatic corps and the colorful garments of the Middle East.

Trudging through crooked streets and alleys, worshippers came to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, in the old walled town of Jerusalem, among them American fighting men, buttons gleaming, belts polished and faces scrubbed. So large were the crowds that many were unable to gain admission to the church and knelt in the streets outside.

Nazis Fortify Oslo Streets With Anti-Tank Obstacles

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 25 (UP)—Oslo's streets are being filled by the Nazis with conical concrete anti-tank obstacles, and with concrete walls topped with barbed wire.

Traffic through the town can now be easily canalized through narrow gateways which are covered by extensive machine-gun emplacements.

All bridges round the town have already been mined, so that they can be blown up without delay if the Germans are forced to retreat from the town.

Yanks Throng Cathedral for Easter Vespers

St. Paul's Holds Its First All-American Service; LBC Choir Sings

By Philip Bucknell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

In St. Paul's Cathedral, London, resting-place of Empire military heroes, U.S. servicemen yesterday afternoon held Easter Vespers service—the first all-American service to be held beneath its massive dome.

Servicemen were invited to bring a friend, and among the soldiers, sailors, nurses and Red Cross personnel were seen British civilians.

Cpl. Heinz Arnold, of Patchogue, N.Y., who played for the Thanksgiving service at Westminster Abbey last November, was at the organ, beneath a plaque which gave the names of all the St. Paul's organists dating back to 1530. Chaplain Chester R. McClelland gave the Call to Worship.

LBC Choir Sings

The London Base Command Chorus sang "The Holy City," and "Sleepers Wake! A Voice is Sounding," by Bach.

The invocation was proclaimed by Lt. Col. E. J. Blakely Jr., and the Scripture read by Brig. Gen. Pleas B. Rogers, Commanding General, London Base Command. While the congregation stood, Chaplain Chester R. McClelland prayed, and then all sang the hymn "Lo, in the Grave He Lay."

Chaplain James L. Blakeney, theater chaplain, preached the sermon, and referred the congregation to the lessons of Easter—the hopes and the promises the story of the Resurrection teaches.

The hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers" followed.

Canon Cockin, of St. Paul's, gave Benediction from the High Altar. The service finished with Cpl. Arnold playing the Recessional.

191 Blitz Kids At Easter Party

By Don Baum

Stars and Stripes Special Correspondent

A USAAF BOMBER STATION, England, Apr. 25—Soldiers of this wing gave an Easter party yesterday for 191 evacuee children of the neighboring towns. The men at the station saved their candy, peanuts and gum for a month and passed it out among the children.

The kids had all types of games, three-legged races, and a contest to "ping the tail on Mickey Mouse." Prizes for the winners were packages including towels, soap, flashlights and tooth brushes.

After the games the evacuated kids saw a movie—Gene Autry in a rip-snorting western. A mess sergeant's dinner of ham, sweet potatoes, corn and peaches was served the children. At the table every child was given a box of cookies, a quarter of a pound of hard candy, two rolls of life-savers, a can of peanuts, two bars of chocolate and gum.

There was no Easter egg hunt, but Cpl. John Lauer, camouflaged as a rabbit, dropped £6 in pennies around the grounds, and the kids covered the area finding the coppers.

These committees staged the party.

Entertainment, Sgt. Thomas C. Howser, Chicago; Cpl. John W. Lauer, West Allis, Wis.; Pfc. Warren Bryan, New York; M/Sgt. John Landry, Philadelphia; and Chaplain Waldo H. Dunn, Fall River, Mass.

Program, S/Sgt. Kenneth C. Kimbrough, Indianapolis; Cpl. Charles B. Moore, Pittsburgh; and T/4 Earl D. Harshorn, Manchester, N.H.

Refreshments, M/Sgt. Estrille R. Chadwell, Brock, Ky.; and S/Sgt. Harold L. Morris, Douglasville, Ga.

Invitation, M/Sgt. Richard H. Beatty, Chicago; and M/Sgt. Wade H. Goodge, Lynnville, Tenn. Transportation, T/Sgt. Edward A. Weiss, Brooklyn; and Sgt. John M. DiGiacomo, Brooklyn.

Plan to Increase Number Of USO Shows to Nine

The number of USO camp shows now touring American camps in the British Isles is to be increased from six to nine, according to plans by William Dover, executive head of the USO shows, and Capt. Edward Dowling, Theatrical Section, Special Service, ETO.

Under the plan soldiers will be assured of a different show in each camp every two weeks.

In addition to the professional actors, groups like Yvette and Her GI Gang are to be formed from soldier talent available in the ETO. Soldiers with any theatrical experience, as well as four five-piece orchestras, have been asked to apply to Capt. Dowling.

The shows and their locations for the coming week:

- "Guys, Gals and Giggles"—Bury St. Edmunds area.
- "Hi Joe, Whatcha Know"—Chelveston area.
- "Pickled Dillies"—Bodford area.
- "In the Groove"—Manchester area.
- "Show Time"—Northern Ireland.

No Peace Message by Pope

Pope Pius XII celebrated Easter mass in the presence of the diplomatic corps yesterday, but failed to deliver his expected peace message to the world over the Vatican City radio.

Variety Shows, Sports Feature Week at Clubs

Beatrice Lillie, Vic Oliver Will Appear on Two London Programs

Manchester: Basketball, Table Tennis This Week

MANCHESTER, Apr. 25—The St. Ann St. service club is following a policy of "geographic dances." Last night soldiers were invited to a "Night in Paris," next Saturday the dance hall is being decorated to simulate a Gypsy night club, somewhere in central Europe.

Other items on the week's schedule are three basketball games on Monday and Thursday at 7 PM, and on Sunday at 3 PM. The finals of the ping-pong tournament will be played off at 8 PM Wednesday. There is a company dinner-dance and party at 7 PM Friday. Sunday has an open house from 2-8 PM.

The learn-to-dance session at the Lever St. club is at 7.30 PM, Monday. There will be a square dance at the same time on Wednesday, a smoker on Saturday at 11 PM, and an open house on Sunday from 2 until 8.

Rainbow: Beatrice Lillie Wednesday

Beatrice Lillie brings her show to the Rainbow Corner Wednesday, it was announced yesterday.

On Monday at 8 PM there is a dance, and another at the same time on Friday. The boxing show is scheduled for 7.30 PM on Tuesday with an open house preceding it at 3 PM.

Thursday has another open house in the afternoon with Bingo as the attraction at 8 PM. The Rainbow Room is reopened at 3 PM on Saturday, and an open house runs from that time. There also will be a continuous movie show from 2.30-10 PM.

Washington: 'Stars In Battledress' Show

The Washington Club is offering a musical show, play for a dance at 8.30. Wednesday will have some kind of a show, but the program director hasn't got the details yet. Another Spanish class is scheduled for 7-8.15 PM Friday, and a movie follows at 8.30. The Saturday dance in the Cafeteria commences at 8.30 PM.

Milestone: Varieties In Canteen Saturday

Three softball games are being organized by the Milestone Club this week—on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 10 AM, in Kensington Gardens. Horse-shoes are pitched there daily.

There is a recorded concert in the paneled room from 10.30-11.30 PM today; tomorrow there is entertainment in the Canteen at the same time. Another recorded concert is scheduled for Wednesday, 10.30-11.30 PM. A movie show is scheduled for 8 PM Thursday.

The club dance is down for 7.30 PM on Friday, and the Milestone Varieties appear in the canteen from 11.30 to 12.30, Saturday night.

Charles: Vic Oliver On Thursday Cabaret

The Charles Street Club has Vic Oliver on the bill for Thursday night when he appears with the Army band, the "Flying Yanks," at a dinner dance and cabaret. On Tuesday at 8 PM there is a movie show, with ping-pong and other games also on the Tuesday evening program.

Saturday's dinner dance is scheduled as "Mississippi Night."

Glasgow: Servicemen To Try Out for Minstrels

GLASGOW, Apr. 25—A Sunday tea dance to which soldiers may invite girl friends and stay later for more dancing to juke boxes is scheduled at the American Red Cross club here.

Invitations are being made this week to servicemen to take part in a forthcoming minstrel and variety show in which local girls also will take part.

Liverpool: Mt. Vernon Club Plans Tours

LIVERPOOL, Apr. 25—Weekly tours to Chester are being made each Sunday from the American Red Cross Mt. Vernon club here. Other tours are being planned to start soon.

From 6 PM to 8.30 PM every day, American music is played in the dining room by a pianist.

Liberty: First Dance Scheduled For May 5

The Liberty Club, at 12 Upper Woburn Place, near Euston Station, surprised soldier guests yesterday by serving colored hard-boiled eggs for breakfast. The first dance of this new club is scheduled for May 5.

U.S. Bristols Honor English City

Soldiers from Seven States Take Part In Ceremonies

By Arthur W. White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BRISTOL, Apr. 25—American soldiers from seven towns in the United States named after this English city presented an American flag to the Lord Mayor here, climaxing a three-day tour of the "mother city."

During the same ceremony a detachment of the Home Guard presented the Mayor with a Union Jack.

"This is indeed an impressive ceremony," Maj. Gen. Harry C. Ingles, deputy commander, ETOUSA, told the Lord Mayor as he presented the flag. "We in America look back with gratitude on what this city has done for our country and it is a great privilege to present to you our national colors."

The flag was handed over before detachments of U.S. troops and the Home Guard, formed into a hollow square in grounds near Bristol University. The separate guards of the two forces advanced with their colors to the platform, which was guarded by nine mounted police with drawn swords.

Tri-State Color Guard

Sgt. John W. Neal, of Bristol, Tenn., carried Old Glory, and was escorted by Sgt. J. B. Smallwood, of Bristol, Va., and Sgt. D. T. Woodhouse, of Bristol, N.H.

After the presentation, retreat was sounded by the Home Guard drum and bugle corps and the flags were escorted by the troops to the Council House, where they will be kept until the end of the war.

The troops who took part in the ceremony were thanked by the Lord Mayor, Alderman H. A. Wall. Sgt. David T. Woodhouse expressed the thanks of the U.S. contingent, and said, "If on any future occasion any of your citizens visit our country I hope they receive an equally royal welcome."

During their three-day visit to the city the 21 soldiers were taken on an extensive tour of an airplane factory and dedicated several planes which soon will be in action. A torpedo-carrying Beaufort was named for the Bristol towns in Tennessee, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Hampshire between Virginia and Tennessee. Woodhouse introduced his 20 companions,



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Sgt. John W. Neal, of Bristol, Tenn., carries the flag which was presented to the Lord Mayor of Bristol, England, by 21 American soldiers from towns of the same name in the United States. Sgt. J. B. Smallwood, of Bristol, Va., and Sgt. D. T. Woodhouse, of Bristol, N.H., escort the flag.

and afterwards the soldiers danced with the girl factory workers to the music of the factory orchestra.

The soldiers also visited Bristol's famous inn, "Ye Olde Llandoger Trow," believed to be the "Spyglass" in Stevenson's book Treasure Island, and St. Mary Redcliffe Church, where they saw the "Amerycke brass," a plaque dedicated to Richard Amerycke, a friend of the American who was so called here before the name was in general use elsewhere.

The 21 American Bristolians were: Sgt. J. B. Smallwood, T/5 W. C. McCreskey, T/5 Robert E. Woodby, Pfc L. W. Luttrell, Pvt. Howard A. Miller, Pvt. Alexander Hurd, and Pvt. R. B. Walling, all of Virginia; Pvt. Melvin W. Golden, West Virginia; Cpl. Erwin Hurlert, Vermont; Sgt. John W. Neal, Tennessee; Cpl. J. N. Dilassio, Pfc Ralph Foster and Pvt. Anthony Borolli, Pennsylvania; Cpl. Philip Nepton, T/5 A. J. Pvt. S. Frost, Rhode Island; Sgt. D. T. Woodhouse, New Hampshire.

BBC Starting New Air Show

'The Stage Presents' To Be Broadcast May 2

The first of BBC's big new variety series, "The Stage Presents . . ." which in time will feature every star in every branch of the British theater, will be broadcast Sunday, May 2, at 9.30 PM.

Vic Oliver, as master of ceremonies, will head a cast, including Binnie Hale, Vera Lynn, Laurence Olivier, Vivien Leigh and Cyril Ritchard, Madge Elliott and the entire chorus of The Merry Widow.

Stage and screen will be the background for two other outstanding broadcasts during the week. Wednesday night's excerpts from the "Theatre in War Time" come from the Watch on the Rhine, now at the Aldwych Theater. The cast is headed by Diana Wynyard, Anton Walbrook, Athene Seyler and Margaretta Scott. The program is heard at 9.25 PM over the Home Service wavelength.

Saturday at 7.05 PM, over Home Service, Charles B. Cochran introduces a musical tribute to the late George M. Cohan. The show introduces music, songs and scenes taken from the sound-track of the film "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

Two English comedians, Tommy Handley and Tommy Trinder, are back on the air. Handley and his "Itma" cast can be heard via Home Service Thursday at 8.30 PM; Trinder, in his new show "Tommy Get Your Fun," comes on Friday at 8.30 PM via Forces wavelength.

Aero Club at U.S. Field Has Library, Runs Dances

A USAAF BOMBER STATION, England, Apr. 25—The Red Cross Aero Club at this station has added a library and games tables to its equipment.

Started a little over two months ago, the club holds weekly dances, sponsors table tennis and other games tournaments, and has started a series of music appreciation nights for men who prefer classical music to swing.

Miss Harle Jervis, of Los Angeles, and Miss Micheline Hardy, New York City, are in charge.

Suspend Labor Laws

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Apr. 25—The Illinois House of Representatives moved this week to suspend for the duration State laws limiting the hours women may work in industry to six eight-hour days a week. The new laws will permit employment of women for not more than 60 hours a week at the same pay men get for the same job.

Ten Colleges Listed On Alumni Roll Call

Marquette, Lafayette, Nebraska, Colgate, Florida, LSU, Oklahoma A and M, Norwich, Kentucky and VPI are the colleges listed on this week's alumni roll call.

Former students of these colleges are requested to send their names, ranks, units, APO numbers and class years to the Alumni Secretary, The Stars and Stripes, Printing House Square, London, E.C.4.

ETO Chicago Club Organized

Chicagoans in this theater have announced the formation of a Chicagoans-in-ETO Club, which will hold regular meetings and will arrange broadcasts between Chicago and the ETO for the purpose of carrying on trans-Atlantic conversations between GIs here and their friends in Chicago.

On hearing of the plan, Mayor Edward J. Kelley, of Chicago, cabled Lt. Col. Harry J. Dooley, founder of the plan: "Excellent idea to bring Chicago boys together. Project has my warm support. Will do utmost to work out the question of broadcasts. Mrs. Kelley joins me in greeting Chicago boys and she wants to be remembered to those who have passed through the servicemen's center. My personal regards to you."

Chicagoans in ETO are requested to send their names, rank, unit, APO number, and Chicago address to Lt. Col. Harry J. Dooley, c/o The Stars and Stripes, Printing House Square, London, EC4.

Air Unit Plans Dance

EIGHTH AIR SUPPORT COMMAND HQ, England, Apr. 25—A "Yankee Doodle" celebration in a nearby town is to have an American dance on Tuesday run by Sgt. William W. Collins, of New York. Music and entertainment will be provided by the 1st Special Service Unit Band. Proceeds will go to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

Says Coogan Won't Pay

HOLLYWOOD, Apr. 25 (UP)—Sgt. Jackie Coogan's ex-wife, Flower Parry Coogan, testified here that Jackie hadn't paid a cent toward the support of his 14-months' old son since he was ordered in January to support the child. Coogan's attorney, Alfred Gitelson, caused a minor sensation in court by asking permission to withdraw as the former actor's lawyer because: "Coogan hasn't even paid me."

Mess Advisers Check Recipes

New Ways to Fix Spam, Eggs Help to Save Shipping Space

In an effort to get soldiers to eat spam, spinach and powdered eggs and then ask for more, advisory groups are touring mess halls in ETO, teaching cooks and mess sergeants to make the soldiers' pet peeves a little more palatable.

The groups, which are attached to the Subsistence Section of the office of the Chief Quartermaster, SOS, have already accomplished an estimated five per cent saving in shipping from the United States, according to Lt. Col. Charles Herman, of Hopkinsville, Ky., chief of the laboratory branch of the Subsistence Division.

By teaching cooks new ways to serve the same old thing, the instructors have increased the demand for powdered milk by 50 per cent and the demand for potatoes by 25 per cent.

Many of the recipes are evolved in the kitchen of the Subsistence Section which does nothing but try for new combinations of Army food, but some of them are reported by enterprising mess sergeants and cooks.

The advisory mess groups reported examples of resourcefulness by organization kitchen personnel. One outfit's cooks responded to complaints about "having oatmeal too often" by using the oatmeal ration to make cookies. Lemon meringue pie made with lemon crystals, dried eggs and dark flour has become a favorite with another unit. When new dishes prove their popularity, the recipes are circulated among the units by the mess advisers.

Belfast Red Cross Club Plans Dance Wednesday

BELFAST, Apr. 25—The monthly dance at the service club here is scheduled for Wednesday. The committee comprises T/Sgt. Ivan Onnen, Rockwell City, Iowa; 1/Sgt. Ray C. Benton, Chidester, Ark.; S/Sgt. Harry L. Pierce, Davenport, Iowa; T/3 Marvin E. Farrell, Fort Dodge, Iowa; T/5 Claude Huddleston, Ottumwa, Iowa; T/5 Wilbur Brees, Peterson, Iowa, and Sgt. Frank Maderi, Syracuse, N.Y.

Post War Money Conference

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25—The first of a series of conferences on post-war monetary stabilization plans will be held here this week between American and Canadian Treasury officials.

Churchill Calls Tokyo Murders 'Cold-Blooded'

Axis Indicates Same Fate May be Given to Fliers in Future

Prime Minister Winston Churchill, in a message to Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the U.S. Army Air Forces, has expressed his "indignation" at the cold-blooded murder of captured American bomber crews by Japan. The RAF, he said, "looks forward to the day when they will fly side by side with their American comrades to attack Tokyo."

Meanwhile German and Italian sources voiced approval of the executions and indicated the same fate might be meted out to Allied airmen captured in Axis European territory.

A Swiss dispatch quoted the Rome newspaper Il Tevere, as saying that Japan's example "in condemning to death American pilots who deliberately killed and wounded Japanese children should be followed when enemy airmen are captured after raids in which explosive pencils are dropped." The Swiss National Zeitung quoted Nazi officials as saying: "At the proper time Germany will take what means she sees fit to retaliate for crimes against German territory."

Shows Jap Fears

The Prime Minister told Gen. Arnold he had "read with indignation of the cold-blooded execution of your airmen by the Japanese."

"This barbarous and unusual action," the Prime Minister said, "reveals in a peculiarly significant manner the fear the Japanese have of having the munition factories and other military objectives in their homeland bombed."

"The Royal Air Force," he said, "earnestly looks forward to the day when they will be able to fly side by side with their American comrades to attack Tokyo and other cities of Japan. . . . We shall certainly claim for our airmen a full share in this task which, however long it takes, must be thoroughly done by the combined force of both our peoples."

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A U.S. Corporal Meets A Queen

Cpl. William Goldstein, of Baltimore, and the Queen of England were two visitors to an exhibition organized by the British Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association in London. They both enjoyed it. And they told each other so.

Goldstein and three other American soldiers were roaming around the hall when Queen Elizabeth, unaccompanied, came up to him and started talking.

"I was very surprised when the Queen started talking to me and I got very nervous," the corporal said, "but that soon passed because she was so charming that I was put completely at ease."

"What amazed me was the fact that she had no retinue, no one was standing around to protect her. She just walked in like any other lady visitor. She asked me how long I had been in London and how I liked it and whether I was stationed in the city. She gave a broad smile when I told her that I liked London very much."

Goldstein is mail clerk in the HQ detachment of an infantry outfit.

Gen. Eisenhower Thanks Kansas GIs for Message

Kansas soldiers who sent a message of congratulation to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower from their Mostyn Club state night have received the cabled thanks of the general, whose home is in Kansas.

The soldiers' message, signed by M/Sgt. M. C. Davidson, Wichita; Cpls. Bert Flowers and Robert D. Jackson, Eldorado; John Arbach, Wichita, and Fernin Medina and Pvt. Charles E. Harris, Kansas City, read: "Sons of Kansas at state dinner at Red Cross Mostyn Club send wishes for continued success to great leader and favorite son of Abilene, Kansas."

The general's message was received at Red Cross headquarters, which informed William Cruise, Mostyn Club director, that "we have received a message from Gen. Eisenhower requesting that we communicate to you his appreciation for the greetings and best wishes sent to him on the occasion of the State of Kansas night at the Mostyn Club and that he is deeply grateful for their thinking of him."

Three Kaye Camp Show Appearances at 'Derry

LONDONDERRY, Apr. 25—Stubby Kaye's USO-Camp Shows unit will make three appearances in this area, Apr. 28 and 29. The night of the 28th the unit will show at the U.S. Naval Base recreation hall. The afternoon of the 29th the stars will appear at a U.S. Naval hospital. At night they will play before British forces at the Royal Naval Hall here.

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Hush Marks

Even the WRENS (bless 'em) have their lighter moments. This enlightening little verse was sent via teleprinter during a lull between official messages. "They came as a boon and a blessing to men—the Blackout, the Torch and the cute little Wren."

In Little Rock, Ark., a man was freed



of a forgery charge—the judge discovered that he has never learned to write.

From the New Yorker: "A typewriter repairman's stream of consciousness is probably no more surprising than yours or ours but he undeniably has at hand an unusually good channel of expression. Down in Washington, for instance, a friend of ours found a newly repaired machine in which was a sheet of paper bearing these magical words:

Oveta Culp Hobby Coveta Hulp Cobby Hoveta Gulp Gobby Goveta Gulpobby Obby Glub Globby wotthehell!

A lot of you saw the ETO basketball tourney at Albert Hall, but maybe you didn't see what British sports writers had to say when they tried to make the strange game "familiar" to their readers. Here's a sample paragraph, "Basketball is played on a 'pitch,' 80 by 40 feet. A 'soccer' ball is used. There are five men on each side. Numerous officials are involved in the game. Whistles are sounded for breaches in the rules; pistols are fired for the end of a period and trumpets sounded for resumption of play." Some class, eh keep!

Do your own banking dept.: In London a coroner discovered a man had been crushed by crowns and threepenny bits.

Is this what food rationing does? In



an Indiana town a man entered the home of Mrs. Wayne Chastain, tied her to the chair, gagged her, opened the refrigerator, ate awhile, then departed.

In Birmingham a passerby investigated a rustle in a curbstome wastebasket marked PLACE LITTER HERE—uncovered a dog and her litter of four. J. C. W.

Massacre Over the Mediterranean



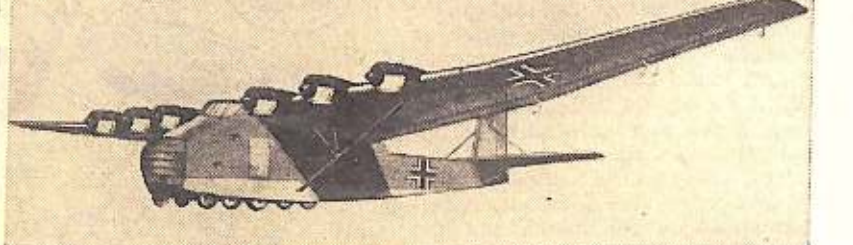
One Yank Pilot Got Three Ju's With One Burst

(One of the greatest air victories of the war—which saw United States fighter pilots in 15 minutes shoot down 58 JU52 transport planes, probably destroy another and definitely damage 28 others the afternoon of Apr. 18—was commanded by Capt. James G. Curl, 25-year-old Ohio State University graduate, of Columbus, Ohio. Here is Curl's own story of the feat, as told to the Associated Press.)

By Capt. James G. Curl WITH AN AMERICAN FIGHTER GROUP, Western Desert, Apr. 25—We had an idea that the Germans might attempt to evacuate material and personnel from Tunisia, and fighter groups of the desert striking force were ordered to patrol the area. RAF groups were assigned the first three sweeps. I guess it was just lucky we were the fourth sweep as we got there at the moment the Jerrys took off. It was about 5:45 PM when we took off. There were four squadrons of our fighters with Spits acting as cover. Each squadron was divided into two layers so that as we climbed through the air we presented a stair-step formation. As leader of the group I was flying on the very bottom layer, leading our squadron at 10,000 feet. Visibility was not very good. We then turned northeast and followed the coast to Cape Bon.

During this time we saw no enemy aircraft. After reaching Cape Bon I called for a 180-degree turnabout, drew about three miles nearer to the coast and started back.

ME109s First, Then— It was about half way between Cape Bon and Tunis that it happened. We had come down to 4,000 feet for better visibility. Suddenly I saw four ME109s in the distance. They were a good deal higher than we were. I looked around to see what else I could see. I weaved the plane to have a look down at the sea and before I knew it I was staring at three gigantic "Vicks"—V-formations in other words—flying towards Sicily. They were Ju52s. They were right down low over the water. I was dumbfounded for the moment for I never expected to see so many targets in my life. They were directly beneath me and if I had dropped something out of the plane it couldn't have missed hitting something. There must have been more than 100 all told. You could hardly see the water for their wings, which seemed to overlap. We swept on and after we were some



In two days Allied airmen destroyed 78 of these Nazi transport planes. Fifty-eight Ju52s, pictured on top at a Nazi supply base, were shot down in 15 minutes by U.S. fighter pilots on Apr. 18. A few days later, 31 of Germany's latest and largest transports, the giant Me323 (bottom), were downed over the Sicilian straits. The Me323 carries about 130 men, the Ju52 about 18.

distance ahead I signalled another 180-degree turnabout and we dove on them. Our squadron struck first, but in a matter of seconds, or so it seemed, other squadrons were striking at them from all angles.

I remember it was exactly at 5:55 PM by my watch when we first saw them. I also remember seeing a straggler behind one of the "Vicks," and as we came in for the attack I closed on him, but never got him as two escorting Me109s curved in to meet me and I pulled out and got a long burst, and the first Me109 burst into flames and crashed into the sea.

I didn't want to fool around with a fighter with so much easier targets in sight, so I broke off from the other, damaging that one.

All Over The Water

By this time the Ju52s were all over the water in a desperate attempt to escape. I picked out another and dove on him. I could see pieces of his plane flying off, and as I passed over him I fired at me. As soon as I passed him I looked back to see my wing man, 2/Lt. Charles C. Leaf, of South Orange, N.J., shoot him down in flames.

Now I saw the greatest scene of mass confusion. All the Ju52s were turned toward the shore, trying to get away from our fire. They were barely skimming the water. Some crashed into the sea without being hit. I could see men leaping out of the planes without parachutes.

Those transports which reached land made crash or belly landings and bounced like rubber balls all over the ground. Some men were hurled clear of the planks and remained inert. Others tried to drag themselves away. Others, apparently uninjured, were running in all directions for cover.

By now our section had split up—it had lost formation—and with only my wing man I followed several Ju52s toward the shore and fired dead astern. At the first burst, one caught fire and fell into the sea. I caught another just as its wheels touched ground and raked it with fire, and it collapsed.

In all directions I could see P40s slashing at everything that looked like an enemy ship. But it was then 6:20 PM. Ammunition was running low and gasoline, too. I pulled up and signalled to break off and return. We reformed and skirted the coast all the way home.

It was one of those days you just wait for. Plenty of targets for everybody. If we'd had plenty of gasoline and ammunition, and if the targets had lasted, we'd have been there yet.

As it was, you could follow the trail we left by the flaming wreckage over the sea. A smoking tail stood up here, a wing there, fires, and men swimming everywhere.

Three With One Burst

There were three Ju52s flying so close their wings seemed to be overlapped. Livesey put a burst into the center plane. It veered to the right, crashed into one plane, turned to the left and side-wiped the other—and all three crashed into the sea.

The biggest bag of the day fell to 2/Lt. Arthur B. Cleveland, of Springfield, Ohio, who shot down five Ju52s. But Art had the bad luck to come out of the fight with a broken arm. It wasn't the enemy who broke it, though there were a number of bullet holes in his plane. When he hit the runway his plane toppled over. Art threw up his arm to protect his head from anything that might hit it, and that's how he broke it.

2/Lt. Adrian K. Stahl, of Minneapolis, had the bad fortune not to shoot down any plane, but he had plenty of excitement before the sweep was over.

Stahl ran out of gasoline and had to land on an advanced emergency landing field within range of enemy guns. He had to hide there, and after dark we sent a truck up to get him and also gasoline so as to get his plane out of there before daylight and keep the Germans from shelling it.

In conclusion, I'd like to say that we staged a little celebration after all the boys had returned and it was one for the books. After all, wrecking Jerry's is what we came over here for.

'Has Been' at 36

A male American at the age of 45 has only three chances out of 20 of passing an Army physical examination. At 36 years the chance is six out of 20, at 21 it is 14 out of 20 and at 18 and 19 years it is 15 out of 20.

These figures were given recently to the Senate in the publication of testimony on the first deficiency bill of the session.

Speaking for the appropriation to give youth pre-induction training, physical and mental, Col. Leonard G. Rountree, director of medical services for the Selective Service System, disputed the theory that America has the healthiest and most rugged youth in the world.

Of the first two million draft registrants examined, he said, one million were rejected for physical defects, disorders, deficiencies and diseases. Those accepted were, as a group, soft, he testified, adding that this applied to the current 18- and 19-year-old groups as well.

Those of 36 years and upward now in the Army or in civilian war occupations can take cheer from one point made by the colonel, however. He said the Germans had set their standards so low that "they will take virtually anybody who can serve in any capacity in the armed services, including men in the older age brackets."

We who are 36 years old, and have one foot in the grave and one on a banana peel (theoretically speaking), can find cold comfort in the fact that Uncle Sam's rules are not now as severe as were those which eliminated 50 per cent of all draftees in the early days of induction. Most of those deferred at that time are now in the armed services of the United States.

Pressure Groups

Pressure groups have always been dangerous, for generally they consist of a small well-organized minority out to seek their own ends.

Of course pressure groups can be right and sometimes are, but generally they are wrong. This makes them particularly dangerous in time of war, for in fighting a war you can't afford to be wrong.

Recently the Japanese executed several American airmen who participated in the Bomb Tokio raid. As a result a small pressure group is now loudly clamoring for America to make her main effort in the Pacific.

There is real danger in attempting to exert pressure on our leadership that would force it to change the whole strategy of the war. Such a suggestion if followed might cost many of us in the armed forces our very lives.

The average citizen will tell you just how to win this war. He has all the answers figured out. Investigation however always uncovers the fact that his answers are based on incomplete and incorrect knowledge of the facts. His judgment therefore is not good and only harm results from an attempt on his part to high-pressure trusted military leaders into making military moves against their considered judgment.

Recent victories by armies of the United Nations in every war theater indicate our leadership has been good, the timing of blows perfect, the strategy co-ordinated. Such leadership deserves the complete support of the American public for such support will enable us to end the war in the shortest possible period of time.

Scotch Shortage

Newsweek Magazine gives us the latest information on Scotch in a recently published short. Claims Newsweek: "By mid 1944 the now rapidly diminishing supplies of Scotch whisky will probably have dried up altogether. This is why: With the outbreak of war in 1939, Britain began cutting down Scotch production because the grain was needed for food. In 1942 production was halted completely and all whisky to meet greatly increased U.S. demands has since been withdrawn from stocks.

"Recent imports have been almost entirely of the less mature whiskies... aged four years and less, against previous eight to 12. To make this feasible the U.S. has revised downward the higher Customs duty formerly imposed on the 'younger' Scotch to encourage distillers to ship the better whiskies. Scotch has frequently been sold as a 'loss leader' in the U.S., but, with the shortage getting severe, will increase still more in price, even though quality won't be up to standard."

OUR HERO



Sgt. Bert E. Marsh

"Even with a coat of OD, it won't pass inspection!"

ARMY POETS

Easter Soliloquy—1943

Bill was only a stretcher-man, 'Count of his eyes, you see: But Bill was the very best stretcher-man That ever a man could be: His Red Cross kit in the thick of it Were right where the need was worst, A-doing his bit for the men who were hit Bleeding, or dying of thirst.

But now he is buried under the sands, What little was left: at his head Is a cross: if ever a man bore a cross It was he. It's hard to believe That he's dead.

For Bill was so live; he was so full of mirth, So kind to both, friend and to foe: His hands were so deft that they seemed to give birth To a dying man ready to go. But a shell hit him fair; in the light of a flare He seemed to dissolve into smoke: There wasn't much there: 'most all vanished in air Is that then the end of a bloke?

No! Don't believe it. They couldn't kill Bill Like they couldn't kill Him Those thousands of years long ago For he seems mighty near, And we've lost all our fear, Just knowing that he is around: Like He rose from the tomb, Like He banished earth's gloom, Bill's with us—not under the ground. Chaplain Norman E. Nygaard.

To My Sweetheart

Your love is like the sunshine, It brightens every day. It lingers in the twilight As sunset steals away. Your love is like my shadow And always with me, too. It does not leave with sundown, But stays the whole night through. Your love and mine are partners Though they are worlds apart. My love is always with you, Your love is in my heart. And in my heart 'twill be, dear, Until we meet—and then Our love will be complete, dear, When I return again. Capt. Tedd.

NEWS FROM HOME

Radio Locators Reported Used In Sub Warfare

'Radar,' Developed Since 1922, Warns Also of Approaching Planes

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25—A joint statement from the War and Navy Departments, describing an improved radio locator, hinted today that the weapon was being used against enemy submarines on Atlantic convoy routes. It is called the "radar," derived from "radio-detecting-and-ranging."

Within the last few days there have been several statements that the sea war was entering a new phase in which United Nations ships were employing a new anti-submarine device.

Invented in 1922, the radio-locator has been developed to a point where it now gives reliable warning of "coming aerial and seaborne enemy forces," the Army and Navy statement said. "The new science has played a vital part in helping first to stem and then to turn the tide of Axis conquest," the statement declared.

Laws Help Ex-Service Men

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Apr. 25—The Oklahoma Legislature this week passed a group of bills intended to help men in the armed forces of the United States. Among them was an amendment to the income-tax laws waiving taxes until six months after the war; a bill providing that otherwise qualified service men would be allowed to vote without registering, and a bill providing that former high school students can resume their education after the war without pay-

Isolationist Publisher Provides a Chuckle

CHICAGO, Apr. 25—Col. Robert McCormick, isolationist publisher of The Chicago Tribune, provided a chuckle for the nation today with a plan, published in all seriousness, for the United States to admit England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and most of the British Empire as states "as we once accepted Texas."

"If the British Commonwealth wish to enjoy closer association," he wrote, "all they need to do is adopt our written Constitution and to apply for membership as states of the union."

"Membership of our union would give the British an opportunity, once and for all, to rid themselves of the incubus of their nobility and aristocratic system and all that goes with it." Frequently described as anti-British, Col. McCormick recently banned the use of all titles of nobility in The Tribune.

ing adult tuition. Another measure extends the driving licences of men in the service for the duration, plus six months without payment of additional fees.

Orchestra Show N.Y. Sellout

NEW YORK, Apr. 25—Trumpet player Harry James' orchestra opened at the Paramount Theater here and lines started forming along Broadway at 4 A.M. A plate-glass window on West 43rd Street was shattered and a cop received two broken ribs. Eight couples broke through a line of ushers, reached the stage and put on an unrestrained Lindy Hop. Police estimated the street crowd at 7,000—all jitterbugs in the last stages of the disease.

Ship Loss Less Than Is Stated

Truman's 12,000,000-Ton Figure Inaccurate, Knox Asserts

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox lashed out at the Truman Committee report of Allied shipping losses over the week-end, terming it "grossly inaccurate" and apparently based on a confusion between gross and deadweight tons.

The committee report had placed Allied losses at 12,000,000 tons—more than the combined production of British and American shipyards during the year.

"The statement that Allied shipping losses exceeded construction is greatly in error," Col. Knox declared. "I am not giving you correct figures—but correcting a very obvious error. The committee plainly confused deadweight tons with gross tons. They must have obtained their figures of losses from an uninformed source. The official figures never have been given, as a matter of faith with the British."

Surprises for U-Boats

BAHIA, Brazil, Apr. 25—Vice-Adm. Jonas H. Ingram, commanding the U.S. South Atlantic fleet, said today that "disagreeable surprises" will soon be in store for enemy submarines off the Brazilian Coast. He said Brazil was not yet participating in the war in Africa "except in helping to protect convoys."

Drive Nets \$9,953,000

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25—Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. said that the first week of the second war loan drive had resulted in the sale of \$9,953,000 in war bonds. He said the remainder of the \$13,000,000 needed must come "straight from the people."



"Say, how the hell did YOU know there was Fortresses around here? Come clean now!"

Comic strip 'Diana' by Jean Baird. Panels show a USO camp show with stars and a woman interacting with soldiers.

Comic strip 'Male Call' by Milton Caniff. Panels show a woman in a military-style uniform talking to soldiers.

Comic strip 'Joe Pabooka' by Ham Fisher. Panels show two men in military uniforms talking in a factory setting.

See U.S. Photo Show



Keystone Photo
British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden (left) and John Winant, U.S. Ambassador, inspect pictures at the "America Marches with the United Nations" exhibit.

They Swear to Keep 'em Rolling



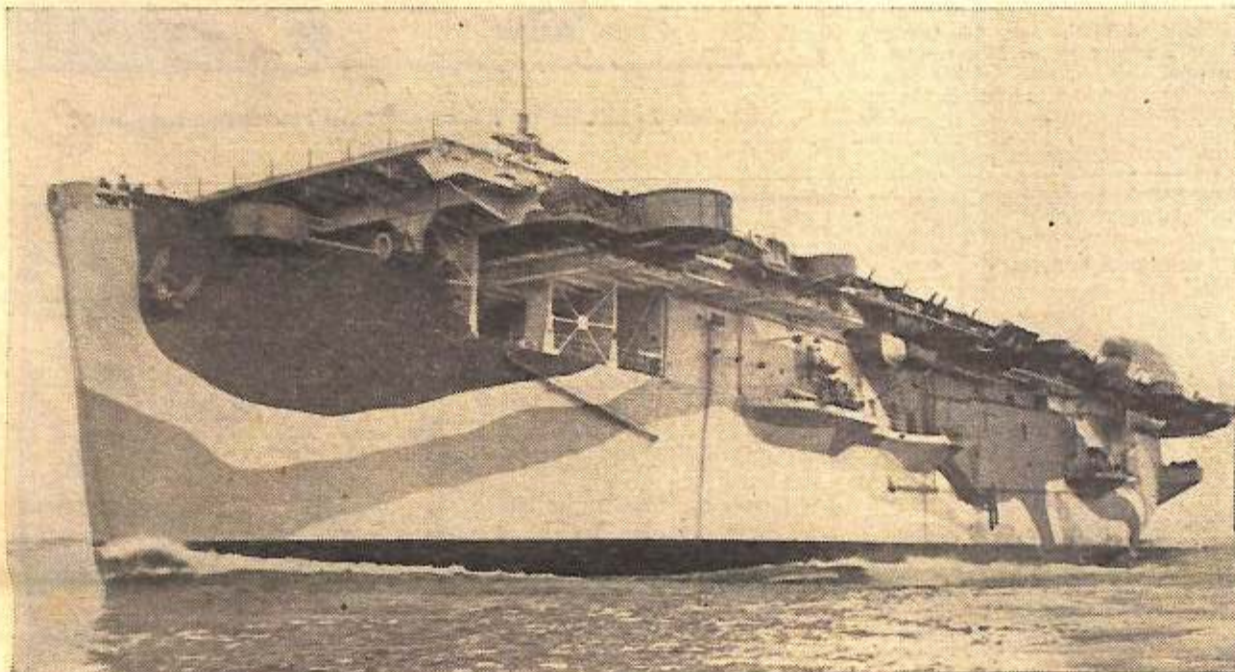
Keystone Photo
Thirty-five newly-appointed girl conductors and brakemen who will help keep trains rolling in and out of Philadelphia take the oath of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen by John McGarrity of Lodge 511.

Just Kissing Games



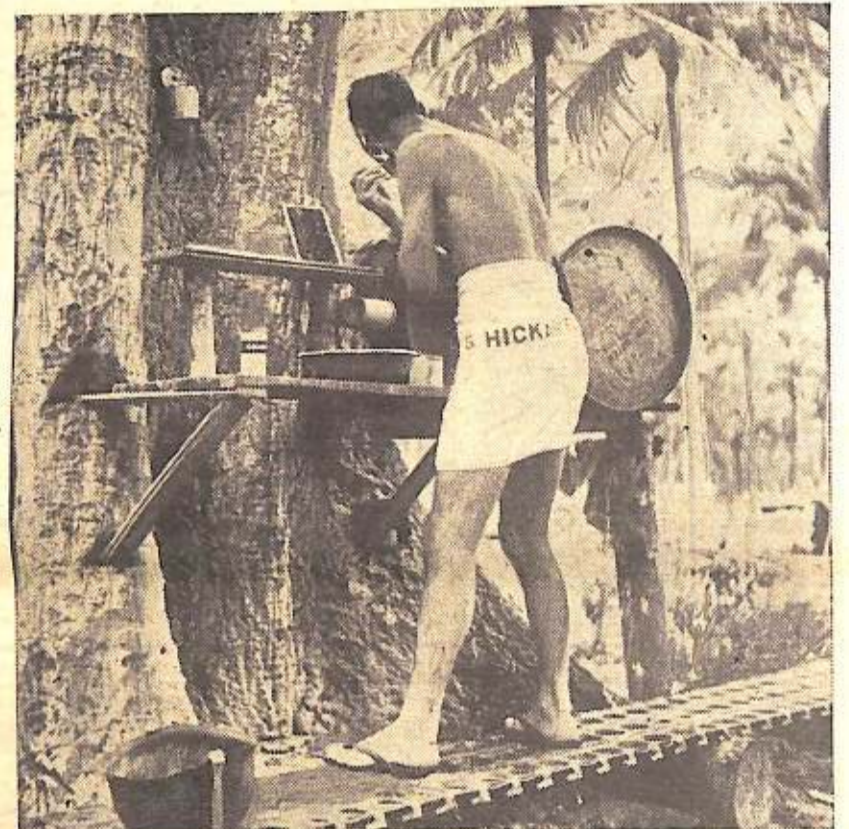
Keystone Photo
We don't know how it started but this kiss-eager girl sprang from the spectators during a parade in New York and planted a big kiss on this soldier's cheek.

New Type Escort Aircraft Carrier



Associated Press Photo
HMS Tracker, a new type aircraft-carrier made by converting the hull of a cargo ship, goes for a trial run off the Pacific Coast. Its purpose is to escort convoys. More ships like this are under construction in American shipyards for the American and British Navies.

All the Comforts of Home



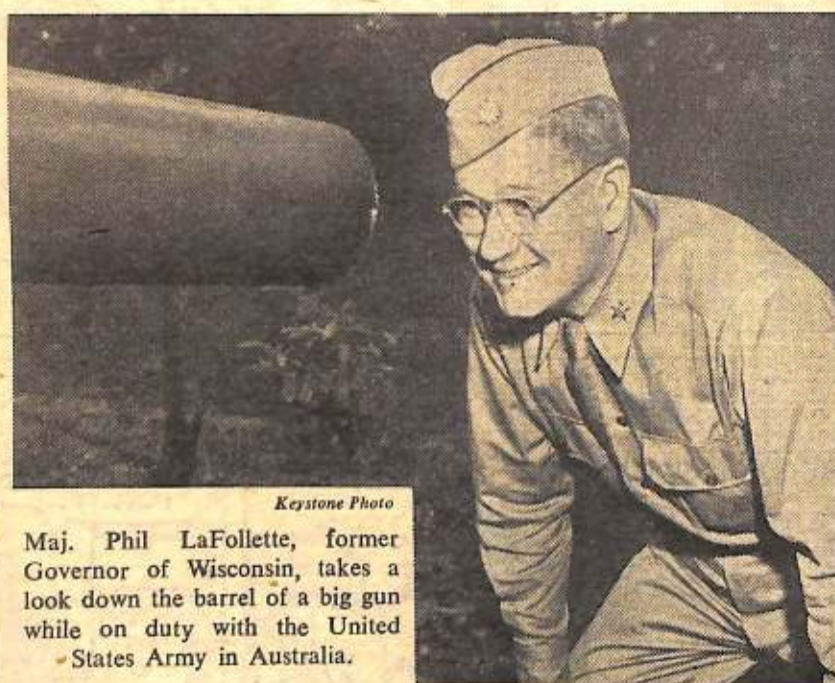
Keystone Photo
This gent dressed up in a towel performs his morning chores in a "bathroom" at a South Pacific base. And it isn't bad either—that floor he's standing on is a piece of the metal stripping used for making emergency landing strips.

WAVE Poster Gal



Keystone Photo
Selene Mahri, of Stockholm, Sweden, wears a WAVE hat after she was selected from a field of the country's ten most beautiful models to pose for the WAVES' new recruiting poster. Russell Patterson, Bradshaw Crandall, Arthur William Brown and Gilbert Bundy, well-known artists, made the choice.

Far Away from Wisconsin



Keystone Photo
Maj. Phil LaFollette, former Governor of Wisconsin, takes a look down the barrel of a big gun while on duty with the United States Army in Australia.

What a Pretty Flower!

You are cordially invited to observe the flower that Alexis Smith is wearing in her hair. Soap, water and beauty cream help make her a beautiful woman, and the fact that she is naturally pretty to begin with doesn't hurt anything. She thinks bathing suits should be interesting but brief.

