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Americans Moving Toward Tebourba

Duisburg Hit By Big RAF Night Force

Nazi Inland Port Blasted In 'One of the War's Heaviest Raids'

RAF heavy bombers struck at industrial Duisburg, in Germany, Monday night in what the Air Ministry described as "one of the heaviest attacks of the war."

Seventeen planes were lost from a force which the RAF described as "in great strength." The Air Ministry's description of the raid on Europe's second largest inland port would put it in the class of the 1,500-ton bombings of Cologne and other targets of "saturation raids."

In daylight yesterday Allied light bombers and fighters took up the offensive, striking across the Channel at German shipping and sweeping against the Nazi-held coast. One enemy fighter was shot down without Allied loss, it was reported.

The attack Monday night was the 59th on Duisburg. The last raid was on Apr. 9, when eight bombers were lost.

'Highly Concentrated'

The force of Stirlings, Lancasters, Halifaxes and Wellingtons poured incendiaries and high explosives down in "highly concentrated" cascades, returning crews reported.

Strong defenses were put up by the Nazis, including night fighters and heavy flak concentrations, while massed searchlight cones stabbed at the attackers. Weather was good.

The raid came after a lull of nearly a week in heavy night raids by the RAF.

Large fires were started across the target area, pilots reported, and one explosion sent black smoke curling 10,000 feet into the sky.

Berlin radio reported that "British bombers attacked some places in western Germany, including Duisburg, Oberhausen and Muelheim. Residential quarters, hospitals and other public buildings were hit. There were casualties among the population. At least 16 enemy planes were shot down."

Seek to Patch Red-Pole Break

The Polish Government-in-Exile held an emergency cabinet meeting in London yesterday—striving desperately for a formula to heal the breach with Soviet Russia. British and American diplomats held conversations with each other and, presumably, with the principals on the same subject.

From the Axis came a day-long stream of radio comment, all designed to widen the breach which Goebbels' Katyn Wood massacre stories seemed to have caused in the United Nations' front.

Russia suspended relations with Poland Monday in protest against what Moscow called a hostile campaign in the official Polish press. It echoed, said Moscow, German stories of the discovery of a "mass grave" near Smolensk, where 10,000 Polish officers, murdered by Red troops, were said to have been buried.

American news commentators united in deploring Poland's apparent willingness to fall for a Goebbels' propaganda offensive, although they took no sides as to the merits or demerits of the basic dispute.

Gen. Andrews, Air Force Chiefs Inspect 2nd Wing

2ND BOMBARDMENT WING, England, Apr. 27—Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, Commanding General, ETO, landed his B24 at this station today for a routine inspection of the grounds and facilities. He completed his tour with a visit to the Red Cross Aeroclub recently opened at the field.

Accompanying Gen. Andrews were Brig. Gen. Charles H. Barth, Brig. Gen. Newton Longfellow and Brig. Gen. James Hodges, commanding 2nd Bombardment Wing.

No Sawdust in Hamburgers WASHINGTON, Apr. 27 (UP)—The contents of hamburgers have been defined by OPA. Beef ground from necks, flanks, shanks, briskets, plates and various beef trimmings and fats, are included in the recipe.

Double-Threat Airman



2/Lt. Anthony Yenlavage, bombardier, who showed benefit of extra knowledge by flying B24 home when pilots were wounded.

Women in U.S. Now Form 30% Of Its Workers

Manpower Problems Ease But Nation Needs 5,000,000 Persons

NEW YORK, Apr. 27—Women comprise 30 per cent of the manpower in the United States, Paul McNutt, chairman of the war manpower commission, declared in a speech here today.

Much progress has been made in solving manpower problems, he said, but another 5,000,000 workers must be found by the end of this year.

Referring to the President's executive order binding workers to their jobs, he pointed out that "Americans are committed to holding the line, committed to the teamwork that is essential to winning the war."

"Thirty per cent of our working force is women, and encouraging gains have been made in the employment of older workers, handicapped workers, and workers from the minority groups," McNutt said.

"Fortunately, there have been some unexpected but very welcome gains in production efficiency. These gains have helped to alleviate our manpower shortage."

"Among them are countless production shortcuts that have saved thousands upon thousands of manhours. One single large war contractor reports that its workers have contributed over 17,000 suggestions. Nearly half of them have been production shortcuts. Other gains have come from new manufacturing processes that save materials."

"These good signs are comforting. But we still have a big manpower job ahead of us. We must find and train about 5,000,000 additional workers to meet our production goals in munitions and other essential industries by the end of 1943."

Veterans of RAF, RCAF Transfer to U.S. Air Force

By Andrew A. Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Sixteen American officers in the RAF and RCAF transferred to the U.S. forces yesterday in London. Ten flying officers joined the Air Force as first lieutenants and six pilot officers accepted USAAF commissions as second lieutenants.

Fighter and bomber pilots, gunners and air observers were among the 16. Their experience ranged from a bomber pilot with 37 missions, and a fighter pilot with more than 60 sorties and 200 operational hours to untried pilot officers who recently completed their advanced flying course.

F/O Jack Berry, of Parkersburg, W. Va., one of the 16, recently holds the DFC. "I haven't seen the citation yet; I'm not sure what it's for," Berry said.

Friends explained that last October Berry and five other Wellington pilots were briefed for a low altitude, daylight raid on Essen. Cloud formations were supposed to provide cover for the operations but weather cleared as the small squadron approached the target. Five of the planes turned back, but Berry felt he could do the job and bring his crew and ship back safely. He carried out the one

U.S. Bomber Crews Train On New Plan

Bombardiers to Navigate, Navigators Can Bomb Under Setup

American bomber crews in the European Theater of Operations are going to be made up of triple-threat airmen under a new training plan evolved in the States.

When they go into action over Europe, bombardiers will know how to navigate, navigators will know how to bomb and gunners will be qualified engineers, as a result of the schedule now in effect at Air Corps training fields.

According to the schedule drawn up by a board of 50 officers, headed by Maj. Gen. B. N. Yount, in charge of all Air Corps training plans, assembly-line methods of turning out pilots and crews will be abandoned. Crews will be schooled under plans evolved from study of conditions at the air fronts.

What the school will mean to bomber crews was shown in one recent case. Returning from a raid on Lorient Nov. 18, 2/Lt. Anthony Yenlavage, of Kingstown, Pa., a bombardier who never before had flown a four-engine bomber, took over the controls of the B24 in which his pilot and co-pilot had been severely wounded, and brought the ship and its crew home safely.

More Instrument Flying

Pilots will spend less time in complicated formations and will concentrate on the simple three-plane V-formation. Pilots in various theaters have found that on actual operations new formations had to be adopted to meet changing enemy offensive tactics.

Pilots are doing more instrument flying, too. Although Training Command says this move is designed to help pilots operating in bad weather over Europe and New Guinea, it fits into the night-training plans of the Eighth Air Force.

Greater emphasis is being placed on quick takeoffs and short-field landings. Pilots in theaters of operations have found that there isn't always a mile-long cement runway on which to set down their wheels. Pilots are also getting more ground training so that they will be capable of ser-

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Hey, Seaman Howard—Your Arm Is Broken

U.S. Navy medical authorities are looking for S/2cl. J. H. Howard, who is walking around with a broken arm—and doesn't know it.

Howard was taken to a hospital in Belfast for first aid treatment Saturday. X-rays were taken and he was released. When the pictures were developed they showed Howard had a broken arm.

Now the authorities don't know where he is.

Nazis' Defense Shell Is Reported Broken Northeast of Medjez

U.S. and French Forces Only Nine Miles From Tebourba, Outpost of Tunis; British Make New Gains

By the United Press

Axis troops are retreating towards Tebourba, less than 20 miles from Tunis itself, with the shell of the bridgehead defenses in Tunisia broken in at least one sector northeast of Medjez El Bab, according to reports last night from Allied forces headquarters.

One report placed American and French troops only eight or nine miles from Tebourba, and there was no indication where the enemy intended to make a stand.

Further southeast British troops have dented the Axis positions, and Allied armor, including Churchills and Shermans, has thrust a spearhead forward to a point five miles from the important Pont du Fahs defenses.

French troops have taken a height overlooking the town of Pont du Fahs, whose capture is imminent.

In the extreme north American and French troops are pushing ahead, now less than 12 miles from Mateur, with the Axis troops moving back fairly quickly on one part of the front.

The Eighth Army also has made more progress, although there is no indication that their main attack on the Halouf line has yet been launched.

Savage Fighting

Fighting on all parts of the front yesterday was described by an official spokesman as "bloody, fierce, stubborn and savage," as the Germans battled desperately to hold the Allies advances. The fighting in the Medjez sector of the front was the heaviest and also the most decisive.

British troops, after clearing Long Stop Hill, north of Medjez El Bab, moved further east and occupied important hills on both sides of the road to Tebourba. This indicated that the shell of hill defenses which had protected the Germans had been broken.

The most advance guards of the British and Allied forces on this front are about eight or nine miles from Tebourba. Whether the Germans intend to put up a major stand before Tebourba, towards which they are retreating, remains to be seen.

British Pass Salt Lake

Further southeast the British troops have advanced about nine miles in their drive which has surrounded the salt lake of Sebket El Kourzia. They have joined forces again on the north side of the lake and are now only about five miles from the important road which runs from Pont Du Fahs to Tunis. Other British forces, further south, are only four miles from the same road.

French troops continued their push and captured the northern end of the eastern Dorsal mountains, bringing them to the hills and high ground overlooking Pont Du Fahs, little less than five miles away.

Only 12 miles separated advance guards of American infantry from Mateur Monday night after they had forced an advance up the rocky slopes on this front with the object of gaining the high ground overlooking the plain.

Further north, another American force reached Green Hill and Bald Hill without serious resistance, but the Germans are expected to fight to hold the hills.

Pushing up the slopes of Djebel Azag, (Continued on page 4)

Nothing Escaped One of them said: "It was a scene of utter destruction. From our altitude it appeared that not a square foot of the airdrome and the adjacent area had escaped. The results must be terrific. Explosions and fires completely covered the place. If a single plane is left intact there I should be surprised." One section of the raiding party, the biggest Ninth Air Force formation to raid Italy, saw five enemy fighters, but they did not try to engage the Americans. The communique said: "Hits were scored on hangars and grounded aircraft. Many fires and explosions were observed and a group of oil tanks near the field were destroyed. Hits were also observed on a railroad yard in the vicinity of the field."

(Allied air forces based in Tunisia also stretched out to hit Axis mainland bases, the United Press said, and Malta-based fighter-bombers attacked Augusta airdrome on Sicily and bombed and shelled enemy shipping in the Sicilian Narrows. Tunisia planes also joined in the fray over the Mediterranean. Allied fighter-bombers hit two merchant vessels off Cap Bon. One of the ships blew up with a roar.)

Air War Grows in Russia As Ground Troops Wait

MOSCOW, Apr. 27 (AP)—Air activity mounted to new fury on the Russian front today with Soviet squadrons jabbing at Nazi fields far behind the lines where reinforced infantry waited the signal for a ground attack.

The most intensive dogfights and the most ambitious plans of the Luftwaffe were in the Kuban, where, in two days, a single Soviet AA battery brought down 17 German planes.

In dogfights with a flight of Mes one Red air detachment shot down five planes in ten minutes.

Most of the German planes in action on the Kuban and other fronts are new FW190s and Me109Gs. The latter were described in Soviet dispatches as a modernized version of the Me109.

New Explosive For Allied Guns

CAIRO, Apr. 27 (UP)—The destructive power of Allied artillery soon will be increased considerably with the use of a powerful explosive, an artillery expert revealed here.

The Allies are ahead of the Axis in one particular type of shell, he said, adding that British guns definitely got the upper hand of the enemy tanks during recent desert operations. He predicted that German tanks soon would be in a position similar to that of cavalry troops at the end of the last war.

The expert said the present six-pounder shell "pierces anything," and the anti-tank two-pounder can pierce anything except the armor of the new German Mark Six "Tiger."

He explained the terrific effectiveness of German tanks at the beginning of the war as being due to the Allied shortage of anti-tank guns and the German use of Stukas as a sort of covering artillery. "Improved AA guns have caught up the dive-bomber," he said.

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Hash Marks

Hashmarks is offering a couple of rounds of beers to the first GI to supply this column with the full words to "Dirty Gertie of Bizerte" and "4-F Charlie." These are the two most popular songs in North Africa today. Investigation this week disclosed no single printable stanza of either.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey heard that Newbold Morris, President of the Council of New York City, had offered his



services as a "spare-time" farmhand for defense. The Governor sent him the following telegram: "I have inquired of my farmer whether he can use an additional hand. He gratefully accepts the offer. Fifty-two cows will be waiting for the President of the City Council every day at 4.30 AM. The food is good and the exercise is wonderful."

Are things tough on the home front? In Oregon, liquor rationing reduced every citizen's weekly consumption to a pint of gin, two quarts of whiskey and one and one fifth gallons of rum or brandy. Aintthatheh!

Speaking of security, in Salt Lake City an investigating committee decided that the two worst fire hazards in the city were the central fire station and the public safety building.

You don't do this often and get away with it. A sentry on duty in the beautiful Miami Beach area saw two "civilians" clad in fishing clothes leave a nearby pier and stroll across a public lawn. So he shouts, "Hey, what's the matter with you guys—can't you read? Keep off the grass!" The "guys" were Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, and Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Force.

Sometimes it ain't easy to get married in this man's army. Just ask S/Sgt. E. M. Hufford, of Lancaster, Ohio. Hufford



and his fiancée were to wed in the chapel of a nearby army airfield. Before leaving for the field the nervous groom made a hasty check to see if everything were in order—ring, witnesses, best man, etc. At the last minute he discovered that something important was missing—he forgot to get a pass for his bride-to-be to enter the field. The wedding came off OK—but late!

J. C. W.

Desert Wanderers from the Sky



Pilots Forced Down Tell of Fantastic Adventures

By John O'Reilly
 N.Y. Herald Tribune War Correspondent

Some fantastic things have happened to American fighter pilots of the Desert Air Force since they pitched into the thick of the great air battle which has grown steadily in intensity since the assault on the Mareth Line.

Pilots turn up after days of wandering through enemy lines or making forced landings in the thick of battles. Each has a hair-raising tale to tell.

These pilots are old-timers. They were the first American fighter pilots to go into action in Africa. They teamed up with the Eighth Army when the big attack began on the Alamein Line, and have done their share in the advance across Africa ever since.

They have become hardened desert campaigners, and do not feel right unless the air they breathe has a large proportion of sand.

I was with them during part of the advance through Libya. Now, in one town or another, I hear a wild shout of greeting, and turn to see one of these desert rats who has had some wild experience and is trying to get back to his squadron.

Lands in a Battle

Take the case of 1/Lt. Walter Reed. Reed was on a bombing mission in a P40 when a whole mass of ack-ack hit the plane.

Flames and smoke were coming out of the engine, so he decided it was time to get out of the thing. At the height of only about 500 feet he loosened the safety belt and prepared to jump.

But just then the tail fell off the plane. The nose dropped suddenly and Reed catapulted out. He found himself in mid-

air right over a fierce battle. Mortar shells were flying all around and small arms fire added to the general racket. Reed pulled the ripcord of the parachute, and it snapped open in a strong easterly breeze.

He was then over the German side of the lines, but the breeze carried him through the smoke of battle and explosion of shells, so he dropped on to the Allied side.

2/Lt. Frank Edward Hertzberg, of California, also precipitated into the thick of battle. He was on a bombing mission when a shell struck the oil pipe.

Leaking oil covered the windshield, and smoke was coming out of the engine, but he decided to bellyland the plane. He came down on a grassy wadi. When he saw the plane was not on fire, he returned for the ration box and first-aid kit.

Gum Makes Friends
 A bunch of Arabs—from old men to babies—appeared, so Hertzberg hid in some tall grass. The battle was going on not far away, but the Arabs didn't seem to mind. In general, they take a fatalistic view of things and wander around unconcerned in the vicinity of heavy fighting.

Hertzberg decided they looked friendly and gave them chewing gum. Studying the map, he found out where the American troops were, and set out with four Arabs as escorts.

"The Arabs were wise to mines and booby traps," he said. "Every time we came to a minefield they would make signs for me to watch out."

They ducked into gullies when an occasional sniper shot at them, but finally led him up a steep hillside a thousand feet high.

Turning into a gully, rifle shots and bullets spattered around them. They had discovered the Americans, and, what was worse, the Americans discovered them.

Hertzberg and his Arab escorts ducked behind a small ridge, and the pilot wasted a white silk map in the hope of pacifying his countrymen on the ridge.

Finally, they saw the signal and waited while the curious party climbed to the top. An American sergeant came forward and said: "What the hell are you doing

Care for the Wounded

China, worn from years of bitter fighting, still finds the strength to care for her own wounded, and the wounded, still willing to "carry on," are picking up the burden of reconstruction in free Chinese territory under arrangements made by the government.

A soldier invalided out of the Chinese army is given the title of Honor Soldier and is absorbed into industrial and agricultural work at special centers which have been set up jointly by the War and Agriculture Ministries of the Western Chinese provinces. Subsidies are also provided to enable the honor soldiers to make a start in farming hitherto untilled land.

The new Chinese scheme of rehabilitation and resettlement of the disabled is being extended as rapidly as war-time restrictions will permit. Results to date have been most satisfactory, for they have brought fresh land under cultivation and increased industrial production while making the Chinese honor soldier feel he has not been forgotten by his government.

Troops In Shorts

Knee-length trousers are now being issued for the first time in history by the United States Army for wear by troops in certain areas.

These new khaki shorts are cut to a smart and serviceable pattern, somewhat similar to those worn by the British soldiers in tropical and desert areas. They have unusually wide legs, giving maximum freedom of movement.

The new shorts are made of 8.2-ounce cotton khaki and have five pockets—a watch pocket, two side pockets and two hip pockets. Knee-length socks of olive drab merino yarn, 50 per cent wool and 50 per cent cotton, are worn with the shorts.

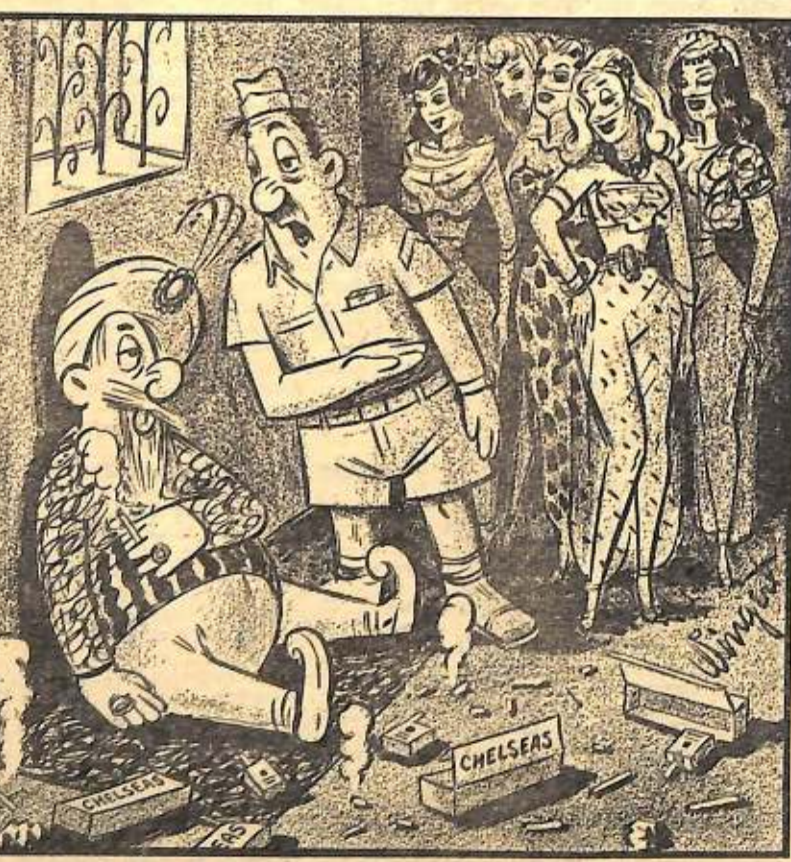
For more than a year the Army has been conducting research to determine whether or not shorts are preferable to slacks and breeches for wear in desert warfare. Shorts were issued for experimental purposes to selected officers and enlisted men on routine duties under desert conditions. As a result of these tests the shorts are now being issued. What! No kilts?

Veterans' Hospitals

Veterans' hospitals are now open to all GI Joes who have served in World War II, including the auxiliaries of the Navy and Coast Guard, Army and Navy nurses, and the WAACS; the latter are not yet a part of the armed forces, although there is legislation pending to give them all other rights granted to members of the armed services.

The text of the new measure, of vital importance to all of us, reads as follows: "Be it enacted, that paragraph IV of Veterans' Regulations No. 10, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and substituting therefor a colon and the following: 'World War No. II . . . Any person who served in the active military or naval service of the United States on or after December 7, 1941, and before the termination of hostilities in the present war as determined by proclamation of the President or by concurrent resolution of the Congress: Provided that the term "active military or naval service" as used herein shall include active duty as a member of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women's Reserve of the Navy and Marine Corps, and the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard.'

This measure, as finally enacted, gives to each of us the right to free medical service and hospitalization for the rest of our natural lives. It opens to each of us the doors to America's many splendid veterans' hospitals. These, built during the days of peace that have separated the two great wars, are the finest in the United States, and prior to this war were staffed by competent medical personnel. With peace, the service these institutions can again render will be of tremendous value, and you as an ex-service man will have earned the right to the best they can offer.



"I came back to see if I could trade one of my wives for a dozen fresh eggs!"

ARMY POETS

Draftees.

Ten little draftees
 Standing in a line
 One Joe had flat feet
 Then there were but nine.

Nine future soldiers
 Looking so sedate
 One defense worker
 Now there are just eight.

Eight eager men
 One the dad of eleven
 Done his share; ticket home
 Leaving only seven.

Seven anxious youths
 What an awful fix,
 Goofy was a crack-pot
 Now we're down to six.

Six tired youngsters
 One don't look alive
 18 pounds underweight
 Boils down to five.

Five remaining blokes
 Naked on the floor
 One had a heart attack
 Blimey that leaves four.

Four weary stalwarts
 Very plain to see
 One was badly ruptured
 Jeepers that leaves three.

Three remaining souls
 Now what will they do,
 Out goes the cross eyes
 Double check us two.

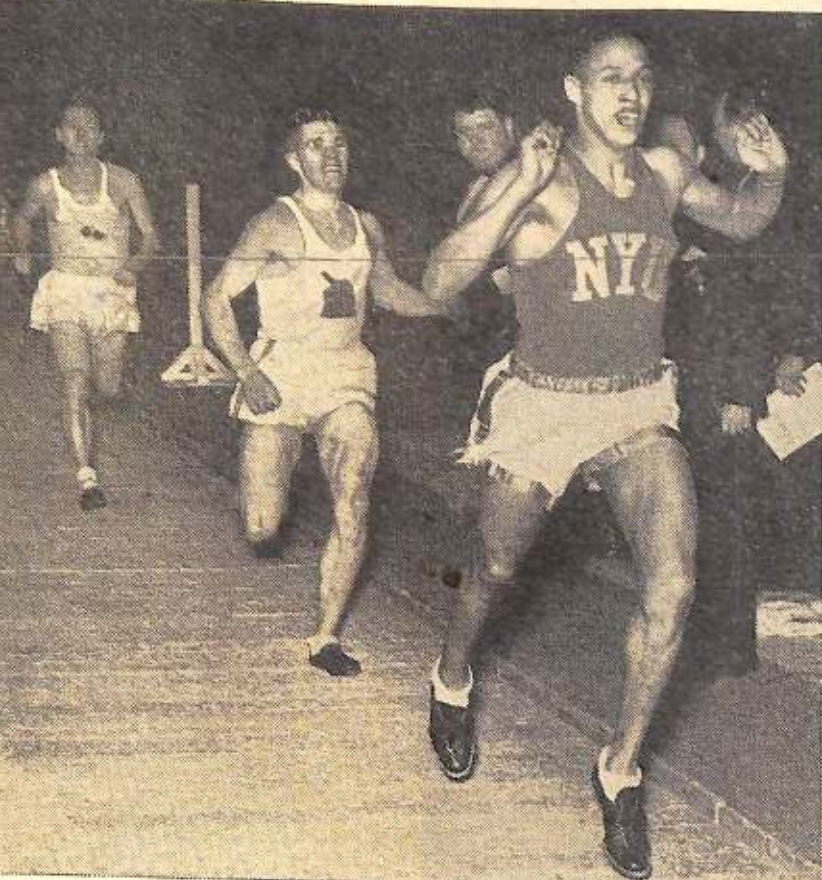
Two at the finish
 Tubby weighed a ton.
 Alas and alack,
 Ten less nine leaves one.

One healthy draftee
 On his face a grin.
 Now the jokes on you folks
 Cause I was sworn in.

Pfc Ben Shapiro.

Boxers Stay Undefeated, Stop Airmen, 4-2

N.Y.U. Star Wins K.C. Mile



Keystone Photo

Frank Dixon, great Negro speed star of NYU, becomes the first colored mile champion as he wins the Columbian mile, feature event at the Knights of Columbus track meet at Madison Square Garden, Time, 4.09.6. Gil Dodds, of the Boston A.A., whom Dixon passed two laps from the wire, trails in second place. Third is James Rafferty, of the NYAC.

Amerdex, Ulster Cage Titlists, Meet LBC, Grays This Week

By Charles F. Kiley
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

DIVISION BASE, Apr. 27—London Base Command and the Division Grays, ranking basketball teams among American forces in the British Isles, lay their reputations on the line this week when they encounter Northern Ireland's once-beaten Amerdex cagers from Lockheed Overseas Aircraft Corp., here at Assaye Gym.

The games, sending Amerdex against LBC on Friday night and against the Grays on Saturday, were scheduled after Lockheed's civilian technicians issued challenges to both teams following the ETO championship tournament three weeks ago when London Base Command upset the Grays in the final.

The high-scoring Amerdex dribblers, victors in 27 of 28 games, include several ex-college luminaries—Jack Lippert, former USC player, whose 358 points paced Amerdex to a 1,030-point output for 28 games; Bill Hall, from Montana State, and Harry "The Horse" Mattos from St. Mary's, are some of the ex-collegians. Mattos is better known for his football prowess, with St. Mary's as well as the Cleveland Rams, N.Y. Football Yankees, Jersey City Giants and Paterson Panthers.

LBC's unbeaten record in four games was established in the tournament. The team was organized for the tourney and has not played since it took the title. The Grays won 12 of 13 games, the setback occurring against LBC in the tournament final.

LONDON DERRY, Apr. 27—The U.S. Navy's soccer team wound up a mediocre season today with a 4-2 win over a Londonderry post office eleven. Paul Szwaja, CM3c, Acushnet, opened the scoring for the Navy with a freak shot from mid-field. He kicked the ball up-field for a team mate, but no one came in to take the pass and the ball rolled toward the goalie who stepped out to kick it away but missed.

The 'Derry squad returned with freck play of its own, managing to draw the Navy goalie almost to the center of the field. They then ran around him to score without opposition.

The post office team scrimmaged in front of the Navy goal for three minutes before scoring their final goal, then Ken Forringer, MM2c, Rosemount, Md., drove a hard one into the corner of the net to tie the score at halftime.

Sid Haywood, SC1c, Worcester, Mass., opened the second half scoring with an angle shot from the corner of the field. Forringer came through with a fast shot to end the game, 4-2.

AN AIR FORCE STATION, Apr. 27—The Ordnance Ammunition Company softball team laid down a 17-hit barrage to blast out a 15-1 win, their seventh straight, over the Ordnance Company.

The losers waved ineffectually at the offerings of Cpl. Paul Richards, of Chicago, and Pfc Leonard Lainhart, of Hamilton, Ohio. Richards allowed but one hit in the five innings he pitched, a single by Cpl. Walter Meyers, of New York. Meyers got the only other hit for the losers when he powdered a home run deep into left field in the seventh inning.

Cheerleaders Sought For London Grid Game

Experienced cheerleaders are needed for the football game between the "Fighting Irish," — Field Artillery team, and the "Crimson Tide," — Engineer eleven, to be played at White City Stadium, Saturday, May 8, 2.30 PM.

GIs interested should call Capt. Harry Harchar, Regent 8484, extension 2145, before 6 PM Tuesday, May 4.

All-Stars Tie Police Eleven

Keep Undefeated String Going With 1-1 Draw

The Division all-star soccer team came from behind to gain a 1-1 tie with the Metropolitan Police at Chigwell Field, thus keeping their consecutive victory string intact.

It was considered a moral victory for the All-Stars, as the police team ended its season undefeated with 16 triumphs and three ties.

Pvt. Anthony Slovic, of Sturgeon, Pa., gave the All-Stars their only goal of the game, when ten minutes after the second half had started he placed the ball into the net from the ten-yard line, after receiving a pass from Cpl. Carmen Cuomo, Baltimore.

The police eleven took an early lead in the first period as Charles Brentnall scored a penalty goal after Sgt. Frank Carnes, of Baltimore, handled the ball in the penalty area.

Division-1		Police-1	
Biamconi	G	West	
Dimick	RFB	Ford	
Carnes	LFB	Brentnall	
Denski	RHB	Savers	
Beacham	CHB	Fleming	
Warga	LHB	Harris	
Slovick	OK	Mahie	
Koubek	IR	Baker	
Fleming	CF	Crowther	
Cuomo	IL	Stein	
Gayo	OL	Puddefoot	

Signals Drop Hq. Team, 12-8

AN EAST ENGLAND TOWN, Apr. 27—Pfc Bill Verdini pitched and batted his team to victory in an exhibition softball game here yesterday when — Signal Company defeated Headquarters Squadron, Bombardment Wing, 12-8, before 1,000 civilian spectators. It was the first softball game played in this section of England and the Lord Mayor tossed out the first ball.

On the mound, Verdini yielded 11 hits in the free-hitting tilt and at the plate drove in six runs with a pair of triples in the fourth and sixth innings. The bases were filled on both occasions. His second blow came during a five-run uprising that brought the Signal team from behind. Two of the losers' hits were home runs by Dilley, in the third with two on, and by Kruchok in the fifth with the bases empty.

Willie Pep Outpoints Wilson at Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Apr. 27—Willie Pep, recognized in New York as world featherweight titlist, won a unanimous decision over Pittsburgh's Jackie Wilson in a 12-round non-title bout. It was Pep's 66th win in 67 fights.

Pep bided his time, waiting for the 33-year-old Wilson to wear himself out. Then, in the ninth, he started throwing the heavy artillery. Wilson took everything Pep had, but stayed on his feet. The partisan crowd of 7,500 booed the decision.

Bomber Hq. Nine on Top, 4-3

BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Apr. 27—Led by Lefty Dave Mace, who gave up only eight hits, Bomber Command Headquarters' nine edged the — Replacement Center, 4-3, here. Farcaro, Gradisher and Fanucci starred on the field.

Costa Upsets Jackie Callura

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Apr. 27—Tony Costa, up and coming Woonsocket, R.I., featherweight, scored a unanimous decision over Jackie Callura, Hamilton, Ont., NBA world featherweight titlist, in a ten-round non-title match.

Four Knockouts Give Action on 11-Bout Card

Third Straight Win For Division Men, 2nd in Week

The Division fighters, undefeated in team competition since they began fighting as a unit two months ago, added another victory to their record as they defeated an Eighth Air Force squad, 4-2, on The Stars and Stripes weekly fights at the Rainbow Corner.

The team match of seven bouts—one of which went to a draw—was part of an 11-bout card which was featured by four kayos.

Last night's win was the third straight in the Corner ring for the Division team and their second within a week. Last Wednesday they trounced a Canadian team, 8-2.

Pfc Don Webber, division featherweight champ, gave his team an early lead in the first inter-team battle when he outpointed Pfc Charley Wohlwend, of Superior, Wis.

Webber, from Roanoke, Va., was the aggressor in the first two rounds, and piled up a handy lead. Wohlwend rallied in the third, shaking up Webber on three occasions with sharp left hooks to the head, but Webber survived and almost dropped the Superior boy near the end of the round.

The team score was squared at one-one after the second bout. Pfc Gene Donato, of Steelton, Pa., Air Force lightweight titleholder, gave away size, reach and four pounds, then punched his way to a decisive win over Pfc Lynwood Craighead, of Roanoke, Va.

Craighead's nose bled in the second and third and his left eye was bruised in the final round.

Spontak, Schnappauf Win

The Division went two ahead when 135-pound co-champions Cpl. George Spontak, of Pittsburgh, and Pfc Charly Schnappauf, of Wilkes Barre, Pa., both took their contests.

Spontak knocked out Pvt. Edward Heintz, of Chicago, in the third bout of the team match. The Pittsburgher belted Heintz with straight jabs to the face midway through the first round, forcing him to clinch in a neutral corner. From there on Heintz tried to wrestle his way to the finish. At the start of the second he wrestled Spontak to the floor and a few seconds later both of them went through the ropes. A right had Heintz groggy and after taking a nine count, two successive rights to the stomach put him away at 1:50 of the second.

Schnappauf's victory was at the expense of Cpl. Mickey Cianci, of Philadelphia, Air Force welterweight titlist. Both lefties, Cianci gave Schnappauf the toughest fight the Wilkes Barre boy has had in the Corner ring to date. Schnappauf's continual pounding to Mickey's face however brought results in the third round when he opened a deep cut over Cianci's left eye and a smaller one over the right.

Mickey kept coming on but Schnappauf went through the rest of the round easily to take the decision.

Clinch Title

The Division ringmen clinched the title in the fifth bout when Pvt. Tony Pavone, welterweight champ from Lynn, Mass., stopped Cpl. Norman Potter, of Lee, Mass., in 1.15 of the second.

Pavone, boring with his familiar bobbing and weaving style beat Potter about the head and body at will. Potter was reeling under the relentless attack when referee Vidmer called a halt.

The air force broke through in the sixth bout with Pfc Paul Phaneuf, of Holyoke, Mass., outpointing Pfc James Grantham, divisions 155-pound champ, from Pulaski, Va., to give his team its second win. It marked the second time Phaneuf had beaten a division titlist—last week he beat Pavone in the same ring.

The heavyweight bout between Sgt. Bill Dircks, of Cumberland, Md. and Cpl. Harold Raskin, air force champ from Chicago, was called a draw. Dircks took a commanding lead in the first heat and was going strong in the second until Raskin decided he had caught enough and started to pitch. Raskin had a wide edge in the third round.

The inter-team competition was preceded by a supporting card of four bouts, three of them failing to go the three round limit.

Eck Gets Decision

One of the prelims marked the third meeting between Pvt. Bennie Droll, of Peoria, Ill., and Cpl. Bill Eck, of Allentown, Pa., a pair of seasoned middleweights, and for the third time Eck earned a close decision. As in their previous scraps there wasn't a letup from start to finish.

Two sailors on leave from convoy duty were involved in two other supporting fights, and both were unable to finish. S/1c Al Granger, of Trenton, N.J., was chilled in 1:18 of the third by Pfc Lew Fetters, of Bellefonte, Pa., in a lively welterweight battle, while S/1c Bill Fezell, of Akron, Ohio, was disqualified in the second round against Pvt. Johnny Robertson, middleweight from Kansas City, Kan.

Pvt. Tom Walbert, hard-hitting middleweight from Washington, made a hit in the fourth preliminary when he stopped Pvt. Glen Carpenter, an Indian from Hoopa, Cal., in 1:54 of the third.

Gophers, SSUs Rebels in Lead

SOS HEADQUARTERS, Apr. 27—The first week of the SOS Headquarters softball season ended with the Gophers smashing the Jr. Commandos, 25-8, the Chain Gang nipping the Medics Aces, 5-4, the Rangers trouncing the Royal Aces, 6-3, and the Wolves forfeiting to the Diamonds.

In the three leagues, the Gophers lead the Roosevelt, the SSUs are in front in the Stalin, while the Rebels and the Spartans are tied for first place in the Churchill loop. The MRUs and the Bumble Bees haven't suffered any setbacks, but each team has played only one game.

The league standings:

Roosevelt			Churchill				
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Gophers	2	0	1.000	Rebels	2	0	1.000
MRUs	1	0	1.000	Spartans	2	0	1.000
K'out D'ps	1	1	.500	Rangers	1	1	.500
Sad Sacks	1	1	.500	Ramblers	1	1	.500
Mobs	1	1	.500	Diamonds	1	1	.500
Aces	1	1	.500	Royal Aces	0	2	.000
Kings	0	1	.000	Wolves	0	2	.000
Jr. Com.	0	2	.000	Flaming B's	0	0	.000

Stalin			
W	L	Pct.	
SSUs	2	0	1.000
Bumble B's	1	0	1.000
Chain Gang	1	1	.500
Medics A's	1	1	.500

Ammunition Co. Blasts Ordnance Squad 15-1

AN AIR FORCE STATION, Apr. 27—The Ordnance Ammunition Company softball team laid down a 17-hit barrage to blast out a 15-1 win, their seventh straight, over the Ordnance Company.

The losers waved ineffectually at the offerings of Cpl. Paul Richards, of Chicago, and Pfc Leonard Lainhart, of Hamilton, Ohio. Richards allowed but one hit in the five innings he pitched, a single by Cpl. Walter Meyers, of New York. Meyers got the only other hit for the losers when he powdered a home run deep into left field in the seventh inning.

Blondie

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



by Chic Young

Bishop Is Guest Of U.S. Embassy After Base Tour

Chief of Chaplains Sees American Ambassador, British Minister

Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, chairman of the General Commission of U.S. Army and Navy chaplains, was guest of honor yesterday at a reception arranged by the U.S. Embassy. Senior Chaplain James L. Blakeney, ETO, and his associates, welcomed the Bishop.

Among those present were the Right Rev. Fisher, Bishop of London; Archdeacon Crick, chaplain of the British Fleet; Monsgr. Coughlin, senior R.C. chaplain, British Army; Mrs. Alfred Lyttelton, and other religious and military leaders.

Bishop Leonard earlier conferred with American Ambassador John Winant, and lunched with Brendan Bracken, British Minister of Information.

On Monday the Bishop visited three Eighth Air Force bases and at one inspected Flying Fortresses under the guidance of the chief of the ground crews, M/Sgt. O. Leathers, of Newport, Me.

Visit to Base

He had a long personal talk at one base with Lt. Col. Robert Phillip Hare, of Atlanta, Ga., who married a niece of Warren Candler, long-time Methodist Bishop of Atlanta and friend of Bishop Leonard.

At another base the Bishop visited a Red Cross club and told the director, James C. Kerns, of Pittsburgh, that he warmly approved the work the Red Cross is doing for the troops. He also discussed soldiers' religious and moral problems with Chaplain William Biggs, of Lindsey, Okla., and Chaplain Walter Dorre.

In the evening Bishop Leonard dined at, and later toured, the London Red Cross Mostyn club, Portman St., W.1, escorted by director Bill Cruise, of Passaic, N.J.

He congratulated soldiers in the packed writing room on their zeal in writing home, and talked to men in the games room and dormitories.

He was particularly interested in the "State Nights" which are held at the club, and being an Ohioan, said he hoped to attend tonight's "Ohio" reunion.

Bishop Leonard is scheduled to visit naval chaplains in Northern Ireland tomorrow.

Prisoners Will Benefit From Friday Night Ball

A May Day Eve ball will be held at Grosvenor House, London, Friday night for the benefit of British, Imperial and American prisoners of war in enemy hands. Tickets, priced at 30 shillings, may be obtained at Grosvenor House or from Lady Aberdare, chairman of the ball committee, British Prisoner of War Funds, Carrington House, Hertford St., London, W.1.

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got as many as three planes with six seconds' supply of ammunition by aiming at vital spots, such as oxygen tanks and pilots' heads.

As the RAF and RCAF fliers waited for their turn before the five-man board that makes the final decision on the transfer, they applied a born-and-raised American inflection to uniquely RAF slang, as they talked over the comparative merits of the "kites" they have been flying and the "kites" they would be flying soon. F/O Ivan Moon, of Palm Beach, Fla., heard one of the others say that he went to Palm Beach High School. "Palm Beach Hi? Why blazes, I graduated from there, old man."

The men said they were glad they had the experience with the Canadian and English fliers, but they were happy to be back with their own countrymen. One who signed papers, took tests and took oaths all day, finally slumped into a chair when the transfer became official. Collecting his thoughts he finally looked up at a sergeant in the office where the transfers had been made. "Say sergeant, how long is this for?"

Other officers who took the USAAF oath were:

F/O John McIntyre, Chery Chase, Md.; F/O William Burckfield, Potstown, Pa.; P/O John Godfrey, Woonsocket, R.I.; F/O Mike Kornuta, Cleveland; P/O Irving Kunin, New York; P/O John W. Dunbar, Perrysburg, Ohio; P/O James Dwyer, Toledo, Ohio; P/O Jack L. K. Kearney, Las Vegas, N.M.; P/O Carl Stitzel, Camp Hill, Pa.; P/O Earl Hill, Los Angeles; P/O Douglas Saunders, Washington; F/O Daniel Heffernan, Flushing, N.Y.; and F/O William E. Poroshin, Sacramento, Cal.

Pvt. Pedrick Gets a Paint Job



That's really Pvt. Russell Pedrick, of Lambertville, N.J., behind that fancy war paint being administered by Yvette Harris, of New Orleans, during a USO show in England. Yvette and her GI gang are one of the six USO show groups touring American camps in the British Isles. Capt. Bernard Szold, of Hollywood, director of the show, watches.

Economy Ideas Orphans' Fund Contest for LBC Totals £20,720

SOS Personnel, Civilian Employees Eligible For Bond Prizes

An economy idea contest for London Base Command SOS personnel was announced yesterday. Soldiers and civilian personnel attached are offered war bond prizes for new ideas and methods of conservation of war material—\$50 bonds for soldiers, and £10 bonds for civilians.

A similar competition organized by SOS ETO produced a number of ideas that have contributed in a great measure to the Army's war effort, officials said. The new competition is exclusive to LBC.

More than one entry may be submitted, but each entry has to be in the form of an essay, using not more than both sides of a single sheet of paper, 10 1/2 x 8 inches. The closing date is May 25, and entries must be sent direct to Commanding General, London Base Command.

Each essay will deal with the conservation of one or more of the following items: Gasoline and oil, rubber, clothing, paper, fuel (heat, water, light, etc.), motor transport, personal equipment, organizational equipment, personnel, metal (all kinds), unserviceable property, waste and scrap, occupied buildings, ground or facilities, or general, over-all economy, conservation and salvage.

British Navy Officer Transfers To U.S. Force

Lt. Edwin F. Russell, former Newark, N.J., newspaperman, transferred from the British to the American Navy yesterday and was assigned to duty at the London Headquarters, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.

On May 15 he and Lady Sarah Consuelo Churchill, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and a distant cousin of the Prime Minister, are to be married.

The 28-year-old officer, who has been at sea almost continuously since he joined the Royal Navy in October, 1941, is a veteran of the Murmansk convoy run, where his ship was under almost constant enemy air attack. He also participated in the North African landings.

Orphans' Fund Totals £20,720

Medics, Ordnance Outfit Each Sponsor Blitzed Youngster

The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund went up to £20,720 yesterday with the receipt of three contributions amounting to £203. More important, two more blitzed children are added to the list of those receiving aid for five years from voluntary funds donated by American men and women in the British Isles.

From the — Station Hospital came a check for £100 from officers, nurses and enlisted men to help "just a deserving case." In a letter from Lt. Col. L. A. Normandin, commanding officer, those who contributed to the fund volunteered to devote their free time to take special interest in the child's welfare. It also was said that the unit is contributing toward the aid of another orphan.

Two officers and 50 enlisted men, entire personnel of the — Ordnance Company, also forwarded a check for £100, to aid "a four- to five-year-old dark-haired boy, living in the London area." Chaplain Eugene L. Lamb said the money was collected in a few days.

A soldier in Canadian battledress made the third contribution of £3. He didn't make any requests. Asked to reveal his identity, he said, "Just say an American in the Canadian Army."

McNair Leaves Hospital

AN ADVANCED U.S. EVACUATION HOSPITAL, Northern Tunisia, Apr. 26 (delayed) (AP)—Lt. Gen. Leslie J. McNair, chief of all the American ground forces, today left the hospital bed where a German shell put him three days ago. Gen. McNair suffered a scalp laceration from a small fragment which pierced his helmet and a fractured shoulder from a large piece of shrapnel.

Help Wanted Department

Sgt. H. Garber, of a Service Company, is receiving mail addressed to a man called Pvt. Henry Garber from people in Chicago, including Mrs. D. Pottisham and Mrs. C. Garber. If Pvt. Henry Garber will get in touch with the Help Wanted Department, the letters will be forwarded to him.

Name Liberty Ships After Sports Immortals

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Apr. 27—The names of American sports immortals are being given to seven Liberty ships which will be launched at Pacific Coast yards within a few days. They'll be christened in honor of:

Knute Rockne, James J. Corbett, Walter Camp, Hobey Baker, Christy Mathewson, George Gipp and John L. Sullivan.

Supplying Arms Is Mighty Task

Men Abroad Getting Plenty But Army Is Pressed For Home Troops

NEW YORK, Apr. 27 (AP)—Overseas needs are being met, but it will not be until next year that all troops in the United States can be furnished with basic equipment, Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, commanding the Army Service Forces, told the U.S. Chamber of Commerce here today.

He said that "there has been no huge accumulation of stores which could not be moved overseas. In fact we are still not free from difficulties in providing essential cargo for the shipping space which is available to us."

The current production program for the ground forces is still increasing at the rate of about \$100,000,000 monthly, Gen. Somervell added.

Despite the ever-increasing quantity of material being manufactured, American troops in training this year will get only a part of their major critical items.

"However, our Allies, who have been equipping their armies for a much longer period," he said, "should be provided with their capital needs by the end of this year although the United States Army will not be so equipped until late in 1944."

Libs, Mitchells, P40s, P38s Make 13 Attacks on Kiska

WASHINGTON, Apr. 27—B24 Liberators and B25 Mitchells, escorted by P40 Warhawks and P38 Lightnings, struck at Kiska, in the Aleutians, in 13 separate formations yesterday, blasting enemy installations, the Navy Department announced today.

The same day, Libs attacked Jap-held Attu island, scoring hits on the runway and other installations. Libs attacked Jap positions at Kahili, in the Solomons area, the communique added.

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vicing their own ships in an emergency. At many captured airfields in North Africa, U.S. pilots operating day and night were forced to do much of their own repair work on their ships for the first few weeks after the American invasion, before positions were secure and ground crews established.

Navigators and bombardiers are to receive the same training so that on long flights the bombardier can relieve the navigator. In case a bombardier is wounded or killed, the navigator will be capable of taking over and operating the bombsight.

Enlisted men all will get specialized training so that they will be able to function in some capacity other than that of gunner. All gunners will be trained as engineers, and will be schooled in the use of the plane radios.

In the Eighth Air Force, many of the combat crews have had their training the hard way. Most veteran engineers in the ETO have learned to fly their Forts or their Libs. Technically a staff sergeant or a technical sergeant isn't supposed to be able to fly a four-engine bomber, but there have been several instances where an enlisted engineer has been an important factor in helping a wounded pilot bring a battered ship home.

Training won't go so far as to teach every man in the ship to fly, but such stories as that about Yenlavage have made officials at home realize it is important for every man on a bomber to know at least two jobs well.

"The Training Command will use every bit of useful information coming to us from overseas," Gen. Yount said in the States, emphasizing that the Army is ready to change training plans again if reports indicate it is desirable.

NEWS FROM HOME U.S. Launches 5 Ships A Day, Adm. Land Says

Construction And Repair Answering German U-Boat War

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Apr. 27—American yards are launching five ships every 24 hours and are backing up the new building with an "efficient and prompt repair service," Rear Adm. Emory S. Land said in a speech to shipyard workers here yesterday.

He denounced German claims of a shipping crisis among the Allies as "fanciful and exaggerated" but warned that the United Nations may still expect heavy losses at sea.

"The job you have to do brooks no delay," Adm. Land said. "Too many enemy submarines still infest the oceans. We have paid and will continue to pay a heavy toll."

Terming as "fanciful" the Nazi claims that U-boats had sunk more than 30,000,000 gross tons of United Nations ships, the admiral said:

"The shipbuilders have given Hitler his answer more than twofold. They are building more than twice as many ships as the Nazi war lord said could not be built. The Nazi naval chiefs overlook the fact that, in addition to our greatly increasing ship production, we took over, in accordance with an act of Congress, about 1,000,000 tons of ships interned in our ports. These ships are now in operation."

'Sunshine' is Igloo Hit

RUTLAND, Vt., Apr. 27—James Taylor Brown, just back from Greenland where he was employed by a Danish mining company, reported here that "You Are My Sunshine" was the most popular song among Eskimos. "They really go for hillbilly songs up there," Brown said. "Some of those Eskimo gals are real hep-cats and can jitterbug better than many American girls." U.S. sailors introduced the American music, Brown explained.

Stassen Won't Run

ST. PAUL, Minn., Apr. 27—Gov. Harold E. Stassen, who reported for duty with the Navy today, said he wasn't planning to run for the Presidency in 1944, "because I don't think the war will be over by then." He is a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve.

Brig. Gen. Collins Opens New Chapel at Hospital

AN ARMY HOSPITAL IN WESTERN ENGLAND, Apr. 27—A new chapel has been opened here with a ceremony at which Brig. Gen. Leroy P. Collins, regional commander in the ETO, was the speaker.

At the opening of the chapel, the entire personnel of the hospital paraded behind a Royal Air Force band. Chaplain John F. O'Brien delivered the invocation. Capt. Andrew J. Shapire read the Scripture. The keys to the chapel were presented by Assistant Chaplain General, the Rev. H. J. Basham, of the British Army Western Command, and were accepted by Lt. Col. Reuben A. MacBrayer, commander of the hospital.

Yanks, Aussies Launch Attack in New Guinea

WASHINGTON, Apr. 27—With the air support of American Boston bombers, American and Australian troops have opened an attack against the Japanese at Mubo, south of Salamaua on the north coast of New Guinea, according to today's official communique.

This is the first mention of ground fighting in this area for some time, while the air battering of the Jap bases in the island are north of Australia have gone on without respite.

Despite thunderstorms alternating with "icing-up" conditions, Allied bombers of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's command flew to New Britain, destroying a radio tower and installations at Gasmata, and bombing and strafing Ubili and Arawe.

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on the northern ring of the so-called impenetrable German positions on the main road between Djebel Abiod and Mateur. American infantry reached a point within 75 yards of the summit before they were forced back to the bottom of the hill.

These positions, ten miles from Mateur, are known as the Jefna positions, and were prepared by German engineers in December. They include concrete emplacements and embedded rock positions. At dawn yesterday American bombers began a shuttle service of attacks of the German positions.

In the Cap Serrat area Moroccan troops advanced and found the Axis apparently fearing a large-scale attack, since they had carried out a hasty retreat, abandoning a huge ammunition dump as well as clothing and equipment.

The Eighth Army is making progress on the left flank, Algiers radio said last night. French and American troops are advancing step by step in difficult terrain, the radio added.

