

## First Army Now 21 Miles from Tunis

### Eagle Club Closing for Alterations

#### Red Cross Plans Changes; Closed Temporarily From May 5

The Eagle Club, first organization to care for the Americans who came to England to fight before Pearl Harbor, is going to close May 5 for repairs, the American Red Cross announced yesterday.

Red Cross officials said the club building at 28 Charing Cross Rd., London, would be shut for an indefinite time—from four weeks to three months.

Americans with the U.S. and other United Nations forces, who have been going to the Eagle Club for upwards of two years, yesterday expressed regret at the closing of the club, even though it was temporary, and said they hoped there would be no change in personnel. Most of the club's workers who have been there for some time have built up friendships with Yanks flying in the RAF and RCAF, transferees to the U.S. forces, Americans in the Polish, French and other armies.

#### Decided Months Ago

Red Cross officials said that servicemen who use the club's facilities would be informed soon of the closing, which was decided on several months ago.

Asked if there would be any change after the reopening—in the club, which has been run on a policy of minimum interference and program planning, a Red Cross spokesman declared that "there has been a change in policy right along, but there will be no change in the atmosphere." He added that it was planned to operate the Eagle Club on the same policy as all Red Cross clubs.

Heretofore, the Eagle Club has been unique among such organizations.

#### No Restrictions in '40

It was opened by an independent group of Americans in Britain on Dec. 17, 1940. It provided a gathering place for Yanks in foreign service with virtually no restrictions other than those imposed—and enforced—by the men themselves.

Some of the RAF's and RCAF's most decorated pilots—Americans—have gone back to the Eagle Club whenever on leave. There has never been any rank within the club precincts; colonels and squadron leaders have just as many rights as privates.

On Apr. 25, 1942, the club was taken over by the American Red Cross and has been managed by that organization and a nucleus of the original staff since that time.

A Red Cross official said yesterday that the five-story building would undergo several changes. The first floor up will be a large recreation room, with facilities for showing pictures. The snack bar and

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### 142 Kiska Raids In April by U.S.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28—Formations of U.S. Army planes yesterday carried out the 142nd attack against Japanese installations at Kiska this month. Liberators and Mitchells, with Lightning and Warhawk fighters, participated in these raids, the Navy Department announced.

Hits were scored in the enemy main camp area on the runway and a number of buildings was destroyed. Damage was also inflicted on Northhead. Canadian pilots flying Warhawks executed two other attacks.

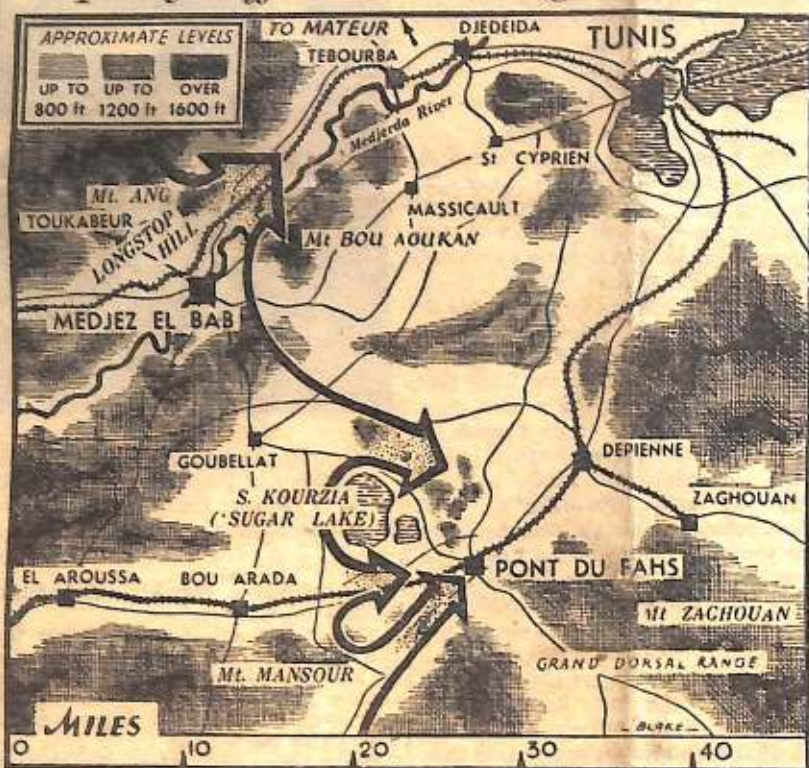
In the South Pacific, a direct hit on a 4,000-ton Japanese cargo vessel in the Arafura Sea, north of Australia, was scored by a heavy Allied bomber yesterday, the communique added.

Two near misses were also scored on a second Japanese vessel of 4,000 tons in the same area.

#### Japs Plan U.S. Invasion

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (UP)—Japan has made plans to invade the United States between June and October of this year, according to underground reports reaching Kilsnoo Haan representative of the Korean National Front Federation in Washington. He said the Japanese plans were outlined at a meeting of the Black Dragon Society. Tojo had hoped to start the invasion on Feb. 7.

### Speedy Offensive Rolling to Tunis



American and British troops reach Tebourba plain, 21 miles west of Tunis, as French and British troops attack Pont du Fahs from two sides. U.S. Second Corps battle in the hills near Mateur. Heavy fighting continues in the Medjez-el-Bab area, where Axis repeatedly counter-attack.

### U.S. Fleet Commander Sees Triumph Over Subs This Year

NEW YORK, Apr. 28—Adm. Ernest King, commander in chief of the United States fleet, forecast today that the U-boat menace will be under control within four to six months.

"Submarine sinkings will not be wiped out until the end of the war," he added, "but we will reduce the spread between the sinkings and building and will continue on the upgrade."

Adm. King's statement, in a speech before the United States Chamber of Commerce, followed a Navy Department attempt to clear up the controversy between the Truman Committee and the Secretary of the Navy over the total of submarine sinkings in the past year.

The committee had set the figure at 12,000,000 tons and said it was more than the new construction. Secretary Frank Knox took sharp issue with the figure. The Navy Department statement said the actual loss, in terms of the excess of sunken tonnage over new tonnage during 1942, was 1,000,000 gross tons.

#### Five Ways of Attack

Adm. King, in his speech, said that there were five methods of dealing with the submarine attacks, and that the combined effect of them would be to bring about the control he envisaged.

He listed them as: (1) Bombing factories and yards where the subs are built, (2) bombing the bases where the submarines are assembled, (3) bombing the bases where U-boats refuel, (4) catching the undersea craft as they pass through the Bay of Biscay, and (5) dealing with the U-boats when they attack United Nations convoys.

It was that request, and what Moscow called a "hostile campaign" in the official Polish press, which led to the rupture.

A statement from the Polish government indignantly denied any collaboration with the Nazis, ignored the appeal to the International Red Cross altogether and quoted an earlier declaration of policy in which Poland "denied to Germany the right to abuse the tragedy of the Polish officers for her own perfidious schemes." It called attention to the fact that many Poles are, at present, inside Russia and asserted its claim on all Polish males in that country as needed reinforcements for the Polish armies.

The statement said the Polish government affirms its policy "aiming at a friendly understanding between Poland and Soviet Russia on the basis of the integrity and full sovereignty of the Polish Republic which was and continues to be fully supported by the Polish nation."

### Newest Tank Destroyer Has 155mm. on Tracks

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28—The War Department today released a description of its new 155mm. tank destroyer, which ordnance officers say is a "juggernaut on tracks." It can hurl a 95-pound projectile more than ten miles to knock out any existing tank at that range.

Officially described as the "M12" gun, it is mounted on an M3 tank chassis, providing the speed of a medium tank and giving a field commander greater fire potential and maneuverability than any other known weapon of its type.

### U.S. Infantry Clears Heights Near Mateur As British Close In

#### French Enter Vital Pont du Fahs Plain As British Attack Heights Near Medjez, Approaching Tunis

Allied troops were reported last night to be advancing along the entire line in Tunisia—in one sector reaching a point only 21 miles from Tunis—and a spokesman at Allied Force Headquarters in North Africa said that it seemed unlikely that the Axis would be able to offer prolonged resistance to Allied pressure.

A warning that the Axis cannot be expected to be crushed quickly was given, however, by a general commanding part of the Eighth Army.

First Army infantry, storming the hills to the east of the Medjerda River, yesterday reached a point only 21 miles from Tunis. The attack, made against repeated German counter-blows in the deepening salient east of Medjez El Bab, carried them to a point about 400 yards from the summit of an important hill—the Djebel Bou Akkas—after heavy fighting.

### Allies in Africa Drop 1,000-Ton Load in Week

#### 5,000 Sorties Sent Against Foe in Tunisia, Italy; Bari 'Disappeared'

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Apr. 28 (AP)—It was officially announced today that the aircraft of the Northwest Africa Air Force had dropped nearly 2,000,000 pounds of bombs during the week ended Apr. 23.

During the week the air force made more than 5,000 sorties and destroyed 240 Axis aircraft in combat. Since the formation of the Northwest Africa Air Force on Feb. 18, under the command of Brig. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, its aircraft have dropped 1,500 thousand-pound bombs on targets in Tunisia, Sicily, Sardinia, and Italy, and on shipping.

#### Airfield Practically Disappeared

CAIRO, Apr. 28—The Bari airport "practically disappeared" under the hail of 150 tons of bombs dropped from 70 U.S. Liberators Monday, said Col. U. G. Ent, commanding officer of the U.S. Ninth Air Force Bomber Command.

Leading the attacking forces with Col. Ent were Col. K. K. Compton, of St. Joseph, Mo., and John N. R. (Killer) Kane, of Shreveport, La.

Pictures taken Tuesday showed a large number of planes—estimated at 50—received direct hits or near misses, which either destroyed or severely damaged them. Hangars and repair assembly plants seen have suffered many direct hits.

Other pictures taken during the raid by Maj. Francis B. Rang, Los Angeles, Cal., who said the raid was the "biggest thrill I have gotten from more than 200 hours of flying." He said he saw a roof blasted off one hangar then "it seemed to crumple like a peanut shell."

#### Americans Clear Heights

South of Mateur, American infantry have cleared the heights dominating the "Horseshoe Mousetrap," 12 miles south of Mateur. Sappers have begun to pick up the mines in the center of the trap under the fire of the enemy artillery.

To the northwest, other American forces have occupied Sidi Nsir, commanding the valley down which the railway runs to Mateur, Ferryville and Bizerta. Further north, French troops are within four miles of Lake Achkel, southwest of Bizerta.

West of Mateur the Americans now have reached the Jefna positions ten miles from the town, which were prepared by German engineers last December and talked of as impregnable. They include concrete emplacements and positions embedded in the rock.

#### Bomber Shuttle Service

Pushing up the slopes of the Jebel Azag on the northern fringe of these positions, American infantry reached a point within 75 yards of the summit before they were forced back to the bottom of the hill. At dawn Tuesday American bombers began a shuttle service of attacks on the German positions.

American guns kept up a heavy barrage, many of the guns firing over 200 rounds a day.

Moroccan troops who advanced in the Cap Serrat area, on the north coast, found that the Axis had made a hasty retreat, abandoning a huge ammunition dump as well as clothing and equipment. But, as elsewhere in North Africa, the enemy laid thousands of mines in his retreat, which the Americans are removing.

#### Americans Take Hill

Following the wavering Axis fronts from north to south, this was the situation last night:

The American Second Corps cleared the Axis troops from a hill called Jebel Dardys and occupied important high ground.

Another contingent of American troops, pushing towards Jefna station, stormed and captured Jebel Azzag and Jebel Ajred, which command much of the approach to Mateur.

The First Army attacked Jebel Bou Akkas, 12 miles northeast of Medjez El Bab, and against savage fighting by the German defenders reached within 400 yards of the crest. Thirty to 40 prisoners were captured. This point, which commands great stretches of the Medjerda Valley, is only 21 miles in a direct line from Tunis.

The Germans were reported to be using flame-thrower tanks, which throw a jet

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### Two British Destroyers Intercept German Convoy

Two British destroyers intercepted a German convoy off the coast of Brittany before dawn yesterday morning, and are believed to have sunk two supply ships, two escort vessels and one E-boat, the Admiralty said.

It was stated that the supply vessels, one large and one medium, were escorted by an unusually large number of escort ships. The British destroyers, the Goathland and the Albrighton, suffered a small number of casualties. Only slight damage was sustained by the ships.

### 30 More Americans Transfer From RCAF to U.S. Forces

By Philip Bucknell  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A Halifax pilot-gunner team with 36 operational flights was among the group of 30 Americans who yesterday transferred from the RCAF to the USAAF. The gunner, T/Sgt. Irvin Thomas, of Richmond, Va., has been awarded the British DFM.

Thomas already has two confirmed, one probable and two damaged alongside his name on the records of the RCAF. "By his great skill," the DFM citation reads, "this airman has contributed materially to the safe return of his aircraft on several occasions."

At the moment his worry is that he is going to be put on instructing, and "Hell!" he says, "I want to be up there on another tour of ops."

His pilot, F/O Lester Carpenter, of Penn Yan, N.Y., has been flying with the RCAF for 19 months and has been on operational flights since May 30, 1942. "I just want to go on flying," he said, "and naturally I would prefer to do the flying with the USAAF, but I'll miss the rest of the crew. They were Canadians."

The majority of the other transferees were men who had just completed their training. Cpl. M. E. Blakeley, of Brookline, Mass., was the only ground crew member there. He has been "seeing them in and out" for a long time; he was on the field with the old Eagle Squadron.

Other transferees were: F/Os F. A. McNiel, Glendora, Cal.; Stanley Kvam, Cresco, Iowa; Richard Geary, San Francisco; K. L. Rector, Ocala, Fla.; Robert H. Wehrman, Riverside, Conn.; Daniel Colasano, Hudson, N.Y.; Bernie Weinstein, Atlantic City; Joseph V. Jack, New York; Robert H. Richards, Walden, N.Y.; Gene Welch, Madison, Wis.; Charles E. Wolcott, New York; E. C. Jeffries, Indianapolis; Ronald S. Evans, Detroit; Robert M. Miller, Ardmore, Pa.; Irvin Aschener, Dallas, Tex.; Robert C. Church, Medford, Mass.; Neill J. Loder, Chattanooga, Va.; Charles Jordan, Austin, Tex.; William E. Doherty, Hammondport, N.Y.; John P. McNabb, Joplin, Miss.; Andrew Halioris, New York; J. A. Gross, Madison, Wis.; Richard L. Wulfskuhle, Pasadena, Cal.; N. L. Sternberger, Brooklyn; Walter Smith, Birmingham, Ala.; Oliver H. Emmel, Hartford, Kan.; S/Sgt. Louis Ratkiewicz, Jackson, Mich.

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## Goebbels' Success

"The greater the lie, the more easily it will be believed." That is a statement of policy, issued in printed form by Herr Hitler and followed consistently by Goebbels.

Ten thousand officers murdered and buried in one grave... that is the latest German propaganda lie.

Sufficiently believed by a few, it has cost the first break in the united front of the United Nations.

Truth will out; but the damage that can be created by acceptance of German statements is clearly demonstrated in this case which has already resulted in severance of Soviet-Polish relations.

To beat Goebbels at his own game we should nail every dirty lie that casts reflections on a friendly ally to the cross of silence. What is not repeated is not heard, and propaganda never repeated, never hurts.

## Cutting Axis Supplies

The shooting down during recent days of large numbers of German transport planes engaged in ferrying essential supplies to, and specialized persons out of, Tunisia is indicative of the increasing difficulty the Axis is having with its Mediterranean supply problem, says the Washington Post. The fact that he has had to depend so very largely on air transport indicates what a heavy toll has been taken of Axis shipping by Allied naval forces under the command of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham.

According to R. P. Patterson, Under Secretary of War, full 50 per cent of Axis shipping, both air and sea, is at present being destroyed by our air attacks. But while the public is well aware of the work of Allied airmen, they are not so well acquainted with the skilful and intrepid labors of the Allied naval forces in the Mediterranean. Long ago Admiral Cunningham predicted that the men and ships under his command would make an Axis Dunkirk in Tunisia an extremely costly and probably unsuccessful affair.

He has been as good as his word. At a time when because of U-boat depredations in the Atlantic we are face to face with a serious shipping problem of our own, some comfort is to be found in the fact that the Axis shipping problem in the Mediterranean is even more acute and is growing steadily worse.

## A Money System

It is still too soon to know the precise form and magnitude of post war monetary problems, but it is certain we shall need to deal with three inseparable monetary problems after the war. These are: to prevent disruption of foreign exchanges, avoid collapse of monetary systems, and facilitate the restoration and balanced growth of international trade. Clearly such a task can be successfully handled only through international action.

The creation of instrumentalities adequate to deal with post-war monetary problems should not be postponed until victory is achieved. It would be dangerous to leave ourselves unprepared at the end of the war for the difficult task of international monetary co-operation. We should begin now to devise an international agency for this purpose. Specific and practical proposals must be formulated by the experts and must be carefully considered by the policy-shaping officials of the various countries. In each country acceptance of a definite plan can follow only upon legislative or executive action. And even when a plan is finally adopted, much time will be consumed in gathering personnel and in establishing an organization before an international institution for monetary co-operation can begin effective work.

There is another important reason for initiating now concrete discussions of specific proposals. A plan for international monetary co-operation can be a factor in winning the war.

It has been suggested that the task of assuring the defeat of the Axis powers would be made easier if the victims of aggression, actual and potential, could have greater assurance that a victory of the United Nations would not mean, in the economic sphere, a repetition of the exchange instability and monetary collapse that followed the last war.

That assurance should be given now. The people must know that we at last recognize the fundamental truth that prosperity, like peace, is indivisible.

## Hash Marks

Fun on the home front. During the March rush to pay income-taxes a Colorado taxpayer took up an hour of a federal collector's time and then "tipped" him with two headache tablets.

Pvt. Charles D. Leininger was amazed to receive an 18,000-word letter. He was more amazed to find a 7,000-word postscript at the bottom.

A California restaurant owner bought an ant eater to control the ants in his establishment. The beast, named Oscar,



refused to eat enough; so the guy hired an exterminator. Oscar got mad and bit the ant exterminator on his first visit.

"If you are receiving me, shake your wings," the signal tower radioed a pilot in a training flight. The pilot responded promptly, "If you are receiving me, shake the tower."

The battle of the century as far as Albany, N.Y., is concerned is "Beards vs. Lipstick." Charging that women spend too much time "putting on" their faces, a Bishop offered to let his beard grow if the women agreed to general abandonment of the use of cosmetics. He got no takers.

In Guadalcanal a half-starved Nipponese warrior got hold of enough American uniform to enable him to get into a Yank camp undetected. He even succeeded in getting through the chow line once. But then he made his fatal mistake. He started through the chow line again and an angry mess sergeant started giving him hell—then discovered his identity and the boys polished him off.

In Maine a man awakened to find his house afire so he jumped out of the window. Then he noticed he was stark,



staring naked. He went back in the house to get some clothes. When he came out the second time he had suffered minor burns—but his modesty was intact.

There is a 13-year-old lad in Oregon who is very unhappy. He found a wallet containing \$180, returned it to the owner who gave him a five dollar reward. Then the lad lost the five spot.

J. C. W.

# The Yanks' First Haven in Britain

## Eagle Club Provided For First Americans Here to Fight

The Eagle Club, first refuge for Americans serving in foreign armies before the U.S. got into the war, is going to be closed next Wednesday for a month or two. It will be redecorated, and when it reopens there may be some personnel shifts. Here is the way the first Americans here found the Eagle Club; they hope that it will stay this way.

By Andrew A. Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The Eagle Club is the old shoe of the Red Cross clubs in England; more comfortable than shining. It is home, the corner drug store, and the place to mope around with the boys. It isn't eminently respectable; just respectable.

Any night there are queues outside the Leicester Square theaters, you can walk down to Charing Cross Road and settle down next to someone in the Eagle Club with a story that De Mille couldn't stage. You might slump down on a couch between two air force men (from pretty near anybody's air force) to read the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and find, before you got up, that the fellow on your left is a guy named Roger who was just picked up in the Mediterranean after being shot down by an FW190, and the fellow on your right knows a girl you didn't marry from Shaker Heights.

The Eagle Club is an old story. In December, 1940, Mrs. Barbara Blake, Walter Currie, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hutchinson opened the doors of the club.

They were associated with an organization known as "The Outpost of America," which Dr. Arthur Newell had started some time before.

Mrs. Marie Low and Miss Margaret Jones were on the original Eagle Club staff, and are still there. Mrs. Francis E. Dexter joined the staff two months after the club opened and has been there at the information desk ever since.

The club was sponsored by voluntary checks from America. The club's sponsor in the States was the American Field Service. No concerted campaign for funds was conducted, but through letters from the boys who visited the club, and the Eagle Club radio broadcasts, which Mrs. Dexter has been handling from its inception until a short time ago, when she was relieved of the job, folks back home heard of the club and sent small contributions.

### Americans on Board

The Eagle Club became the Eagle Club, Ltd., because it was more convenient to circumvent certain financial difficulties as an incorporated directorate. The board of directors included Mrs. Blake, the Hutchinsons and prominent American business men living in England.

As the club's popularity grew, more funds were needed. The Hutchinsons went to America with a color film and spoke at Anglo-American societies and clubs to raise money. While they were there, Congress passed the bill which made the American Red Cross the only official unofficial military welfare organization that could solicit funds for overseas services to U.S. boys in the



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Listening to war reports from Tunisia at the Eagle Club are F/O Richard E. McHan, of Pocatello, Idaho, an RCAF pilot back Malta, giving cigarette to F/O Donald Chadwick, RCAF pilot from Portland, Ore. Others are Pvt. Edward McGregor, of Detroit, and Signalman Jerry Silverman, RCCS, of Sunnyside, N.Y.

Army and Navy. That left the old Eagle Club, Ltd., out.

They had funds that would last for two or three months but after that under the new regulations no checks would be coming from America. The Red Cross took over, but the Eagle Club retained most of its old color.

When Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson returned from the States they were assigned to the Southport Club by the Red Cross. Mrs. Blake stayed on at the Eagle as an unpaid volunteer, and the club itself became a training ground for Red Cross personnel that began to pour into the British Isles. Many of the ideas that the Eagle Club found by trial and error to be best have been adopted by clubs throughout the British Isles.

### Always Find a Friend

That is the business history in brief. The real history of the club lives with fellows like Al Bulman, who went up from New York to join the Canadian armored forces. He remembers when there were so few Americans in England that two of them would rush across the room to greet each other. The Eagle Club was the one place you could always find a friend. Some of the history rests with the boys who died at Dieppe, and more with men now in German prison camps.

Most of the thousands who knew the Eagle Club of old are now in the U.S. Army or the USAAF. Some of them are colonels now, some of them are majors, and a lot of them are captains and lieutenants. They still drop in at the old Eagle Club.

If an officer drops in for a coke at the Washington Club he gets his coke and a dirty look.

When an officer drops in for a coke at the Eagle Club, the enlisted men don't say, "H'mm, an officer." If they say anything, it's "H'mm, a guy wants a coke."

The boys who drop in at the Eagle Club are the club's program directors. There are no heavy dance schedules, ping-pong tournaments, lectures or concerts. The guys drop in, have a cuppa coffee, kick around a while and maybe leave—maybe not.

### Carefully Planned Carelessness

Behind the informal, unplanned freedom of the club there are careful hands shaping the shapelessness of the home atmosphere. Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Dexter and Mrs. Low, who are constantly at the club, hold the sincere affection of callous fighting men who, for the most part, thought they left that emotion home. They are very largely responsible for the success and unique reputation of the club has with every man in the British Isles. Despite its Bohemian clientele, it is by far the best known Red Cross club in the British Isles.

"We never realized until recently how deep the roots of the Eagle Club go," Mrs. Blake says. She and Mrs. Dexter get a tremendous amount of mail from Americans in every part of this country, and many other countries.

Mrs. Dexter gets many letters from Americans in German prison camps, despite the fact that they are allowed to write only one letter every two weeks. The men, now in German hands, think enough of Mrs. Dexter, Mrs. Blake and other members of the Eagle Club staff to write their one letter to them.

Several weeks ago Mrs. Dexter had word from several American boys in an Italian prison camp. They had formed an Eagle Club of their own in the camp.

The Eagle Club mail directory service was another unique thing the club did for the boys. Americans in the RAF and RCAF were moved so often that they had trouble keeping their families and friends posted. The Eagle Club set up a mail clearing house after many of the men started having their mail sent there with a special request to Mrs. Blake or Mrs. Dexter that they forward it to them.

That service is still in operation, although it no longer hits the daily

figures, reaching into the thousands, that it used to.

Special requests are frequent, and the club does a mass-production job on special requests, beside the daily routine of keeping the club comfortable and pleasant for the hundreds who drop in every day with no particular wants except a place to sit down and maybe talk with a new or an old friend.

It is a great meeting-place for old friends, many of whom have grown famous since they last met their pals at the club.

The old boys who still meet there like to talk about fellows like Larry Coffman. Larry went to Annapolis, but later was let out of the Navy because of poor eyesight. He wanted action, so he volunteered for ambulance work in France. Later he joined the Royal Navy, and when they wouldn't send him to sea because of his eyes, he asked for the most dangerous job they had. He got it.

Larry Coffman used to spend his nights at the Eagle Club and his days taking demolition bombs apart. He became an expert, but the old friends at the Eagle, laughing, remember that Larry used to say in a casual way that he didn't care much for the job.

### Clubber Won Navy Cross

Larry went back to America not long before Pearl Harbor. After the Jap bombing there was an unexploded 500-pounder left near Hickam Field. Coffman was the only man in the States who had experience at that sort of thing. The Navy rushed him to Pearl Harbor, he emasculated the Jap bomb, and obtained valuable information in the process. He was awarded the Navy Cross, and old boys hope to see him back at the Eagle with his cross dangling on the counter as he drinks a coke.

The boys remember the women who have given them so much of home. When Mrs. Blake put on her Red Cross uniform, she spent most of her coupons before she got to the shirt part of it, and found herself short of the white shirts that go with the uniform. Someone heard about it and in a few days white shirts started coming to the club addressed to Mrs. Blake. Consequently, the white shirt part of Mrs. Blake's uniform ranges in size from 13½ to 17½.

Many of the men on combat have left a verbal last will and testament with Mrs. Blake or Mrs. Dexter. The personal belongings of some men who have been shot down over enemy territory have been forwarded to them—things as personal as an engagement ring a flier had bought for a girl at home.

If you ask any of the Red Cross women at the Eagle Club what they do for the boys they think a minute and say it is hard to remember instances off hand. But stand around a minute.

### A Pair of Pink Pyjamas

A fellow in a blue uniform comes to Mrs. Blake. He is Joe Flory, a flight sergeant from Oakland, Cal., in the Free French Air Force, who got 30 days in the Free French clink for being out of uniform.

"Did you get the pyjamas?" Mrs. Blake asks, shaking hands with him and laughing.

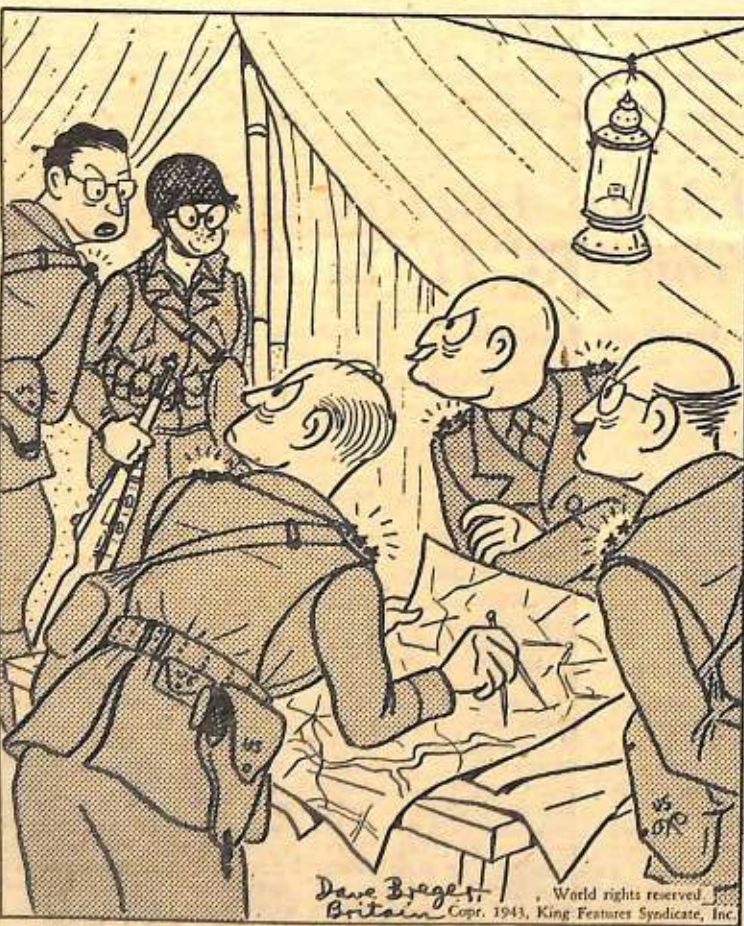
"Yea, I got the pyjamas," Joe returns. "How much? No. Tell me next time, I'll pay you then. OK?"

It is OK with Mrs. Blake. The story is simple. She had sent a pair of pink pyjamas to Joe in the Free French bastille because the blankets were uncomfortable without sheets.

The boys recall times when one of the women had insisted that one of the boys carrying a roll of pounds had a good share of them over for safe keeping, to be dealt out as needed.

The people who conceived the Eagle Club plan to carry on after the war, so that there will always be a place for the American men who return to look around peace-time England, and who either can't afford the more expensive American clubs or don't like the overstuffed atmosphere.

## PRIVATE BREGER



"Sir, this man wants to congratulate you on our last offensive!"

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# Red Sox Hand Yankees First Setback, 5-1

## Mort Cooper Wins as Cards Blank Cubs, 7-0; Tribe on Top

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United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Apr. 28—Hopes for the best turned into fears for the worst at the unveiling of Marius Russo's arm in Boston yesterday as the Red Sox chased the New York Yankee port sider to the showers after five and a third innings, taking a 5-1 victory. It was the Yanks' first loss. Russo, once the scourge of American League hitters, was unimpressive, allowing five hits and walking seven before he was replaced in turn by Atley Donald and Tom Byrne. Boston right hander Tex Hughson got his second victory of the new season, but permitted 12 hits. The Sox collected only six hits off three Yankee hurlers.

At Washington the Philadelphia Athletics and the Senators battled for 16 innings before the A's won, 2-1. The Mackmen scored twice in the top half of the 16th, while Washington's threat was choked off in the bottom half of the same inning after the Nats had scored once. Jess Flores, on the mound for the A's, was the winning hurler, allowing six hits in 15 and two-thirds innings, while Roger Wolff, who replaced Flores, allowed one in one-third inning. Senators' Nat Early allowed six in 13 with Ray Scarborough allowing two thereafter and being tagged as the loser.

### Giants Blast Braves, 11-3

Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis and American League President Will Harridge attended the American League opener at Chicago as the Cleveland Indians took a 4-2 victory over the White Sox. Thornton Lee, of the Sox, was chased in the seventh. Mel Horder was credited with the victory. Cleveland collected eight hits, Chicago four.

In the National League big Mort Cooper won his first game, leading the Cardinals to a 7-0 triumph over the Chicago Cubs. Cooper, who allowed five hits, started on top when his mates whacked out a 5-0 lead in the first inning, driving the Cubs' Paul Derringer from the mound with four runs, then getting to Reliever Bill Fleming for another. The Redbirds collected 12 hits. In New York, at the Giants' home debut, Sid Gordon, rookie third sacker, hit a three-run homer, triple and single to lead the Polo Grounders to an 11-3 win over the Boston Braves. The Giants also sparked defensively with four double plays. The Giants' Bill Lohman allowed ten hits while flutterballer Jim Tobin gave 11.

### Bums Edge Phillies, 4-2

Three runs in the eighth inning carried the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 4-1 win over the Cincinnati Reds in their first meeting of the season. Pinch hitter Tom O'Brien's clutch single scoring two runs climaxed the big eighth inning, breaking up a pitching duel between Ray Starr, of the Reds, and the Bucs' Bob Klinger and Johnny Lanning. The Reds gathered five hits, the Pirates ten.

The Brooklyn Dodgers triumphed, 4-2, over the Philadelphia Phillies in the Phillies' home season opener. Whit Wyatt, Dodger ace right hander, allowed five hits until he tired in the seventh, whereupon Les Webber relieved him. Brooklyn combed Phillie Hurlers Schoolboy Rowe, Charlie Fuchs and Si Johnson for nine.

### Security Company Takes Both Ends of Twin Bill

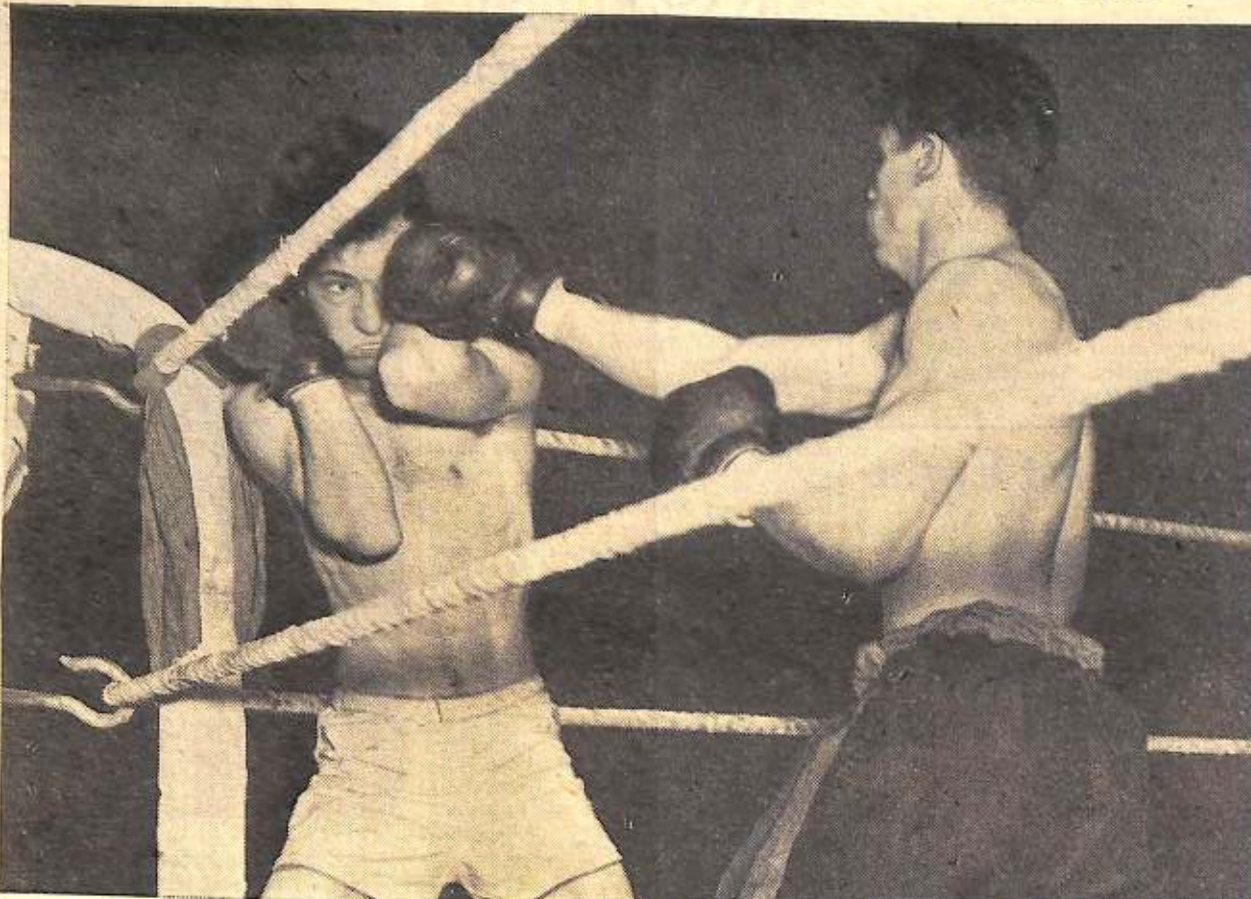
Security Company, ETO, took both games of a double-header, the first from Casual Center, 5-1, the second from Headquarters Company, 7-6. In the first game the Security got to Witt for nine hits while he walked three. Phil Starzynski, on the mound for the Security Company, allowed eight hits and walked only one. A home run by Audric Foreman with two men on base was the feature attraction of the first game.

In the second game, with the score 6-0 against them in the sixth inning, the Security Company turned on the steam to score six runs to tie up the game and then win it in the ninth, when Pvt. Royal Breakstone drove a double to center field, whereupon Les Webber retired the sides, and two runs before retiring the sides. From there on the Headquarters Company couldn't touch him for a single hit.

### Red Sox Buy Outfielder Miles

BOSTON, Apr. 28—The Boston Red Sox have purchased Outfielder Wilson Miles from Seattle of the Pacific Coast League. Miles was substitute outfielder with the Philadelphia Athletics from 1939 to '42 and batted .272 with Seattle last year.

## Division Champion Pounds Air Force Titlist



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Eighth Air Force featherweight titleholder Pfc Charles Wohlwend, of Superior, Wis., tries to cover up in his own corner as Pfc Donald Webber, of Roanoke, Va., pounds him with a right. Webber, — Division champion, started his team off on the right foot in Tuesday's Stars and Stripes fights at the Rainbow Corner when he outpointed Wohlwend. The division squad defeated the Air Force, 4-2.

## Replacement Center Boxers Trounce Bomber Fistswingers

— BOMBARDMENT WING, England, Apr. 28—Showing a marked advantage in training and conditioning, the — Replacement Depot completely outclassed the — Bomb Group in an intra-post boxing meet here last night.

The Replacement Depot fighters scored a 7-2 team victory and scored the three knockouts registered in the nine-bout program.



**American League**  
Tuesday's Games

Boston	5	New York	1
Philadelphia	2	Washington	1 (16 innings)
Cleveland	4	Chicago	2
St. Louis	4	Detroit	2
St. Louis	at Detroit	postponed	

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
New York	3	1	.750	Philadelphia	3	4	.429
Cleveland	3	2	.600	Chicago	2	3	.400
St. Louis	2	1	.667	Boston	2	3	.400
Washington	3	3	.500	Chicago	1	3	.250

**Wednesday's Schedule**

New York	at Boston
St. Louis	at Detroit
Cleveland	at Chicago
Philadelphia	at Washington

**National League**  
Tuesday's Games

St. Louis	7	Chicago	0
New York	11	Boston	3
Pittsburgh	4	Cincinnati	1
Brooklyn	4	Philadelphia	2

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Brooklyn	3	1	.750	Cincinnati	2	3	.400
Pittsburgh	3	2	.600	Chicago	2	3	.400
St. Louis	2	2	.500	Boston	1	2	.333
New York	2	2	.500	Philadelphia	1	2	.333

**Wednesday's Schedule**

Boston	at New York
Brooklyn	at Philadelphia
Cincinnati	at Pittsburgh
Chicago	at St. Louis

### Minor Leagues

**International League**  
Tuesday's Games

Newark	2	Buffalo	1
Rochester	8	Jersey City	2

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Newark	4	2	.667	Montreal	2	2	.500
Toronto	2	1	.667	Syracuse	1	1	.500
Buffalo	3	2	.600	Baltimore	2	3	.400
Jersey City	3	3	.500	Rochester	2	5	.286

**Southern Association**

Birmingham	4	New Orleans	2
Chattanooga	19	Knoxville	8

**Pacific Coast League**

Portland	6	San Diego	5
Hollywood	6	Los Angeles	2

### Bivins Outpoints Valentino

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 28—Cleveland Negro heavyweight Jimmy Bivins convincingly outpointed Coast Guardsman Pat Valentino here last night.

### Blondie

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



## Grid Tickets Now on Sale

Prices for May 8 White City Contest Start at One Shilling

Reserved seats for the football game between the — Field Artillery (Crimson Tide) and the — Engineers (Fighting Irish), to be played in White City Stadium, London, May 8, are now on sale at the Stadium.

Tickets, which may be purchased or reserved by telephone (Shepherds Bush 4373), include two shilling seats in the cheering section, five shilling seats in the stands, and a limited number of 10 shilling seats in the restaurant overlooking the field.

General admission tickets, priced at one shilling and two shillings, will be on sale at the stadium the day of the game. There will be about 35,000 of these seats available.

### Starts at 2 PM

Units stationed in the London area will be able to purchase cheering section tickets at the pay tables this week. Commanding officers of units stationed outside the London area may reserve cheering section seats for the men of their units by writing Capt. Stanley Bach, Special Services, ETO.

Every ha'penny taken in through ticket sales will be turned over to the British Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund.

Because the White City Stadium must be cleared by 5 PM; the program which will precede the game will start at 2 PM instead of 2.30 PM as announced previously.

## French's Request to Pitch For Flock Denied by Navy

NEW YORK, Apr. 28—Lt. (jg) Larry French, former Brooklyn Dodger hurler, has been denied his request to pitch for the Dodgers at occasional home games this season. The request was denied in a letter written by Rear Adm. W. B. Young to Capt. R. C. Sanders, head of the Brooklyn Navy Yard Supplies Department, where French is now stationed.

French won 15 games for the Flock last year, bringing his lifetime total of pitching victories to 197 during 14 years in the major leagues. French asked for permission to pitch so he could reach the coveted 200 wins mark. Adm. Young said that if permission were granted it would result in a flood of such requests.

### Dodgers Release Washburn

NEW YORK, Apr. 28—The Brooklyn Dodgers have announced the outright release of George Washburn, right hander, to the Montreal Royals.

### Red Cross Gets Cage Receipts

NEW YORK, Apr. 28—The American Red Cross has received a check for \$26,244 representing the entire gate receipts of the game between the winners of the national invitation and national collegiate AA basketball tournaments staged at Madison Square Garden on Apr. 1.

### Stirnweiss Faces Draft Exam

NEW YORK, Apr. 28—George "Snuffy" Stirnweiss, New York Yankee shortstop, reports for a final Army physical examination at Hartford, Conn., tomorrow. Manager Joe McCarthy recently cited Stirnweiss as among the best Yankee prospects in years.

### Koch Scores Kayo

The discussion was still going on, loudly, when the next fight started, a light-heavyweight go between Pvt. Bill Kingsland, of Redondo Beach, Cal., of the Replacement Depot, and Pvt. Ernest Gilbert, of Columbus, Ga. Gilbert charged across the ring in the first round, smothered his opponent with some fancy jabs and crosses and then took a poke at Kingsland while he was sitting in approximately the same place and position as Fann in the previous fight. Kingsland won the fight on a foul and that made everybody even, if not happy.

## 8th Air Force Cinder Meet On May 11

### Imber Court Competition Preliminary to ETO Finals

Flying boots will be traded for spiked shoes May 11 when the Eighth Air Force holds a one-day track meet at the Metropolitan Police sports ground, Imber Court, Thames Ditton, to determine individual and team winners and final entries for the ETO championships four days later.

The six teams to be entered and their coaches are: Bomber Command, Capt. Morris B. Brownlee, Houston, Tex.; Fighter Command, Capt. Roy Eury, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Service Command, Major John W. Larson, Jacksonville, Ill.; Air Support Command, Capt. John McNally, Baltimore, Md.; Composite Command, Capt. Frank B. Willis, Lexington, Ky.; and Headquarters, Capt. Paul F. Clowes, Salt Lake City, Utah.

### Exhibitions With Police

The meet will include all the events scheduled for the ETO meet, except the pole vault, and will be open to all officers and enlisted men of the Eighth Air Force. Each man may enter five events, of which no more than three may be individual events and no more than two may be relay events.

In addition, there will be several exhibition races against members of the Metropolitan Police.

Events on the program are: 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard dash, half-mile, mile, shot put, discus, high jump, broad jump, javelin, 120-yard high hurdles, 220-yard low hurdles, 880-yard sprint relay, mile relay and mile medley relay.

The American Red Cross will award medals to the individual winners and a suitable trophy for the team champion.

## Derby Warmup To Ocean Wave

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Apr. 28—Warren Wright's Ocean Wave won an impressive nine lengths victory in the Kentucky Derby trial stakes at Churchill Downs, thereby establishing a priority for second spot behind Count Fleet in Saturday's turf classic.

Ocean Wave, who won the Blue Grass Stakes last week, galloped the mile in one minute, 38 and one-fifth seconds with Jockey Wendell Eads up. W. E. Boeing's Slide Rule finished second, a length ahead of Mrs. Ethel V. Mars' No Wrinkles, with Modest Lad fourth. The victory was worth \$2,290.

Mrs. John D. Hertz's Derby favorite Count Fleet showed off his stuff before races, easily galloping the full mile and a quarter Derby route in two minutes, seven seconds. The Count showed no ill effects of the accident suffered in the Wood Memorial 11 days ago.

After the race Trainer W. G. Sparks announced that Seven Hearts, which finished seventh in the Derby trial, definitely is out of the Derby because of an injured hind leg suffered during the trial. The trainers of Modest Lad, Burnt Cork and Twos announced that their horses will start in the Derby only if the track is fast. Burnt Cork, owned by Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, radio comedian, finished last, while Twoses, owned by Boeing, finished fifth.

## Lombardi Goes To N.Y. Giants

NEW YORK, Apr. 28—New York Giant President Horace Stoneham has announced the purchase of Ernie Lombardi, slugging catcher, from the Boston Braves in a straight player deal wherein the Braves got Rookies Catcher Hugh Poland and Infielder Connie Ryan.

Lombardi led the National League in hitting last season with a .330 average. He played in 105 games, batted in 46 runs and made 11 homers. Lombardi, 35, weighs 225 pounds and is six feet, two inches tall.

Giant Manager Mel Ott believes that Ernie will solve the weak batting problem created when Johnny Mize, Babe Young and Harry Danning joined the Army. Poland and Ryan both played for Jersey City last season, when Poland caught 121 games and had a batting average of .273. Ryan batted .243 in 112 games last year.

## Five Fights in 2 Months For Hammering Henry

NEW YORK, Apr. 28—Manager George Moore has announced that Henry Armstrong, former holder of three world crowns, will meet Saviero Turillo at Washington in a ten-round on the 30th. Hammering Henry will then face Tommy Jessup in a ten-round scrap at Boston on May 7. He also meets Slugger White on May 22 on the West Coast.

Henry will open the New York outdoor boxing season on June 11 against either Beau Jack, Sammy Angott or Bob Montgomery. He's also scheduled to meet Willie Joyce in a ten-round on June 26 at Hollywood, Cal. It's a lot of business for a guy who was supposedly finished long ago.

by Chic Young

# Bishop to See North Ireland Padres Today

## Air Force Chaplains Hear Report on Tour of ETO Bases

Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, chairman of the General Commission of U.S. Army and Navy chaplains, yesterday addressed a meeting in London of nearly 50 chaplains, mostly from the Eighth Air Force. Today he plans to leave for Northern Ireland.

He gave a general outline of his work, and described his visits to army camps, both in the U.S. and Britain.

The Bishop repeated his assurance that vast plans are afoot in the U.S. to safeguard servicemen at the end of the war.

The Bishop also was the guest yesterday at a reception by the Methodist Army Post Mission in London.

In the evening he attended "Ohio" night at the Red Cross Mostyn club, Portman St., W.1.

### In Ireland Today

Bishop Leonard's schedule for today called for a visit to Northern Ireland, where he was to meet the commanding general and chaplains in that area.

He also planned to dine at the Red Cross club in Belfast tonight, before pushing on for a tour of inspection at the Londonderry Naval base Friday.

He will be accompanied by Chaplain Frank L. Miller, in charge of the Plans and Training Division, Chief of Chaplains office, and Chaplain Robert H. Humphrey. Bishop Leonard is due back in London Saturday.

He plans to visit chaplains and soldiers in Iceland within the next few weeks.

## Cabaret Show Highlights Liverpool Club May Day

LIVERPOOL, Apr. 28—A cabaret show, arranged by Sgt. Joe Nairn, of Special Services, will highlight a May Day dance in the Terrace room of the Mt. Pleasant Red Cross club here Saturday, it was announced today.

Dancing classes are scheduled for Fridays under the tutelage of Miss Evelyn Heywood. Girls and members of Allied forces are welcome as American soldiers' guests at the open houses held Wednesdays and Fridays.

## Eagle Club - -

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restaurant will be on the next floor. The kitchen will get new equipment and the electric wiring "which has been affected by bombing"—presumably in the '41 blitz—will be checked and replaced.

Of the club's original personnel only three remain: Mrs. Barbara Blake, Mrs. Marie Low and Miss Margaret Jones. During the time the club is closed, Mrs. Francis Dexter said, the Eagle Club mail service will not be disrupted, and men who have been receiving their mail through the Eagle Club address will get it as usual.

The Eagle tailor, Morris Halter, long a club tradition, says that he will be found at the new Red Cross Liberty Club, on Upper Woburn Place, and left-over pants, shirts and blouses will be waiting for the men there.

The following statement was issued at Red Cross headquarters, in London, in connection with the temporary closing of the club:

"When the club reopens in about six weeks' time we hope that the men will surely find it even more attractive and homelike. Any changes made will be improvements; and these have been decided on after careful thought and planning on the part of the staff and Club Department."

"The directional personnel will be given an opportunity of remaining at the club in their present positions. Most of them have, in fact, already signified their wish to do so. All staff—American and British, paid and voluntary—will be employed in the American Red Cross, some at the Eagle Club, others helping in other Red Cross clubs in London to meet an emergency due to a temporary shortage of personnel."

### Silver Star for Doolittle

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Apr. 28 (AP)—Maj. Gen. James H. (Jimmy) Doolittle, leader of the Mitchell bombers that flew from aircraft-carriers a year ago to bomb Tokyo, has been awarded the Silver Star for "gallantry in action," it has been announced.

## GIs at Newbury Guess Tunis Occupation Date

NEWBURY, Apr. 28—The American Red Cross Newbury club is holding a contest—"Who will be in Tunis first, and when?"

The winner who guesses whether it will be British, American or French troops and the closest time of the official occupation of Tunis will win an antique cigarette case, club officials announced.

On Mother's Day the club will sponsor a real American picnic with girl companions furnished for servicemen who will attend.

## Toughest Fight Is Seen Ahead

### 8th Army General Cites Difficulties Faced In Tunisia

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY, Apr. 27 (delayed) (AP)—"There will not be any quick, crushing defeat of the Axis forces holding out in the Tunisian bridgehead. They will fight to the last man and to the last bullet."

This was the warning given today by a general commanding part of the Eighth Army. The general gave other indications, which cannot be revealed, that the Axis is going to fight bitterly for every moment it is possible to hold off their ultimate defeat in Tunisia.

"The enemy will hug us—not hold us off—as long as he can," the general told me.

"The Eighth Army has never fought in hills like these. In the past we had only to punch one good gap in the enemy line and then pour through and the line disintegrated. But here every mountain involves a major attack." He added that he was not willing to sacrifice men in big-scale infantry assaults on these mountains.

"Men are eaten up in the mountains and they just disappear," he said. "It would be foolish to sacrifice them just to get through a few days or weeks earlier."

The general emphasized that there should not be undue optimism that the Eighth Army could at any moment burst through and wipe out the enemy.

"Most people look at a schoolboy's atlas and see us fighting in a tiny part of Tunisia and promptly think the battle is as good as over," he said.

"They do not see these mountains which the enemy is firmly holding and which he is not going to give up because he knows that every day he holds us off probably means 30 days' grace for him after this."

"The Germans and Italians here are fighting better than anywhere since Alamein. They have been told to keep on fighting as long as their ammunition lasts, and even the Italians are fighting almost as well as the Germans, although this may be because the Germans who have lasted thus far are probably the best soldiers Italy ever had."

Reinforcements of men and supplies, he disclosed, were still reaching the Axis from Sicily and Sardinia. "They have a tough time getting here but some do get through, and we have taken prisoners who landed only five days ago."

He described the First Army front as being easier than that of the Eighth Army. There are a few mountains round Medjez El Bab, but once they have been taken the First Army can roll into the Tunis plain.

## 450,000 Coal Miners May Halt Work Friday

NEW YORK, Apr. 28—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mineworkers, announced today that in the absence of new wage contracts with operators of the northern and southern Appalachian regions, the entire soft coal industry of the U.S., employing 450,000 miners, would come to a standstill at midnight Friday.

A simultaneous general stoppage in the anthracite industry, affecting another 80,000 miners, also seemed a possible result of a similar controversy.

The bituminous wage dispute was in the hands of the War Labor Board after the failure of seven weeks' negotiations, but anthracite negotiations were still in progress.

Steel companies have issued a warning that there is only enough coal available for two weeks. Afterwards they must close down unless the dispute is settled.

### NEWS FROM HOME

## Navy Launches U.S.S. Intrepid, Newest Carrier

### 80-Plane Sister-Ship Of U.S.S. Yorktown Almost Ready

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Apr. 28—Shipfitters were putting finishing touches today on the USS Intrepid, a 25,000-ton aircraft-carrier of the same class as the Essex and Yorktown. The carrier was launched here Monday with only naval officers as guests.

Ships of the same class have a complement of over 2,000 men and carry more than 80 planes. They are armored at the waterline and over the boilers and have a heavy protective deck. Armament consists of 16 126.9mm. guns and sundry smaller weapons in twin mounts.

### Invent New Plastic

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Apr. 28—Four young men and a girl, working in a home-made, pine board laboratory equipped with makeshift, second-hand machinery, have just developed a new plastic material they call "cotton leather." Big business concerns are going to take over the manufacture of "cotton leather" and use it to make soles for 55,000,000 pairs of shoes.

### 'No Peace Talks,' Davis Says

CHICAGO, Apr. 28 (AP)—Elmer Davis, head of the Office of War Information, said today that it was unlikely that there would be any formal "peace conference" after the end of this war. "If it comes to the unconditional surrender of our enemies," Davis said, "there may simply be an occupation of the defeated countries. There are lots of policies that may be worked out in practice instead of in conference. Nobody can see what the peace negotiations will be."

### Cops, Firemen in War Jobs

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Apr. 28—Last month the Fire and Police Departments here lifted a ban against members of the two city departments engaging in outside work. Today, a survey shows, 90 patrolmen and 114 firemen are doing part-time jobs to help relieve the labor shortage. They are working as machinists, turret-lathe operators, drill pressmen and truck drivers in their spare time.

### Lionel Barrymore Is 65

HOLLYWOOD, Apr. 28 (AP)—If he wanted to, Lionel Barrymore could observe his 65th birthday tomorrow, by looking back on 50 years of theatrical life. Instead he's going to work as usual.

### Graduate Women Pilots

HOUSTON, Tex., Apr. 28—The first class of women pilots graduated from the USAAF Ferry Command training school here have just received their wings from Jacqueline Cochran, director of the Women's Flying Training Command. There were 23 graduates in the group.

## U.S. Sailors and Marines Guests at USAAF Dance

A USAAF STATION, N.I., Apr. 28—U.S. Navy and Marine personnel were guests at a dance held by a Headquarters unit here.

Refreshments included ice cream and cake. A surprise attraction was the appearance of the new Red Cross clubmobile, which served 1,000 doughnuts and hot coffee.

The dance committee comprised T/Sgt. William H. Eshbaugh, Essex, N.J.; T/Sgt. Donald C. Lutzenberger, Huntington, Pa.; Cpl. Martin F. Kelly, Schenectady, N.Y.; Cpl. Edward C. Bangs, Boston; Pvt. Joe Maruszewski, Dearborn, Mich., and Pvt. Michael Zafarana, Detroit.

## Two Master Sergeants Made Second Lieutenants

PORT HEADQUARTERS, N. Ireland, Apr. 28—Two master sergeants, members of the headquarters unit stationed here since it came overseas nearly a year ago, have received direct appointments as second lieutenants.

They are Ralph L. Emmitt, of Columbus, Ohio, and Gerald N. Mabey, of Cuba, N.Y. The oath was administered by 1/Lt. Farrell D. Lowe, of Tacoma, Wash., the port adjutant. Lts. Emmitt and Mabey have been assigned to duty in Great Britain.

## First Clubmobile in Ireland



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

American servicemen kept the crew of the first clubmobile to appear in Northern Ireland busy serving coffee and doughnuts and clamored to get in the reading room of the Red Cross truck as it began its tour of the camps in Ulster. Reading magazines are Pvt. Pete Hettinger, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Pfc Kenneth Morgan, Sulphur, La., and T/Sgt. Vincent O'Hearn, Philadelphia; Pvt. Nolberto Frausto, Del Rio, Texas; Pauline McLaughlin, of Garden City, N.Y. (one of the clubmobile crew), and Pvt. Edwin (Tiny) Edzards, Crete, Neb.

## Mighty U.S. Air Fleet, Supplies Flowing Into Soviet Via Persia

By Ian Munro

Reuter's Special Correspondent

TEHERAN, Persia, Apr. 28—A mighty air armada, comprising line after line of fighters and bombers, reaching as far as I could see, was drawn up at a great Persian airdrome which I have just visited. All were bound for Russia.

They represented part of America's supreme and growing effort to send maximum supplies to the Soviet without delay.

The planes had been assembled and overhauled at this airdrome in the vital Persian corridor.

While Hurricanes patrolled overhead, Russian pilots tested out the planes with dizzy aerobatics before flying them straight to Russia, where they are often in action a few hours after arrival.

In a few months the U.S. Army has built up a great organization in Persia.

It is headed by Maj. Gen. Donald H. Connolly. Every man on his staff is a hand-picked expert. With typical thoroughness they are all learning Russian.

In huge hangars I saw lines of fighters being uncrated and assembled, while bombers flown from America were overhauled.

Travelling to the Persian Gulf along the Trans-Persian railway, I saw impressive evidence of the U.S. effort.

At key points miniature townships are springing up where U.S. railwaymen service locomotives and freight cars.

At each of the many stations along the route my train was switched into a siding to allow freight trains, stacked with supplies, to pass northward.

At one Persian Gulf port, round-the-clock work goes on as tanks, ammunition, explosives, tires, cloth and foodstuffs are unloaded.

Already the first all-American truck convoy has completed the trans-Persian trip.

## Tunisia - - -

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about 30 yards, against the First Army in their desperate attempts to hold the Tunisian bridgehead.

British infantry, however, overcame this new addition to the Axis resistance in heavy fighting after they had stormed Sidi Salem, a hummock on the Medjez El Bab front.

The Germans also threw into the fighting their crack infantry, with heavy mortar and machine-gun support.

Twelve miles east of Medjez El Bab, a famous regiment attacked a point called Si Abellah and captured it after heavy and bloody fighting in an action which was typical of the Germans' tenacious effort to hold every inch of their narrow perimeter. The Germans counter-attacked with tanks and infantry and drove the British from the crest of the hill.

In the area east of Goubellat, where armored clashes have been occurring almost daily since the Allied offensive started, Axis tanks contested every foot of ground, and the situation is unchanged.

French troops in the Pont du Fahs area continued to make rapid progress, completing the occupation of hills in the northern part of the Grand Dorsal and leaving that important feature completely in Allied hands. French patrols have entered the Pont du Fahs plain, where they have met machine-gun and artillery fire, but are continuing to press hard on defenses important to the supply base town.

