

Forts Bomb German Tank Plant in Paris

Huge Fires Started; Four U.S. Bombers Shot Down

American Flying Fortresses bombed the vast Renault motor and armaments plant at Billancourt, on the outskirts of Paris, in daylight yesterday.

Preliminary reports from the returning pilots said that heavy bombing left the Nazi-run plant in flames.

Heavy enemy fighter opposition was met, and an estimated 25 enemy fighters were shot down by the Fortresses. The final figure will not be announced, Eighth Air Force Headquarters said, until all the combat reports have been assessed.

Allied fighters covered the bombers on the way home.

Four bombers and seven fighters are missing, according to a communique.

RAF, Allied and Dominion fighters covered the withdrawal of the bombers, joining in the combat on the way home and shooting down another eight of the enemy.

Billancourt, where the Renault factories are located, lies on the Seine, almost directly across from the Neuilly section where many wealthy Americans had Paris homes before the war.

First This Month

The raid was the first this month and the 18th since the first of the year in which American bombers participated in this theater of operations.

The Renault plant has been making tanks for the Germans.

Weather conditions during the raid were good and the visibility was excellent. Bomber crews made their runs without much opposition from anti-aircraft fire. Flak was described as light and inaccurate.

The Renault works were last attacked the night of Mar. 3, 1942, by RAF heavy bombers which left the factories, largest tank and truck producers in France, out of commission for some time.

The Renault and Matford factories provide about half of all the trucks made in France for German military use.

Yesterday, fighter opposition was largely lacking until after the bombers had made their run, but encounters en route home were numerous and fiercely pressed. Yellow-nosed FW 190s of the Goering Squadron were observed, as well as many Me 109s.

Sums Up Raid

Crewmen's opinions on the raid were apparently summed up in the language of 2/Lt. Jesse B. Duval a bombardier from Abilene, Tex.

"Shot 300 rounds. Got an enemy fighter. Dropped my bombs on the target. Lovely weather. Lots of fun."

Maj. Thomas K. McGehee, of Greenville, Ala., commanding a squadron of Fortresses, described the bombings as "the best I've ever seen."

He said a cloud of smoke swirled up several thousand feet, reminding him of an Alabama thundercloud.

Capt. A. V. Martini, skipper of the famous Dry Martini, said, "There was nothing to it. These Forts come home. We had 50 attacks from enemy fighters."

Martini was holed twice in the pilot's compartment and once in the navigator's "office," but neither the veteran San

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To Show Africa Training Film

Action shots in technicolor of the American landings in North Africa and early stages of the fighting against Axis troops there are now being edited into a full-length feature film for showing to troops in Great Britain, it was announced yesterday by Col. William W. Jervey, director of Army Pictorial Services, SOS, ETO.

Much of it photographed under fire, the film will bring home to the men who weren't there themselves just what other outfits were up against at Algiers, Casablanca and Oran.

Produced by Col. Darryl Zanuck, the film shows German troops in retreat before terrific anti-tank gun fire, dog-fights between Lockheed Lightnings and Messerschmitts, armed paratroopers taking off for the African fighting, a German tank in flames and shots of war-weary Italian prisoners saluting their captors.

General Missing in Action

ALLIED HQ, Australia, Apr. 4 (AP)—Gen. MacArthur announced today that Brig. Gen. Howard K. Ramey, commander of the Fifth Bomber Command of the U.S. Fifth Air Force, failed to return from a recent mission.

Allies Coming in May, Leaflets Inform Dutch

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 4 (UP)—RAF bombers dropped leaflets over Holland, during recent raids, which said "the Allies are coming in May," Berlin dispatches to the newspaper Afionbladet said today.

Germans in Holland, these stories said, believe that the bombing of Rotterdam and other bases in the country are part of a softening up process, intended to pave the way for landings on the Dutch coast. The Germans have been rushing defense works, using conscripted Dutch labor, the newspaper declared, but "the British know all about them" as a result of air reconnaissance and from information furnished by agents in Holland, the paper asserted.

Soviet Predicts Huge Offensive By Nazis Soon

Dozens of New Divisions Await Drying Weather, Moscow Hears

MOSCOW, Apr. 4 (UP)—Another great German offensive on the Russian front is likely to be launched as soon as the mud dries out and the skies clear, it is believed here.

Dozens of freshly formed Nazi divisions are already reported to be moving up to the front and today's Russian press stresses that though the Germans have suffered immense losses they are still powerful enough to launch damaging attacks on individual fronts.

"Days of heavy battles and grim trials are awaiting us," the Moscow Pravda said. "The struggle will demand sacrifices and the concentrations of all our strength both at the front and in the rear."

Meanwhile, the lull in the fighting continues on most sectors of the 2,000-mile battle-line. On the few sectors where fighting of any significance is taking place, the Russians retain the initiative; elsewhere, they are making use of the calm to consolidate their positions and to wipe out individual German defense points which have remained.

In the Kuban, operations against the Nazi bridgehead which started about a week ago are continuing. Even here, however, the operations have not yet assumed the size of a general offensive.

The only area where German offensive operations are reported is south of Izyum, on the Donetz, where the Nazis have been attempting to dislodge the Russians from their remaining positions on the western bank of the river.

In the Smolensk region, where mud has practically brought the Russian advance to a standstill, movement consists mainly of individual raids against isolated German outposts, and the improvement of positions already held by the Russians.

38-45 Group to be Called

WASHINGTON, Apr. 4—Men in the 38-45-year age group who are not employed in defense work may be inducted into the Army beginning May 1, Selective Service officials announced here last night. Those who shift to war work would probably be deferred, it was explained.

English Town Dedicates Plaque To American Fighter Pilot Hero

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WALTHAMSTOW, Apr. 4—A memorial plaque to Harvey Dalton Johnson, 23-year-old American fighter pilot who crashed to death in flames to save the residents of a suburban street here, was dedicated today by grateful English citizens and American Air Force officers.

Less than 200 yards from the spot in an athletic field where the Westville, N.J., flier crashed, Brig. Gen. Frank O'Donnell Hunter, chief of the Eighth Fighter Command, unveiled a bronze tablet to Johnson's memory.

The plaque, erected by the citizens of the London suburb, is dedicated "to the grateful memory of 2nd Lieut. H. D. Johnson, U.S. Army Air Corps, who gallantly sacrificed his life to save the

U.S. 2nd Corps Advances In Stiff Fighting in Hills; Naval Units Guard Straits

British Ships Await Axis Evacuation; Italy Warned

Italy was brought into the front line of the war yesterday as the campaign in North Africa approached its conclusion and the British fleet moved into position on both sides of the narrow Sicilian Channel to prevent a Dunkirk escape of Axis forces to Sicily and the Italian mainland.

Already suffering under a greatly increased weight of bombs from Africa-based Allied planes, the Italian people were warned by both the Germans and the Allies that the zero hour for concerted Allied assault upon their nation was at hand.

"The Italian people know that the fight in Tunisia is being waged to stop the enemy from attempting to invade Europe," Berlin radio told them. "They know the Sicilian Straits act as a barrier to the mighty British fleet. Sicily is now in the forefront of the war which the western powers have declared against Europe."

Act Now, Italians Told

From Algiers radio Gen. Henri Giraud appealed to the Italian people to realize the fate in store for them and told them there was still time to avert it by laying down their arms and ousting the government which betrayed them by selling out to Germany.

"In few days time it will be too late," he said. "Thousands of bombers are preparing for raids. These planes will be directed against Italy. . . ."

"Your industries, transports, everything that gives bread to the Italian people will be destroyed. . . . There is still time to stop all this horror. The hour has struck when you must lay down your arms. . . . The peace which we will propose will be on honorable terms."

Even as he spoke British naval units were ranged on both sides of the 100-mile-wide Straits between northern Tunisia and Sicily for a swift pincer movement against any Axis attempt to evacuate its Africa forces, and Allied authorities were disclosing that their stepped-up bombings of Italian objects had raised to 600 the total of raids on Italy since the war began.

Allies Control Air

It was apparent that over the waters which Mussolini once labeled "an Italian lake" the Allies now control the air. Records showed that the Allies have hit Naples 55 times, Catania 40 and Turin 27, and have spilled high explosive on every important Italian city except Rome.

Thursday and Friday, following up the American 100-Fortress raid on Sardinia, intended to smash an Italian "Dunkirk" fleet, Liberators smashed docks and vessels of the ferry service from Messina, Sicily, to San Giovanni, on the Italian mainland. Other forces hit targets elsewhere in Italy.

Details of the British naval movements were scant, but supported by both land and naval planes and by speedy American and British motor-torpedo boats, it was considered more than sufficient to smash any Dunkirk attempt.

British officers familiar with the Dunkirk evacuation say Rommel cannot possibly duplicate it. The distance is much greater and the sea too choppy for small boats.

Peep, Plane Rate Same In Italian Reward List

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Apr. 4—A scale of rewards for the capture or destruction of American and British equipment has been discovered in Italian orders seized in the Allied advance.

Signed by Gen. Aelio Giglioli, the order offered Italian troops \$120 and 20 days' leave for the capture or destruction of an Allied plane or peep.

Tanks were priced at \$60, plus 20 days' leave, a rifle brought about \$1.50 and a pair of binoculars \$5.

Airfields Set Up To Bomb Tokyo; 2 Jap Ships Sunk

Forts Get Two Cruisers, Damage Five Destroyers Off New Ireland

WASHINGTON, Apr. 4—Flying Fortresses sank two Japanese cruisers yesterday in a surprise attack on 13 enemy warships off New Ireland, today's Allied communique reports, and at the same time Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, U.S. Commander in China and India, announced that bases from which it will be possible to bomb Tokyo have been set up by the U.S. Air force in China.

The advanced airfields are in China's Kiangsi province, only about 150 miles from the Chinese coast and approximately 1,400 miles from Tokyo.

These bases are probably under the command of Brig. Gen. Claire Chennault, although not officially stated in the announcement. Gen. Chennault, former chief of the "Flying Tigers," was given command of the 14th U.S. Air Force in China three weeks ago.

Blast 5 Destroyers

The Flying Fortresses, which sank the two Jap cruisers from mast height, also left a large destroyer sinking and severely damaged four others.

The Jap force was discovered on the northernmost point in New Ireland at Silver Sound, near Kavieng, which is about 160 miles from Rabaul, big Jap base in New Britain.

Four direct hits with 500-pound bombs were scored on one cruiser which sank a few minutes later from a big explosion, the communique said.

Earlier today, unofficial reports said that the last Jap resistance at Morobe, on the northeastern coast of New Guinea had been overcome by American and Australian troops.

Eight new attacks on the Japanese at Kiska, another bombing raid on the Japs at Attu Island, and the shooting down of three more Japanese planes in the Solomons was also reported in the communique.

Italians Wanted To Be Captured

SOUTHWESTERN SECTOR, Tunisian Front, Apr. 4 (UP)—Cpl. Louis Martino, of the U.S. Fifth Army, told today how a group of Italian soldiers captured him and his unit only so that they might find out if they themselves could be captured.

"I speak Italian, and when they took us prisoner I got to talking with them," said Martino, back in Allied lines after Italians let the men go. "Their captain said to me: 'What can we do? The Germans put us in forward positions and then leave us—but if we try to surrender they shoot us.'"

"Can you take us prisoners and send us to the United States? What's it like there? Please give us something to eat and help us to take care of our wounded, and then we will turn you loose because tomorrow you will capture us anyway."

So the American unit gave the Italians some of their rations and helped them bandage their wounded.

"There wasn't any way we could take them back as prisoners," Martino explained, "but we promised them we would come back again and do so."

Desperate Foe Fights To Keep 5th, 8th Armies Apart

Troops of the U.S. Fifth Army, in a stubborn drive toward the British Eighth Army about 45 miles away, have gained still further ground in "very difficult country" east of El Guettar, the Allied communique announced last night.

Ankara radio said last night the Fifth Army was now "in full attack against Rommel's troops, particularly in the region of Maknassy," and Algiers radio said the Americans had captured many prisoners and destroyed or captured a large number of German tanks.

In the extreme north, French Moroccan troops attached to the Anglo-American First Army have captured Cap Serrat, thereby anchoring the Allied line to the seacoast northeast of Sedjenane, it was announced.

There was violent fighting in the north, where the First Army is driving toward Mateur and Tunis, but units of the Second U.S. Corps east of El Guettar were bearing the brunt of the fighting reported yesterday.

British Prepare Assault

The Eighth Army itself was poised north of Gabes for the next blow at Rommel. This attack, which both Axis and neutral radios said was expected to begin at any moment, must surmount the natural defenses of the Wadi Akerit, in which the Afrika Korps has established itself.

The Axis position was reported to be none too strong, and Rommel's aim was believed again to be that of fighting a delaying action. Nevertheless, the British were massing huge quantities of men and materials for the assault.

The Americans advancing from El Guettar were slowly but steadily punching back an enemy force which had been rushed up in force to prevent a junction of the Fifth and Eighth armies.

The Americans had almost reached the open country between the hills they hold and the sea when the Germans, trying to delay their junction with the Eighth Army as long as possible, brought up a Panzer division.

Tough Going for Yanks

The going was tough. The enemy had fortified the area considerably, building dugouts and redoubts wherever possible. All strategic points were heavily mined and the Germans were using skillfully concealed 88mm. guns.

Contesting every inch of ground, the Germans on Friday threw in 35 tanks in a fierce counter-attack, intended to halt the American advance rather than gain any ground for the Axis forces. The attack was repulsed after a brief but fierce armored battle.

After smashing the counter-attack, the Americans recaptured on observation post known as Hill 722 and immediately commenced to shell enemy gun positions.

One American tank on patrol in this area made a big haul, destroying a Mark Six German tank and capturing two anti-tank guns.

Bad weather limited aerial activity, and only one major action was reported yesterday. A formation of 12 Spitfires attacked between 14 and 20 dive-bombers which were protected by Me109s and FW190s.

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Butchers Face Arrest In N.Y. 'Points War'

NEW YORK, Apr. 4 (UP)—New York butchers waged a war of their own yesterday, the first weekend of points rationing for meat, but the law caught up with them.

One shop with excessive supplies stuck red, white and blue notices in its windows announcing: "Today only, Beef six points a pound."

This was two points below the government ration amount, but competitors soon reduced the figure to five. By the end of the day, beef was selling at two points a pound.

Office of Price Administration inspectors said prosecutions are likely to follow.

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U.S. 2nd Corps Gaining Ground East of Guettar

Axis Fights Desperately To Prevent Junction of 5th, 8th Armies

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The Axis fighters made little effort to protect the dive-bombers, shooting down only one Spit, while the Allied planes knocked down 14 of the dive-bombers. In the north five more dive-bombers were intercepted and destroyed, and a sixth shot down by AA fire.

Despite the unsettled weather, the Allies sent fighter sweeps over the central front and fighter-bombers over the southern sector. The latter attacked an airfield, hitting buildings and grounded planes.

Describing the ground fighting, the Allied communique yesterday said: "In the area east of El Guettar the Second U.S. Corps gained further ground in very difficult country in one successful attack. Many of the enemy were killed, a number of Germans were taken prisoners and more than 20 mortars were captured."

"Observation has confirmed that a considerable number of German tanks were destroyed or damaged by artillery fire in this section Apr. 2.

"In the area northeast of Sedjenane the Second U.S. Corps continued to make progress. French troops repulsed two local attacks in the Pichon area, in which the enemy employed tanks."

Axis Expects New Blows

As the Allies pushed slowly ahead all along the flank of Rommel's hard-pressed corps, the Axis radios spoke nervously of new Allied assaults expected at any moment.

"Having cleared a mined area, spearheads of British divisions have pushed nearer to Rommel's defense system," said Berlin radio. "It can be assumed that the Eighth Army will resume offensive operations in the near future. As a preliminary to launching an assault, the Eighth Army has opened up with its artillery. In the area around Oudref, fresh forces have been brought up."

Berlin said American attacks around El Guettar and Maknassy had been repulsed by German and Italian forces. In attempts to capture a pass near Maknassy, the Americans were thrown back "with heavy losses," the radio said. This picture of the Allied forces concentrating against the Axis troops was given by Vichy radio:

"In a semi-circle from Maknassy to Mahares, which is the central base for German and Italian forces in this sector, Axis forces are facing seven divisions under Gen. Montgomery—five of them are armored divisions, holding a front running from El Hamma, at the southern tip of the Shott el Djerid, to Gabes.

"Further north, troops under Gen. Patton are concentrating north of the Shott el Djerid, from El Guettar to Maknassy. A second concentration of American forces is taking place in the Faid sector.

"Some 50 miles from Faid, on the heights dominating the Kairouan plain, a third concentration of American offensive forces is trying to make progress towards Tunisia's holy city."

Praise from Eisenhower

ALLIED HQ, N. Africa, Apr. 4—British and American troops in North Africa are making a record of which "every British and American citizen, every British and American soldier has a right to draw pride and inspiration," Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told war correspondents here after conferences with commanders of the First and Eighth Armies.

Linking their exploits with those of the American first armored division and the 1st, 9th and 34th American infantry divisions, Gen. Eisenhower said the Eighth Army had set a record "too brilliant to need any praise."

"It has chased one of the enemy's most powerful forces across the desert and is still full of energy for the final blow in Tunisia."

"Every American soldier," Gen. Eisenhower said, "shares the pride of the British in the inclusion of these fighters in the Allied forces."

Air Force Issues Guide For Men Lost In Jungle

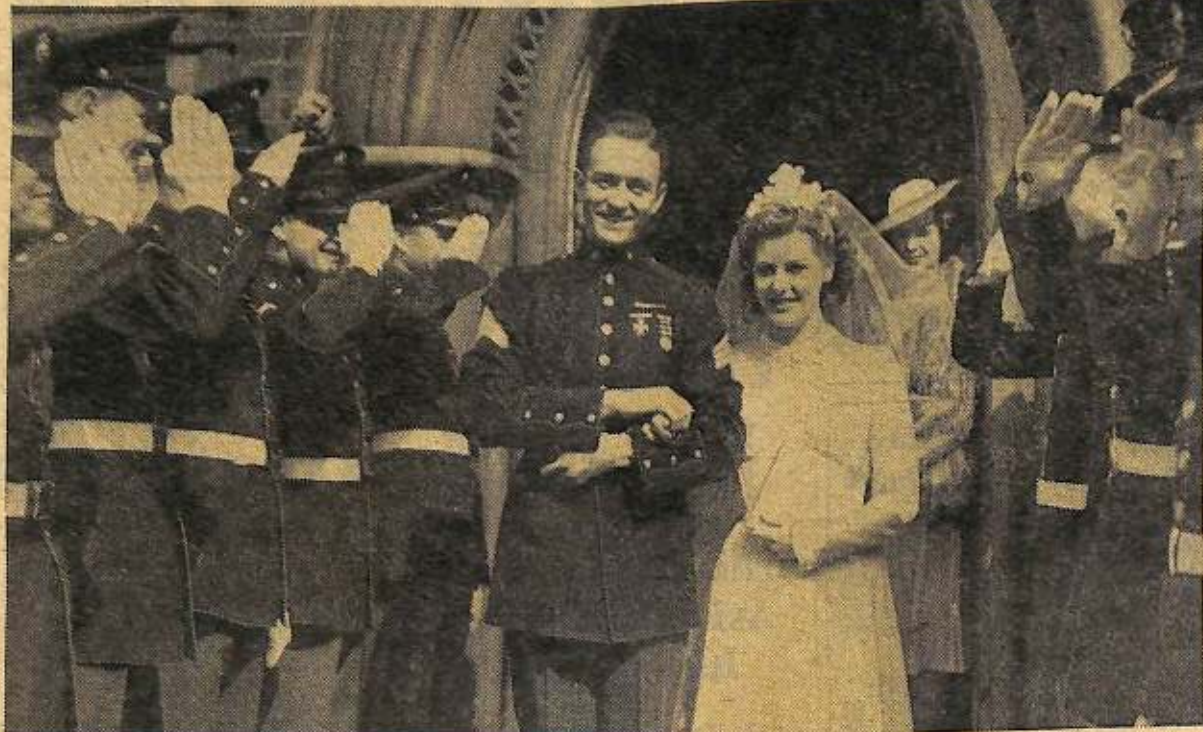
WASHINGTON, Apr. 4—A comprehensive guide on how to survive in jungle or desert until rescued has just been issued by the Army Air Force for the use of pilots and plane crews who may be forced down in such terrain, the War Department announced today.

The guide has a bright red cover, to make it readily distinguishable against a jungle or desert background in case it is lost. Printed on water-repellent paper, it has insect repellent powder incorporated in the binding glue. The guide was prepared by the Office of Safety Education, Army Air Force, after lengthy research into jungle and desert conditions.

LaGuardia Aids Yugoslavs

NEW YORK, Apr. 4—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia stopped on his way to City Hall for a spot of bundle-draping at the headquarters of the United Yugoslav Fund. He personally tied up an 11-pound package which will be delivered to a Yugoslav prisoner in a German camp. The American Red Cross arranged the shipments through a neutral country.

U.S. Marine Weds English Stage Star



Sgt. Francis Connolly and his bride, the former Toni Lupino, British stage and screen star, leave the Church of Our Lady, Lisson Grove, London, N.W.8.

Forts Hit Nazi Tank Factory

Four Bombers and Seven Fighters Lost in Paris Blow

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Francisco pilot nor any of his "Cocktail Kids" were injured. His co-pilot was Lt. Joseph Boyle, of Teaneck, N.J.

Navigator James A. Moberly, of Moberly, Mo., called it "practically a flackless trip."

"All the hits," Moberly said, "were in the target area. We plastered it. I saw oil tanks explode beside the factory."

Maj. Herbert O. Wangeman, of Moore Park, Cal., and his co-pilot Lt. Victor A. Plekavick, of Cambridge, Mass., said their squadron was not accosted by enemy fighters until it was ten minutes out of the target area on the way home. Then some 25 Jerries made up of Me 109 and FW 190s attacked. The top turret gunner and the radio man of Maj. Wangeman's Fortress each claimed an enemy fighter destroyed.

1/Lt. Gordon L. Williams, of Fresno, Cal., group bombardier in the lead ship of his formation, said he probably is the first American bombardier to strike at a target in Paris.

"We flew just to the right of the Eiffel Tower. Paris looks good to me. I hope to see it from the ground."

"The fighters came in like gnats. There were swarms of them," reported 2/Lt. William P. Cassidy, of Brookhaven, Miss.

Paris Looked Swell

S/Sgt. Edwin Brotzman, of Laceyville, Pa., said: "We hated to bomb Paris because it looked so swell."

Another staff sergeant, William S. Buchanan, of Unionville, Pa., said the "yellow-nosed fighters, probably some of the Abbeville kids from the crack Goering Squadron based in France, were troublesome."

"They have yellow noses, but they don't fight that way," was Buchanan's summation.

"I haven't seen the pictures yet," said Maj. Paul D. Brown, of Orange, N.J., leader of one Fortress group, "but I think they'll beat our bombing of Vegesack."

Capt. Edwin Bush, of Los Angeles, passed his hand over an aerial photograph of the Renault works, and said, "We completely covered the whole target area with hits."

The opinion of returning crews was that all but a few of the bombs dropped hit some section of the Renault plant.

No Trucks for a While

"They won't be building any trucks there for a while," said T/Sgt. Wilbur Hoffman, of Portsmouth, Ohio.

1/Lt. Eugene J. Pollock, of New Orleans, La., said that the bombs from at least one ship hit the island section of the factory of the Renault works, in the middle of the Seine. Lt. Pollock, who visited Paris in 1936, said that yesterday he had fun tracing the familiar streets of the city. "Keeping my mind off the flak."

All the crews reported they could see the Eiffel Tower clearly and were surprised that the Arc de Triomphe, a short distance from the Renault works, was as big as it was.

1/Lt. Marlen E. Reber, of Ypsilanti, Mich., was on the tail end of his formation when two FWs got on his tail. For a while it was hot for the tail-gunner, S/Sgt. Elwood H. Brotzman, of Laceyville, Pa. A machine-gun slug came through the tail-gunner's window in dead center, just missing Brotzman's head. Glass from the window cut the gunner's left eye. He recovered to fire at the two enemy fighters, but does not claim to have shot them down.

In the same ship, the No. 4 prop was hit and twisted so that the engine vibrated badly. The left tire was punctured by a cannon shot.

Toni Lupino Bride Of Sgt. Francis Connolly

Sgt. Francis Connolly, U.S. Marine from Arlington, Mass., and Toni Lupino, of the famous stage and screen family, were married yesterday afternoon at the Church of Our Lady, Lisson Grove, London, N.W.8.

In an impressive ceremony, with 18 U.S. Marines as a guard of honor, the bride was given away by her father, Barry Lupino. The best man was the bride's brother, Lt. Peter Lupino, RNVR.

After the wedding the guests, including Adm. Harold R. Stark, commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe; Lt. Cmdr. Robert E. Vining, public relations officer, and Lupino Lane, London stage star, attended a reception at the home of the bride's father, St. John's Wood, London.

The young couple will spend a four-day honeymoon, after which the groom will return to his duties in Adm. Stark's office and the bride to "These Foolish Things," the play in which she is currently appearing.

Sgt. Connolly is a member of the Marine detachment which was the first unit of the American Forces to arrive in the British Isles. He has been here since June 30, 1941.

Asks Puerto Rico Independence

WASHINGTON, Apr. 4 (AP)—Legislation to give complete independence to Puerto Rico has been introduced today by Sen. Millard R. Tydings (Dem., Ind.), who told the Senate such action would follow the policy already adopted by the United States for Cuba and the Philippines.

Yanks Go Native After Lib Crash

Survivors Live in Jungles Of New Britain for Ten Months

AT A NEW GUINEA BASE, Apr. 4 (UP)—Three U.S. airmen who were shot down while raiding Rabaul ten months ago have reached civilization after living with the natives, learning to hunt with clubs and native knives, and learning to eat (but not like) toads, grubs, rats and reptiles.

The Americans were 2/Lts. Eugene Wallace, Marving Hughes and Dale Bordner, survivors from a Liberator which crashed after a raid.

Two other members of the crew were taken prisoner by the Japs and one other was injured and later died.

The three Americans took to the jungle and were later joined by Pvt. Leslie Stokie, an Australian, and the four of them were finally adopted by a native family whose dialect Stokie could speak.

2/Lt. Wallace first won the native's respect when he killed a cassowary with his club. "That put me in solid with them," he said.

"When I found that the cassowary had drawn blood from my shins the witch doctor mixed up something from sea shells and smeared it on the wound, chanting a ritual. Three days later the wound healed."

The four men, who planned to escape to New Guinea, had one canoe finished when they succeeded in signalling to a passing bomber with a mirror.

Hero's Father Gets Plaque



In Washington, Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the U.S. Air Force, presents a plaque, sent from England, to Rufus B. Johnson, father of 2/Lt. Harvey Dalton Johnson whose heroism was honored by citizens of Walthamstow, England, yesterday. At the same time Gen. Arnold also presented the DFC to the air hero's father.

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Walthamstow, read a letter from Johnson's father thanking the residents for the plaque commending his son's deed. She added that the monument being unveiled would be a "constant reminder" to the townspeople of his gallant deed.

V. L. McEntee, member of the Walthamstow council, represented the people at the brief ceremony, which was attended by approximately 100 residents of the district.

The bronze tablet, attached to a portion

of the propeller from the plane in which Johnson crashed, is located in a glass-topped case at the side of a driveway leading to the playing field.

After Gen. Hunter had removed the British flag which covered the memorial plaque, the assembled burgesses observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the heroic action which cost Johnson his life.

Gen. Hunter was accompanied by Maj. Charles Clapp, of Westport, Conn., and Capt. J. C. Rathbone, of New Orleans.

Berle Warns Of Propaganda To Split Allies

No Need to Fear Russia's Aims After Victory, Hull's Aide Says

READING, Pa., Apr. 4—There is no reason to fear that Soviet Russia will "become a victim of any urge to seize great additions to her already huge empire" after the war, Assistant Secretary of State Adolf A. Berle declared today in a speech prepared for delivery to the Rotary Club at Reading.

Nazi propagandists, Mr. Berle pointed out, were seeking to divide the United Nations by creating a fear that Russia had aims more ambitious than defeating the Axis invader. Such propaganda, he added, often was helped by "meddlers, loose thinkers or plain liars, who like to circulate wild stories, always without evidence, that public officials are not sufficiently friendly to Russia—or else they are too friendly to Russia."

The structure of a reorganized and peaceful world, Mr. Berle said, must inevitably rest "on the four great freedom-loving nations—the United States, Britain, Russia and China."

Russia Has Titanic Job

Two forms of anti-Soviet propaganda have been circulated by the Axis recently, Mr. Berle related. One was to the effect that the Allies must "beware of Russia"; the other was that some officials in the United States were planning to set up "buffer states" against Russia.

"The briefest look at the facts swamps both kinds of propaganda," he said. "Soviet Russia, when she is victorious, as she will be, and when she has cleared her hands of Nazi troops, as she will, faces a titanic job in rebuilding her own country. She will not, in our opinion, become then the victim of any urge to seize great additions to her already huge empire."

As evidence that a strong Russia was an asset to the United States, Mr. Berle cited four experiences in history:

1—By defeating Napoleon in 1812, Russia thwarted a plan not unlike Hitler's to conquer not only Europe but a large slice of America.

Helped in Civil War

2—In America's Civil War, when some European nations desired to take the opportunity to seize territory in the Western Hemisphere, a Russian fleet stood by to discourage any such attempts.

3—In the last war Russia kept sufficient German manpower occupied in the east for the United States, Britain and France to overthrow the Germans from the west.

4—In this war "the Russian resistance during the last 20 months has without doubt proved the turning point in the present World War."

"I think it is thus clear that Russia is an essential part of the chain of American history," Mr. Berle said. "This does not mean that we always have felt that we should care to adopt the Russian form of government. We were not interested in the Czarist government at the time of the Napoleonic wars, or at the time of the civil war."

"We were glad when the Russians liberated themselves from the rule of the Czars. Americans are not Communist, nor ever likely to be. But we recognize that Russia's form of government is a matter for Russia to choose; and none but the ignorant fail to recognize the many advances made for the Russian people by the Communist government."

Quit Coast, Danger Zones, Algiers Radio Tells French

Inhabitants of the French coastal areas were warned by Algiers radio yesterday to leave these districts if possible, or, if not, to evacuate their families.

The radio warned them not to take up arms until they got the signal from BBC or American radios. The Germans were planning to carry out fake Allied landings to find out who would take up arms against them, the radio said.

"French people living near the following danger zones," the radio advised, "will find it in their own interests to move elsewhere: (1) buildings used by the Germans as barracks, stores or headquarters; (2) important railway junctions; (3) railway depots and repair shops; (4) factories working for Germany."

USAAF Rifle Team Beats RAF and Czech Squads

A USAAF BOMBER STATION, Apr. 4—Three American Air Force officers and six enlisted men here were proud possessors today of Fighting Czechoslovakian badges, awarded them Friday as winners in a friendly, three-cornered rifle match.

The Americans, firing 10 shots each, slow fire, at 300 yards, rolled up a total of 214 x 300 to defeat Czech and RAF teams.

High scorers for the American team, tied at 30 x 50 points each, were S/Sgt. Frank Ostraski, of Pittsburgh, and Sgt. Langston Shelton, of Pearlsburg, Va.

Big Board to Study Wars

WASHINGTON, Apr. 4 (AP)—Confronted by half a dozen resolutions aimed at winning the peace and preventing future wars, members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee considered the advisability of creating a large subcommittee to bolt them down.

No WAAFs in Bomber Dogs' Life



"Skipper," one of two cocker spaniel mascots of a Eighth Air Force Bomber Group with his master, 1/Lt. James M. Smith, of Austin, Tex.

Spaniel Mascots Have 200 Hours Flying; Use Own Oxygen Masks

By L. R. Cassese
Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Apr. 4—There are two guys over here named "Windy" and "Skipper" who are cocker spaniels, and they got over 200 hours' flying time. The rub is that they are not getting flying pay; also there are no other good looking WAAF cocker spaniels on the field, and not once have they had leave to see the shady lights of the lamp posts in Piccadilly.

"Windy" belongs to a top turret gunner, S/Sgt. Jack Levine, of East Nassau, N.Y., and his nosey black brother, "Skipper," keeps pretty close to 1/Lt. James M. Smith, a Fortress pilot from Austin, Tex. The two mascots for the bomber group see so much of everyone that they really don't belong to anyone.

They flew over here in a Fort, stopping en route in South America and North Africa. They prefer England to either of those countries, the men say, and they have definite plans for meeting some of those French poodle dishes on the other side of the Channel later on.

Their altitude record is 18,000 feet. When the two little black brothers went up there they were equipped with a special oxygen box that kept the air mixture just right for dogs, or for anyone.

"Skipper" wears brass. He eats his spam scraps in the officers' mess, and lounges around on the rug in the officers' sitting room. Brother "Windy" operates on enlisted men's rations and sits on the cold cement floor of the enlisted men's Nissen hut.

Out in the field, though, "Skipper" doesn't pull his rank on his brother. The tree that's good enough for "Windy" is good enough for him.

On an average day the two of them snoop around the hangars with Lt. Smith's crew and in general do what the fellows do.

If there is a raid, they are up with the rest in the early morning, attend briefing, and go out to the planes with the men before they take off.

Lt. Smith says that they haven't taken either of them on a raid yet, although they have attended all the lectures.

The story on the field is that they have never been known to bark in a lecture room except once when a German uniform was being displayed. They caused an awful rumpus in the room that day.

"Skipper" and "Windy" will fly back home some day and they will sure have some long tales to wag about what they did in the war.

Sends Cheer to French



T/5 Don Leveridge

T/5 Broadcasts To Nazi Victims

American Soldier, 24, Who Lived in France, Talks Over BBC

By Arthur White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The voice of a young American soldier who lived, studied and worked in France before the war has been recorded and broadcast to the secret radios of occupied France.

The voice was that of T/5 Don Leveridge, of New York, now a member of an Army Public Relations office staff in Britain. Leveridge wrote the script himself, with adaptations suggested by experts of the British Broadcasting Corp., who arranged the program.

He emphasized that he spoke, not only as a single American who knew and loved the France of before the war, but also for hundreds of thousands of other Americans who one day will land on the French coast for a final struggle with the Nazis.

Went to School in France
Leveridge, who is 24, was invited to make the broadcast after BBC officials learned that he went to school in France from 1927 to 1931 and that he had represented a New York importing firm there from 1936 to 1939.

In 1930 he represented the youth of America at an Allied meeting in Paris before President Doumergue.

He acquired a unique knowledge of the country, and numbered among his friends many young Frenchmen from the Haute Savoie district, where patriots under Gen. Armand Cartier are revolting against the Germans.

"It was only a short broadcast," said Leveridge, "because the Germans jam the BBC and the French can only listen for short periods. The risk of detection is great and many listen with their heads and the radio covered with a blanket to muffle the sound."

Message to French Pals
"I mentioned no names to avoid identifying anyone, but I hope that some, at least, of my former friends heard the broadcast and remembered me."

A BBC official said he believed it was the first of its kind to be addressed to the French people by a member of the U.S. Army in Britain.

Cpl. Leveridge last saw France in 1938 when he returned home to study for his B.A. degree at the University of Chicago, where he graduated in 1939.

He studied public opinion and propaganda and spent the summer of 1941 working at the Princeton Listening Center on the analysis of Axis propaganda.

In addition to the French broadcast Leveridge has helped in the preparation of several other radio features, including the "Forces Choice" program.

State Nights, Dances, Movies On Schedules

Red Cross Clubs Plan Week's Activities For Soldiers

Continuing its series of State Nights, the Mostyn Club will be hosts to men from Washington today, New Jersey on Wednesday and Oklahoma on Thursday. State night programs start at 7.15 PM. At 8.15 PM today, Mr. S. K. Chow will speak on China, followed at 9 PM by a dancing class by Harry Doughty. A square dance will be held at 8.30 PM Thursday, with soldiers as callers for the dances. Two other dances will be held during the week; Saturday at 8 PM and Sunday at 4 PM. Glee club rehearsal will be 7.30 PM Wednesday and will be followed by a table tennis match with the Rainbow Corner club.

Rainbow Corner Date Movies

The Rainbow Corner club opens its doors to soldiers and their girls for a movie held at 2.30 PM Sunday. On Saturday movies will run from 2.30 PM to 10 PM. Boxing matches will be held at 7.30 PM Tuesday. On Wednesday Rainbow Corner will meet the Mostyn club in a table tennis match at 8 PM, followed by a quiz program at 8.15 PM and the "American Jamboree," with Syd Ordewar, at 8.45 PM. Dances will be held at 7 PM today, Friday and Sunday, and a volunteers' party will be given at 8 PM Thursday.

Cambridge: Plan Dances And Bingo

CAMBRIDGE, Apr. 4—The American Red Cross club at the Bull Hotel here has scheduled a dance every Sunday at 7.30 PM and bingo games every Thursday at 7.30. Work has been started on a new recreation room where games will be played.

Bristol: Inaugurate Recreation Hall

BRISTOL, Apr. 4—A new recreation hall was opened in the Red Cross club here Apr. 1 with a variety program of "The Statesmen," a 32-piece band, the Dagenham Girl Pipers, comedians Forsythe, Seaman and Farrell and Beaumont and Marsden. The program was arranged by S/Sgt. George Rahn, Brooklyn; T/5 Raymond Walder, Louisville, Ky.; Pvt. Lynn Hutchinson, Trenton, N.J.; S/Sgt. Jack Nemerow, N.Y.; Cpl. Melvin Whyte, Cushing, Iowa; T/5 Richard Howard, Philadelphia; Cpl. Jake Larson, Hope, Minn.; Pfc Tom Morrissey, N.Y., and Pvt. Michael Weissman, Bronx, N.Y.

Milestone: To Hold Concert And Dance

Recorded concerts may be heard at the Milestone club at 10.30 PM on both Monday and Wednesday this week. Only one dance will be held, at 7.30 PM Friday. The —nd Cavalry band will play. Table tennis, cards or table games are available at all hours in the games room. The "Milestone Varieties" show in the canteen at 11.30 PM Saturday.

Washington Club: Tommy Farr Quiz

Tommy Farr, former heavyweight champion of the British Isles, will appear on the sports quiz conducted by Fred Corcoran at the American Red Cross Washington club at 10.45 PM Saturday. He will comment on the motion picture shown there in which he appears.

Danes, lectures, tours and "State Nights" are on the schedules of other Red Cross clubs in London.

Charles Club: Invite Kentucky Men To Dance

Men from Kentucky are the guests of honor at a dinner dance Saturday night at the American Red Cross Charles Street club. Frank Rosatta and his band will play for another dance held at 7 PM Thursday and a Belgian quartette will entertain there at 8.30 PM Monday. Table tennis, cards, and movies are held during the rest of the week.

Hans Crescent: Golf Tryouts

Try-outs for golf teams for the Hans Crescent club will be held on a nine hole putting course at 2 PM Tuesday. Golf practice will be held at 2 PM Wednesday and lessons will be given at 8 PM Wednesday by Dick Austin, prominent amateur.

On Friday, registration for the club baseball team will start at 2 PM. The regular tours of the city are held daily and on Wednesday at 8 PM there will be a table tennis match between the club team and the Austrian Youth association.

Dances will be held on Thursday and Saturday at 7.30 PM and on Sunday at 3 PM.

Orphans' Fund Sets New Mark

£4,966 in Month, Highest Yet, Brings Total To £19,394

Contributions of £4,966 during March boosted The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund to £19,394 and also established a record for donations received in a single month, a tabulation showed yesterday.

The money is being used to aid 151 children, with cases of 20 others still being investigated, administrators of the fund said in their monthly report.

Four contributions, amounting to £253, were received in time to include them in the record-setting figures for March.

One of them came from the —th Station Hospital, Pfc Bernard Moe collected £100 from officers, nurses and enlisted personnel and forwarded the check with a request to sponsor a "high spirited little tomboy," eight years of age.

Signalmen Raise £102

Voluntary contributions from enlisted men of the —th Signal Construction Company amounted to £102 1s. 5d. and will be used to help a four- to six-year-old brunette. The money was turned over to the fund by 1/Sgt. William F. Wolfe and S/Sgt. Clarence S. Hyder.

From the —nd Service Squadron, —rd Service Group, Eighth Air Force, came a contribution of £11 10s. This unit is making deposits on a pledge of £100.

Maj. S. O. H. Dobbins, HQ ETOUSA, came through with a £5 note making his total contribution £50. A few months ago, when he made his initial donation, Maj. Dobbins said he would send money to the fund as long as he is in England.

In acknowledging a contribution from men of Jewish faith in the —th Division, the fund credited the donation to men of a regiment instead of the entire division. The committee responsible for raising the money included Sgt. Theodore Josephs and Pfc A. A. Reichl.

The record total received in March was made possible by the two largest checks received since the fund was launched in August. One, for £1,632, came from the civilian technicians of Lockheed Overseas Aircraft Corp., while 11 units of a U.S. Army General Depot collaborated in raising £1,100.

British Staff Courses Open to ETO Officers

Headquarters, ETOUSA, announced yesterday that 10 officers, qualified in one or more of the subjects offered, will be granted permission to attend a British civil affairs staff course starting June 18, and continuing for three months.

Applications must be submitted through channels, it being understood that approval by the commanding officer concerned will be interpreted as meaning that the services of the applicant can be spared for the time required for the course. The subjects are: Law, public welfare, public health, communications, security and public safety and transportation.

U.S. Chaplain Preaches At Ancient Savoy Chapel

For the first time in its 500-year history, the sermon for yesterday's service at the Chapel of the Savoy, London, was delivered by an American, Col. James L. Blakeney, Senior Chaplain, ETOUSA. Britain and the United States, Chaplain Blakeney said, have a mission "to bring enlightenment to the whole world."

The Chapel of the Savoy has wartime associations with America. The altar silver, which was presented by the Royal Family, is now in the keeping of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York.

BBC Lists Quiz Kids, Mail Call

Hope, Goddard, Colonna On Special Service Show Thursday

Bob Hope and Paulette Goddard will lead the all-star cast of this week's edition of "Mail Call," the program with the Hollywood atmosphere, featured over BBC on Thursdays at 9.25 PM.

Assisting the Hope-Goddard combine will be Patsy Kelly and Jerry Colonna, Dale Evans, singer, will be featured in America's newest hit tune, "There Are Such Things," and the Bob Mitchel boys' choir will round out the half-hour broadcast with speciality numbers.

"Mail Call," a "special delivery airmail entertainment letter" to the fighting men of the United Nations, is produced in Hollywood under the auspices of the Special Service Division of the War Department for transmission to forces overseas. The BBC broadcast is edited by Norah Neale.

Members of the forces who were fans of the famous Quiz Kids will have a chance to hear their favorites Friday at 10 PM. Starring on the program, "Answering You," the Quiz Kids will answer questions which British listeners have asked about the United States.

Program round-up for the week includes Command Performance, Monday, 7.5 PM; Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street, Tuesday, 9.35 PM; Jack Benny, Friday, 9.20; Bob Hope, Sunday, 12.35 PM. All programs listed are on the Forces wave-length.

RAF Work 'Magnificent' Andrews Tells Portal

Their "magnificent accomplishments in the past fully justify the expectation that the future will find RAF men and planes producing even greater examples of prowess," Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commanding general, ETOUSA, said in an RAF birthday message to Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal yesterday.

"In the fighting to come," Gen. Andrews continued, "and in the eventual victory over the common enemy, the Royal Air Force will have ever-increasing participation by their comrades of the United States Army Air Forces."

Sir Charles replied that it was "a source of great satisfaction to all concerned to be fighting side by side with the U.S. Army Air Forces."

Launch 12 Merchant Ships

WASHINGTON, Apr. 4—The Maritime Commission announced the launching of 12 merchant ships, bringing the total of vessels launched since Jan. 1 to 341.

Troops Saving Gas, Coal, Tires

U.S. troops in Britain have effected large savings in gasoline, rubber and maintenance materials, following appeals for economy, Headquarters, ETO, announced.

The savings were due to carefully planned road movement control, maximum use of railroads, the employment of commercial carriers for short hauls and "back-loading."

The latter, which simply means routing vehicles to carry "pay" loads both to and from their original destination, has alone saved 200,000 "empty" miles and 50,000 gallons.

The British Ministry of Fuel and Power said that fuel savings by American soldiers have reached as high as 55 per cent, some of the economy measures being: use of coke, coal dust and wood, instead of coal; lighting fires only when absolutely necessary; keeping stoves clean and adjusted, and sifting cinders.

British Army Adopts Berets

Khaki berets gradually are to replace overseas caps as part of the British soldier's uniform, the War Office announced yesterday. Berets have been part of the uniform of the Commandos who wear green, of the airborne troops, with red, and the armored corps, with black.

Fort Fought Until Wing Burned Off

A USAAF STATION, England, Apr. 4—There aren't any more atheists in parachutes than there are in foxholes," said 1/Lt. Hugh G. Ashcroft, Charlotte, N.C.

He was telling the story of how the crew of his Flying Fortress, "Southern Comfort," baled out seconds before a burning wing crumpled as they were returning from a raid on Rotterdam.

Nazi fighters had hit the plane hard and a fire started in the left wing, but Ashcroft decided to gamble on reaching England before abandoning ship. All the crew won the gamble except the turret gunner, who slipped from his parachute and fell to his death.

1/Lt. Ashcroft said, "I couldn't see a darn thing, but I figured that the Nazis couldn't either. We depended on the navigator, 2/Lt. Robert H. Nye, to get us home, and he did."

The fire, which luckily fed on oil instead

of gasoline, was gaining ground when Ashcroft looked out and could see the metal of the wing start to buckle.

"Flames were getting around the fuselage," he said, "and I decided that it was time that all God's children had wings." They baled out.

Because of the heavy mist, the men weren't sure that they were "chuting down over land until a few feet from the ground. 2/Lt. Robert G. Ralston, Montmorenci, Ind., said, "My main thought was to get home before they started dividing up my clothes. I could just see Logan, my room mate, wearing my bathrobe."

Ralston landed in a tree in an orchard and looking down could see a group of grim-faced people. "After I told them who I was, they were alright," he said, "but I could tell the owner of the orchard. He didn't look happy."

The "Southern Comfort" took a German fighter plane with it on its last

journey. S/Sgt. Frank H. Hilsabeck, tail gunner and a former salesman from McCook, Neb., brought it down.

Lt. Nye landed in water, with his parachute still fastened, and had a narrow escape from drowning as a current swept him to sea. A rescue boat took him aboard.

The co-pilot, 2/Lt. William J. Lakey, Canago Park, Cal., landed in a sewage bed and was taken to the nearby home of a doctor to get cleaned up. The doctor suggested he take a bath. In the bathroom he found Lt. Ralston shaving. The last time they had seen each other was just before they baled out.

Other members of the crew were: Gunners, S/Sgt. Frank M. Corser, Binghamton, N.Y.; Douglas Glover, Houston, Tex.; Ray Armstrong, Catonsville, Md., and S/Sgt. James Patterson, Boise City, Okla.

Beau Jack Outpoints Armstrong in Close Fight

Veteran Henry Surprises With Strong Showing

Decision in Non-Title Scrap Brings Boos From 24,000 Fans

NEW YORK, Apr. 4—Beau Jack, the Georgia bootblack who holds the New York State version of the lightweight championship, defeated a game old Henry Armstrong Friday night at Madison Square Garden before \$104,000 worth of indignant fans.

In a savage ten-round duel, Armstrong came within a cruel inch of crowning his comeback with a sensational win. The judges and Referee Lt. Billy Cavanagh gave Beau a tidy edge, but ringsiders thought it was excruciatingly close. The International News Service card showed five rounds for Jack, four for Armstrong and one even. The United Press scored the fight even, giving each four rounds and calling two even.

The crowd of nearly 20,000 was hotly prejudiced in Armstrong's favor (he was a 2-1 underdog) and booed Jack when he left the ring and kept bocking until they drowned out the announcement following the fight.

At any rate, it was Beau's best fight. It had to be to withstand the challenge of the veteran, who went all out to cap his comeback campaign of 17 fights with the victory that would have meant the most.

Beau's Tactics Bad

Beau had to continually change his tactics to keep Henry from ripping him apart inside. He had to call on his ultimate reserves of youthful energy to stand up under Henry's strong finish.

Beau piled up his slight edge by backing away from Armstrong, sticking him with torrents of lefts, then getting a toe-hold in the canvas and throwing whistling uppercuts. He bloodied Henry's mouth three times, but couldn't prevent Henry from coming at him.

Fast, skittish Beau poked and danced and uppercutted to an easy margin in the first round. But through the second and third he made a colossal error in trying to stand toe to toe with one of the most masterful fighters the ring has ever seen.

Beau put his head down against Armstrong's and Henry gave him a lesson that thoroughly winded and alarmed him. Henry beat him to a thousand little inside punches, slipped him, hooked him and jammed him helplessly against the ropes.

Beau's board of strategy got to work between the third and fourth rounds and gave Beau strict instructions to return to his first round tactics. Beau did, with the result that he won the next four rounds. He moved around and fired long loopers and walloping uppercuts that shocked, but did not deter Armstrong's slipping, sliding, weaving advance. Henry got so tired his arms dragged. Blood dripped from his mouth.

Furious Tenth

But starting the eighth, Henry called on his hidden strength and caught up with Jack and made him fight in close. During the eighth and ninth he never let Jack's stomach rest and threw some solid hooks so that at the end of the ninth it was Jack who, though nearly ten years younger, was the more tired of the two.

Ringsiders scored the tenth as a furious draw. Beau's legs won the judges' vote for him. He was able to keep Henry away during most of the round and when the fighters closed, he smashed long uppercuts to Armstrong's crouching body. Near the bell Henry landed a blazing overhand right that brought the mob howling to its feet, but Beau let him come, feinted, then nailed him with a terrific uppercut and followed with another just at the bell.

According to Bob Considine, INS sports writer, it was the biggest Garden gate since August, 1938, when Armstrong beat Lou Ambers to become the first man in ring history to hold the featherweight, lightweight, and welterweight titles simultaneously.

After the fight Chick Vergeles, Beau Jack's manager, paid Henry a signal compliment. He refused a return bout.

Jack's lightweight laurels weren't at stake since both were over the 135-pound limit. Jack scaled 135½, Armstrong 138.

Bisons Down Caps, 3-1, In First Playoff Game

BUFFALO, N.Y., Apr. 4—In the first game of the American Hockey League playoffs finals here, the Buffalo Bisons beat the Indianapolis Capitols, 3-1.

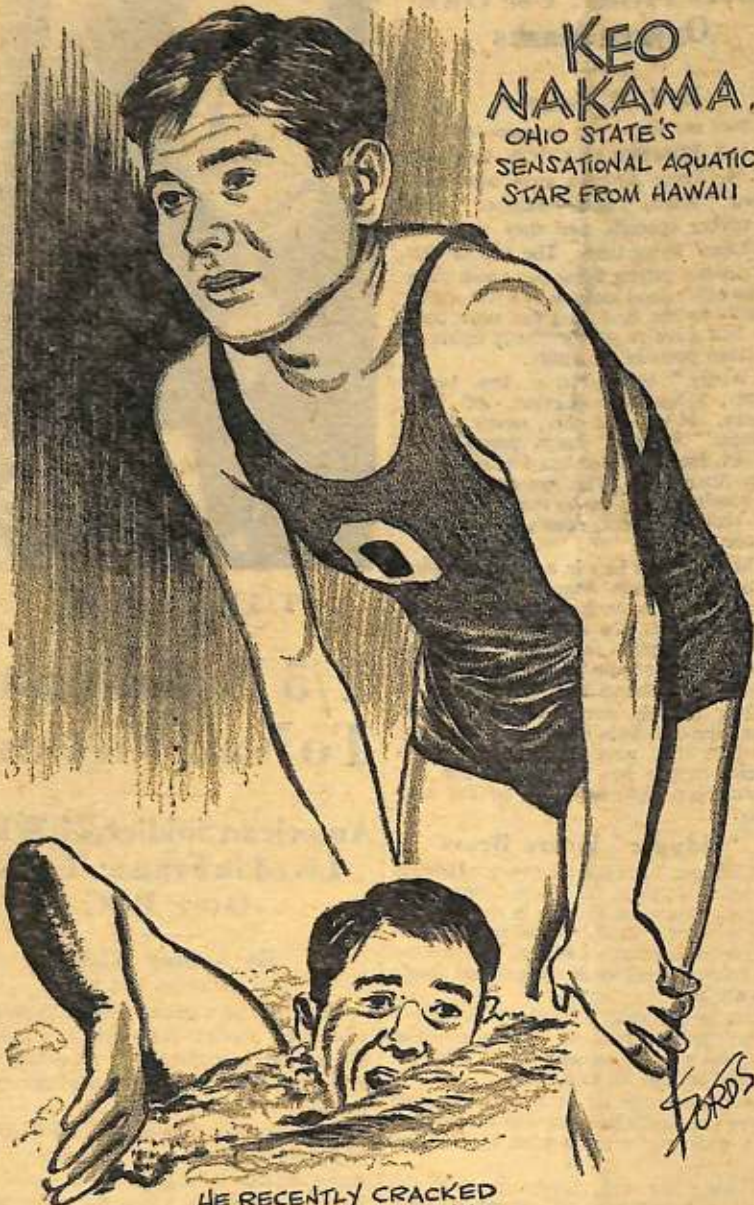
The Bisons thrilled 8,000 local fans at Memorial Auditorium, scoring once in the first period and twice in the final session. The Capitols attacked continually, but only once solved the touted Bison defense anchored by Gordon Bell, sensational 17-year-old goalie.

Byron Nelson Classified 4-F

TOLEDO, Ohio, Apr. 4—Byron Nelson, nationally known golfer, has been classified 4-F as physically unfit for military service. Examining physicians said that Nelson was a victim of a blood condition causing profuse bleeding at any skin abrasion.

Record Breaker

By Jack Sords



KEO NAKAMA, OHIO STATE'S SENSATIONAL AQUATIC STAR FROM HAWAII

HE RECENTLY CRACKED BIG TEN RECORDS IN THE 100 AND 220-YARD FREE STYLE EVENTS

Central Press

Keller May Lead Hitters

ASBURY PARK, N.J., Apr. 4—Outfielder Charley Keller, one of the few remaining powerhouse hitters in baseball, has accepted terms with the Yankees at an estimated salary of \$14,000, which represents a slight raise over last season when Charley hit .292 and batted in 108 runs and hammered out 26 home runs.

Dark-browed Charley, from down Maryland way, will be riding high and all alone for the American League home run championship this coming season since he is the only active player left who has finished as high as runner-up. Keller belted 33 homers to finish behind Ted Williams of Boston with 37 in 1941 and last season "King Kong" had 26 against Williams' 36.

The Yanks are known as a slugging team de luxe, but if Keller brings home the bacon it will be the first time in five years—when Joe DiMaggio copped the title—that the Yanks have led the league.

Former Pros Bolster Ulster Air Force Nine

A USAAF STATION, N.I., Apr. 4—Initial tryouts for the Eighth Air Force Composite Command baseball team attracted over 50 prospects, according to team manager 2/Lt. Arthur Kavanaugh, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

With former professional diamond men Cpl. Jim Fraley, Dalton, Mass., Pfc Paul Bonner, Warrington, Fla., Pfc Joe Thompson, Washington, D.C., and Pvt. Joe Maruszewski, Dearborn, Mich., as mainstays, Lt. Kavanaugh expects to roundout a top notch nine within the next few weeks.

Corporal Fraley has the best pro record of the team, formerly playing in the Eastern League and trying out for the mound staff of the Boston Red Sox in 1936.

Tall Hoopsters Spur New Rule

NEW YORK, Apr. 4—The executive committee of the National Basketball Committee has approved experiments for next season designed to end the practice of abnormally tall players batting away opponents' shots by leaping above the hoop and deflecting the ball. They deemed it a violation "when a player touches a try for goal on the downward arc above the level of the basket."

George Mikan, of DePaul University, six-foot eight-inch center, is mainly responsible for the decision, although the activities of John Mahnken, of Georgetown, and Harry Bokoff, St. Johns, and other court giraffes contributed. It is estimated that Mikan alone knocked aside 23 shots in DePaul's games with Dartmouth and Georgetown last week of which most would have resulted in scores.

If the experiments in various games next season prove satisfactory, they will become rules the following season. Other experiments to be tried next season include the elimination of the free throws after a double foul and the allowance of unlimited substitution.

Fate of Pro Football Loop Will be Decided This Week

CHICAGO, Apr. 4—The most important meeting in National Football League history will be held at Chicago Wednesday and Thursday to determine whether the League's ten clubs can continue to operate. President Elmer Layden has pledged his word that the organization will operate.

But it is going to be tough sledding. The League abandoned the annual draft roll last winter for the simple reason that few, if any, collegians will be going into professional football next fall, since most will be in the armed forces. Thus the game's chief source of supply will be closed off.

Baseball Training Notes

CAIRO, Ill.—Manager Billy Southworth is worried about the Cardinal hitting after a 12-inning exhibition ended in a 1-1 tie. One bright spot was Pitcher Mort Cooper's apparent recovery from a back injury. . . . LAFAYETTE, Ind.—Ken Keltner, Cleveland Indians' first baseman, suffered a pulled muscle in his side while sliding into third base. The injury will sideline Keltner for several days. Vice-President Roger Peckinpaugh revealed that Outfielder Fabian Gaffke has quit the club since he didn't feel he could make the grade. The departure leaves the Indians with only three outfielders—Hank Edwards, Roy Cullenbine and Oris Hackett, with Jeff Heath still a holdout. . . . BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—A big third inning gave the Cincinnati Red "Veterans" a 6-3 victory over the "Colts" in an intra-squad practice

game. . . . Manager Bill McKechnie announced. . . . EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The Detroit Tiger regulars, with Hal Manders and Roy Henshaw pitching, bested the Yannigans, 8-5, in a practice game. . . . FRENCH LICK, Ind.—The Chicago White Sox edged the Chicago Cubs, 8-7, in an exhibition game highlighted by the homer of Sox rookie Outfielder Frank Kalin in the ninth. . . . WILMINGTON, Del.—The Philadelphia Athletics lost Infielder Jimmy Pofahl, obtained in trade for Bob Johnson, veteran outfielder. Pofahl notified Manager Connie Mack that he is remaining at his war work job in St. Paul. . . . WALLINGFORD, Conn.—Three members of the Boston Braves have suffered casualties. Outfielder Charlie Workman pulled a leg tendon, Johnny McCarthy and Ben Geraghty sprained their ankles.

Weekly Sports Quiz

- 1—Where is baseball's Hall of Fame?
- 2—What baseball player played the most years as an active player?
- 3—What major league club has never won a pennant?
- 4—How many times did Gene Tunney defend his title?
- 5—What American amateur last won the British Amateur golf title two years in succession?

Smith, Holiday Take Swim Titles

Ohio State Cops Team Crown in National AAU Meet

NEW YORK, Apr. 4—Bill Smith, of Ohio State, Alan Ford, of Yale, and Harry Holiday, of Michigan, took top honors in the National AAU swimming championships held Friday and Saturday at the New York AC pool.

Smith flowed to a double victory, capturing the 220-yard free style in two minutes nine and six-tenths seconds, and the 440 free style in four minutes 42 and seven-tenths seconds. He set world records in both events last year.

Ford trimmed a fast field in the 100-yard free style in 51 and eight-tenths seconds and finished second to Smith in the 220. Ford, world record holder in the 100 at 50 and six-tenths seconds, was defending champion in the 220.

Nakama Second

Holiday, 19-year-old Michigan sophomore, broke the longest winning streak in sports history, winning the 150-yard backstroke by inches over nine-time champion Adolph Kiefer, of the Norfolk Naval Training Station. Timed in one minute 32 and eight-tenths second, Holiday was two-tenths seconds faster than Kiefer, who had not been beaten in any backstroke event for eight years while winning an estimated 250 races.

Kiefer led for 125 yards and appeared the winner entering the last turn, but he made a faulty turn, allowing Holiday to enter the last lap with a distinct lead. Kiefer all but closed the gap with a final surge. The winning time was two and two-tenths seconds behind Kiefer's world record for the distance. He still holds all the world backstroke records except the 100-yard mark, where Holiday surpassed him recently.

Keo Nakama, Smith's Hawaiian-born team mate and defending champion in the 440, finished two yards behind Smith in that event and took third in the 220.

Charlie Santner, of Rutgers, was the surprise winner in the 220-yard breast stroke, butting the entire distance in two minutes, 42 and four-tenths seconds.

Two Relays for Michigan

Frank Dempsey, another Buckeye, won both diving honors. His team mate Charlie Batterman was runner-up in both. In the three-meter event, George Athans, of Seattle, was third, Ralph Buratti, of Rutgers, fourth, and Jim Strong, Ohio State, fifth.

In the one-meter dive, Gil Evans, Michigan, was third, Strong was fourth and Pvt. Ted Christakos, Fort Bragg, N.C., fifth.

Michigan won both relays. The quartet of Merton Church, Harry Holiday, Charles Fried Jr., and Jack Patten beat Ohio State and Yale in the 400-yard free style relay in three minutes, 34 and nine-tenths seconds. Yale was timed two-tenths seconds faster than Ohio State, but the judges decided Ohio State finished ahead.

The Wolverines' 300-yard medley relay trio of Holiday, backstroker, Irving Einbeinder, breaststroker and Jack Patten, free styler, also beat Yale and Ohio State in two minutes, 56 seconds.

Ohio State captured the team title easily with 46 points to Michigan's 34 and defending champion Yale's 22.

Gets a Good Start

Ford's 100-yard free-style triumph shared the spotlight with Holiday's backstroke victory as the evening's most exciting event. In the afternoon trials, Bill Smith swam the fastest heat in 52 and nine-tenths seconds and appeared the man to beat. Victory would have given him the first free-style triple crown in the meet's history. The "experts" were dubious about Ford's chances. The Yale lad made a poor final turn and faded final heat in the last 25 yards to lose the semi-York AC pool in which it is hard to see judge turns and which becomes unusually choppy during a fast race, seemed unsuited to Ford's graceful, gliding stroke.

But in the evening final, Ford got a splendid start and stayed off successive team-mate Brewster McFadden to lead all spurt with a terrific leg drive in the last ten yards opened a two-foot margin over the last Church. McFadden was third, Patten fourth and Smith last. Smith trailed all the way. Apparently he lacks the sheer speed to match the top-notch sprinters.

Lack of Hitters Forces Reds to Rely on Fielding

Bill McKechnie May Turn Out Another Team of Hitless Wonders

By Tom Swope

Cincinnati Post Sports Writer

CINCINNATI, Apr. 4—Hunch players are picking the Cincinnati Reds to win the '43 National League pennant, but not solely on hunches. No team in the League seems better fortified to make a stronger race for the flag than Deacon Bill McKechnie's Redlegs, even though the Reds may again, as last season, be one of the weakest hitting teams in the majors.

The Reds hit a team average of only .231 last year, lowest team batting mark compiled in either league since the Brooklyn Superbas (as they were then called) hit a team average of .229 in the National League in 1910. Whereas Brooklyn's club that year finished sixth and won only 64 games while losing 90, the weak-hitting Reds of '42 finished fourth, winning 76 and losing 76.

Manager McKechnie and General Manager Warren Giles seemingly have strengthened the defense for 1943 while improving the offense.

Good Double Play Team

Eddie Miller, who is a far better defensive shortstop than Eddie Joost and who is at least Joost's equal if not superior on the attack, has been obtained at a cost exceeding \$100,000 in cash and players to replace Joost at shortstop. Miller's fielding mark of .983 last year was the best made in major league history by a shortstop, breaking the old fielding record by five percentage points, a truly remarkable accomplishment.

Don't be surprised if Miller, teaming with Lonnie Frey, whom many regard as the National League's best defensive keystone artist, give the Reds their best double play combination during the coming season.

Bert Haas is expected to be a more effective third baseman than last year when, as the season progressed, Haas responded to McKechnie's instruction and became a pretty smooth fielder.

Six Top Hurlers

Catcher Ray Lamanno, one of the club's most dangerous hitters, is now wearing Navy uniform, but a capable replacement has been found in Ray Mueller, purchased from Sacramento of the Pacific Coast League. The catching department also includes Tony DePhillips, a truly great catcher, but a light hitter.

Frank McCormick, bell cow of the Red attack and excellent on the defense as well, is a great team player back at third base.

Six of the club's most versatile pitchers of '42—Johnny Vander Meer, Bucky Walters, Elmer Riddle, Ray Starr, Clyde "Lefty" Shoun and Joe Beggs—a great reliever—will form the backbone of the pitching staff.

McKechnie also has four promising newcomer hurlers—Ed Heusser, southpaw, Leonard Bobeck, Bob Malloy and Vernon Stone—of whom three are likely to stick.

Lobert as Coach

At the start of the club's Spring training at Indiana University the Reds appeared to have an outfield problem, but the club's bosses are working hard to get at least one capable hitter to add to the flycatching corps. McKechnie has had outfield troubles each of the five years he has managed the team, but nevertheless has won two pennants and finished third once and fourth twice. Remaining from last year's outfielders at this writing are Max Marshall, Eric Tipton, Frankie Kellener, Mike McCormick and Gerald Walker—if the latter accepts terms.

In addition, McKechnie has veteran Estel Crabtree as a pinch hitter and extra outfielder and coach. Since Hank Gowdy is now a U.S. Army captain, McKechnie replaced him with Hans Lobert, former manager of the Phils.

Rice Voted Outstanding Track, Field Competitor

NEW YORK, Apr. 4—Greg Rice has been voted the outstanding track and field competitor during the '43 indoor season by the National Track Writers' Association. Rice also received the award in '42 and '40.

His spectacular series of two and three mile wins, stretching his winning streak to 64 straight and lowering his own two-mile record to eight minutes 51 seconds, gave him the edge in the balloting over Cornelius Warmerdam, the world's greatest pole-vaulter. Warmerdam was a close second, and there is really nothing to choose between the performances of the two men.

Ingwerson Succeeds Crowley

CHAPEL HILL, N.C., Apr. 4—Lt. Comdr. Burton Ingwerson, formerly head coach at Iowa and member of the North-western coaching staff, has succeeded James "Sleepy" Crowley, former Fordham mentor, as head coach of the North Carolina Navy Preflight grid team. Crowley has been shifted to war zone activities.

Willie Mariner, Sinuk Head Tomorrow's Fight Card

Brooks, Bosox Picked to Take '43 Pennants

Two St. Louis Clubs Have Good Chances to Edge Them

By J. G. Taylor Spink
Publisher of The Sporting News

ST. LOUIS, Apr. 4—Experience has taught that the pre-season doping of the major league races, especially in the National League, is an uncertain and hazardous undertaking, even in normal times. This Spring, with all the clubs in both circuits having contributed star after star to the war effort, the standards of measuring have been reduced to such an extent that it is almost impossible to single out a standout team in either race. In other words, there is little form to follow and inductions as the season goes on may further change the picture.

It is entirely possible that the Yankee domination of the American League will end in a crackup this year. The Yankees will be without the services of remarkable Joe DiMaggio, crack shortstop Phil Rizzuto, Pitcher Red Ruffing, Buddy Hassett at first and others in the armed forces.

True, the Boston Red Sox probably have given up much or more than the Yanks in Ted Williams, Johnny Pesky, Dom DiMaggio, Lou Finney et al, but Joe Cronin has adequate replacements to give Tom Yawkey a long awaited pennant. Following the Red Sox look like the St. Louis Browns, the Yanks, Detroit Tigers, Indians, Senators and Athletics in that order.

Rickey Resourceful

In the National League, the resourcefulness of Branch Rickey will be a powerful factor in restoring the Dodgers' pennant stature, with the Cards pushing the issue, Cubs third, Reds fourth, then Pittsburgh, New York, Philadelphia and Boston.

Conceding that the Dodgers have lost considerable strength in Pete Reiser, Pee-wee Reese, Hugh Casey and Larry French—all to the armed forces—the balance of power is more than equalized in favor of Brooklyn when the Cards lost Terry Moore, Enos Slaughter and Johnny Beazley, 21-game winning freshman last season. With the likelihood of the departure of Jimmy Brown, sparkplug of the Redbird infield, now 1-A, St. Louis faces a tough job in the quest of its second straight flag.

Earlier Rickey's resourcefulness in appraisal of the Dodgers' chances was recognized—no man knows the National League better than the former Cardinal master-mind. He is a great judge of pace and players. When with the Cards his ability to gauge the approximate class of the other clubs enabled him to sell star players and yet the St. Louis club was always knocking at the door—challenging and fighting right down to the finish.

Cubs Have Pitching

Rickey will have to start the season with a powerful clan. He'll have the services of Dolph Camilli, Arky Vaughan and Dixie Walker—all doubtful starters. If the team doesn't click, he'll use his resourcefulness to make effective changes even in this all-out war year.

Many may wonder why the Cubs are rated third. First, the Chicago team hasn't been hit by the service calls. On the other hand, Jimmie Wilson is likely to come up with a strong pitching staff. Possibly Paul Derringer, purchased from the Reds during the winter, has one more big season left in his aging right arm, and with Lon Warneke, Claude Passeau and Bill Lee will give Wilson a "Big Four." Then there's nifty Puerto Rican Hi Bithorn with enough stuff to give the Cubs a quintet of fine hurlers.

A month ago the Giants would have rated a higher spot than the second division, but with Johnny Mize in the Navy, Hal Schumacher and Babe Young also in service, Hank Danning facing an early call, and Hank Lieber staying out of the game, Mel Ott has a tough task ahead.

Stephens Was Sparkplug

Moving back to the American League for a brief analysis, we come to a team which not long ago resembled flag winners—the Browns—on the strength of their sizzling third place finish under Luke Sewell last season. But the aspects of the St. Louis club changed very quickly when Walter Judnich was inducted and Vernon Stephens classified 1-A. Judnich was not only one of the top power hitters, but a clever center fielder. Barnes, Dewitt and Stephens, along with Pesky of the Red Sox, was a first-year shortstop sensation in '42. Stephens did more than any one man to "make" the Browns—convert them into a first division team. His bat propelled home long hits and drove in many runs. Sewell was a veteran, Mark Christman, as a shortstop replacement, and he'll do a good defensive job, but he has never been able to hit big league pitching.

So it's the Dodgers and the Red Sox over a long pull with the two St. Louis clubs—the Cards and Browns—chasing them, based on the present manpower setups.

Lou Boudreau Peps up Indians Recruits



Associated Press Photo

Manager Lou Boudreau gives out his choice words of advisement and encouragement to five new Cleveland hopefuls at their spring training site at LaFayette, Ind. Left to right—Ray Poat, formerly of Indianapolis; Steimen Gromek, ex-Baltimore player; towering Mike Naymick, of Wilkes-Barre; Melvin Sarl Center from Baltimore, and John Salvesson, formerly of the Oakland nine.

Army Using Sports Program To Toughen Soldier-Students

WASHINGTON, Apr. 4—The War Department has announced the athletic program for soldier-students in the universities under the Army specialized training program.

Soldiers will be encouraged to participate in competitive team sports within an Army specialized training unit, although he won't have the time to train for or participate in intercollegiate sports.

Soccer, touch football, basketball, volley ball and baseball will be strongly encouraged. Substantial portions of the daily hour exercise period will be devoted to these sports, as well as most of the Saturday afternoon free time.

The Army's specialized training division recommends a program grouped into four basic categories—aquatics, combatives, gymnastics and obstacle courses and, lastly, team sports.

The first four weeks of the program are to be devoted to general conditioning, testing and orientation. Thereafter the men will be assigned to each of the four basic activities in turn, starting with the one in which they are the most deficient.

Learn to Use Nature's Weapons

In aquatics, the emphasis will be on teaching men to float and swim for long periods at a time. All strokes will be taught, with special emphasis on the back and breaststrokes because of the proven value of these techniques in escaping sea disasters.

After a student has mastered the rudiments of swimming, he'll receive instruction in life saving, general water safety, including jumping from elevated towers, improvising rafts from floating objects, and approved tactics in avoiding injury from wreckage, oil fire or predatory fish.

In the combative branch of training, the student will learn how to use nature's weapons—hands, feet, knees, elbows and head. He'll be instructed in boxing, wrestling, judo tricks, rough and tumble and fighting with sabres.

In gymnastics, the principle objective will be to develop a sense of coordination and balance in certain kinds of body skills.

Team sports are designed to develop hard, aggressive play, fighting, competitive spirit, cardio-respiratory endurance, speed, agility and large muscle groups.

Cub Hurlers Effective As White Sox Lose, 4-2

FRENCH LICK, Ind., Apr. 4—The Chicago Cubs whipped the White Sox, 4-2, in their exhibition game here in a contest in which the pitching was surprisingly high class for the training season.

Bill Lee, Claude Passeau and Hiram Bithorn set down the Sox with four hits. The Cubs garnered nine off Johnny Humphries, Buck Ross and Bill Swift.

Norfolk Naval Nine Blasts Senators, 10-5

NORFOLK, Va., Apr. 4—The Norfolk Naval Training Station baseball team overwhelmed the Washington Senators, 10-5, in an exhibition here. The tars slammed four Senator pitchers for 13 hits including a homer by Shortstop Phil Rizzuto, former New York Yankee star.

Norfolk hurler Charley Wagner, formerly with the Red Sox, blanked the Senators for six innings. Then Gerry Priddy, another ex-Yankee, bashed a four-master and Catcher Jake Early contributed another, knocking in three runs in the ninth.

Dodgers Jolt Red Sox, 5-1

NEW YORK, Apr. 4—The Brooklyn Dodgers opened the 1943 exhibition baseball season most auspiciously, trimming the Boston Red Sox, 5-1, before 2,000 fans.

Manager Leo Durocher was plenty satisfied, too. His only cause of dissatisfaction was himself. He handled six chances skillfully at shortstop, then bobbed an easy double play ball.

Best Flatbush news was the Dodger pitching. Three hurlers allowed the Sox only two hits. Whit Wyatt started and allowed no hits. Max Macon finished with similar effectiveness, and in between Al Simmons got a solid single and Tommy McBride a Texas League double off Kirbe Higbe.

Wyatt undoubtedly is ready. He did not allow a batter to reach first, occasionally reared back to burn in a fast one for forced pop flies. Macon, though wild, had plenty on the ball.

Snookey at Belfast Club

BELFAST, Apr. 4—A snookey tournament will be held at the Red Cross club here Apr. 9, Frank Kammerlohr, athletic director, announces.

Second Straight For LBC Nine

Smack Air Force Signal Squad for 11 Hits In 9-1 Win

The London Base Command nine combed three pitchers for 11 hits in winning its second straight game, 9-1, against the 8th Signal Co., Eighth Air Force Headquarters, yesterday afternoon at Hyde Park. A crowd of 5,000 was on hand to see baseball season in London in full swing.

After Signals scored an unearned run in the first inning, LBC raked T/4 Forest Sargent, visitors' righthander, for five hits and as many runs in the third. The winners added single tallies in the fourth and fifth and two in the eighth. Sgt. Myron Scow, first of three hurlers used by LBC, worked the first three frames and was the winning pitcher.

Sgt. Stan Senko, with two doubles and a single, and Sgt. Pete Pavich, with a double and single, led LBC's attack.

The home team's big third inning sent five runs across the plate on a walk, the first of Senko's two-base hits to right, Pvt. Mike Goran's two-run single to left and successive singles by Pavich, Pvt. Johnny Venezia and Cpl. Frank Sedmak.

The loss was the first in two games for the Signals. Last week it defeated Eighth Air Force Bomber Command.

The box score:

London Base Command—9				Signal Co.—1					
AB	R	H	E	AB	R	H	E		
Luderra, 3b	3	2	1	0	Spaulding, 3b	3	1	0	0
Thompson, 3b	2	1	1	1	a—Perry	1	0	0	0
Senko, ss	3	1	3	0	Lewis, c	3	0	2	0
Signorelli, ss	0	0	0	0	Stearns, rf	2	0	0	1
Goran, cf	2	0	1	0	Peters, p	1	0	0	0
Mikovich, rf	1	0	0	0	Mullinix, p	1	0	0	0
Parr, 1b	5	0	0	0	Bojak, lf	4	0	0	1
Pavich, 2b	4	2	2	0	Sargent, p-rf	4	0	2	0
Venezia, rf-cf	4	1	1	0	Vacca, cf	3	0	0	1
Sedmak, lf	3	0	0	0	Brown, 1b	4	0	0	0
Danning, if	1	0	0	0	Marchant, p	2	0	0	0
Haines, c	3	0	1	0	b—Roberts	1	0	0	0
Scow, p	1	0	0	0	O'Neill, c	2	0	0	0
Rupe, p	2	0	1	0	c—McFarland	1	0	0	0
Wright, p	0	1	0	0					
Totals	34	9	11	1	Totals	32	1	4	3

a—Batted for Spaulding in 9th.
b—Batted for Marchant in 9th.
c—Batted for O'Neill in 9th.

Score by innings:
Signal Co. 1-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-1
London 0-0-5-1-1-0-0-2-x-9

Jackie Wilson Kayoes Spangler PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 4—Sgt. Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles Negro, knocked out Joey Spangler, of Richmond, Va., in the second round of their scheduled ten-rounder. Wilson caught Spangler coming in with a short right to the jaw that stretched the Virginian for the full count and opened a gash under Spangler's right eye.

Rainbow Club Newcomers Led By Glove Titlist

Soukup Won Dayton Crown, Simmons Was Champ in Maryland

By Mark E. Senigo
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

After a lull of a week while the ETO basketballers were going through their paces at the Albert Hall, boxing returns to the Rainbow Corner tomorrow night with another crackerjack Stars and Stripes card starting at 7.30.

Tomorrow's bill of fare will include the largest number of new faces to appear at the Corner in two months. However two of the boys who are coming back after former appearances have done all right by themselves. Tall, lanky heavyweight Pvt. Pete Sinuk made his lone appearance on Feb. 23—and proceeded to batter local favorite Pvt. Billy McHale from ringpost to ringpost in one of the most bruising contests seen up to that time in the ring. Sinuk, from the wilds of The Bronx, had been bouncing around rings throughout New York for more than three years before he transferred his fistic activities to the Army. He was the first leather thrower to stop McHale in five fights.

Brooklyn Kid

The other repeater on the card is Pvt. Willie Mariner, of Monticello, N.Y., 150. After a hard lost decision in his first time out—due to lack of training—Willie came back two weeks ago in the pink of condition and scored a first round technical knockout over Pfc Jack Faulkner.

Heading the newcomers is Pvt. George Soukup, of Cicero, Ill., 135. Soukup walked off with the Dayton (Ohio) Golden Glove flyweight championship in 1934 and then fought for three years in the CYO contests.

Also on the bill will be a couple of "kids." They are Pfc Vivencio Salvatore, who tabs himself as the Brooklyn Kid, and Pvt. Ralph Simmons, who has adopted the trade name of Cumberland Kid. Simmons, who hails from Cumberland, Md., tips the scales at 155. His record shows that he was Maryland Golden Glove welterweight champion in 1940. Salvatore's record is somewhat less outstanding. Let's just say he comes from Brooklyn and leave it at that. They do turn out some fighters there—the Dodgers notwithstanding.

Two Andersons

Two other boys with fancy dan handles are Battling Turk and Killer Koch. Turk votes under the name of Harold Alle and when he lines up for his pay he gets private's money. From North St. Paul, Minn., he weighs 150. He boxed for Tommy Gibbons' club in North St. Paul. Koch signs his mail Cpl. Rudolph, and his home town is Ritzville, Cal. He has fought in matches sponsored by the American Legion.

Perhaps the most experienced man on the card is Pfc Paul E. Phaneuf, of Holyoke, Mass., 150. Phaneuf has been in 20 to 30 professional scraps.

Two Negro boys are the latest entries for tomorrow's tilts. They are Pvt. Edison F. Anderson, of St. Louis, 150, and Pvt. Alvin Anderson, of New Orleans, 132. Edison has fought in YMCA shows and has been entered in Golden Glove competition, although he has never taken a Glove title. Alvin has fought as an amateur in New Orleans and Lake Charles, La.

The rest of the card will be announced in tomorrow's Stars and Stripes.

Gunder Haegg, Andersson Going to America in May

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 4—Swedish Athletic Association spokesman said here that Gunder Haegg, world record holder at distances from a mile to 5,000 meters, Arne Andersson, Haegg's greatest Swedish rival at the mile and two miles, and Hakan Lidman, hurdler, plan to leave for the United States early in May to compete in a series of track meets. The spokesman explained that seats on the Clipper had been booked, but the exact date depended upon American officials.

In New York, Dan Ferris, secretary and treasurer of the AAU, said that his organization had applied to the U.S. government for air travel priorities from London about two weeks ago. He specified no definite date, but "we'd like them here early in May." If the Swedish athletes succeed in making the trip, then a special series of meets will be arranged before the national championships late in June.

LaMotta Stops Ossie Harris

PITTSBURGH, Apr. 4—Jake LaMotta, New York middleweight, hammered out a ten-round decision over Ossie Harris, Pittsburgh Negro, here. After a slow start, LaMotta cut loose in the third round with a slashing two-handed attack that kept the Pittsburgher on the defensive the rest of the distance.

Rico Outpoints Gene Johnson

NEW YORK, Apr. 4—Chester Rico, able Bronx lightweight, outpointed Gene Johnson, also of New York, in their ten-round main event at the Broadway Arena.

Blondie

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by Chic Young

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Hash Marks

We will concede the Axis one advantage, and one only—in case of a meat shortage Hitler and his stooges can always provide plenty of pigs.

Salvage collection crews back in the States are really going to town. An Athens, Texas, housewife put her kitchen



stove out in the backyard preliminary to giving it a good cleaning. When she came back a short while later to do the job the stove was gone—and the scrap pile had one more burner to its credit.

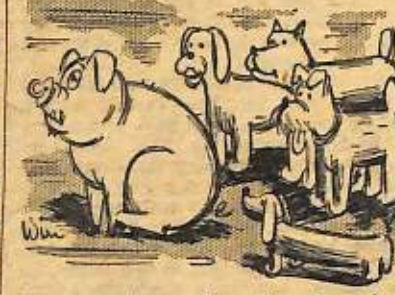
Cpl. Pete Heilweil sends in the gag about two Hollywood glamor girls who had no great love for each other. They had eaten lunch at a swanky dinner club. One of the gals got up to leave and audibly purred this parting shot, "Here's a nickel, call ALL your friends!"

The other day we were amused to hear a bunch of British kids making new use of the RAF designation for bombers. They greeted each other thusly, "Here comes old B for Bill," and shouts of "Hi, there, P for Percy." We would have stayed around to hear more, but "M for Mabel" passed by.

There's a certain Pfc in ETO who has a slightly red face today. Maybe it was all due to Spring or something, but the guy penned an ardent letter to his sweetie; then absent-mindedly scribbled "LOVE" in the upper right hand corner of the envelope instead of "Free."

Back in the States we used to celebrate most every kind of day imaginable—"Prune Day," "Poppy Day," "Cheese Week," etc. Now they've started a new one—"Write Lt. Malone Day." At least that's what the guys in the signal office of a bomber command tell us. The other day Lt. Malone became the latest mail call sensation when he received 35 v-mails at one clip. Here's the pay-off. The bulk of Lt. Malone's letters go to a certain school teacher in St. Louis and vice versa. But recently the teacher, not satisfied with the number of letters she was turning out, instituted a "Write Lt. Malone Day." Now on regular occasions the 35 pupils of her class take pen in hand and send v-mails across the sea. We hear Malone is applying for seven days' leave to have time to answer all his newly found friends.

The Chicago dogpound now has a new resident—a 500-lb. hog. Two defense workers first spied the porker in the center



of town and gave chase through various side-streets, alleys, passageways and finally backed the animal against a wall. They sent for the police, who showed up with three squads and a patrol wagon, caught the reluctant hog and hauled it off to the dogpound.

J. C. W.

'Cannibal' Parts Feast Under Fire



A power-driven crane from an 11-ton U.S. wrecker truck picks up a 3,200-pound peep to carry it from a field during a battle exercise in England by American Ordnance men.

Ordnance Unit Builds New Guns, Vehicles From Old

By Philip Bucknell, Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

HQ.—ST ORDNANCE MM BATTALION (Q), England, Apr. 4.—Pushing hard to earn title of "America's most capable cannibals," this outfit is practising its craft in a wooded hide-out amid scrub-covered slopes in western England. The origin of the title is as unique as the job they do.

Faced with problems of supply months ago in North Africa, the American Army realized that the Germans had them licked when it came to putting damaged equipment back into operation.

They learned the principles that a tank is a tank only as long as its tracks turn over, and the best M1 is a good weapon only until its action is knocked out.

Through every campaign the Germans have had in operation an ordnance service which has followed up right alongside the front line troops. When a tank, a truck or an artillery piece was shot up there were specialists on the spot to repair them. If repairing was impossible they broke down the still usable parts and used them for building up new models.

Dubbed 'Cannibals'

U.S. Ordnance studied the Nazis' ordnance. Today, they have the answer in the "cannibals," who strip vehicles and weapons of reclaimable parts to build or repair other vehicles or weapons.

That's what this outfit does. Give them two wheels, a gas tank and a piece of wire or so and they will produce a jeep. Under the command of Lt. Col. Thomas Donahue, of Chicago, they have been built up into a crew of technicians equipped and waiting to go up to the front—any front—and reclaim battered equipment from tank to revolver, and make it good; or make it a part of something else.

And not only are they technicians.

Realizing that their job will take them up to where the shooting is, they have all received intensive combat training.

Living normally in barracks, they have their fun in going out to the backwoods on problems that look like a combination of Willow Run and the Louisiana maneuvers.

Here they set up their CP in a wood tucked away in a Nebraska-like landscape. With machine shop units, small arms repair trucks, welding trucks, carburetor and ignition trucks, jeeps, peeps and anti-aircraft units they deployed out under the trees. Camouflaged, and with outposts against surprise attacks, the Ordnance battalion was ready to work inside an hour.

Under the direction of M/Sgt. Charlie Guthrie, of Roanoke, Va. (19 years in the Army and looking for action) the machine shop unit was assembled.

Effective Servicing

Built on two-and-a-half ton trucks, the unit comprises two trucks fully equipped as machine shops, with lathes, drills and welding plant. With them travels an auxiliary supply truck carrying spare parts and all sizes and types of tools likely to be used. This unit has the equipment normally expected at a base ordnance depot, but its mobility and the training of the personnel bring the depot right up to the damaged material—a speedier and more effective way of dealing with servicing.

Also under Guthrie is a carburetor and ignition truck which, as its name implies, deals with purely mechanical defects, and it carries with it spare parts and machines for the servicing of any vehicle from a peep to a tank.

Under M/Sgt. Joseph Blackowiak, of Maple Plane, Minn., is a small arms repair truck, which undertakes reclamation jobs on weapons from the .45 cal. automatic to the 37-mm. anti-tank gun. These units, operating a mile or two behind the forward positions are looked upon as the base. Working from the base are contact sections. They call themselves the "wreckers"—but their job is not to wreck. They reclaim wrecks.

A wrecker group is made up of 27 men who go out searching the battlefields for equipment that has come to grief. Travelling in two eight-ton trucks, equipped with derricks and stocked with tools, a contact section sallies into the graveyards of mechanized warfare and breaks down skeletons of wrecked vehicles for the base unit to use again. With derricks and powerful towing gear they seek vehicles which can be made good, and bring 'em back alive.

How Wrecks are Reclaimed

On the current maneuver, a contact section under 1/Lt. Clifton Vaughan, of Freeport, N.Y., rumbled over a bare scrubland. On the floor of a deep gully, it found a heavy truck and the wreckage of a weapon carrier in an ugly heap. The gully, incidentally, was one of the old sunken roads made by the Roman Legions 2,000 years ago when armor was something that clanked around the bodies of foot-slogging soldiers, and not steel plates on the side of a tank.

S/Sgt. Harold R. Embree, of Iron-castle, Minn., backed his 11-ton truck on to the gully. Wires were run out from the two derricks, each capable of lifting a 4-ton load, and connected up to the rear axle of the heavy truck, which was deemed a casualty worth towing back for repair. Slowly and without fuss the wires took the strain. Almost noiselessly the derrick drums revolved, and the truck was drawn up the steep, 40-foot slope, riding as smoothly as a freight elevator.

Meantime, another truck backed into the Roman Road at a place less steep. The wreckage of the weapon carrier was worth reclamation for cannibalising.

Hauled up with chains and wires, the wreck limped away on one good wheel behind the wrecker.

At other points of the "battlefield," contact sections garnered more salvage. Slung up high on the derricks of a wrecker, a peep was carried away from the field like a papoose on the back of a Sioux squaw. A light tank, its tracks presumably damaged, was towed back to the base through a smoke screen layed against enemy observation.

Col. Donahue says he gets a great kick out of watching his battalion at work. In peace-time he was public health engineer of Chicago. Most of his officers are peace-time engineers, with experiences ranging from road-making and pipe-laying to machine shop managers. The enlisted men, too, come mostly from the engineering trades.

Highly Skilled Outfit

This is probably one of the most highly technical outfits in the Army. Over 70 per cent of the enlisted men have non-commissioned technical ratings. Men assigned to the unit are sent away to the large ordnance depots to go through the repair shops for training on every form of vehicle and mechanized equipment the army uses.

But they are also good fighting soldiers. Ninety-three per cent of them passed out with high marks on the ranges. They can at a moment's notice down tools and pick up tommy-guns or operate light anti-aircraft guns. Their knowledge of camouflage has been established the hard way. For months, on every problem and maneuver, aircraft accompanied the battalion. If a message was radioed that they could be spotted from the air, they were made to set to and camouflage again until they were as well hidden as they were efficient craftsmen.

There is just one problem they have not beaten yet—how to weld in the open at night. The glow from a welding plant shows a long way in the blackout. They think they will beat that one. Experiments are going on right now.

For the rest, they know they are good. They want to show that the German cannibal service has nothing on them when it comes to front-line servicing.

They would like to use their weapons, too.

Panic Targets

German sneak-and-run raiders were over the South Coast again yesterday and were deliberately choosing 'panic targets' for their bombs.

This statement by the British Air Ministry was made after complete evidence had been compiled proving beyond doubt that schools and hospitals have been deliberately bombed while military targets, impossible to camouflage, have been ignored.

Even to the casual observer the German terror tactics are evident. We have seen a school in London after it was deliberately bombed from house top level. We have seen German air raiders machine-gun streets in Canterbury that were filled with women and children.

German raiders now bomb small defenseless country towns and regularly machine-gun their streets during shopping hours, hoping to terrify or kill women and children caught in the open. One plane recently flew so low over a school, its crew could plainly see children playing in the yard. It circled back, bombed the school and machine-gunned the children.

We mention these examples of German "kultur" for just one reason. Remember them when Germans shriek for mercy as the full fury of the Allied air offensive hits them where it hurts. Remember them when the Germans start whining after the war. Remember them when isolationists point fingers at the "cruel British" five years after the war. Remember them when college professors start telling your children "panic raids" never took place, but were "imagined" by British propagandists. Remember we failed to remember after the last war and it cost us a second blood bath. Remember it should never happen again, no matter what it costs.

Dress Rehearsal

The United States government has invited 38 nations to send representatives to a conference to be held in Washington, D.C., the end of this month when post-war food problems will be discussed.

This action follows closely the recent conferences between President Roosevelt and Anthony Eden on matters relating to closer collaboration between the United Nations, and it is accepted as a kind of dress rehearsal for a world conference able to effectively handle all post-war problems.

The idea of achieving closer collaboration by beginning with a conference dealing with food is a good one. Food for starving millions will be needed as soon as we are able to drive the enemy from each square mile of occupied territory. This problem, already with us in North Africa, will be encountered in all liberated countries. It involves such questions as service of supply, distribution agencies, and priorities.

At the April conference the best brains in the democracies will energetically tackle these problems. At this conference and others to follow Allied leaders will learn to work together and then on a foundation of mutual understanding and trust they can attack in turn problems that stand in the way of building a durable, lasting peace.

Laval's New Order

"News Week," discussing Laval's "New Order," offers the following pointed remarks: "Creation of a new National Council will be the next move of Pierre Laval in an effort to 'reorganize' France along New Order lines. A tip from inside France reveals that Laval is about ready to announce the council's charter members. His group will replace the one created by Pétain and never called and will mark another step in the elimination of the old Marshal from the French picture. For the most part, members appointed by Pétain will be dropped, since Laval wants only trusted followers in his version of the Reichstag. To help make the new council more palatable to the people, word has gone out that it will draw up a new French constitution; but Vichy insiders are betting that such a document will never materialize."



"Last year it wuz locusts!"



Thinking of You

How often do I think of you? It's really hard to say: But I shall try to tell you, dear, Now you're so far away. On each new morn I wonder How you began your day. Are skies for you both bright and clear And are you still O.K.? And if the day goes smoothly by And everything is fair, I wish so much that you were here My happiness to share. When people that I meet are gay Your smiling face I see: And I can almost hear you laugh As though you were with me. Again at times I see a frown, But still I won't feel blue; For I can see beyond that face The smiling one of you. And as I kneel beside my bed Again when day is o'er I turn my voice to God above And pray for you once more. Courtesy Sgt. Frank M. Riccio's Lucy.

NEWS FROM HOME 146 New Ships In Single Month Break Record

1,516,000 Tons Delivered By American Yards In March

WASHINGTON, Apr. 4 (UP)—The all-time shipbuilding record for the United States—the rate of 18,000,000 tons a year—was broken last month by U.S. shipyards with delivery of 146 new merchantmen totalling 1,516,000 tons, the U.S. Maritime Commission announced yesterday.

But the Coupons Had to Go

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Apr. 4 (UP)—Learning of the coffee shortage in America, Norman Eddy, an ambulance driver with the British Eighth Army, sent a pound of coffee to his parents here. But the customs officials would not let them have it until they had surrendered a coffee rationing coupon.

U.S. Prepare For The Day

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Apr. 4 (UP)—The demand for Japanese dictionaries in the U.S. is tremendous, and dictionaries printed only last year have had to be reprinted for use by the armed forces, according to Harvard University Press.

Herbert H. Lehman to Visit London

WASHINGTON, Apr. 4 (UP)—Herbert H. Lehman, Director of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation and former New

Millions of 'Victory Gardens' To Swell U.S. Food Supply

WASHINGTON, Apr. 4—Millions of residents of American cities and towns must be food producers on their own account this year if the country is to meet war-time requirements, Food Administrator Chester C. Davis declared last night.

To supplement the nation's farm production, Davis said, the government has fixed a goal of at least 12,000,000 gardens in towns, cities and suburban areas, and at least 6,000,000 on farms.

"Every bit of food raised in the back garden will free that much farm-grown food to send to our boys overseas or in camps here, or to our allies," Davis said

in his first public talk since taking over the job of administering food production and distribution programs.

Already millions of Americans whose agricultural experience was no greater than watering the potted plants in the living room have gone in for gardening on a grand scale.

Department stores, following the Department of Agriculture's promotion of the victory garden idea, had conducted numerous sales of rakes, spades, forks and overalls, and thousands of urban dwellers have swarmed to the stores for seeds, fertilizer and insecticides. Classes for victory gardeners are even being conducted in some towns.

York Governor, announced yesterday he would visit London soon at the suggestion of President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull to obtain information on problems connected with the relief of war victims in areas liberated from the Axis.

Conrad Veidt Dead

HOLLYWOOD, Apr. 4 (AP)—Conrad Veidt, film star, died of a heart attack while playing golf yesterday. Veidt, who was 50, was born in Berlin. A few years ago he became a British subject. Among his pictures were "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari," "I Was a Spy," "Jew Suss," "Bella Donna," "Storm over Asia" and "Casablanca."

Decorate U.S. Officers

MEXICO CITY, D.F., Apr. 4—Four American officers have just been decorated with the order of the Aztec Eagle, Knight Commander Class, for their work in promoting new bonds of friendship between the Mexican and American peoples. The officers decorated were: Col. Lawrence Higgins, Col. Lawrence

Mathewson and Col. Erol. E. Hockenberry.

He Wasn't Fooling

TOMS RIVER, N.J., Apr. 4 (UP)—It took former Cpl. William Shaftsbury, of the 102d Cav., N.J.N.G., 22 tries to get back into uniform for this war—but he's just made it.

Shaftsbury's feet are as flat as a pancake and Army doctors, who admired his guts, shook their heads over his arches. The Navy, maybe figuring that sailors don't do much hiking, signed him up.

Moviegoers Give \$1,625,000

HOLLYWOOD, Apr. 4—The motion picture industry's War Activities Committee has just presented a check for \$1,625,000 to President Roosevelt's War Relief Board—proceeds of collections in American moving picture theaters.

Gets Street-Corner Windfall

NEW YORK, Apr. 4—Frank Kominsky, 13, kicked a pile of junk on the street, heard a jingle and found \$13,901 in cash. He turned it over to police.



"Oh yeah, she'll start on a Readers Digest okay, but I prefers Basic regulations, bulletins and memos."

DIANA

I'M MAKING SOME CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE FOR YOU SAM! IT'S TIME I LEARNED TO COOK AMERICAN DISHES

WHAT'S COOKIN' HONEY?

SNIFF

I'LL BET YOU HAVEN'T TASTED FOOD LIKE THAT FOR A LONG TIME!

GLUB-B-B YOU'RE NOT JUST GNASHING YOUR TEETH NOT EVEN IN THE MESS!

COFFEE WILL BE READY IN A MINUTE — REAL AMERICAN COFFEE!

ATTA BOY, POOCH! EAT IT UP QUICK, BEFORE DIANA GETS BACK!

HM-M! SOMEONE HAS TRIED TO POISON THE POOR OLD FELLOW!

V.E.T.

JEAN BAIRD

SAFE

IT'S LIKE DIS, MCGOOLTY, DAT NEW DOLL MOVED IN HERE—AN' WE GOTTA KNOW HER NAME AN' HOW SHE FEELS ABOUT GO-JERS!

YEAH, MCGOOLTY YOU GOT THE ONLY INNOCENT PAN IN THE OUTFIT—IT'S UP T' YOU—FOR THE GOOD OF THE SERVICE!

YOU GUYS NEVER ASK ME TO GO ALONG WHEN YOU'RE SURE! —BUT I'LL DO IT!

HELLO, GENERAL, WHAT IS THIS, THE WOLF PATROL ON A HIKE?

AH—LADY, SINCE YOU LIVE SO CLOSE TO AN ARMY POST, WE GOTTA KNOW YOUR NAME AN' SERIAL NUM— GEE I MEAN, THE ARMY WANTS THE DOPE—I MEAN—

...HOW'S MCGOOLTY DOIN'?

WH—WHY, THE BABE IS TAKIN' HIS HAND AN' LEADIN' HIM INTO THE HOUSE!

McGOOLTY, ALOYSIUS J. 10187367

Desoiter! Went over to Enemy while on Reconyzence Patrol

MILTON CANIFF

JOE PAPA

'ERE WE ARE.

I'M SORRY, TH' FOG-LE'S GO!

ISYE! I'VE BEEN STANDIN' 'ERE IN FRONT OF TH' 'OUSE H'OVER 'ALF AN HOUR.

GO RIGHT IN, SUGAR, WHILE I PAY TH' CAB.

H'IS THAT A NEW STYLE, SIR--AREN'T THEY WEARIN' TH' TROW WITH UNEEFORMS NOW? AN' YOU BETTER PUT THAT MATCH OUT.

HUH... H-HOLY S-SMOKES!

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JOE PAPA

THERE'S ALICE—ALONE.

WHERE'S JERRY?

I DOWN'T KNOW!! BUT WHEN YOU SEE THE LITTLE BLIGHTER TELL 'IM 'ED BETTER NEVER COME NEAR ME AGAIN!!

☆@!!@~!! THEM AN' THEIR *@@*~!! RUSHIN' ME!!

SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED--HA HA HA HO HO.

HO HO. YOU BETTAIRE NEVAIRE SEE 'ER AGAIN!

BOY... IF IT HADN'T A BEEN FER THAT GOOD OLE FOG--I'D PROBL'Y BEEN COURT-MARSHULLED.

HAM FISHER

Oh, to Be a Needle in this Haystack!

Testing New Battle Tricks



Soldier, it's very difficult to describe this picture of Jane Russell, of the Hollywood Russells. But, then, who is going to spend time reading this caption anyway.

Yanks, French Bring Home Their Catch of the Day



American and French soldiers march smiling German and Italian soldiers back to Allied prison camps following a fierce battle in central Tunisia. *Planet Photo*

GI Scarecrow



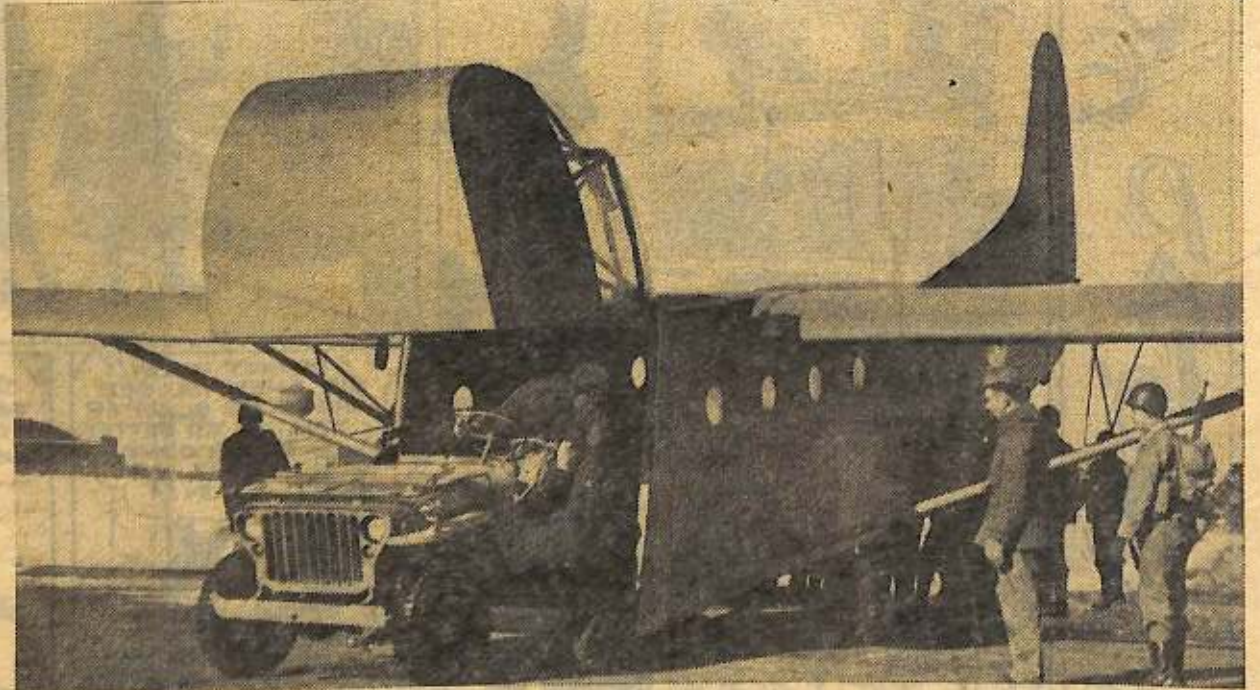
This is an American soldier completely equipped for all the hazards of jungle fighting, especially designed to provide a maximum of comfort and fighting efficiency. That's a mosquito mask on his face.

Sweater Girl

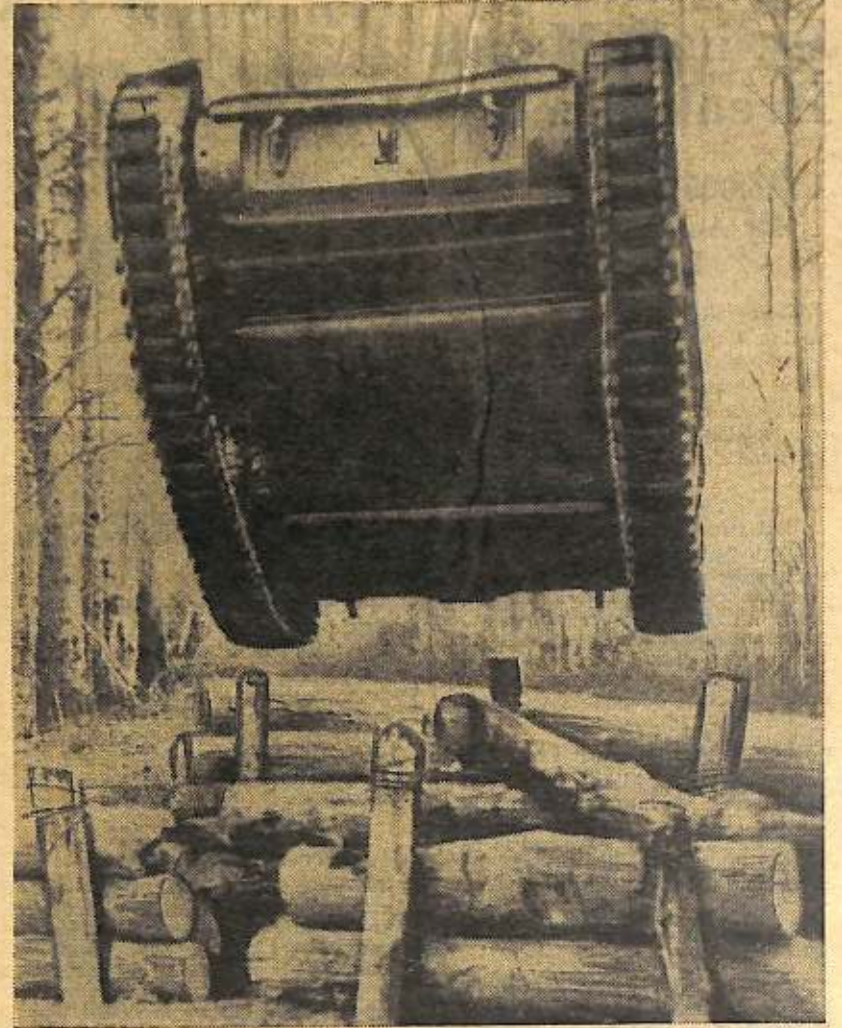


It takes a girl with the proper amount of charm to wear a sweater. Such a girl is Helen Cyriacks, of Bellrose, L.I., who has been chosen as official sweater girl from a roster of 10,000 contestants. *Keystone Photo*

U.S. Airborne Engineers Do Their Unpacking



Training for the job of repairing bomb-damaged airfields, American airborne Engineers unload a peep from a cargo glider at Victorville, Cal., training school. After test flights, the peep pulls its glider off the field for a takeoff position with a light 300-foot Nylon rope, cost—\$500. *Planet Photo*



With its treads spinning, an American light tank zooms over a road block during a test at Fort Belvoir, Va., where Engineers are matching their wits with tank drivers to learn new battle tricks. *Associated Press Photo*

FDR Inspects New Kaiser Carrier



President Roosevelt looks over the model of the new aircraft-carrier-transport now being produced by Henry J. Kaiser on the west coast. Left to right—the President, Rear Adm. H. L. Vickery, of the Maritime Commission, Kaiser, Artemus L. Gates, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air, Rear Adm. Emory Land, Maritime Commission chairman. *Keystone Photo*