

100 Forts Smash Ships, 'Drome at Naples

USAAF Hits Aero Works In Antwerp

Four Bombers Shot Down In Heaviest Fighter Opposition

Flying Fortresses and Liberators struck at German armament works in Antwerp, Belgium, in daylight yesterday, carrying the newest Allied non-stop air offensive into its 72nd hour.

Four bombers and one of the supporting Allied fighters were lost in what some veteran American airmen said was the most severe opposition yet encountered on U.S. raids from bases in Britain.

It was the second U.S. raid in two days. Sunday, Nazi factories near Paris were hit.

The attack, which was aimed at the big Erla Aero Engine works on the edge of Antwerp, followed by only a few hours a crushing RAF night raid on Kiel, in northern Germany.

The Air Ministry announced that Bomber Command attacked Kiel "in great strength," a seldom-used phrase which observers said probably indicated the largest RAF force in some weeks. Twelve RAF bombers were lost in the attack on the Nazi naval base there.

Clear Weather For Run

The American striking groups yesterday, described as "a large force" by Eighth Air Force Headquarters, made their bombing run in clear weather, but against heavy fighter opposition.

Pending a check by intelligence officers, only two enemy planes were claimed as destroyed in the running fight between the Luftwaffe and the supporting Allied fighters.

Bombing results were described as "good," in an official communique.

Flak over the target was moderate, but accurate, combat crews reported, but the Americans' real trouble came from Nazi fighters who swarmed to the attack as the bombers approached the European coast, followed them to the target and trailed them most of the way back home.

Most of the fighters seemed to be FW190s and Me109s, with their leaders apparently dictating new tactics to combat the firepower of the Forts and Libs; air crews said the Nazis seemed to be concentrating on one group of bombers at a time.

Bombing Bombers

This new attack device followed reports from American airmen who struck at the Renault works in Paris the day before to the effect that German fighter planes were again dropping bombs on the bombers.

Confirmation for the story of bombing the bombers came from Lt. Col. Claude E. Putnam, of Jacksboro, Tex., 27-year-old group commander, who led one combat wing of the attack on the Renault works in daylight Sunday.

"The bombs they dropped were accurate for height but they missed us by almost four miles," said Col. Putnam. "It took us about a minute to get to the spot where the bombs burst. Smoke left by the bombs from the German planes covered an area the size of one of our hangars."

"We take it as a damn good indication that they are afraid to come in and

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U.S. Airmen in China Outscoring Japs, 18-1

USAAF HQ, China, Apr. 5 (AP)—The U.S. China Air Task Force, one of the smallest American air units in active combat, has definitely destroyed 182 Japanese planes since it began operations last July 4, and probably destroyed another 63. American losses were nine pilots in combat and one through bombing.

The China Air Task Force built up its score by shooting down 136 Jap planes, including many heavy bombers, and destroying 46 on the ground. American plane losses were 18 in combat or by ground fire and 16 others through mechanical or other failures.

Vital Jap Oil Refinery Smashed
NEW DELHI, Apr. 5 (UP)—Thilawa, the oil refinery south of Rangoon, vital to Jap military oil supplies in Burma, was battered by Liberators yesterday, which dropped over 13 tons of bombs, scoring direct hits on buildings and storage tanks in the refinery, according to today's official communique.

Bishop Spellman Visits Fields, Blesses Crewmen

A BOMBER STATION, England, Apr. 5—Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, of New York, chief Catholic Chaplain of the Army, delivered the Papal blessing to Catholic members of Eighth Air Force Bomber crews today before they left on the bombing raid on Antwerp.

Accompanied by Brig. Gen. Newton Longfellow, the Archbishop visited several airfields prior to the operation and administered Holy Communion to Catholic members of the crews. After giving the blessing, Archbishop Spellman shook hands with the men and told them he would write to their families telling of the visit if they would leave their home addresses with their chaplains.

Bombers Smash Jap Ships Again Off New Ireland

No Vessels Left Near Base, Toll of Warships Sunk Reaches Seven

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Apr. 5—American heavy bombers struck again at Jap naval concentrations off Kavieng, New Ireland yesterday, scoring direct hits on a light cruiser, a destroyer and a 6,000-ton merchantman, today's official communique reports.

All Jap shipping in the Kavieng area now has been completely destroyed or dispersed following a three-day Allied aerial assault which began on Friday, the communique added.

During the engagements seven Jap warships of the cruiser or destroyer class, and five merchantmen aggregating 36,000 tons have been sunk or heavily damaged. Three additional enemy destroyers and one 8,000-ton merchantman were attacked and possibly damaged.

Allied losses have been limited entirely to damage to planes all of which have returned after each operation, the communique added.

Yesterday's attack was carried out just before dawn and searchlight flare and great clouds of smoke from bomb explosions prevented accurate observations of the results. No aerial opposition was encountered although each strike involved a flight of 1,100 miles, the communique disclosed.

At the same time, Allied medium attack bombers dumped 20 tons of bombs on a defense area covering Lae, New Guinea. Huge fires accompanied by large explosions were observed by returning planes.

Again the enemy offered no aerial opposition and all Allied planes returned.

Davey Crockett, Alamo Hero's Descendant, Joins Air Force

By Arthur W. White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Davey Crockett, great-great-grandson of the Tennessee bear hunter who died fighting at the Alamo, joined the U.S. Army Air Force yesterday.

The 18-year-old Crockett—who has never even seen America, let alone the backwoods where his ancestor grew to be a legend—was sworn in at the U.S. Army recruiting office in London.

Crockett could tell you that his illustrious great-great-grandfather was born in 1786 and died in 1836, but his frontier lore is all second-hand. He was born at Gravesend, Kent, England, of American parents, and thus had dual nationality until he was sworn in yesterday by Lt. Winston K. Pendleton.

His ancestor's reputation with a smooth-bore notwithstanding (the original Davey Crockett set a record for killing bears in 1822 with 105 "confirmeds" in eight months), Dave wants to be an airman.

He saw what the Luftwaffe did to England, and he wants a chance to hit back.

"I want to become either a pilot or a gunner in one of America's bombers," he said.

"I've been in the British Air Training Corps since it started in 1941, and flying has long been my goal."

The Air Training Corps schools youths under enlistment age for the RAF.

He said that none of his English school friends had ever heard of his forebear,

French Learn to Use U.S. Arms



A French soldier gets instruction on the American .50-caliber machine-gun from U.S. soldiers on a firing range in North Africa. French troops now fighting the Axis are being supplied with U.S. weapons and equipment.

Invasion Jitters at New High, Nazis Fear French Revolution

Invasion jitters reached an all-time high in Europe yesterday as dispatches and broadcasts from eight capitals all hinted at the same thing—"the Allies are coming."

Most significant indication of the symptoms of nervousness came from Berlin in a frank radio announcement that an attempted revolution was feared in France.

The German station said that because of the possibility of a coup, engineered by England and the United States, it had been decided to move former premiers, Edouard Daladier and Leon Blum, and Gen. Maurice Gamelin, to a German prison. They have been held in France since the capitulation of that country.

The broadcaster said that the Germans were convinced a coup concerning the three men might be tried soon.

Pétain Disclaims Blame

Coupled with the German announcement was an appeal from Marshal Pétain, the aged World War hero now nominal head of German-occupied France, asking Frenchmen to be loyal to him. The Marshal said he could not be blamed for the misfortunes of France and urged his countrymen to reject any overtures from "rebel" leaders, now in England or North Africa.

In Algiers, Edward Morrell, Columbia Broadcasting System correspondent, said that progress was being made in the conversations between Generals Charles de Gaulle and Henri Giraud, the "rebel leaders" mentioned by Marshal Pétain, but that full agreement had not yet been reached between them.

"Everybody I have seen in North

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U.S. Producing Giant Bombers

Americans are turning out heavy bombers which exceed the Lancaster as the Lancaster does the bombers of 1939, medium bomber-fighters as fast as any fighter; fighters that far surpass any American fighters now in operation and more transport planes each month than were being flown in the United States when she entered the war.

This is what Sir Roy Fedden, famous engine designer, reported after he returned from his tour of aircraft factories in the United States.

Sir Roy headed a delegation of the Ministry of Aircraft Production which spent several weeks comparing British and American methods of design and production of aircraft and aircraft engines.

Although impressed by most things he saw, he said he thought that the British system of material control, sub-contracting and control of labor was superior to the American.

The volume of technical training, the abundance of tooling and modern equipment, the close collaboration between designers and production engineers and the enormous amount of research work done were among the things in the American aircraft industry on which he commented favorably.

He said that, while Britain had just as many "air brains" as the United States, he was envious of the thousands of Americans who were technically trained. America, he said, had 25,000 more than five times as many as the British.

A research plant, costing \$25,000,000, which had been designed to test engines which weren't as yet off the drafting boards, and another plant, with 700 draftsmen and \$15,000,000 in jigs and tools which had produced only one plane.

Channel Guns Exchange Shots More Than 2 Hours

British and German guns duelled across the Channel for more than two hours early yesterday, and there was intermittent shelling until 6 AM. Dover and other coast towns had warnings. Some shells from across the Channel fell near Dover. There was no report on damage or casualties.

Bomber Sets New Record On 11,748-Mile Flight

WASHINGTON, Apr. 5 (UP)—A U.S. Army bomber has just set a new record for the 11,748-mile flight from the nearest American field to an advance base in India, the War Department announced today.

The long flight, much of it over water, was covered in 67 hours 35 minutes, the official announcement said.

Yanks Gain New Ground Near Guettar

Two Liners, Three Subs Struck at Naples; No Planes Lost

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Apr. 5—Nearly 100 American Flying Fortresses smashed at the important Axis port of Naples, Italy, yesterday, as the British Eighth Army prepared for its next offensive move north of Gabes and United States troops under Maj. Gen. George C. Patton made new, though small, gains east of El Guettar.

Naples has been raided five times by Liberators, but this was the first time the Forts had hit the port, and they dumped a load of bombs four times as heavy as in any previous Allied raid. All planes returned safely.

The whole attack was crammed into 15 minutes. Ten ships in Naples Harbor—two liners, three submarines, and five other vessels—were hit by the Forts' bombs. Fires quickly spread along the wharves and nearby industrial districts after the bombs exploded, pilots said. Bursts were seen in an unfinished drydock and in the drydock area.

27 Planes Destroyed

The raiders, commanded by Maj. Gen. James H. (Jimmy) Doolittle, met little fighter resistance over the port. Part of the formation swept over the Capodichino airfield and hit at least 27 of 97 planes on the ground there. Barracks south of the airfield also were heavily plastered. Photos taken by the raiders confirmed the damage done.

In the ground fighting Gen. "Blood and Guts" Patton's infantry, from the U.S. Second Corps, carried out an attack on a small scale on a group of hills near the vital Gafsa-Gabes road, and won the hills in hard fighting, it was reported at headquarters.

The Americans took two hills on either side of the El Guettar-Gabes road in the face of stiff opposition. The heights were defended by skillfully emplaced 88mm. guns and mortars and were manned by crack German troops.

Desperate in their effort to keep the Fifth and Eighth armies apart, the Axis forces counter-attacked soon after they were driven from the hills, but the assaults were driven back with heavy losses, Allied headquarters said.

Crack German troops counter-attacked, but were beaten off and the Americans held the new high ground, taking some prisoners.

40 Miles Apart

Barely 40 miles now separate the U.S. Fifth Army from the British Eighth Army, which is poised for the next blow at Rommel, in his defenses in the Wadi Akerit, 25 miles north of Gabes.

Algiers radio reported tonight that units of the First Army and French troops had advanced beyond Cape Serrat and had occupied localities east of the Cape without meeting opposition. British troops were also systematically progressing along the road from Sedjenane to Mateur, the radio said. During the advance Axis ammunition dumps were seized.

The raid on Naples was only one part of the far-flung aerial offensive hurled against the Axis. In addition, Mitchell bombers dropped heavy loads of explosives in Carloforte Harbor on the southwest coast of Sardinia, hitting a coastal vessel and nine small boats. Fires were started in the dockyard, warehouses and along the waterfront.

Another Mitchell formation set three ships afire in an attack on a Sicilian channel convoy and destroyed two Messerschmitts which tried to intercede. In all the air operations, 11 enemy planes

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United Nations Will Win, Turkish General Asserts

ALLIED HQ, Southern Tunisia, Apr. 5 (AP)—Gen. Saleh Oumertak, chief of the Turkish delegation touring Allied fighting fronts in the Mediterranean area, predicted during a visit to the American headquarters that the Allies would win the war.

"The Allies are much stronger than the Axis in every way in armament and industrial production," Gen. Oumertak said after his arrival with Eighth Army staff officers for a four-day visit to American front positions.

"From what I've seen morale is excellent and undoubtedly superior to the Axis morale," he said. "Best of luck and victory to the Allies."



Davey Crockett With an M1

and that he himself was going to take an early opportunity, if he returned to the States, of finding out everything about him.

Although Dave's father, Norton Crockett, formerly of Rockton, Ill., who is employed at the U.S. Maritime Commission in London, has no family heirlooms, he says he remembers his father telling him of some of the exploits of the hero of the Alamo, who fell there in 1836, fighting for Texas independence.

Engineers Turn to Ranger Tactics

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Hush Marks

Flash from the home front. An Evansville, Ind., woman had her auto stolen while she was shopping and found it several days later in a nearby city. Inside was a note reading, "Thanks for the use of your car. We were in a hurry to get home."

Hollywood is still nutty. A number of Indians were hired to take part in a new Dorothy Lamour film. When they were



shown the beaded costumes and feathered head-dresses and were told to put them on, they raised their prices. "We are civilized Indians," the zoot suit clad braves explained, "We don't wear that stuff."

Incidental information: Pvt. William Sqwak was robbed of \$60 when he left his hotel room unlocked. He squawked.

Patrons of a Bucyrus, Ohio, coffee shop found its doors locked and the following sign conspicuously displayed: "No coffee, no sugar, no meat, no help, no oil, no heat and no profit. If you want a square meal, JOIN THE ARMY."

Moron Joke No. 673,275: There was once a little moron who wouldn't go out with his wife because he heard that she was married.

Lt. Francis Brenner, from New York, is a sad man! He eagerly opened a delayed package from home, envisioning all sorts of goodies. You guessed it, inside was a neatly wrapped can of Spam.

Here's a true success story as reported by that nifty little LOC newsheet, The Magnet. Two LOC fellows, Ernie



Campbell and a pal, were strolling around Belfast when they spied a wee laddie trying in vain to sell a bundle of newspapers on a street corner. Campbell and Co. volunteered to get rid of the papers for the kid, telling him to stand back and watch how they did it in the States. So, papers in hand, they stood on the corner and began waving their arms and yelling, "German Bombers Over New York." The papers went like hot cakes; within a few minutes they were all sold out. Turning their handful of money over to the newsboy, the LOC team proudly said, "See how it's done?" "Ay, sir," said the wee lad, counting up his coppers, "But ya owe me tuppence ha'penny, sir!"

J. C. W.

They've Done It Again

The Flying Forts have done it again, this time in three devastating and widely separated raids. In one, against a Japanese naval concentration at Kavieng in the South Pacific, they left seven Japanese warships and five Japanese merchant ships sunk or sinking. In one, against the Renault motor vehicle and armament works at Billancourt on the outskirts of Paris, they bagged 25 enemy aircraft and hit the target with a hail of heavy bombs. In the attack on Naples, 100 Forts plastered the target area and came back to report their mission successfully completed.

A year ago the Flying Fortress was looked upon by many Allied air experts with contempt. Give it back to the fisherman was their standing joke. "It's only fit for convoy patrol work," they said in a more serious vein, and added, "its bomb-carrying load, is too small regardless of other deficiencies."

Then came the test... with the Fortress operated as American air tacticians had planned. Eleven raids over occupied countries were conducted and every Fort came back from each trip safe and sound. In the Pacific Theater, too, Forts began blowing the Japanese fleet right out of the water. Still their efficiency was questioned by the "diehards."

But Fortress victories were not all easily won. They were attacked by every type of aircraft possessed by the enemy. As a result the "kills" claimed by returning Fortress crews began to climb to unbelievable heights and these scores were in turn questioned by the "diehards."

To correct this impression, news correspondents were trained and participated in raids conducted by the "big ships." Returning they painted a word picture of the "fighting Fort" and their battle for recognition was won.

Recently the cry from our Allies for more of the big American bombers has developed. Where are the American made Fortress and Liberator planes, is the new question asked, and today back comes the answer. American four-motored bombers are operating all over the world, in the South Pacific, in Africa, in the Mediterranean and from Britain all over occupied Europe and Germany. They have been doing the job for which they were built, and they have been doing it successfully.

Australia at War

Australia is playing a decisive role in the present war. United Nations headquarters for operations against Japan in the South Pacific are located in Australia, and thousands of American troops are stationed there or are using the island continent as their operational base.

Australia is fully aware of its strategic position, and is working "all out" to win the war in the shortest possible period of time. Official figures recently issued disclose the tremendous contribution those "down under" are making to the united effort.

Three million four hundred thousand Australians, or 68 per cent of the total working population of the Commonwealth between the ages of 14 and 65, are either fighting, producing war supplies or doing essential work. Of the male population of 2,530,000 between 14 and 65, a total of 1,490,000 are in the armed services or in full-time war work, and one man in every five of the total male population is in the fighting forces. Over 750,000 men have been sworn into the armed forces, and of these 380,000 volunteered to fight anywhere in the world as members of the RAN the AIF or the RAAF. In addition, the volunteer defense services number 321,000.

Three times as many Australian men and women are fighting and doing full time war work as were fighting and working during the last great war. Over 30,000 women have volunteered to serve with the service auxiliaries or as nurses. Of the 712,000 factory workers, 518,000, or roughly 72 per cent, are producing arms and other war equipment. Women number 25 per cent of all the workers in war factories, in which the workers have increased since the beginning of the war from 13,500 to 518,000.

Australia realizes full well what Japanese occupation would mean. The threat is near and still very real. But the Aussies do not intend to defend. They are working and training to attack and destroy the Japanese menace. The attack has already begun and has met with considerable success. It will be continued till the day they give their battle cry in the streets of Tokyo. We'll be with them



To Build Roads They First Must Fight Their Way

By Philip Bucknell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

HQ.—TH ENGINEERS (COMBAT), Apr. 4—This outfit has a very modern approach to the old engineer boast that the infantry only follow where Engineers have led. Even footsloggers have never denied their ability to make roads, to build, and to use a pick and shovel; but this combat unit is willing to challenge infantry at their own game.

Current problems show these engineers adept with flame-throwers and Bangalore torpedoes, and experts with modern mine-detecting apparatus.

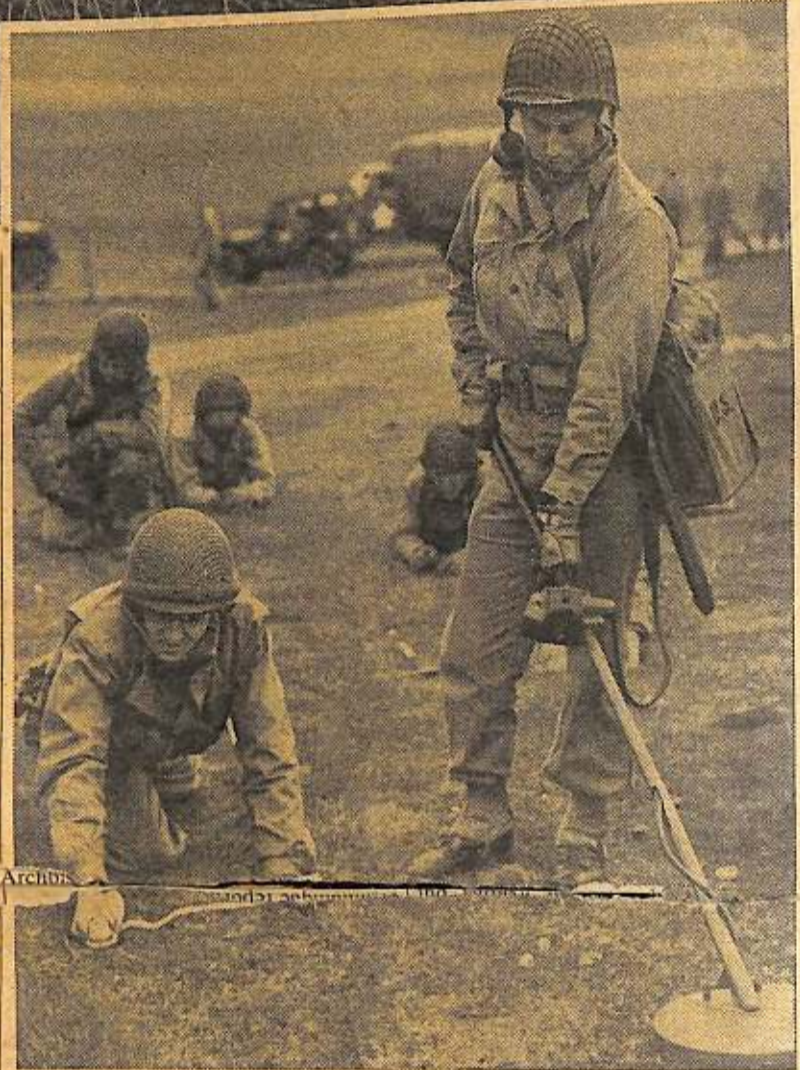
"We have to fight our way into enemy prepared positions so that we can make roads and bridges for the other outfits," says Capt. Cecil F. Clark, acting battalion commander, simply.

Capt. Clark, who comes from Iron-ore, Mich., commands an outfit made up mostly of lumberjacks from the tall-timber country. Those that were not timber men before the war were engineers.

Ranger-like tactics solved a problem which had them faced with a strongly fortified pill-box commanding a lone road in open country. Platoon leader, S/Sgt. Francis La Brie, of Escanaba, Mich., threw out covering parties on his flanks to protect his main advance. From the shelter of a hay stack, Pvt. Albert Hein, Lake Linden, Mich., Charles Peterson, Clovis, N.M., Eric Anderson, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Andrew Babich, Ironwood, Mich., wisps of hay in their helmets as camouflage, kept the defenders busy with rifle fire at the peep-holes. Other rifle-men from the cover of a canal bank protected the right flank.

Meantime, a flame-thrower unit under the command of Sgt. Joseph Adorian, of Cleveland, edged nearer the objective. Wraith-like, through a white smoke screen, they crawled along a road-side ditch. Enormous and mis-shapen in the smoke, the figure of the flame-thrower operator, Pfc Elmer Kuehl, of Spring Valley, Wis., led the sortie. Strapped to his back, a huge cylinder, in his right hand a long metal tube with a funnel like a duck's bill, Kuehl loomed through the smoke like some hunchback of Notre Dame.

As he came to within 25 yards of the



Flame-thrower Elmer Kuehl, of Spring Valley, Wis., leads his Combat Engineers (top) to an objective at a training base in England. Sgt. George Apostle, of Drownwood, Mich. (bottom), probes the ground with a mine detector which is so sensitive that a paper clip will set up an oscillation in his earphones. After he detects a mine one of his crew (left) digs it up.

pill-box, the sortie deployed to provide protection. Cautiously he stood up. A vivid burst of flame stabbed the smoke for two seconds. A pause, and then another burst. The flame-thrower gives a 15-second flame thrown over 25 yards, but correct operation is to give a series of two-second bursts.

While the flame-thrower scorched and penned in the supposed defenders, a demolition party placed explosive charges, electrically connected to a plunger, against the walls of the pill-box. The attackers scuttled to cover. The plunger was rammed down. Had the "explosive charge" been TNT in place of the wood blocks which represented it, the pill-box would have been airborne.

Further afield, barbed-wire entanglements were delaying progress. While riflemen held the high ground in the rear, Cpl. Joe Porvaznik, of Cleveland, and Pfc John Guiney, of Auburn, N.Y., snaked through the grass with a Bangalore torpedo.

Bangalore Torpedo

The Bangalore torpedo is nothing more than a length of piping with one blind end, an explosive charge and a fuse. Slid under a barbed-wire entanglement and detonated, it will blast a gap wide enough to allow the passage of men and vehicles.

This is just what the two engineers did—and then ran like hell. When the Bangalore torpedo goes off it throws pieces of itself, the wire and the surrounding terrain up to 100 yards. But it does the job. All that remained in a ten yard stretch were a few frayed ends of wire, purpled by heat.

In the valley, at the foot of the range of hills, three half-tracks, carrying the combat engineers, ran into minefields. As the leading vehicle clattered over innocent-looking grass, a tall fountain of earth thrown by a practice mine hid the car from view.

When the shower of earth subsided, the crew already had dispersed, light machine-guns were being set up either side of the car, riflemen deployed out beyond. When a land mine goes off, probably the vehicle is damaged, and they were not waiting to be target practice for the enemy, and they were ready to hit back.

A mine-detector outfit from one of the other half tracks came up at the double. The leader, Sgt. George Apostle, Drownwood, Mich., carrying an instrument that looked like a cross

from the truth, at that) walked into the minefield, with two men on either flank, slightly to the rear.

The long "sweeper" part of the detector scoured the ground ahead. Magnetically operated, the apparatus picks up the presence of metal within several feet of the surface. It is so sensitive that the presence of a paper clip will set up an oscillation in the head phones, and register on a dial.

With this there is little chance of missing a land mine, which weighs anything from two pounds upwards.

As Apostle detected the mines, two of his crew dug down for them. There is little risk in this as the mine only responds to considerable weight. When unearthed, it looks like the record stack of a juke-box, slightly muddy.

Safety Tape Lanes

The two remaining members of the crew, working on the flanks, carried rolls of white tape and long metal pins. As the mines were lifted and a passage made, they pegged down the tape to show a white lane of safety for the others to follow.

But anybody rash enough to tell this outfit that they "are as good as the infantry" will run into a lot of trouble. The men consider that all this pioneer fighting stuff is just something that comes before they set to work.

With them are their light and heavy trucks, equipped with various gear. Boxes along the sides carry carpentry and engineering tools, saws, drills, crowbars, spades, axes. They are ready to build bridges—or to destroy them. They will make roads, set up quarters for the staff, or landing stages for the amphibious branches.

They are lumberjacks, engineers, road-makers, carpenters, blacksmiths and jacks of every trade.

On their showing in the field, they can fight, too.



Remember Me

I hope that in between your drills Your hikes and KP, too,

Sinuk Meets Koch in Rainbow Club Feature Tonight

Dodgers Rely On Veterans In Flag Race

Fitz May Be Back Pitching While Oldsters Staff Other Positions

By Leo Peterson
United Press Sports Editor

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y., Apr. 5—If Father Time will spare the Brooklyn Dodgers another season they may win the '43 National League pennant race.

Manager Leo Durocher has more aging veterans on his squad than any major league club, but in these war-time days of player shortages their long experience may be important.

Key performers Pitchers Whit Wyatt and Curt Davis, Infielders Bill Herman and Dolph Camilli, Outfielders Joe Medwick and Dixie Walker are reaching the age where major leaguers usually begin to show signs of wear and tear. Wyatt is 34, Davis 36, Herman nearly 34, Camilli 35, Medwick 31 and Walker 32.

They aren't the oldest players on the roster; Freddie Fitzsimmons, who may return to active pitching duty, is 41. Veteran outfielders the Waner brothers, Paul and Lloyd, are 40 and 37 respectively.

Of course the Dodgers have some young blood. However, the best of it—Outfielder Pete Reiser, Shortstop Peeewe Reese and Pitcher Hugh Casey—have been lost to the services.

Wyatt, Davis, Kirby Higbe, Ed Head, Max Macon and Rube Melton figure to give Durocher enough front line pitching. Veterans to back them up include Buck Newsom, Les Webber, Newt Kimball and possibly Fitzsimmons.

Camilli Settled at First

Peppery Mickey Owen is back to handle the main catching chores. He is unlikely to need much relief. Although President Branch Rickey has announced that he has secured Bobby Bragan from Philadelphia as a catcher, there seems a chance that Durocher will use him at his former position—shortstop. In that event, veteran minor leaguer Dee Morre may become number two man. Ray Hayworth was picked up as a free agent and may stick as bullpen catcher.

Dolph Camilli at first is the only infield spot that's settled. Others in the inner defense will be Billy Herman and Arky Vaughan. If Bragan measures up at shortstop, Herman probably will return to second with Vaughan at third. But if Bragan is needed for catching duty Vaughan will shift to shortstop with Herman at third and either Al Glossup or Alex Kampouris at second base.

Durocher probably will rotate his outfielders again, depending on whether they are up against left or right handed pitching. Medwick, however, is likely to remain in left field against any pitching. Cooney seems slated for center field against left handers while either Paul Waner or Rookie Luis Olmo patrols right. Against the right handers, Augie Galan will be in center field and Dixie Walker in right. The other outfield candidates are Lloyd Waner, Stan Bordagaray, Roberto Ortiz and Hal Peck.

NEWS FROM HOME

World Bank With Gold Coinage Proposed For Post-War Needs

WASHINGTON, Apr. 5 (AP)—A world bank, with an international coin worth one ounce of gold, has been projected here by Sen. John Thomas, Idaho Republican.

"Since countries are working so closely together now, and each depending on the other so much, the world bank will be necessary and logical," Sen. Thomas said.

"While it is all right to plan for such a bank now," he added, "it will be utterly impossible to put it into effect until after the war is over." The currency of some nations, Sen. Thomas explained, will probably be devalued as a result of the conflict.

Dotty Lamour to Wed Again

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 5—Film star Dorothy Lamour, the little girl who did big things for the sarong, expects to marry Capt. William Rose Howard III, of Baltimore, within a week or so. She admitted wedding plans when she applied for a license here. Capt. Howard is stationed at a west coast air depot. The ceremony will be performed in Dorothy's Beverly Hills home as soon as Capt. Howard can get leave, she said.

Jap Talks Self to Death

WASHINGTON, Apr. 5 (UP)—A Japanese broadcast, recorded by the Office of War Information, told the story of how one Jap propagandist met what Tokio called "a happy death." He became so enthusiastic, in a broadcast denunciation of President Roosevelt, that he went on talking until he dropped dead at the mike.

Soldier May Be Doomed

KANSAS CITY, Apr. 5 (AP)—Army authorities were searching today for a

These Are the Pride of the Yankees



Members of the New York Yankee pitching staff worked out for the first time this year at Spring training quarters in Asbury Park, N.J. Limbering their arms are (left to right) Bill Zuber, Amana, Iowa; Thomas Byrne, Baltimore, Md.; Marvin Brueur, Rolla, Mo.; John Murphy, St. Petersburg, Fla.; John Lindell, Arcadia, Cal.; Hank Borowy, Bloomfield, N.J.; Marius Russo, Elmont, L.I.

Buffalo Defeats Caps for Series

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Apr. 5—The Buffalo Bisons won the American Hockey League's Calder Cup by taking their third straight playoff from the Indianapolis Capitals, 6-2.

The Bisons, who finished second to Hershey in the regular season of play, outlasted the Caps in a bruising game which was held up for ten minutes in the second period by a fight among the players. However only three penalties were called in the game.

The Caps jumped to an early lead when Hec Kirea scored on an assist from Joe Fisher, but Buffalo tied the score late in the period when Bill Summerhill scored, assisted by Ed Klein and Maxie Bennett. Buffalo ran up a 3-1 lead in the second period, then iced the game in short order in the last period.

Summerhill scored again when the period was 35 seconds young. Four minutes later Fred Hunt broke loose and scored two quickies in a half minute. Bill Thompson made the final score for Indianapolis.

Texas Relay Honors Go To Longhorn Squad

AUSTIN, Texas, Apr. 5—DeWitt Coulter, of Fort Worth, and Ralph Tate, Oklahoma Aggies, shared individual honors as the Texas Longhorns took team laurels for the 16th annual Texas Relays.

Coulter, from Masonic Home high school, set a world inter-scholastic record in the shot put with a heave of 59 feet one and a half inches. Tate hung up two firsts—in the 120-yard high hurdles and the broad jump—and anchored the winning Aggie mile relay team.

Sports Quiz Answers

- 1—Baseball's Hall of Fame is at Cooperstown, N.Y.
- 2—Eddie Collins put in the longest stretch as an active player—25 years.
- 3—The St. Louis Browns never have won a pennant.
- 4—Gene Tunney defended his title twice—once against Dempsey and the second time against Tom Heeney.
- 5—Lawson Little was the last American amateur to win the British Amateur twice in succession—1934 and 1935.

Security Company Takes Doubleheader from Grays

In closely fought games at Hyde Park, Security Company took both games of a double header from the — Division Grays by scores of 3-1, and 1-0.

Sgt. Harold Brady Foreman on the mound for Security Company in the first game allowed only three hits, walking three and striking out three. Kasinak, on the mound for the Grays, allowed only three hits, walking three, and striking out three. Sgt. Emil Werner, of Security Company drove in the winning runs in the first game with a triple to center field.

In the second game, S/Sgt. Gladly Trahan did the hurling for Security Company and allowed only three hits. He fanned two, while Kasinak of the Division Grays allowed four hits and fanned one.

Jack Konecny of Security Company was the leading hitter of the afternoon getting two hits, a single and a triple, in three hits to the plate, driving in the winning run of the second game.

Helen Willis May Not Play

MANHATTAN, Kan., Apr. 5—Mrs. Helen Willis Moody Roark underwent an operation on her "racquet hand" here necessitated by an infection which developed from a dog bite. Doctors intimated that she may have played her last game of tennis.

Wings Two Up In Cup Finals

DETROIT, Apr. 5—The Detroit Red Wings whipped home three goals in the final period to edge the Boston Bruins, 4-3, in the second game of their Stanley Cup hockey playoff finals. The victory gave the Wings a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

The National Hockey League champions, after trailing most of the game, treated a sellout crowd of 13,827 to a thrilling exhibition of pressure hockey that wiped out a second period lead set up by the Bruins and established the Wings as overwhelming favorites to win the Stanley Cup for the first time since 1937.

The teams went scoreless during the sloppy first period, but the game's complexion changed midway in the second frame as the Bruins slapped home two goals. Defenseman Jack Crawford scored first from about ten feet inside the Detroit blue line on Murph Chamberlain's pass and Winger Art Jackson made it two on a pass from Bill Cowley.

Rookie Lee Douglas halved Boston's lead two minutes and 54 seconds before the end of the middle period when he whipped in a long shot from the right wing.

Detroit evened things after six minutes of the third period. Joe Carveth, standing directly before Goalie Frankie Brimsek, lobbed an easy shot on Jimmy Orlando's long pass from the boards. Carl Liscombe, assisted by Abel, gave Detroit its first lead 26 seconds later when he intercepted Flash Hollett's pass at Boston's blue line and wheeled to connect with a shot from 35 feet out.

Boston closed to within a single shot in the final minutes on Art Jackson's second goal of the game, but the Wings' tight defensive play protected the slim lead.

Chicago Glovers Best New York

CHICAGO, Apr. 5—The Chicago Golden Glove team whipped the New York fist throwers, 14-2, in the finals of the National Golden Glove tournament here. Chicago now has won nine, lost four and tied three in the 16-year-old series.

Exhibition Baseball Games

NEW YORK—The Boston Red Sox squared accounts with the Brooklyn Dodgers, winning 5-0 in a comedy nine innings with nine errors. Veteran Joe Dobson and Rookies Lou Lucier and Anton Karl pitched for the Sox while Ed Head, Newt Kimball, and Les Webber handled the moundwork for the Dodgers.

NEWARK—The Yankees unveiled their first '43 victory with a 13-hit attack as they pinned back the ears of their Newark farm hands, 10-1. Johnny Lindell, who is trying his hand in the outfield after failing as a pitcher, stole the show, producing four hits, including three doubles. Hank Borowy, Bill Zuber and Charlie Wensloff held the Bears to five hits. Ken Sears homered for the Yanks with Lindell on in the ninth. . . . EVANSVILLE, Ind.—Dick Wakefield, Detroit's \$52,000 recruit, was the goat of the Tigers' 7-5

defeat at the hands of the Chicago Cubs. Wakefield lost Gilbert's high fly in the left field sun with two on and two out. Gilbert stretched his hit into a scratch homer and another run scored before the Cubs were retired. Wakefield partially redeemed himself with a homer and a single which scored the Tigers' second run. . . . CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—After defeating the Lambert Field Naval Flying Cadets from St. Louis, 3-1, in the first game, the St. Louis Browns dropped the second of two seven-inning contests, 6-2. The Cadets blasted Paul Dean in three innings of the second tilt for six hits, including a homer by Al Fisher. . . . WILMINGTON, Del.—Francis Skaff, rookie infielder, clouted a two-run homer climaxing a five-run rally in the third, which gave the Athletics a 5-3 triumph over their city rivals, the Phillies.

Maryland Glove Champ Against Willie Mariner

Replacement Depot Team Headed by Bill Kingsland

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor
Final entries in tonight's Stars and Stripes fight program at the Rainbow Corner have rounded out the card to ten bouts.

Top fight of the night will bring together two heavyweight specialists when Pvt. Pete Sinuk, of New York, 185, tangles with Cpl. Rudolph Koch, of Ritzville, Wash., 200. Koch, sporting the monicker Killer Koch, will be making his first appearance at the Rainbow Corner. His previous fights in the States were in American Legion contests in Washington. Sinuk won the Corner fans' approval when he stopped Pvt. Billy McHale in what was McHale's first loss in five tilts.

Pvt. William Kingsland, of Redondo, Cal., 185, leads a team of battlers from the — Replacement Depot who will participate on tonight's program. These scrappers will not fight on a team basis and will meet their opponents as individuals. Kingsland fought some of the leading amateurs in California and was contender for the amateur light-heavyweight crown there. He faces T-4 Leo J. McClean, of Kansas City, Mo., 200, from a Quartermaster unit.

Another 'Kid' on Card

Pvt. Dave Feldman, also of the Replacement team, may have a little trouble with Sgt. W. Sie, of Phoenix, Ariz. Sie's game is wrestling, but lately he has switched to fisticuffs and has rounded into good shape. Feldman, a Pittsburgher, may find himself in an airplane spin if the going gets too rough. Sie, at 165, will have seven pounds on Feldman.

Another Replacement man who may have difficulties is Pvt. Gilbert De Groat, of Patterson, N.J., 161. He meets Sgt. Twyman Brasher, of Greenville, S.C. Brasher, now with the Eighth Air Force Service Command, was 165-pound champion at Key Field, Miss.

Another "kid" has added his name to tonight's roster. He is Pvt. John Brargmenar, of Birmingham, Ala., 134. His appellation is the Birmingham Kid. Brargmenar's man will be Pvt. Alvin Anderson, of New Orleans, 132, who has fought as amateur in New Orleans and Lake Charles, La.

Soukup has Edge

Two past performers on Stars and Stripes contests come back tonight, one to try for fresh start after a third-round knockout loss, the other to try to make it two straight. Pvt. Willie Mariner, of Monticello, N.Y., 150, who scored a first-round TKO two weeks ago, will have a tough opponent in Pvt. Ralph Simmons, of Cumberland, Md., 155. Mariner went to the semi-finals of the New York Golden Gloves, while Simmons, the Cumberland Kid, was middleweight titleholder in the Maryland Golden Gloves.

The boy who lost two weeks ago was Pvt. John Smith, of Pensacola, Fla., 135—and he will have his hands full trying to stop Pvt. George Soukup, of Cicero, Ill., 135. Soukup walked off the Dayton (Ohio) Golden Glove flyweight title in 1934, and then fought in CYO tilts for three years.

Garden Coach

The professional boys on the card are Pvt. Harold Alle, of N. St. Paul, Minn., 150, known as the Battling Turk, and Pfc P. E. Phaneuf, of Holyoke, Mass., 150. Alle boxed for Tommy Gibbons' club in N. St. Paul and Phaneuf claims 25 to 30 professional contests.

The second Anderson on the bill is Pvt. Edison Anderson, of St. Louis, 150, a YMCA boxer, who goes against Pfc Vivenzio Salvatore, of Brooklyn, 147, known as the Brooklyn Kid.

Remaining bout on the card brings together Pfc Herbert Cobb, of Philadelphia, 126, and Pvt. John Bezamore, of Boston, 130, both amateurs.

The Replacement Depot team is managed by 2/Lt. J. H. Cook and coached by Pvt. Glenn Hammond, of Louisville, Ky. Hammond, Kentucky Golden Glove champion in 1929, fought in Madison Square as Cecil Payne.



U.S. Loses Four In 1,000 Planes During Transit

Chief of Air Transport Tells of Small Loss On World Routes

SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA, Apr. 5—Airplane deliveries from the United States to U.S. air forces and the Allies during February were accomplished with a loss of only four one-hundredths of 1 per cent lost en route—four out of 1,000 planes—Maj. Gen. Harold L. George, chief of the Air Transport Command of the U.S. Army, said today. The general had returned from an inspection trip of the New Guinea combat area.

He sketched the major plane delivery routes from the United States to Africa, Russia, China, Britain and Australia, and disclosing that February was the heaviest month to date for the delivery of aircraft.

More Transport Planes

The growing importance of transport planes in the war picture also was emphasized by Gen. George, who revealed that one-third of the twin-engined planes to be produced in the U.S. in 1943 are to be transports.

In discussing the chain of air routes which has been built, Gen. George dwelt with particular pride on the work done in the Arctic zones, where some weather stations were so remote that crews had to be dropped by parachute.

"Engineering work in building the major arctic bases will make the construction of the Panama Canal look like small peanuts," Gen. George declared.

He said that on the long Pacific plane ferrying route not a single plane had been lost as a result of enemy action, although there had been attempts to interfere with the route.

Referring to the importance of air transports in the war effort, General George declared:

Best Transport Wins

"It is as true now as in the days of Ghenghis Khan (Mongol conqueror in the 13th century) that the army with the best logistical system inevitably wins. Air transport command hopes to develop the logistical system to move the cream of priority production to combat areas and to provide the slim margin of superiority which is all that is needed to be decisive."

"With the net work of lines now established, the United Nations should be welded together so closely that never again will there be the possibility of a man with dictatorship tendencies upsetting peaceful world affairs," General George concluded.

Of air transport work which had been done and was being done in New Guinea, General George said: "It is something no one would believe unless he had been reading Jules Verne. It is an exceptional accomplishment which has thrilled me to the core."

Invasion - - -

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Africa," Morrell said, "agrees about one thing—the need of more good men out of France."

Algiers radio, the channel through which Gen. Giraud reaches the people of France, warned Frenchmen not to take up arms prematurely or without an authenticated signal from the BBC or the American short-wave stations.

Frenchmen living along the coast were advised to leave if they could, or, if not, to send their families out of possible danger areas. They were warned that the Germans might carry out fake landings in an effort to trick patriots into giving themselves away too early.

In Cairo, the Greek War Minister told a Greek armored car unit: "It will not be long before the invasion of Greece takes place. Time is short."

A Stockholm message, reporting on recent talks between Hitler and King Boris of Bulgaria, said their conversation dealt with Bulgaria's role in case of an Allied invasion of the Balkans.

In Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, War Minister Wassileff told the German-controlled Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau:

"We Bulgarians will defend the Balkan peninsula at any price and wherever necessary. It is impossible to imagine Bulgaria remaining outside the war in case of an Allied invasion of the Balkans."

Rumanian Desertions High

Another Balkan soft-spot was Rumania, an Axis partner, where desertions from the army are causing concern. A message from Geneva said that 50,000 to 60,000 desertions have occurred, with only 3,000 men arrested despite 600 mass round-ups. Rumanian units in the German Army have suffered heavy casualties on the Russian front.

Another Stockholm dispatch quoted the German commander in Holland as telling neutral war correspondents: "Our watchfulness does not relax for a single moment."

A Swiss report, quoted by Moscow, said that German Marshal Erwin Rommel, now leading the Afrika Korps' last stand in North Africa, is to be given command of a southern European defense zone, including Italy.

Field Marshal Kesselring, the report said, is slated to command the Luftwaffe, and an Italian, Adm. Canaris, will be in command of naval forces.

Tank-Destroying Guns of the U.S. Army



These are the American anti-tank guns—both of which have proved successful weapons against the Japs on Guadalcanal and the Axis in Tunisia. At right, is the three-inch high velocity gun capable of destroying an enemy tank at long range with one shell. The 37-mm. weapon is used against armored cars, light tanks, scout cars and also as an anti-personnel gun.

Engineers Build One-Takeoff Runway to Rescue Fortress

The Flying Fortress "Werewolf" is back on the job again, but it took all the ingenuity and sweat of a U.S. Army Engineer unit to make it possible.

The "Werewolf" was hit by Nazi flak just as it released its bombs during a raid on a submarine pen on the French coast. No. 4 engine was knocked out immediately and No. 3 quit shortly after. As the plane approached the English coast, No. 1 stopped, and the pilot, 1/Lt. George J. Oxrider, of Dayton, Ohio, reluctantly ordered the crew to bail out.

Lt. Oxrider decided to stay with his plane and, struggling with the sluggish controls, brought the plane down in a meadow. The Fortress was undamaged by the landing, but the meadow was so hemmed in by the walls of an old sanitarium and nearby woods that it was impossible to remove it without a complete dismantling.

Lt. Col. Charles R. Broshus, Denver, Col., arrived with his engineers, cocked an eye at the plane, and said, "Doggone, if the Air Corps can get it in there, the engineers can get it out."

The 20 men working with Col. Broshus used bulldozers, caterpillars, graders and dump trucks as they tore down 120 feet of wall, felled trees and leveled off a runway more than 2,000 feet long. Adding to their difficulties was an old sewer line that had to be dropped eight feet. As additional safety factors, 1,000 feet of ground was cleared and leveled at the end of the runway and all obstructions were cleared for another 800 feet.

While the engineers were working on the improvised field a maintenance crew had repaired the damage to the "Werewolf," and at the end of two weeks the plane was ready to fly again.

After watching breathlessly as the Fortress rolled three-quarters of the length of the runway and then slowly lifted into the air, Col. Broshus sent this message to his headquarters, "Accomplished. Returning to Station."

MPs at High Wycombe Defeat Cop Dartsmen

HIGH WYCOMBE, Apr. 5—American Military Police will meet the local police in a return dart match here Apr. 16. The MPs won an earlier match at the American Red Cross club with a team including S/Sgt. John Epley, Pontiac, Mich.; Cpl. Romeo Fabrizio, Philadelphia; Pvt. George Worden, Philadelphia; Cpl. William Cook, Cleveland, Va.; Pfc Michael Scutlin, Philadelphia; Sgt. Elton Mitchell, Sault St. Marie, Mich.; Sgt. Victor Rack, Boston, Pa.; Pvt. Thomas Weir, Bethlehem, Pa., and Pvt. Richard Holahan, Youngstown, Ohio.

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Blondie

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Msgr. Spellman Going to China

Catholic Prelate Also Plans Visit to U.S. Troops In Middle East

Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, of New York, will go back to North Africa after his present visit to Scotland and then plans to visit U.S. troops in the Middle East before returning to the United States by way of India and China, it was revealed yesterday.

"I still have many places to visit," Msgr. Spellman, chief Catholic prelate in the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps, said in a broadcast to the U.S.

"Before I reach India and China I shall visit our soldiers in the Middle East," he continued. "I hope to be in the Holy Land during Holy Week and offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass on Easter Sunday in Jerusalem."

Msgr. Spellman left London yesterday for a short visit with the Archbishop of Scotland in Edinburgh.

During his broadcast to the U.S. the Archbishop appealed to Catholics there to give generously to Catholic charities. He informed his audience that he already has given \$96,000 to war charities over here during his trip.

"America must be true and just to herself and to her sons and daughters, as they are now proving anew their loyal devotion to her on all battlefronts of the world as well as on all the home fronts," he continued.

He explained that no sacrifice seems too great to the U.S. soldiers here if they can be assured that they can return to the same type of life and country as they left.

Tunisia - - -

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were shot down and five Allied planes were lost, headquarters announced.

Meanwhile no further word was heard of the British naval formations which were reported yesterday to have taken up positions on either side of the Sicilian Straits—between the northern tip of Tunisia and Sicily—to smash any attempt at an Axis "Dunkirk" from North Africa.

Pilots who took part in the Naples raid described it as almost a sightseeing tour. Lt. J. C. Hamm, from Wyoming, said he was tempted to drop a bomb into Vesuvius "just to see what would happen."

A captain remarked: "Neapolitan night may be a dream, but this Italian day must have been a nightmare."

A New York staff sergeant, named Donadio, whose mother was born in Naples, said: "My whole family is dead against the Axis."

Bristol Red Cross Club Plans 'Insulting Match'

BRISTOL, Apr. 5—An "old-fashioned New York City inter-borough insulting match" is scheduled Friday at 8 PM at the Red Cross Lyndale club here, it was announced.

There are dances tomorrow, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 8 PM, and movies Thursday at the same time.

by Chic Young



Russians Hit Nazi Foothold In The Kuban

Black Sea Ships, Planes Join The Offensive; Fail, Say Nazis

By the United Press

The Russians have begun to strike new and heavy blows at the remaining German divisions holding the Kuban bridgehead. Planes of the Black Sea fleet are joining in the offensive, while ships of the Black Sea fleet itself are hammering the minor ports still held by the Germans.

Berlin admitted yesterday that several divisions of Red Army troops were being thrown against the Nazis' Kuban positions. They claimed all the Russian attacks had been repulsed.

In spite of this the German press appeared to be preparing the German public for the loss of the great port of Novorossiisk, on which the Russians are now closing in.

Strong Russian forces are admitted by the Germans to have been landed south of the port and to have penetrated the German lines at a number of points.

Moscow Claims Advance

On the northern sectors of the Kuban front the Russians have made a number of minor gains, and the Russian communique yesterday spoke of offensive fighting during which the Red Army advanced after having gained important positions. Air activity over the Kuban front is still growing in intensity.

Heavier air fighting is also continuing over the other sectors of the southern front. The German air force has been increasing its blows against Rostov, in preparation for future land operations, and heavy raids have been attempted against the town.

Only local fighting is reported from the other sectors of the Russian front with the exception of that south of Izyum.

Here the Germans have wiped out a Russian bridgehead on the west of the Donetz, and have maintained their pressure on the Russian positions in this area.

Elsewhere, the Russians have been consolidating their positions. On the central front, according to the latest reports from Moscow, they have improved their positions by capturing a German base.

Catholic Armen Finish Mission

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Apr. 5—The five-day Catholic mission held at this base ended with a mass and banquet attended by more than 300 persons.

The mission, one of the most successful ever held in this theater, was conducted by Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Meighan, C.S.S.R., of New York City, and Chaplain (Capt.) Adrian Poletti, C.P., of Union City, N.J., assisted by Chaplain (1/Lt.) Daniel J. Hunt, C.P., of East Milton, Mass.

Men attending the mass received Holy Communion and the Papal Blessing, conferred by Chaplain Poletti. Pvt. Lawrence Larkin, of Jersey City, N.J., sang Schubert's "Ave Maria" and Franck's "Panic Angelicus."

Speakers at the banquet included Chaplain (Col.) James L. Blakeney, of Little Rock, Ark., ETO senior chaplain; Col. John W. Oehmann, Washington; Col. Stanley T. Wray, Birmingham, Ala., and Chaplain (Capt.) Francis J. Horgan, of Boston. Maj. John J. McNaboe, of New York, was master of ceremonies.

Banquet entertainment included songs by Pvt. Larkin and Sgt. William Moskowitz, of Rock Island, Ill., and a piano recital by 1/Lt. Jack R. Ginter, of Harvey, Ill.

DFC to American in RCAF

Pilot Officer Frederick A. Allen, a native of Salem, Mass., flying with the RCAF, has been awarded the DFC, it was announced yesterday. The citation said he had completed "30 sorties involving attacks on a variety of well defended targets in Germany and Northern France."

Alumni Data Compiled By Stars and Stripes

The Stars and Stripes today inaugurates a service designed to bring together former students of the various colleges represented in the ETO.

For the first draft, alumni of Lehigh, Clemons, Minnesota, Princeton and Washington are requested to supply The Stars and Stripes with their name, rank, APO number, the year of their class and home town.

Send this information to "Alumni Secretary," The Stars and Stripes, Printing House Square, London, E.C.4.

The data will be compiled and mailed to corresponding members of the colleges listed. New lists will be compiled at regular intervals.